

News Release

Top Ten Stories from 2015

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The University of Minnesota Crookston announced its top ten stories from the past year. The top ten for 2015 ranged from the addition of new majors, to a new location for the Admissions Office, and the construction of a new wellness center.

This list of highlights of the past year from the Crookston campus, in no particular order, includes:



Construction on a new 36,070 square foot wellness center began in April. The facility will feature a two-court gymnasium with suspended jogging/walking track, fitness/cardio areas, general locker rooms, a classroom, and a multipurpose room for group exercise.

A major in International Business was added to the degree programs in the Business Department, and a major in English was added in the Liberal Arts and Education Department. Both new majors lead to Bachelor of Science degrees, and International Business will be available to students entirely online as well as on campus. Students will also have the option for a minor in each area. The programs were available to students beginning spring semester 2015.

Courses for Exercise Science & Wellness and Medical Laboratory Science began fall semester 2015. Students have two new majors to choose from in the Department of Math, Science, and Technology. The Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Wellness combines the study of exercise physiology within the holistic context of health and wellness. Modern medicine would be impossible without the problem solving skills of medical lab scientists making a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science vital to the study of medicine. A bachelor's degree in medical laboratory science could provide a great background for individuals interested in entering fields of forensic science, pharmaceutical sciences, and medicine.

Regents approved a major in Agricultural Education in February and the Minnesota Board of Teaching approved the program for teacher licensure in October 2015. A high demand for teachers of agriculture and a desire to serve the needs of the region led to the addition of the agricultural education major. It is a great match for the Crookston campus, which has a long, rich agricultural tradition. More.

The Crookston campus earned accolades as one of the Safest College Campuses in the United States. USA TODAY College listed the U of M Crookston at number five among the ten "safest college campuses in the U.S." The ranking, which is from College Factual, an online college comparison resource, considers crime reports on-campus, in the surrounding town or city, as well as in the surrounding region and utilizes data from the Office of Postsecondary Education and the FBI.

For the eighteenth consecutive year, the University of Minnesota Crookston ranked among the top U.S. News Best Colleges in the category Midwest Top Public Regional Colleges. The category focuses on undergraduate education with fewer than 50 percent of the degrees in liberal arts disciplines. Additionally, the campus ranked 34th nationally in the U.S. News Best Online Degree Programs and 29th in the category Best Online Bachelor's Programs for Veterans.

Brandy Chaffee was hired as the chief development officer in the Office of Development & Alumni Relations. She works primarily in the area of development but oversees alumni relations as well. Chaffee is a 2000 graduate of the U of M Crookston.

The Crookston Campus-Community Connection (C4) was created with goals to strengthen interaction between the campus and local community. C4, along with Enactus, hosted an open forum on "Crookston as a College Town" in November.

Golden Eagle Women's Basketball hosted a home playoff game in February for the first time since joining the NSIC and their win advanced the team to the second round of the NSIC/Sanford Health Tournament. Coach Roysland was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Coach of the Year. He led the team to one of their most successful seasons in program history.

The Office of Admissions moved to a new location on campus in Owen Hall Suite A. The move to a new home for Admissions gives them higher visibility, better parking, and a beautiful, welcoming space. Visiting students and their families begin their campus tours from this location.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 34 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 39 areas of emphasis on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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