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Ramp Up to Readiness and Minnesota Principals' Academy Slated for Thursday, October 10, 2013, from 8

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College and career readiness has become an increasingly important focus of secondary schools across the nation and in Minnesota. A Ramp Up to Readiness and Minnesota Principals' Academy are slated for Thursday, October 10, 2013, at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The presentation, hosted by the Center for Adult Learning, will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, and is free for participants. For more information, contact Michelle Chirstopherson at 218-281-8679.

Ramp-Up to Readiness™ is a school-wide guidance program designed to increase the number and diversity of students who graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, and habits necessary for success in a high-quality college program. It focuses on grades 6-12 in five areas: academic, admissions, career, financial and personal social readiness.

The Minnesota legislature passed a 2013 law requiring districts to "assist all students by no later than grade 9 to explore their college and career interests and aspirations and develop a plan for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary education or employment." Increasingly principals and counselors realize that providing academic rigor alone is not sufficient to prepare students with the knowledge, habits and skills they need for postsecondary success. www.rampuptoreadiness.org

The goal of the Minnesota Principals' Academy is to create a statewide network of district and charter school leaders who are motivated and have the skills to create and sustain schools in which all students are on the path to college readiness by the end of high school. It is a source of support for principals across the state as they play their critical and challenging roles in improving schools and raising student achievement. It was created in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association, the Minnesota Association of Secondary Schools.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 28 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 11 degrees online--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 25 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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