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From the Chancellor

I'd like to welcome everyone back from the semester break and to the start of the spring semester. While I do understand the interest of some in having a shorter break between semesters, I believe the time we currently have is important for everyone to complete fall semester work and prepare for the upcoming semester.

Enrollment for spring semester is up significantly over spring 2011. Many thanks to the students who enroll at the University of Minnesota, Crookston and for the continuing commitment of faculty and staff to assist students in the registration process. Much of that work continued during the break.

I want to remind faculty and staff of the opportunity to submit proposals for one-time funding that is available. Proposals should be submitted to Chris Winjum in the Chancellor's Office by Friday, January 13. Full information on criteria for proposals and the application form is available by requesting it from Chris.

Tuesday afternoon, January 10, at 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom we will be recognizing a number of faculty and staff who have elected to take part in the University Retirement Incentive Option. Please join me and others in recognizing their contributions to the campus during their many years of service. We wish them well in their retirement and encourage them to stay in touch.

We continue to follow up on the Strategic Positioning work of the 2010-11 year and the 2015 Action Plan. Work groups have provided updates on specific actions by reporting at Executive Committee meetings in November and December. [Those reports are available online.](#)

Senior Vice President Robert Jones will be on campus on Tuesday, January 17. I plan to use that opportunity to present a “State of the University” address at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. The beginning of 2012 is a good time to review accomplishments and look at opportunities and challenges ahead for the campus.

I spent most of the break traveling in China with Barbara and Associate Professor Jingpeng Tang, Ph.D., visiting our partner institution of Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic in Hangzhou, China. While there, we presented President Li Shuming with the Torch and Shield Award, which we awarded him last October. We had the opportunity to meet with the faculty coordinators of their Business and Software Engineering programs. We also met with students who are interested in enrolling in their programs that will prepare them to enroll at UMC in the future.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and the best for 2012.

– Chuck

Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Retirement Reception Honoring Ten Faculty and Staff Members, Tuesday, January 10 – 3 to 4:30 p.m., special program begins at 3:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 16 – Classes Excused, Campus Offices Closed

Chancellor Casey’s State of the University of Minnesota, Crookston Address, Tuesday, January 17 – 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Thursday Commons: “Food and Music with Soul,” Thursday, January 19 – 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

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 or review our news page at blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news.

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via [Brief](#).

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

The dedication and service of ten individuals who, collectively, represent 335 years of service to the University of Minnesota, Crookston will be recognized during **a retirement reception held Tuesday, January 10, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The public is invited to attend the reception that includes a special program beginning at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Honorees who will be in attendance include **Dennis Magsam**, audiovisual operations manager in Media Services, 43 years of service; **John Rodseth**, senior office assistant in the Business Department, 37 years of service; **Sonia Spaeth**, assistant professor in Liberal Arts and Education Department, 36 years of service; **Jacquie Normandin**, administrative aide in Human Resources, 26 years of service; **Bob Nelson**, registrar and director of Institutional Research, 24 years of service; and **Karen Murphy**, executive operations/student services specialist in the Business Department, 24 years of service. Other individuals retiring who are unable to attend the reception but are recognized for their years of dedication include **Trish Ramstad**, executive administrative specialist in Liberal Arts and Education Department, 45 years of service; **Arlene Tahrán**, executive administrative specialist in Business Department, 42 years of service; **Cleon Melsa**, assistant professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department, 38 years of service; and **Deanna Patenaude**, community program specialist in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), 20 years of service.

Senior Vice President Robert Jones will be on campus Tuesday, January 17, and will be in attendance for **Chancellor Casey's State of the University of Minnesota, Crookston Address** that afternoon at 12:30 p.m., in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Academic Affairs –

Jennifer Aipperspach has been hired as executive office and administrative specialist for the Business Department and has begun her responsibilities. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Duluth with a bachelor's of business administration in human resource management. Most recently, she served as an administrative manager for Northlands Rescue Mission in Grand Forks, N.D., where she developed grant applications, identified funding

opportunities, organized fundraising events, and performed human resources functions.

Clayton Bosworth has been hired as a teaching specialist in the area of chemistry for the Math, Science, and Technology Department. He holds an M.S. in chemistry from the University of North Dakota (UND), where he also earned his B.S. in chemistry. He has served as a teaching assistant in chemistry at UND since 2008.

John Heath has been hired as a lecturer in the areas of software engineering and information technology for the Math, Science, and Technology Department. He has completed all but his dissertation for his Ph.D. work in computer science at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he has served as an adjunct faculty member. Additionally, he has worked on projects for Navy Oceanographic and has managed and supervised business applications and network groups for a startup internet service provider.

Student Affairs –

The **UMC Post Office will begin implementing modifications of services** beginning Monday, January 9. First, **Ken Mendez**, a 2011 graduate of the U of M, Crookston with a B.S. in communication, has been hired as the post office clerk. He began his responsibilities last week. John Rodseth's last day will be on Wednesday, January 11. Ken can be reached at the UMC Post Office at extension 8329 or via e-mail at mende089@umn.edu. The main concern heard from students regarding UMC Post Office services is a lack of set window hours in order to have questions answered or to obtain service. Therefore the following changes are meant to address that concern.

1. Campus Post Office staff will conduct ONE on-campus mail delivery route to occur in the morning with approximate delivery time occurring between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Subsequent interdepartmental mail and outgoing mail will be the responsibility of individual departments to deliver to the campus Post Office. Departments may check the UMC Post Office at any time during window hours.
2. Window hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m.
3. The U.S. Postal Service will pick up any outgoing mail from campus between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. In order to ensure that mail is delivered off campus that day, it needs to be in the UMC Post Office by 1:30 p.m. Mail that needs to be delivered off campus the same day but is not in the UMC Post Office by the time of the U.S. Postal Service pick up can still be metered by the UMC Post Office but is the responsibility of the mailing department to deliver to the Crookston Post Office.
4. Any mail delivered after the U.S. Postal Service pick-up will be delivered to the Crookston Post Office the following morning when mail is picked up to be brought to the University.

The Black Student Association will host the **Thursday Commons event “Music and Food with Soul”** on Thursday, January 19, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Different influential

music from African American culture as well as a sampling of African and African American foods will be presented along with a preview of events for the upcoming Black History Month in February. All are welcome.

International Programs –

The campus welcomes 28 new international students for spring semester 2012. Twenty-seven are students from Korea, and one is an English as a Second Language (ESL) student from Togo in West Africa. Five students are taking only ESL courses. Nine are taking a combination of ESL and degree courses, and the rest are enrolled in degree program coursework.

Development & Alumni Relations –

The **University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA) board of directors** will meet Wednesday, January 11, at 6 p.m. in Kiehle 116.

The **Second Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament** will be held on Saturday, February 4, at Zippel Bay Resort in Williams, Minn. Entry fee is \$25 per person and includes \$5 raffle ticket and road access fee. All proceeds go to UMC athletic scholarships and the Justin Knebel Endowed Scholarship. Learn more at www.umcrookston.edu/justinknebel.

University Relations -

Diana Harvey, chief communications officer for the U of M, Twin Cities, and other staff from the Office of University Relations on the Twin Cities campus will visit the Crookston campus on Wednesday, January 18. In addition to touring the campus, they will meet with University Relations staff members for the Crookston campus. Discussions will include campus and system-wide branding, messaging, and marketing.

Athletics –

Men's Basketball player **Jacolby Anderson**, a senior majoring in sport and recreation management from Lancaster, Tex., has been named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Men's Basketball Player of the Week. Anderson had an incredible two game series scoring 56 points as the Golden Eagles went 1-1 on the weekend. In an 80-77 last second loss at Northern State University on Saturday, January 7, he scored 29 points (12-17). On Sunday, January 8, Anderson scored 18 of his 27 points in the second half to lead U of M, Crookston to

its first NSIC victory of the year defeating the University of Mary 56-53. He led all scorers both days.

Campus and Community

Jan Aamoth will officially take over as the new director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Red River Valley on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Deanna Patenaude will retire as the organization's director after 20 years. RSVP of the Red River Valley is housed in the Sargeant Student Center at the U of M, Crookston. RSVP, one of the largest volunteer efforts in the nation, connects volunteers age 55 and over with service opportunities in their communities that match their skills and availability. The organization's mission is to offer maximum flexibility and choice to its volunteers as it matches the personal interests and skills of older Americans with opportunities to serve their communities. To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu/rsvp.

Accolades

The University of Minnesota, Crookston has been named among the top 25 in SuperScholar's "Smart Choice" ranking of schools offering online bachelor's degrees. For the full listing, visit www.superscholar.org/best-online-colleges. Based in San Antonio, Texas, SuperScholar is an organization that provides online resources geared toward students searching for information about higher education and career options. The organization also ranks colleges and universities by various educational programs and majors.

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