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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the nice weather we had last week. I was curious about how warm it was in the middle of the day on February 8 and went to my weather app. Needless to say, I was a little surprised when this came up. I took a screenshot but was afraid someone might think I had “doctored” it a

little so showed it to a few people in Selvig who could corroborate it really was true. But the good news is in about four months it will be this warm.



Applications are now being accepted for the Leading [on All Levels leadership program, a system](#) wide leadership opportunity. Discover your leadership potential and build your skills through the online program, which is open to all employees and intended for those not in formal supervisory roles, yet may be considering future people leadership and/or trying to determine other ways to develop and lend their leadership strengths beyond supervision. The program typically fills quickly and space is limited. Leading on All Levels consists of seven live virtual-learning sessions and begins on March 23. [Learn more and apply](#)

Veden Center Fellow

The Veden Center for Rural Engagement and Strategic Initiatives is excited to announce that Dr. Rob Proulx has been appointed the Veden Faculty Fellow for STEM initiatives. Dr. Proulx will focus on helping to bring modern and relevant educational programming to adults across Greater Minnesota, especially fortifying excellence in STEM education success for both traditional and returning adult students.

Join the Book Club

Plan on joining our book club that will be meeting via Zoom this spring. This year we are going to be reading *Alternative Universities: Speculative Design for Innovation in Higher Education* by David Staley. If you would like to participate please let [Chris Winjum](#) know and he will order you a copy of the book (electronic or paper). Facilitating the discussions that will be held every two weeks, starting in late February will be Dr. Alex Cirillo, retired head of Innovation for 3M and Tom Fisher, former dean of the College of Architecture at the Twin Cities and one of the world leaders in design thinking and innovation.

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for Campus Assembly on March 3. Please let [Chris Winjum](#) know if you have agenda items or committee reports.

Happy Valentine's Day.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Campus Updates

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing Sites will run in Crookston, East Grand Forks and McIntosh this week. Prior registration is preferred, but not required. Testing is available at no cost and test results will be available the same day. To schedule an appointment, visit the [website](#). Need assistance registering, contact 218-281-3385.

Trends in COVID-19 transmission statewide continue to show significant decreases, both in terms of current data related to case numbers, positivity rates, and available hospital beds, but also in forecasts predicting continued declines. Given those trends, [the University is lifting the temporary, systemwide policy](#) that mandated all events with over 200 attendees require individuals to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. From February 10 on, proof of negative test or vaccination status is no longer required.

Human Resources

New Hires

Kurtis Proulx, Junior Laboratory Technician, MST Department Start Date: 2/10/2022

Kurtis is a 2011 graduate of the University of Minnesota Crookston's Health Science, Biology program. Prior to joining UMC, Kurtis worked as a Correctional Officer for the Northwest Regional Corrections Center.

Phil Shafer, Dining Services, Building and Grounds Worker Start Date: 2/14/2022

Phil is a 2020 graduate of Minnesota State University Moorhead. Phil has 8+ years of experience working for the City of Crookston Parks and Recreation department working on park and city maintenance.

Laura Neuman, Administrative Specialist for Senior Leadership Start Date: 2/16/2022

Laura is a 2013 graduate of the University of Minnesota Crookston's Business Management program. Prior to joining UMC, Laura worked in various Account Manager and Operations Manager roles for the Business Impact Group in Chanhassen, MN.

Volunteers needed for the Western MN Regional Science Fair, Feb. 21 - 25

Online judging will start Feb. 21 and end on Feb. 25 and can be done at your convenience during that time. Student interviews will be conducted from Feb. 23-25 (Wed.-Fri) and can be done remotely or as part of an in-person judging team (students will remote in via Zoom).

1. Viewing videos and scoring them online using the Google Workspace.
2. Student interviews via Zoom.

If you are interested in participating, please check the WRSF [website](#) for details. You can sign up on the website or use this [link](#). Contact [Tim Dudley](#), Ph.D., Director, Western MN Regional Science Fair.

Global Programs and Strategy Alliance

The GPS Alliance is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Mestenhauser Student Award for Excellence in Campus Internationalization. The student award and accompanying scholarship provide recognition for outstanding student contributions to international education at the University of Minnesota and beyond. Recipients will be honored at an award ceremony on April 1, 2022. The [nomination materials](#) are now available. Nominations are due on February 21, 2022. For more information, please [visit our website](#) or contact globalu@umn.edu.



EVENTS



Arizona Social and Brew Bash slated for Feb. 18 and 19

Friday, February 18 from 11- 3 join alumni at the Apache Wells Country Club, 5601 E Hermosa Vista Dr. Mesa, Arizona 85215 The event includes lunch at 12:15 p.m. \$15 per person (cash or check payable to Apache Wells)

Brew Bash at Four Silos Brewery Coffee & Beer House Saturday, February 19, 2022 4- 6.

143 S. Higley Road, Gilbert, AZ 85296 - RSVP for the events by Feb. 15, 2022 to Angelika Huglen in the Alumni Office ahuglen@crk.umn.edu or (218) 281-8401.

North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) car washes

Support the NACTA students as they fundraise for their annual NACTA competition. Contact Melissa Hammer at hamme734@crk.umn.edu to schedule a time. All vehicles are cleaned indoors in the Kiser Building, and can be picked up and dropped off for your convenience.

UMN Crookston Commencement, Saturday, May 7

Seniors if you plan to finish your degree requirements during Spring, Summer, or Fall 2022, [apply for graduation](#). Contact the Registrar's Office at umcreg@umn.edu, if you need assistance. Campus plans are to have an in-person graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 7. Details are still being figured out as to if there will be 1 or 2 ceremonies and if there will be a limit on the number of guests allowed, etc. Watch your email for more information mid-March.

HIGHLIGHTS

Minnesota Crookston outshoots Minnesota, but fall 3-0 in the WCCHA Consolation Championship

It was a quick turnaround for [Minnesota Crookston hockey](#) after a 5-3 victory Saturday against two-seed Gustavus Adolphus. The Golden Eagles battled with the top-seeded Golden Gophers of Minnesota Sunday in the WCCHA consolation championship. The Golden Eagles will host Williston State College next weekend for a Friday-Saturday series. Puck drop with the Tetons is set for 7 p.m., from the Crookston Sports Center on Friday. The Golden Eagles await to see if they have made the ACHA Central Region Tournament. (2022 ACHA Central Tournament announcement at the time of the eCampus Update had not been made.)