

News Release

Reception and Panel Discussion featuring Women in Leadership Highlight Women's History Month at U of M Crookston on Tuesday, March 8, 2011

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With International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, the University of Minnesota, Crookston has set aside the day to recognize Women's History Month on the campus. A reception and panel discussion featuring women in leadership from the region will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. The community and campus are invited to the reception and panel discussion.

The members of the panel are women who have inspired us all with their leadership, passion, and daring including: Barb Erdman, Polk County sheriff; Jeannine Windels, former executive director of the Crookston Chamber of Commerce; Racha Khodr, a teaching specialist in the Liberal Arts and Education Department; Senior Halie Kang, a communication major from Seoul, South Korea, and Senior Lhakpa Gurung, an early childhood education major from Mustang, Nepal, among others.

The theme for International Women's Day is "The Rising of the Women is the Rising of Us All" and recognizes the contribution of women across the globe and throughout history. International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. 2011 marks the global centenary year for International Women's Day - 100 years since the first International Women's Day event. More than one million women and men attended rallies in 1911.



President Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as the first National Women's History Week. Later, in 1987, Congress expanded the week into a month recognizing March as officially National Women's History Month. For more information, visit www.nwhp.org.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 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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