



## ***U of M Crookston Campus E-Update***

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*Editor's Note: with this edition of E-Update, we move to the summer publication schedule of one edition per month for May, June, and July.*

### **From The Chancellor**

It has been said that the academic year is a marathon, with the final few weeks always being a sprint. This year has certainly been no exception. Beyond the usual daily work, these past few weeks we've also had numerous fundraising breakfasts and dinners, community runs, socials, athletic competitions, award ceremonies, induction ceremonies, concerts, theater productions, software upgrades, construction start-ups, flower bed preparations, final lectures and assignments, grade submissions, and on-and-on, and, of course, commencement. It has certainly been a busy time for everyone!

Commencement is the best day on a university campus, and it was just terrific again this year. It takes an incredible team to pull off an event of this magnitude, and at UMC we do, indeed, have an incredible team. It simply could not have been a better event for our students and our guests. And, to everyone's surprise, the emcee actually followed the program for a change (let's hope that is the beginning of a new tradition). To see the students so very happy as they walk across the stage is one of the best times in the life of a chancellor. You can see the deep satisfaction in their accomplishment and their genuine sense of gratitude. Perhaps due to their age or family situations, this is especially true of the students who study with us online. As expressed during the pre-commencement reception, they are extremely grateful of their education with us, for the close relationships they've developed with the faculty and staff, and by the services provided.

After the ceremony I was again struck by how many parents made a special effort to express their gratitude for our role in the development of their students and the changes they had seen in their sons and daughters during their time with us. While they understandably convey this to me due to my role, I want to be sure you know this as well. Please know that I share their perspective. During all of the end-of-the-year student events, I have been inspired to see our students' growth and their determination to continue to do great things. Completing my third year at UMC, I have had the opportunity to get to know these students and to witness their progress first-hand. It is certainly amazing to see how much our students change and grow during their time with us. We should all be very proud of the role each and every one of us has played in their transformation. Thank you for all you have done as a part of this noble endeavor. As we have impacted our students in positive ways, we have contributed to making the world a better place. Thank you.

Fred Wood  
Chancellor  
University of Minnesota Crookston

## Featured Events & Activities

**UMC Hosts Junior High Music Festival, Wednesday, May 13** – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom and Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

**New Student Advisement and Registration Day, Friday, May 15** – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center

**9-Month Faculty and Staff Appointments End, Sunday, May 17**

**Graduation Ceremonies for the Crookston High School Class of 2014, Friday, May 22** – 7 to 9:30 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

**Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 25** – classes excused, campus offices closed

**Crookston Community Theater Production: “Dead Giveaway,” Thursday, May 28** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, admission \$12

**Last Day of May Session Classes, Friday, May 29**

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**Crookston Community Theater Production: “Dead Giveaway,” Saturday, May 30** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, admission \$12

**College in the High School (CIHS) Annual Workshop, Monday, June 1** – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

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For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what’s happening this week, visit UMC Today at [www.umcrookston.edu/today](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today) or review our news page at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news>. Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via *Brief*: <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

## Around Campus

### Academic Affairs –

**At its May 2015 meeting, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved the promotion of three faculty members: Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson**, from associate professor to professor; **Eric Castle**, from assistant professor to associate professor; and **Katy Nannenga**, from assistant professor to associate professor. These changes in status will take effect at the start of contracts for fall semester in mid-August 2015.

**The Office of Disability Services has officially changed its name to the Disability Resource Center** in order to be consistent with other U of M system campuses and to better reflect the concept of serving as a resource to students. The Chancellor’s Cabinet approved the name change, effective May 5, 2015.

The campus community offers its thanks and congratulations to **Bill Peterson**, professor in the Math, Science & Technology Department, upon his retirement after a 47-year career at the U of M Crookston. In addition to serving as a distinguished faculty member, he has served the campus as an academic department head, technology leader, and accreditation coordinator, among many other roles.

### **Student Affairs –**

**A New Student Registration Day is set for Friday, May 15.** The day's schedule begins with a welcome session at 9:45 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. U-Card photos, information sessions, meetings and registration with academic advisors are scheduled throughout the morning, with lunch and campus tours rounding out the day through 2 p.m. Other Scheduled New Student Registration Dates include Thursday, June 11; Friday, June 12; Monday, June 15; Friday, June 19; Monday, June 22, and Friday, July 24.

**Meloni Rasmussen**, principal administrative specialist, has announced plans to resign her position. Her last day will be May 29. She has provided 16 years of distinguished service to Career Development and Counseling Services and to Student Activities/Student Center. She is an alumna of UMC and a member of the class of 1983.

### **Center for Adult Learning –**

**The Center for Adult Learning (CAL) will host the College in the High School (CIHS) Annual Workshop on campus on Monday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom and other locations across campus.** With National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation, CAL hosts nearly 90 CIHS Instructors, who teach college credit in the high school classroom. Instructors, counselors, and principals from approximately 40 participating school districts are scheduled to attend. This event is meant to connect high school partners with on-campus faculty in peer-to-peer faculty engagement, as well as to provide professional development, program updates, and oversight.

### **Facilities & Operations –**

**With the end of the regular academic year, effective May 11 all controlled (automatic locking) campus doors with the exception of Lysaker Gymnasium and the residence halls will unlock at 6 a.m. Monday-Friday and will lock again at 5 p.m. All buildings will be locked on weekends unless there is an event scheduled. The Peterson Classroom and lobby area in Heritage Hall will remain locked unless an event is scheduled for that area.** For more information, contact Brenda Bozyk in Facilities & Operations at 218-281-8483 or [bozy0001@umn.edu](mailto:bozy0001@umn.edu).

### **Development & Alumni Relations –**

**John Hughes, a senior from San Diego, Calif., majoring in management, will intern for Development & Alumni Relations this summer for a second consecutive year.** He will begin Monday, May 11, and will focus his time on assisting with the summer golf tournaments, the NWSA Reunion, and other initiatives.

## **University Relations –**

The Office of University Relations offers thanks and best wishes to two of its staff members who will be retiring this summer. After 45 years of distinguished service, **Linda Wilkens**, copy center equipment operator, will retire on June 12, and **John Zak**, audio/visual media producer, will retire in early July after 39 years of distinguished service.

## **Media Services –**

After 39 years of distinguished service, **Jeff Sinks** has announced plans to retire this coming August. Serving as a principal media resources producer, he supervises the Media Services Department and coordinates the Northwest Educational Technology System (NETS) efforts.

## **Athletics –**

**Golden Eagle Baseball player Jesse Jennings, a senior from Robbinsdale, Minn., majoring in criminal justice, has been selected Capital One Academic All-District7.** Jennings maintains a 3.93 grade point average and is the second UMC student-athlete to earn Academic All-District honors for the 2014-15 school year, joining football player Matt Borowicz, who went on to earn Academic All-America. Jennings is now eligible for Capital One Academic All-America, which will be announced May 28.

**Golden Eagle Baseball player Ryan Haggstrom, a junior from Apple Valley, Minn., majoring in accounting, has earned the 2015 NSIC Gold Glove for first base as part of the 2015 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Baseball All-Conference Teams.** He is the first UMC student-athlete to earn recognition on an All-NSIC Baseball team since Jake Poehler in 2008.

**Matt McClure, a senior from Grand Rapids, Minn., majoring in natural resources, has been named 2014-15 NSIC Men's Golf All-Conference Second Team.** McClure has earned three All-NSIC honors during his career as he was an All-NSIC First Team selection as a junior and an All-NSIC Second Team pick as a freshman.

**Western Equestrian rider Danielle Schelonka, a sophomore from Randall, Minn., majoring in health sciences, earned the reserve champion title at the 2014-15 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Nationals,** held April 30-May 3 at the Eastern State Exposition in Springfield, Mass.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston Men's Basketball Program will host basketball day camps in early June at Lysaker Gymnasium.** The camps will help youth develop skills through drill work, contests, and games, while each camper receives instruction from members of the UMC men's and women's basketball coaching staff. **The first camp—for boys and girls ages 6-11—will be held June 1-4 from 9 a.m. until noon. The second camp—for boys and girls ages 12-14—will run June 8-11 from 9 a.m. until noon.** Cost is \$40 per camper. For more information, contact UMC Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Bryan Beamish at 218-281-8431 or [bbeamish@umn.edu](mailto:bbeamish@umn.edu).

To view all game scores and upcoming athletic events, visit [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

## Extension

**Northwest Region Extension will host the 2015 X-Camp (Experience Camp) on the U of M Crookston campus Tuesday, June 2, through Thursday, June 4.** This camp allows youth in grades 6-8 to work alongside U of M faculty in a variety of topics including animal science, natural resources, business, science and mathematics, and more. X-Camp attendees stay on campus for 3 days and 2 nights. Cost is \$125, and the registration deadline is Friday, May 22. For more information, contact Margo Bowerman, assistant Extension professor, at [mbowerma@umn.edu](mailto:mbowerma@umn.edu) or 218-281-8695.

On April 30, Associate Extension Professor **Terry Nennich** retired from University of Minnesota Extension after a distinguished career of more than 30 years of service to the region and state. His colleagues and the entire campus community offer thanks and best wishes.

## Campus and Community

**Over the summer UMC will serve as the host site for a number of camps and conferences sponsored by University units as well as other organizations.** Anyone looking for information about these events is encouraged to refer to the following online resource: [www.umcrookston.edu/camps](http://www.umcrookston.edu/camps).

**Crookston Community Theater will present the murder mystery comedy "Dead Giveaway" on Thursday, May 28; Friday, May 29; and Saturday, May 30 at 7 p.m. nightly in Kiehle Auditorium.** Admission is \$12 per person. Directed by Colleen MacRae, the production features a cast including Julie Follette, Joyce Johnson, Megan Luxford, Sue Meyer, Lynette Mullins, Deb Myrold, and Andrew Svec.

## Accolades

**The University of Minnesota Crookston, again, ranks in the top 20 among the nation's best online colleges according to TheBestSchools.org.** That organization's recent listing of "the 50 Best Online Colleges for 2015-2016" places the U of M Crookston at #19. Inclusion on the list is based on such factors as academic excellence, faculty credentials, student support, awards, rankings, and reputation, including the school's reputation for effectively providing online degree programs. TheBestSchools.org is an online resource for prospective students seeking a college degree. The organization notes that it includes traditional campus-based schools like the U of M Crookston only if they offer "an extensive and robust array of online degree programs." To view the full list, go to [www.thebestschools.org/rankings/best-online-colleges](http://www.thebestschools.org/rankings/best-online-colleges).

Celebrating excellence and service by faculty and staff, UMC Faculty and Staff Day was held May 12 in Bede Ballroom. Among those recognized with awards were the following:

- **Distinguished Teaching Award - Margot Rudstrom**, associate professor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department
- **Distinguished Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Award - Don Cavalier**, director, Career Development and Counseling Services
- **Distinguished Professional & Administrative (P&A) Award - Jason Tangquist**, assistant director of athletics
- **Outstanding Community Service Award – Deb Zak**, regional director, Extension Services

- **Access Achievement Award – Nancy Shay**, teaching specialist, Math, Science & Technology Department
- **Builder of Diversity Award – Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson**, associate professor and interim department head, Liberal Arts & Education Department
- **RSVP Boomerang Award - Diane Rapacz**, principal office and administrative specialist, Center for Adult Learning

Also recognized were those reaching years of service milestones and retirements.

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