



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

## ***U of M Crookston Campus E-Update***

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### **From the Vice Chancellor**

Listening to MPR as I drove back to Crookston yesterday, I heard Jeanne Theoharis talking about her latest book *A More Beautiful and Terrible History: The Uses and Misuses of Civil Rights History*. In the short interview, Theoharis seemed to be saying that the way we celebrate civil rights history limits our knowledge of the breadth and depth of discrimination across our country and our understanding of the sustained work and courage required to fight it.

February is Black History Month, an opportunity for all of us to learn more about the history of African American people in the U.S. This history is, in some parts, beautiful and celebratory, while other parts are deeply saddening. All of it is thought provoking. As an educational institution, we know how important it is to learn the lessons of history. Black History Month shows us that great progress has been made to end discrimination. We also are reminded that racism and discrimination have deep roots, and that much work remains for all of us.

The history and current lived experiences of Black people and White people, Native Americans and immigrants, Hispanics and Asians, LGBTQ people, people of all different faith traditions, and women and men in this country impact the lives, culture, politics, economy, and social fabric of all of us.

In January and February, the Strategic Planning Leadership Team (SPLT) reviewed goals, metrics, and progress on our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion strategic initiative. As sponsor for this initiative, Chancellor Holz-Clause has appointed Lorna Hollowell and Jim Schaar as co-leaders, so that we can focus yet more energy and attention to achieving our goals.

As our campus has re-envisioned mission, vision, and values, we have said that we will create and be leaders who are culturally and globally competent. And we value diversity by “embracing the richness and value of individual differences, ideas, cultures, and communities.”

Let’s embrace the richness and value of all and, very importantly, help our students embrace it. Let’s remove obstacles where they exist. Let’s learn. Let’s be seen.

Celebrate Black History Month! And continue to strive for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the UMC community and beyond.

Barbara Keinath  
Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs  
University of Minnesota Crookston

## Featured Events & Activities

**Golden Eagle Football Signing Day Party, Wednesday, February 7** – 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. presentation, Crookston Eagles Club, 105 S Broadway, Crookston, free and open to the public

**What's on Wednesday (WOW) featuring Spoken Word Artist Ebony Stewart, Wednesday, February 7** – 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**UMC Basketball Alumni Day, Saturday, February 10** - 4 p.m. women's game, 5:30 p.m. alumni recognition, 6 p.m. men's game, Lysaker Gymnasium, alumni social following at I.C. Muggs, 1500 University Ave., Crookston

**Winter Volleyball Camp (for Grades 12 & Under), Sunday, February 11** – 1 to 3:30 p.m., check-in at 12:30 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center, cost is \$35 per camper

**One-Man Show: Professor Jeffrey Smith as Andrew Carnegie, Sunday, February 11** – 3:30 p.m., Carnegie Building, 120 North Ash Street, Crookston, free and open to the public

**One-Man Show: Professor Jeffrey Smith as Andrew Carnegie, Monday, February 12 (repeat performance)** – 7:30 p.m., Carnegie Library Building, 102 1st St. E., Thief River Falls, Minn free and open to the public

**Soul Music, Soul Food, and Karaoke, Wednesday, February 14** – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. meal (meal plan or cash), Noon to 1:30 p.m. music and karaoke, Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center

**UMC Jazz Band's Sweetheart Valentine Dance, Wednesday, February 14** – 7 to 9 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

**Thursday Commons Speaker: Author and Civil Rights Activist Maggie Harrison Lowery, Thursday, February 15** – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

**NWSA and UMC Alumni Arizona Social, Friday, February 16** – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Apache Wells Country Club, 5601 E Hermosa Vista Dr., Mesa, Arizona, event includes lunch at 12:15 p.m. for \$15 per person

**Alumni Brew Bash Tour Social, Saturday, February 17** - 4 to 6 p.m., Four Peaks Brewing Company, 1340 E 8th Street #104, Tempe, Arizona

**Golden Eagle Baseball Pitching/Catching Camp (for Grades 7-12), Sunday, February 18** – 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., UMC Sports Center, cost is \$75 per camper

**Golden Eagle Baseball Hitting/Defense Camp (for Grades 7-12), Sunday, February 18** – 1 to 5 p.m., UMC Sports Center, cost is \$75 per camper

**UMC Professional Development Day** – classes excused, campus offices open (some with limited staffing or hours to allow staff to attend professional development activities), faculty and staff professional development sessions offered 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom

**Golden Eagle Baseball Kids Camp (for Grades K-6), Monday, February 19** – 8 a.m. to Noon, UMC Sports Center, cost is \$25 per camper

**Celtic Music Performance by Hanneke Cassel Band, Thursday, February 22 – 7:30 p.m.**, Kiehle Auditorium, free for UMC students and children under 12, admission for all others is \$3 per person

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For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at [www.crk.umn.edu/today](http://www.crk.umn.edu/today), or review UMC's news page at [www.crk.umn.edu/news](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news).  
Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via Brief, an online weekly internal news digest, at <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

## Student Stories

One can almost imagine it, several generations of family passing down gardening tips, trading varieties of their favorite plants, enjoying trips to the greenhouse together, while propagating their passion for growing things. **Senior Mackenzie Cochran**, Grand Forks, N.D., doesn't have to imagine it; her family shares a longtime love of gardening that started with her great grandmother. It isn't surprising Cochran would find her way to the University of Minnesota Crookston to major in horticulture. Learn more at [www.crk.umn.edu/news/senior-mackenzie-cochran-propagates-passion-plants](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news/senior-mackenzie-cochran-propagates-passion-plants).

## Around Campus

### Administrative Affairs –

**Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Barbara Keinath has announced her intention to retire after July 3, 2018.** She has agreed to continue to provide leadership until a new vice chancellor is on board. A search committee has been formed, and a national search will take place this semester. A search firm will be enlisted to help identify and recruit candidates. Professor Dan Svedarsky has agreed to serve as chair for the search committee, which also includes faculty members Megan Bell, Tim Dudley, John Loegering, Margot Rudstrom, Eddie Walker; staff members Jacoba De Boer, Stacey Grunewald, Krayton Nash, Janessa Quanrud, Chris Winjum; Campus Advisory and Advancement Board member Jerry Knutson; and students Jonah Figueiredo and Jordan Thompson.

**To help build on the campus strategic initiative to promote employee engagement and in direct response to feedback following the 2015 Employee Engagement (E2) survey, the Spring Semester 2018 Professional Development Day is set for Monday, February 19, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding around 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** All faculty and staff are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. The theme for the day is "Innovate, Motivate, Educate: Navigating through a River of Change." Refreshments will be available throughout the day, and lunch will be provided. Jody Horntvedt of U of M Extension will offer the keynote address and facilitate the staff sessions in the afternoon. David Langley from the Center of Educational Innovation at UMTC will lead the afternoon faculty sessions. Following is the schedule for the day.

8 to 8:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast/social gathering - Bede Ballroom

8:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Canvas faculty workshops, led by OIT staff Susan Tade, Scott Krenz - Bede

Ann Fandrey presentation software slide workshop for faculty and staff - Prairie Room

10:45 to 11 a.m. - Break

11 am. to Noon - Keynote by Jody Horntvedt - Bede

Noon to 1:15 p.m. - Lunch – Bede

1:15 to 1:30 p.m. - Bede divided into two work areas

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Staff session led by Jody Horntvedt - Bede ABCDE

Faculty session lead by David Langley - Bede ABCDF

**The University of Minnesota's new administrative policy entitled Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Relationship Violence took effect on January 1, 2018.** The policy prohibits sexual misconduct and describes the University's sexual misconduct response processes and resources. The University is rolling out new training for all staff and faculty systemwide. The training will inform faculty and staff about University policies, how to intervene and support those affected, and responsibilities as bystanders and representatives of the University community. Learn more at [www.safe-u.umn.edu/prevention-training](http://www.safe-u.umn.edu/prevention-training).

#### **Academic Affairs –**

**The peer tutoring program in the Academic Success Center has been re-certified by the College Reading and Learning Association.** As a Stage II, Level I Center, the Academic Success Center's peer tutoring program is now certified for the next three years. Contact Stacie Varnson, director, Academic Success Center, for more information.

#### **Student Affairs –**

**Spoken word artist Ebony Stewart will perform at UMC on Wednesday, February 7, at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** Stewart has been active in the central Texas slam poetry scene and theater community for over a decade. In 2015, she debuted her one-woman show, "Hunger," for which she won a B. Iden Payne Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a drama and received the David Mark Cohen New Play Award. Her performance is sponsored by Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (SPACE) and is free to all UMC students.

**Author and civil rights activist Maggie Harrison Lowery will speak at the U of M Crookston in honor of Black History Month as the featured speaker during Thursday Commons on February 15 at noon in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** The event is free and open to the public. In 1965, at the age of 13, Lowery took part in the historic Civil Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. She got to know the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as he often stopped by her father's general store in northern Lowndes County in Alabama. In the decades since, the impact King had on her is profound, as she's chosen to spend her life involved in education and diversity issues. The author of the book *Pressing My Way Throughout America*, Lowery is a social scientist, artist, and educator who has traveled across America working in the areas of social services and education. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

#### **Admissions –**

**U of M Crookston admissions staff members are scheduled at the following high schools, 2-year colleges, and events for recruitment purposes.**

Wednesday, February 7 - 23rd Annual River Watch Forum, Grand Forks, N.D.

Monday, February 12 - Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Minn.  
Tuesday, February 13 - High School Visits at Cavalier and Grafton, N.D.  
Tuesday, February 13 - Pine Technical and Community College, Pine City, Minn.  
Wednesday, February 14 - Transfer Fair, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead, Minn.  
Wednesday, February 14 - High School Visits at Fargo South, N.D. and Upsala, Minn.  
Wednesday, February 14 - Melrose Career and College Fair, Melrose, Minn.  
Thursday, February 15 - Ridgewater College, Hutchinson, Minn.  
Thursday, February 15 - Clearbrook-Gonvick College & Career Fair  
Friday, February 16 - Ridgewater College, Willmar, Minn.  
Wednesday, February 21 - St. Cloud Technical and Community College Transfer Fair

### **Facilities & Operations –**

**Renovation construction has begun for the Center for Collaborative Research in 107 and 115 Sahlstrom Conference Center (the area formerly known as the Epicurean Room and the associated kitchen).** This will involve creating a work zone on the north side of Sahlstrom. During construction the fire lane will be reduced to one lane, and there will be periods when noise will result from cutting and drilling into concrete. The contractor will attempt to schedule this work either early in the morning or in the evening, but there will be noise associated with the construction during the course of the business day. Part of the project involves running new exhaust duct work for the lab. This duct work will run down the central corridor of Sahlstrom, so traffic may be limited to one side of the hallway for a period of time as well.

### **Technology Support Services –**

**UMC Academic Technology Support Services has secured an institutional registration for the virtual conference “Transforming the Teaching & Learning Environment” presented by University of Idaho’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.** During the week of Monday, February 12, through Friday, February 23, 60 live one-hour sessions will be available to UMC faculty and staff. These sessions will be available online from office or home, and they also will be streamed live in 141 Kiehle Building for those who wish to attend with colleagues. A conference schedule is available at [www.uidaho.edu/academics/dee/virtual-conference/schedule](http://www.uidaho.edu/academics/dee/virtual-conference/schedule). For more information, contact Debi Race, Nate Visconti, or Amy Lubarski.

### **Development & Alumni Relations –**

**The annual NWSA and U of M Crookston Alumni Arizona Social will be held Friday, February 16, at Apache Wells Country Club, 5601 E Hermosa Vista Drive, in Mesa, Arizona.** The 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. event includes lunch at 12:15 p.m. for \$15 per person, payable at the door. Reservations may be made with Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8401 or [sdwyer@umn.edu](mailto:sdwyer@umn.edu) by February 9.

**The Alumni Brew Bash Tour is back in Arizona on Saturday, February 17, at Four Peaks Brewing Company, 1340 E 8th Street #104, Tempe, Arizona, from 4 to 6 p.m.** During the event, U of M Crookston women’s and men’s basketball will be live-streamed. All are welcome. Contact Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8401 or [sdwyer@umn.edu](mailto:sdwyer@umn.edu) to RSVP.

## Athletics –

**The University of Minnesota Crookston football program will host a Signing Day Party on Wednesday, February 7, at 6 p.m. at the Crookston Eagles Club. Everyone is welcome.** Head Coach Mark Dufner and his staff will discuss their recruiting philosophy and announce the new student-athletes who have signed on to join the Golden Eagle Football Team for fall 2018. The social will begin at 6 p.m., with the program commencing at 6:30 p.m.

**The U of M Crookston men's and women's basketball programs, in conjunction with the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, will host Basketball Alumni Day on Saturday, February 10.** The Golden Eagles host conference rival Minnesota State University Moorhead that evening. The women's basketball game will begin at 4 p.m. and the men's game at 6 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium. All alumni will be recognized between the women's and men's basketball games. In addition, an alumni social will be held following the games at I.C. Muggs, 1500 University Ave., Crookston. RSVP to Kamilie Meyer, [kmwahlin@crk.umn.edu](mailto:kmwahlin@crk.umn.edu), 218-281-8423.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston volleyball program will host the second of a pair of volleyball camps for grades 12 and under on Sunday, February 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the UMC Sports Center.** Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per camper. Skills training will focus on passing, setting, serving, attacking, along with competitions and play. Contact Anna Morgan at [amorgan@crk.umn.edu](mailto:amorgan@crk.umn.edu), 218-281-8410.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball program will host three youth baseball camps over a two-day period February 18 and 19 in the UMC Sports Center.** The first camp, a Baseball Pitching/Catching Camp (for Grades 7-12), will take place Sunday, February 18, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$75 per camper. The second camp, a Baseball Hitting/Defense Camp (for Grades 7-12), will be held Sunday, February 18, from 1 to 5 p.m., and will cost \$75 per camper. A Baseball Kids Camp (for Grades K-6), will be held Monday, February 19, from 8 a.m. to Noon in the Sports Center for \$25 per camper. For more information, contact Head Baseball Coach Steve Gust, [sjgust@umn.edu](mailto:sjgust@umn.edu), or Assistant Coach Taylor Steen, [tsteen@umn.edu](mailto:tsteen@umn.edu).

## Accolades & Achievements –

A number of students were recognized with awards at the **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ag Arama**, held on campus on Saturday, January 27. This year's event was dedicated to **Assistant Professor Paul Aakre**, and the theme for the day was "Never Going Outta Style." Royalty crowned included **Prince Paul Hendrickx**, a freshman majoring in agricultural education from Menahga, Minn.; **Princess Amber Johnson**, a sophomore communication major from Sebeka, Minn.; **Queen Ashley Rohr**, a senior agronomy major from Long Prairie, Minn.; and **King Logan Milligan**, a senior majoring in agricultural business from New York Mills, Minn. **Whitney Fenna**, a sophomore majoring in agricultural business from Foley, Minn., earned the Round Robin Showmanship Award, and **Ashley Rohr** was honored with the True Grit Award. The most coveted of all awards presented at Ag Arama, the True Grit Award is dedicated to Todd Opsahl, an active student in 1973-74.

**The final sessions of a special, year-long program were held recently, and twelve faculty members completed the UMC Leads program.** Developed in response to feedback received through the 2015 Employee Engagement (E2) survey on the Crookston campus, the program was designed to create a culture of leadership by assisting faculty in the development of leadership skills, capacity, and readiness so they are positioned to move their programs, department, and the campus forward. Congratulations to faculty members **Katy Chapman, Brian Dingmann, Heidi Guggisberg-Coners, Oxana Wieland, Megan Kragness, Kara Bowen, Grace Menze, Venu Mukku, Rob Proulx, Ranjit Riar, Margot Rudstrom, and Kristie Walker.**

## Research, Publications, Presentations & Conferences

**The University of Minnesota Crookston recently held a release party for the 2017 issue of *Inspired*, a creative writing and art journal.** Submissions for the journal include original fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, and other visual artwork. The latest edition of the journal, which was first published in 2010 and annually since then, contains contributions from more than 20 U of M Crookston students, faculty, and staff. For more information, contact Allison Haas, coordinator, Writing Center, 270 Owen Hall.

**The University of Minnesota Systemwide Conference on Community-Engaged Research and Teaching will be held Thursday, March 1, at Coffman Memorial Union on the Twin Cities campus.** The conference will offer more than 80 concurrent sessions on ways in which scholars and students across the U of M system are addressing society's most intractable issues through community-engaged scholarship and teaching. All members of the University across all campuses are invited for a robust set of discussions and conversations on the U's public engagement efforts. Conference registration before Monday, February 26, is \$35 for faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners; free for University of Minnesota students. Late and walk-in registration is \$70 for faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners; \$30 for University of Minnesota students. Register online at <https://learning.umn.edu/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&entityId=10929560>.

**This fall, the University of Minnesota will co-host the 19th annual conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, an international association devoted to advancing the role of community-engaged scholarship in higher education.** The theme of the conference, to be held September 30 through October 3 in Minneapolis, is "Transforming Higher Education through Engaged Scholarship." **The deadline for submitting conference proposals is March 16.** Learn more at <https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/esc-2018-meeting>.

## Campus & Community

**Jeffrey Smith, Ph.D., will perform a one-man show in character as the Scottish-American entrepreneur and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie on Sunday, February 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Building, 120 North Ash Street, in Crookston.** The performance is free and open to the public. Light snacks will be provided. Smith is a professor of history at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. Industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie built more than 2,500 libraries including libraries in the United States, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Canada, and others. The performance, sponsored by UMC's Academic Success Center and the Polk County Historical Society, is intended to promote study abroad to Scotland and Ireland and bring campus and community together. **A second performance will take place on Monday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library Building, 102 1st Street East, Thief River Falls, Minn.** For more information about the event, contact Stacie Varnson at 218-281-8555 or Kristina Gray at 218-281-8256. Learn more at [www.crk.umn.edu/news/philanthropist-andrew-carnegie-comes-life](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news/philanthropist-andrew-carnegie-comes-life).

**The U of M Crookston Jazz Band will host its annual Sweetheart Valentine Dance on Wednesday, February 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** The performance is free and open to the public. The Jazz Band will play Swing-era dance music. Singles and couples are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to purchase their favorite treats at the UMC Eagles Nest which will be open until 7 p.m. that evening.

**The U of M Crookston Black Student Association (BSA) and the Crookston Public Library will partner to host a reading and cultural excursion "Kuja Kusoma Na Sisi -- Come Read With Us!" on Saturday, February 17, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash St., Crookston.** African, African American, and multicultural students from UMC will work to capture the imagination of children as they take them on a reading journey to far and distant countries via African and African American books and storytelling. All are welcome.

**The Crookston Student Association (CSA) invited several legislators to campus on Monday, January 29. Senator Mark Johnson (District 01), Senator Paul Utke (District 02), and Representative Deb Kiel (District 01B) attended a student forum at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom.** Following introductions, students had the opportunity to ask questions of the legislators on a range of topics and to share their concerns.

## **University of Minnesota System**

**In mid-January, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton announced his capital infrastructure bonding recommendations for the 2018 session.** These recommended capital projects reflect infrastructure needs across the state, from state agencies to local governments to higher education facilities. In his recommendations, he included nearly \$300 million for the University of Minnesota. The statewide total of the governor's recommendations is \$1.5 billion. U of M President Kaler joined Minnesota Management and Budget Commissioner Myron Frans at a January 16 press conference, and the University submitted a statement in response to the governor's recommendations (see <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/governors-support-u-ms-full-request-highlights-impact-higher-education>). It's notable that the total for the governor's recommendations is actually higher than amount of the University's requests. The governor's list of recommendations is a first step in the process leading to a capital investment bonding bill. The House and Senate will release their own recommendations during the 2018 session, which begins on February 20. The different versions must then be negotiated and signed into law.

**Learn more about the University's 2018 capital request** at [www.government-relations.umn.edu](http://www.government-relations.umn.edu).

**View a financial breakdown of the University's capital request** at [www.government-relations.umn.edu/sites/government-relations.umn.edu/files/2018\\_capital\\_proposals.pdf](http://www.government-relations.umn.edu/sites/government-relations.umn.edu/files/2018_capital_proposals.pdf).

**Download a PDF map of the University's impact across the state** at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2KU8w8dqS\\_hcmMzNGhfUEowazF6V3doZjFNQ243S3ZnemRj/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2KU8w8dqS_hcmMzNGhfUEowazF6V3doZjFNQ243S3ZnemRj/view).

**View information about the governor's 2018 proposed capital budget** at [www.mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/current/](http://www.mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/current/).

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