



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

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

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### **From the Chancellor**

*Editor's Note: Chancellor Holz-Clause has been traveling. She will have a column for the next edition of E-Update.*

### **Featured Events & Activities**

**Celtic Music Performance by Hanneke Cassel Band, Thursday, February 22** – 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, open to the public, free admission for UMC students with UCard ID and children under 12, \$3 per person for all others

**Kiddie Carnival, Friday, February 23** – 4 to 7:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public (suggested children's age range: 2 to 8 years old)

**UMC Hosts the Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, Saturday, February 24** – 8 a.m. registration and set-up, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. judging, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. open public viewing of exhibits, all in Wellness Center; 3 p.m. awards ceremony, Kiehle Auditorium

**Confucius Institute at UMC Hosts a Chinese New Year Celebration, Saturday, February 24** – 4 to 6 p.m. free cultural activities in Bede Ballroom; 5 to 6:30 p.m. dinner featuring Chinese cuisine in Brown Dining Room (meal plan or door prices \$8.75); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. free performances and games in Bede Ballroom, all events are open to the public

**Performance by the McDonald School of Irish and International Dance, Sunday, February 25** – 3:30 p.m., Carnegie Building, 120 North Ash Street, Crookston, Minn., free and open to the public

**University of Minnesota Legislative Kickoff Brunch, Monday, February 26** – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom A & B

**Music on Monday featuring Carl Wockner, Monday, February 26** – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, free

**U of M Crookston Alumni Association Board Meeting, Monday, February 26** – 5 to 7 p.m., 116 Kiehle Building

**UMC Hosts Northwest Service Cooperative High School Knowledge Bowl Competitions, Tuesday, February 27** – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., locations across campus

**Employee Engagement (E2) Survey Results Discussion for Faculty and Instructional Staff, Tuesday, February 27** – Noon to 1 p.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall

**Black History Month Annual Night of Expression, Tuesday, February 27** – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. meal featuring African and African-American cuisine in Brown Dining Room (students may use their meal plan, all others can pay the regular door prices of \$8.75 per person); 6:30 p.m. free program featuring a wide variety of performers in Kiehle Auditorium

**Market for Local Foods Workshop, Wednesday, February 28, from** – 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public, lunch is \$5 in Brown Dining Room

**Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Convocation, Thursday, March 1** – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

**U of M President Eric Kaler’s 2018 State of the University Address, Thursday, March 1** – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union, U of M Twin Cities, live video stream available in 101 Dowell Hall, U of M Crookston, and online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWa8E1QWX0s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWa8E1QWX0s)

**UMC Hosts Section 8A Girls’ Basketball Tournaments, Thursday, March 1** – 6 and 7:45 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMS Sports Center

**Employee Engagement (E2) Survey Results Discussion for Staff (Civil Service, Teamsters, AFSCME, and Non-Instructional P&A), Friday, March 2** – Noon to 1 p.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall

**UMC Hosts Equine Exploration Days for College Transfer Students on Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3**

**2018 International Dinner Series – “I am Hmong, so Where Am I Really From?” presented by UMC student Henry Soung, Monday, March 5** – 6 to 8 p.m., Bede Ballroom, series tickets (four meals/evenings) are \$75 for adults/\$65 for youth; individual dinner tickets are \$20 for adults/\$15 for youth, contact Rae French for tickets at [rfrench@umn.edu](mailto:rfrench@umn.edu) or 218-281-8339

**UMC Hosts Region I FFA Contests, Wednesday, March 7** – 9 a.m. to Noon, locations across campus

**UMC Hosts Section 8A Boys’ Basketball Tournaments, Thursday, March 8** – 6 and 7:45 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMS Sports Center

**Spring Break, March 12-16, classes excused, campus offices open**

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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.crk.umn.edu/today](http://www.crk.umn.edu/today), or review UMC’s news page at [www.crk.umn.edu/news](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news).  
Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via Brief, an online weekly internal news digest, at <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

**Student Stories**

He enjoys growing plants now, but one day University of Minnesota Crookston **Junior Caleb Rempel** hopes to help future college students grow to their full potential. The agronomy and horticulture double major from Mountain Lake, Minn., has been involved in a number of projects on campus within his field of study. Last summer he helped lay groundwork for ongoing hops research monitoring evaporation rates and mulch usage with the young hops. Learn more at [www.crk.umn.edu/news/junior-caleb-rempel](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news/junior-caleb-rempel).

Eight years ago, two high school freshmen met in a wellness class in Apple Valley, Minn. **Tommy Singer**, the quarterback for the Apple Valley varsity football team, and **Ellie Sjoquist**, a competitive figure skater out of Braemar Ice Arena, never suspected their future adventures together. The couple continued their education at the University of Minnesota Crookston, where Tommy is majoring in management with a minor in business, while Ellie's major is international business and marketing. Their fairytale continued on Friday, January 5, 2018. Learn more at [www.crk.umn.edu/news/tommy-and-ellie](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news/tommy-and-ellie).

### Faculty/Staff Arrivals and Departures

**Jared Hottle has been hired as an assistant football coach and offensive coordinator.** He comes to UMC after five seasons at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D. Hottle has been named as one of three finalists for the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) NAIA Assistant Coach of the Year the previous two seasons. He holds a master's degree in educational technology from Dakota State University and a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Central College in Pella, Iowa. He began his responsibilities at UMC on February 12.

### Around Campus

#### Administrative Affairs –

In the fall of 2017, the University of Minnesota conducted the Employee Engagement (E2) Survey. **Results of U of M Crookston faculty and instructional staff responses will be presented and discussed on Tuesday, February 27, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall. Results of U of M Crookston staff members (Civil Service, Teamsters, AFSCME, and non-instructional P&A) responses will be presented and discussed on Friday, March 2, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall.** All UMC faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend their respective session. A box lunch will be provided for those who pre-register with Chris Winjum via phone at ext. 8343 or via email at [cwinjum@umn.edu](mailto:cwinjum@umn.edu) (specify turkey, ham, or veggie sandwich choice). Individuals may also bring their own lunch to the meeting.

In late February, the University of Minnesota System will hold kickoff events for the 2018 legislative session at all five of its campuses. **The kickoff event for the University of Minnesota Crookston is scheduled for Monday, February 26, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, rooms A&B.** At the event attendees will view a video message from President Kaler, discuss the University/UMC capital request, learn how legislative proposals will affect the University, and receive information on how to become effective advocates by sharing the statewide impact of the University of Minnesota. The event is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to register online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIYRfrpLDqueuu6tMojKTWMOyeE8WgN9YdrEnlbHmfv-EqSQ/viewform>.

#### Academic Affairs –

**At its February 2018 meeting, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved a number of academic programs for the Crookston campus.** The Board approved UMC's new **Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree major in Agricultural Communication.** The new major will be offered to students on-campus beginning fall semester 2018. The Board also granted approval to UMC to deliver the existing on-campus **Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree and undergraduate minor in English online,** effective fall semester 2018. Additionally, a new **undergraduate minor in Writing** was approved to be offered both on-campus and online beginning fall semester 2018.

#### **Student Affairs –**

**Musician Carl Wockner will be the featured performer for Music on Monday, set for February 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center.** The performance is free. Wockner's "live looping" style solo performance, signature vocals, and unique acoustic guitar work are distinctive. He was named the first and only Australian artist to ever win top honors at the International Acoustic Music Awards in 2015. His appearance is sponsored by SPACE (Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment). Learn more at [www.carlwockner.com.au](http://www.carlwockner.com.au).

**The annual Black History Month Night of Expression will be held Tuesday, February 27.** Members of the campus and local communities are invited to attend. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. a meal will be offered featuring African and African-American cuisine in Brown Dining Room, Sargeant Student Center. Students may use their meal plan, all others can pay the regular door prices of \$8.75 per person. At 6:30 p.m., activities move to Kiehle Auditorium for a free evening of cultural entertainment with a wide variety of performers. The program will also include the announcement of the recipient of the 2018 Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Award. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Association and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs.

**Spring Semester Convocation is set for Thursday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.** The guest speaker will be Professor Dan Svedarsky. The UMC Band and UMC Choir will perform musical selections; students named to the Chancellor's 4.0 Club for fall semester 2017 will be recognized; residence hall floor GPA honors will be named; and varsity coaches will provide season updates.

#### **Admissions –**

**U of M Crookston admissions staff members are scheduled at the following high schools, 2-year colleges, and events for recruitment purposes.**

Wednesday, February 21 - St. Cloud Technical & Community College Transfer Fair

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Thursday, February 22 - Hastings, Minn., High School

Saturday, February 24 - TRIO Fair at Bemidji State University

Saturday, February 24 - Thinking College Early Fair at Harding High School, St. Paul, Minn.

Thursday, March 1 - Hennepin Tech Preview Night at Brooklyn Park Campus

The University of Minnesota Crookston will host two free weekend events in March for college transfer and high school students who may be interested in earning a bachelor's degree in equine science at the U of M Crookston. **Equine Exploration Days are scheduled for college transfer students on Friday, March 2, and**

**Saturday, March 3, and for high school juniors on Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24.** Attendees will explore the equine science industry and related career opportunities through hands-on labs and interactions with horses. They also will meet with faculty members teaching in the equine science major. Transfer students will learn about the transfer process. Activities begin each weekend on Friday at 2 p.m. and continue through the afternoon on the following Saturday. Overnight stay on Friday night in campus residence halls is included at no cost, as is free admission to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) equestrian competition on Saturday. For more information, contact Admissions at 218-281-8569.

### **International Programs –**

**The Confucius Institute at UMC will host a Chinese New Year Celebration on the evening of Saturday, February 24.** From 4 to 6 p.m. free cultural activities including calligraphy, chess, mask painting, and traditional clothing will be offered in Bede Ballroom; from 5 to 6:30 p.m. a dinner featuring Chinese cuisine will be available in Brown Dining Room (students may use meal plans, others may pay regular door prices of \$8.75); and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. free performances and games will take place in Bede Ballroom. All events are open to the public. The celebration is made possible through support from the Office of International Programs, Dining Services/Sodexo, the Confucius Institute, and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs.

**The 2018 International Dinner Series kicks off on Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom with “I am Hmong, So Where Am I Really From?” presented by UMC student Henry Soung of St. Paul, Minn.** Series tickets (four meals/evenings) are \$75 for adults/\$65 for youth (18 and under); individual dinner tickets are \$20 for adults/\$15 for youth. The series continues Monday, March 19, with “Cayman Islands Style: A Taste of Paradise” presented by student April Ebanks-Agurci; Monday March 26, with “Legends and Culture of Zimbabwe” presented by student Marshall Mbanga; and culminates with the annual International Dinner on Wednesday, April 4. For tickets or more information, contact Rae French at [rfrench@umn.edu](mailto:rfrench@umn.edu) or 218-281-8339.

### **Technology Support Services –**

SAFE-U is the University of Minnesota's mass notification text messaging system, serving all system campuses. **To update preferences for SAFE-U alerts, go to MyU > My Info (an online self-help guide is available at [www.uservices.umn.edu/self-help-guide/self-help-guide-safe-u-alerts](http://www.uservices.umn.edu/self-help-guide/self-help-guide-safe-u-alerts)).** Options include updating phone numbers, email, and the order in which notifications are received. Users can also sign up for notifications from more than one campus.

With tax season is well underway it is important to consider the unfortunate realities of identity theft. Each year, criminals steal the tax returns of unsuspecting people. **Faculty, staff, and students who have not already done so should opt in to Duo Two Factor Protection for Direct Deposit and W-2.** This service is offered to all U of M employees and students at no charge and takes just ten minutes to set up. Opt in today at <https://it.umn.edu/duo-opt-in-duo-two-factor-protection>.

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

**The 8th Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament, held Saturday, February 3, on Lake of the Woods near Zippel Bay Resort, raised more than \$4,200 for the Justin Knebel Endowed Scholarship in**

**support of student-athletes at the U of M Crookston.** The 140 participants caught 78 fish. Prizes and winners included the first fish caught by Tyler Spencer, a \$50 Streiff Sporting Goods gift card; the largest walleye caught by Alex Kophoet, a Eskimo 8" Ion Auger; the largest sauger caught by Sarah Robinson, a Vexilar FL8se; and the largest tullibee caught by Hunter Simonson, a Banks Captain Chair. The Knebel scholarship fund, which reached the \$25,000 necessary for endowment in 2016, provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a men's or women's basketball player annually.

## University Relations –

**In order to ensure the information featured in E-Update is helpful to the UMC campus community, a brief survey to gather feedback has been developed.** Readers of E-Update are encouraged to take a few moments to complete this survey and share their opinions. To access and complete the survey, which will be available through March 2, 2018, follow this link: [https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d4Q2U9aWCJ1bast](https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4Q2U9aWCJ1bast).

## Athletics –

Basketball runs through **Micaela Noga's** veins. With a father who has over 500 wins in a career of coaching high school basketball and a sister who played four years in the Big Ten at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Noga says basketball has been her "thing" ever since playing pick-up basketball at home with her siblings. A senior majoring in health management from Parkers Prairie, Minn., Noga will soon see that basketball career come to an end, but she will be listed in Golden Eagle history as a member of the 1,000 point club. As of Feb. 17, she stands at 1,098 career points, which ranks seventh all-time in scoring for women's basketball at UMC. Watch an interview video with Micaela Noga at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=weDiE9d8VDI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weDiE9d8VDI).

Golden Eagle men's basketball player **Harrison Cleary**, a sophomore majoring in sport and recreation management from Oak Creek, Wis., has become the second player in UMC history to reach 1,000 points in Division II Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) men's basketball play. He accomplished this milestone on Friday, February 16, in the game against Minot State. So far Cleary has scored a total of 1,023 career points in NSIC play and 1,316 overall points in conference and non-conference play in under two seasons with the Golden Eagles. He also has moved into the top 30 in all-time scoring in the NSIC.

Golden Eagle men's basketball player **Gable Smith**, a junior majoring in business management from Lodi, Wis., leads all of NCAA Division II in blocks with 109. He is second in the nation in all NCAA divisions behind only Ajdin Penava of Marshall (Division I, 114 blocks).

## Accolades & Achievements –

**UMC is ranked among the top 10 (at number 10) colleges and universities in the state of Minnesota with the best College Risk-Reward Indicators (CRR) by LendEDU.** An online resource created to help students and graduates make informed financial decisions, LendEDU recently completed its third annual CRR comparison study. Twenty-two public and private Minnesota colleges and universities were included on the list. LendEDU defined risk as the average student loan debt per borrower and reward as the average early career pay, or the median salary for alumni with 0-5 years of experience. The full results of the study can be found online at <https://lendedu.com/blog/college-risk-reward-indicator-2018>.

UMC's online degree program in Sport & Recreation Management is ranked among the top 15 (at number 6) "Most Affordable Online Sports Management Degrees" in the nation for 2018 by the online education resource College Choice. See the full list at [www.collegechoice.net/rankings/most-affordable-online-sports-management-degrees](http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/most-affordable-online-sports-management-degrees).

## Campus & Community

**A Celtic music performance by Hanneke Cassel with Mike Block and Keith Murphy will take place on Thursday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.** The event is open to the public, with admission \$3 per person and children 12 and under free. UMC students will be admitted free with UCard ID. Boston-based fiddler Hanneke Cassel is a performer, teacher, and composer who has performed across North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Her music is a blend of the contemporary and traditional, fusing influences from the Isle of Skye and Cape Breton Island with Americana grooves and musical innovations. The performance is sponsored by the Study Abroad Program and the Academic Success Center. Learn more at [www.hannekecassel.com](http://www.hannekecassel.com).

**Local children are invited to join University of Minnesota Crookston students for the annual Kiddie Carnival, a fun-filled late afternoon, on Friday, February 23, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** The carnival will feature many activities led by UMC students for children (suggested age range of 2 to 8 years old) along with prizes. Free and open to the public, this event is sponsored by SPACE (Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment) and Student Activities.

**The Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair will take place on the campus of the University of Minnesota Crookston on Saturday, February 24, in the Wellness Center.** Registration and set-up begin at 8 a.m. with judging from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to view the exhibits from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Wellness Center, and an awards ceremony will take place beginning at 3 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Minnesota Science Fairs are for youth in grades 4-12. The Western Minnesota Region is one of eight regions in Minnesota and includes the counties of Big Stone, Becker, Clay, Grant, Mahnomon, Norman, Ottertail, Polk, Traverse, and Wilkin. For more information, contact Associate Professor Katy Chapman at 218-281-8262, or visit the website for the science fair at [www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair](http://www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair).

**The McDonald School of Irish and International Dance will perform on Sunday, February 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Building, 120 North Ash Street, Crookston, Minn.** The event is free and open to the public. A lecture and demonstration will include an opportunity for the audience to participate. After the performance, there will be Irish treats served. The mission of the McDonald School of Irish and International Dance, located in Fargo, N.D., is to provide a communication bridge crossing cultural and ethnic diversity through the art of dance. The performance is sponsored by the Academic Success Center and Concerts & Lectures at the U of M Crookston.

## Extension

**U of M Extension and the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership will host a Market for Local Foods Workshop on Wednesday, February 28, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** This free workshop is open to the public. Lunch will be available in Brown Dining Room for \$5 per person. The workshop will offer several informational sessions and networking opportunities with growers, farmers markets, and community connections across northwest Minnesota. Register online at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHm5p8ycKRYqkcen0NGx8ob6L4ry6cmimSSRXyYCaRaGmCyw/viewform>. For more information, contact Anna Peterson at 218-281-8699 or [hans0947@umn.edu](mailto:hans0947@umn.edu).

## University of Minnesota System

According to a new study completed by Trip Umbach, **the University of Minnesota System contributes more than \$8.6 billion a year in economic activity to the state of Minnesota**, supporting more than 77,000 jobs across the state and generating more than \$470 million in state taxes. In FY17, **the economic impact of the Crookston campus alone totaled \$63.6 million**. Considering the campus's operations, an additional \$3.6 million was generated in state and local government revenue that is attributable to the Crookston campus. View the full report online at <https://government-relations.umn.edu/content/universitys-impact>.

**University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler will offer his 2018 State of the University Address on Thursday, March 1, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** in Coffman Memorial Union Theater on the Twin Cities campus in Minneapolis. The address will conclude with a moderated question-and-answer period. The address will be video streamed live to all campuses, and **on the Crookston campus viewing will be held in 101 Dowell Hall**. Students, faculty, and staff may submit questions prior to the address online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDvjYxLpZalXy7epHeMEVuvw5JeMntNe9GenXRWm\\_u\\_SLNPA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDvjYxLpZalXy7epHeMEVuvw5JeMntNe9GenXRWm_u_SLNPA/viewform) and beginning at 3 p.m. on March 1 via Twitter (#UMNsotu). The address also will be streamed online live via YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWa8E1QWX0s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWa8E1QWX0s).

**At its February meeting, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents reviewed progress on the President's Initiative to Prevent Sexual Misconduct, which focuses on accountability, awareness, and education for the University community to prevent and address sexual misconduct.** The board also reviewed a report on the Twin Cities campus' five-year enrollment plan and approved a resolution related to diversity in enrollment and student success on the Twin Cities campus. Additionally, regents reviewed the first of five systemwide strategic planning focus area updates. February's presentation outlined ongoing efforts to improve systemwide communications, outreach, and public engagement. Learn more at <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/regents-focus-initiative-prevent-sexual-misconduct>.

**Lori Carrell, Ph.D., has been named chancellor of the University of Minnesota Rochester, effective February 12.** Carrell has served as UMR's interim chancellor since August 2017, and she has served as UMR's vice-chancellor for academic affairs and student development since 2014. Carrell earned her bachelor's degree from Anderson University in Indiana, majoring in speech communication, education and psychology. She went on to attend the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she received her master's degree in counseling psychology/education. She earned her Ph.D. in speech communication from the University of Denver. Prior to her arrival at UMR, Carrell worked at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where she played a key leadership role in directing both the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, a research-based faculty development endeavor, and the University Studies Program, where she facilitated and implemented large-scale, nationally-acclaimed, curricular reform.

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