



U of M Crookston Campus E-Update

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From the Chancellor



We are all saddened by the passing of Jodee (Amiot) Chouinard, who worked for Dining Services. She was such a vibrant and giving person. Her tribute wall is a testament to the impact she had on so many students and all of us in the UMC family. Like many of you, Jodee quietly and unselfishly gave energy and passion to our students. Thank you, Jodee for your gift to us. And thanks to all of you for the impact you make on the lives of others every day. Each one of us leaves a legacy one act of kindness at a time.

Nature has never let us down. And spring has always come. So one of these mornings we will wake up, it will be warm, and the snow will be melted. Our campus will move into high gear as we begin to prepare for the end of the academic year and the many events and celebrations with our students that take place in April leading up to Commencement on May 5. The Commencement Committee has been planning, and they have some tweaks in store to build upon our traditions and ceremonies. Plan to attend Campus Assembly on Thursday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom to learn more. I'll provide an update at that meeting as well, and we will discuss our revised and finalized mission, vision, and values statements. I hope to see you there.

Thursday, April 5, will be a busy afternoon as Regents McMillan, Anderson, and Powell will be here on campus. They will hold an open forum for students, faculty, and staff from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom C,D,E. This is your opportunity to have a dialogue with our elected Regents.

Regent Hsu will join them on Friday, April 6, along with President Kaler, for inauguration. You've heard me talk about legacies a number of times, and I want to share with you how honored I am to serve as chancellor for this fine university. UMC truly is a treasure, and I am humbled to have the opportunity work with you all as we move forward. Please join me on Friday at noon in Kiehle Auditorium for the ceremony, followed by the reception afterward in Sargeant Student Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thank you to those who have served on the inauguration planning committee: Brenda Bozyk, Brandy Chaffee, Dave Danforth, Sue Dwyer, George French, Justin Kaderlik, Paige Stallard, co-chair Andrew Svec, Elizabeth Tollefson, Rose Ulseth, and co-chair Chris Winjum. I offer my thanks to all who have been a part of the related work. Many hours of planning and effort have gone into this day when we celebrate our university and its enduring legacy. I am deeply indebted to you for your hard work to make the day a special one for me and the entire UMC community.

Mary Holz-Clause
Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Grad Fest, Wednesday, April 4 – 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, all graduating seniors are encouraged to attend

2018 International Dinner Series Grand Finale, Wednesday, April 4 – 5 p.m. displays from various countries, Northern Lights Lounge; 6 p.m. dinner followed by program, Bede Ballroom, tickets in advance only, contact Rae French at rfrench@umn.edu or 218-281-8339

Thursday Commons: Spring Semester 2018 Campus Assembly Meeting, Thursday, April 5 – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom

U of M Board of Regents Open Forum for Students, Faculty, and Staff, Thursday, April 5 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, rooms C,D,E

Current Student and Alumni Conversations with Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause – 9 to 10 a.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall, open to all

Classes will be excused beginning at 11:30 a.m. through and until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 6, to allow students, faculty, and staff to attend the Inauguration Ceremonies of Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause

Inauguration of Mary Holz-Clause as the Sixth Chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston, Friday, April 6 – Noon to 1:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public, classes excused from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Inauguration Reception for Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause, Friday, April 6 – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) and UMC Honors Program Host the 8th Annual Pi Run, Saturday, April 7 – 8:30 a.m. registration, 9:30 a.m. Slice of Pi kids run begins, 10 a.m. 5k and 10k begin, Highland School, 801 Central Avenue North, Crookston, registration is \$25 online (closes April 4 at midnight), \$35 day of race

Support the U Day at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., Tuesday, April 10 – 7:30 a.m. bus leaves UMC, 1 p.m. arrival at the Capitol, 1:30 p.m. rally in the Rotunda, 2-4 p.m. students meet with legislators, 4 p.m. ice cream social, 11:30 p.m. bus arrives back at UMC

New Student Registration Day, Tuesday, April 10 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Retirement Reception for Associate Professor Marsha Odom, Thursday, April 12 – 3 to 4:30 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center, all are welcome

College Town Forum for UMC Students, Thursday, April 12 – 6:30 to 8 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, open to the public

New Student Registration Day, Friday, April 13 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Music on Monday featuring Lacey Caroline, Monday, April 16 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, free

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, or review UMC's news page at 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



With hints of spring in the air, senior **Abby Garin** is excited to graduate but maybe even more excited to head back to the track. It has been part of her spring routine since she was 15 years old. For the animal science major from Andover, Minn., racing fever is something of a family legacy. Her grandfather and father have a history in the sport, and Garin grew up at the racetrack. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/abbygarin.

Faculty/Staff Arrivals and Departures



Assistant Football Coach Levi Bullerman has resigned, effective March 8, to take an assistant football coach position at SMSU. Bullerman served five seasons (2013-2017) as an assistant coach for the Golden Eagles. He is a graduate of SMSU, and as a student he was a starting linebacker and team captain (2009) for the SMSU Mustangs.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs -

The spring semester 2018 meeting of the U of M Crookston Campus Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 5, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. In addition to the various standard reports, Chancellor Holz-Clause will address the group, and the revised campus mission, vision, and values statements will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. The agenda for the meeting as well as minutes from the fall 2017 meeting are available online at www.crk.umn.edu/committees-organizations/campus-assembly.

Members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents will hold an open forum for students, faculty, and staff on Thursday, April 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, rooms C,D,E. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend and to ask questions. Regents scheduled to take part in the forum include David McMillan, Thomas Anderson, and Kendall Powell.

Ceremonies for the inauguration of Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D., as the sixth chancellor for the University of Minnesota Crookston are set for Friday, April 6, at noon in Kiehle Auditorium. *Classes will be excused*

beginning at 11:30 a.m. that day through and until 2 p.m. to allow students, faculty, and staff to attend.

Faculty and staff who plan on taking part in the procession should assemble at 11:30 a.m. with their academic regalia in 236 Kiehle Building, the 2nd floor music classroom. **A reception will follow the ceremony from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center.** All faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the public are invited to attend the inauguration and reception as guests of the campus in celebration of this historic event.

Academic Affairs -



The Liberal Arts & Education Department will host a retirement reception for Associate Professor Marsha Odom on Thursday, April 12, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. All are welcome. Marsha has been a member of the UMC campus community since the fall of 1987. Most recently, she has taught courses in elementary and early childhood education. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Student Affairs -

Grad Fest will be held on Wednesday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. All graduating seniors are encouraged to attend in order to receive important information regarding the process of graduation and related services. Grad Fest is sponsored by UMC Career Development, the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, UMC Bookstore, Technology Support Services, the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, University Relations, and the Office of the Registrar.

New Student Registration Days for fall semester 2018 are scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, and Friday, April 13. Each day will follow a similar schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Check-in
- 9:15 a.m. - Welcome, Bede Ballroom
- 9:30 a.m. - First Year Experience Courses, Bede Ballroom
- 9:35 a.m. - Financial Aid/Business Office Session, Bede Ballroom

Students

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Registration by Department - Bede Ballroom and Prairie Room (Student Success Fair, U-Card Photos)

Parents/Family Members – Bede Ballroom

- 10 a.m. - Health and Safety
- 10:30 a.m. - UMC Trivia
- 11 a.m. - Residential Life and Transportation Info Session
- 11:30 a.m. - Parent Q&A

- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch by ticket in Brown Dining (students and families)
- 1:15 p.m. - Closing Remarks, Bede Ballroom
- 1:30 p.m. - Campus Tours departing from Northern Lights Lounge



The University of Minnesota System's Support the U Day will be held Tuesday, April 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn. A delegation of students from the Crookston campus, including members of the Crookston Student Association, will travel to the Capitol to join students from all five U of M campuses. A bus will leave UMC's Sargeant Student Center at 7:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 11:30 p.m. All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are welcome to take part in this event, which aims to garner and show support for state investment in the U of M System. Learn more and register online at <https://advocates.umn.edu/content/support-u-day-2018>.



The Music on Monday Series will continue on April 16 with a performance by Lacey Caroline from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. The performance is free and open to all. New Jersey? Tomboy? Those are not exactly the first words that come to mind when someone says "Country," but that's exactly what makes Lacey Caroline different from the rest. She embodies the American Dream of a hometown girl with the grit and the guts to fight to the top of country music. While she may have grown her roots in the Garden State of New Jersey, she comes with a voice and heart as big as Texas. Learn more at www.laceycaroline.com.

Admissions -

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

Minnesota Association of Counselors of Color (MnACC) College Fairs

- Monday, April 16, Highland Park HS, St. Paul
- Monday, April 16, Patrick Henry HS, Minneapolis
- Tuesday, April 17, Southwest HS, Minneapolis
- Tuesday, April 17, Roosevelt HS, Minneapolis
- Wednesday, April 18, Washington Technology HS, St. Paul
- Wednesday, April 18, Como Park HS, St. Paul
- Wednesday, April 18, Hiawatha Collegiate, Minneapolis
- Thursday, April 19, Humboldt HS, St. Paul
- Thursday, April 19, Cooper HS, New Hope
- Friday, April 20, North HS, Minneapolis
- Friday, April 20, Fridley HS, Minneapolis

Learn more about MnACC at <https://mnacc.org>.

International Programs -

The 2018 International Dinner Series Grand Finale will take place Wednesday evening, April 4. Beginning at 5 p.m. displays from various countries will be available for viewing in Northern Lights Lounge. At 6 p.m. the dinner will be served (menu included Scotch eggs and salad, corn brisket with bubble and squeak potatoes and cabbage, and fresh fruit sabayon) followed by a program, both in Bede Ballroom. Tickets in advance only, contact Rae French at rfrench@umn.edu or 218-281-8339.

Human Resources -

Results from the 2017 Employee Engagement (E2) Survey for the Crookston campus are now available online at the UMC Human Resources website, www.crk.umn.edu/units/human-resources (click on the “+” on the Employee Engagement (E2) Survey accordion tab). Department and unit leaders are encouraged to meet with their supervisees to discuss the results at a unit level. For more information, contact Les Johnson, director, Human Resources, at ljumc@umn.edu or 218-281-8345.

Melissa Unruh, an employee benefits counselor for the University of Minnesota, will be on the Crookston campus on Friday, April 13. The schedule is open for those faculty and staff members who haven't had an opportunity to meet with a benefits counselor in previous years. The meetings are designed to provide information to new employees or employees experiencing life events for the first time and have questions regarding the University's UPlan, dental plans, disability insurance coverage, retirement plans, etc. Employees who are retiring in 2018 and have previously met with a benefits counselor are encouraged to contact Melissa directly to set up a phone appointment or to check in. Contact Bridget Steffes, human resource generalist, at 218-281-8346 or bsteffes@umn.edu to schedule an individual meeting to discuss specific benefits questions. Individual meetings will be held in 308 Selvig Hall.

Development & Alumni Relations -

Prior to inauguration ceremonies, the Office of Development & Alumni Relations will host **Current Student and Alumni Conversations with Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause on Friday, April 6, for 9 to 10 a.m. in Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall.** All are welcome. Each of the four academic departments will be represented by a current student, an alum, or both.



All UMC employees and members of the local community are cordially invited to attend the **2018 UMC Teambacker Fun Nite on Friday, April 27, at the Crookston Eagles Club.** This maroon and gold spirited event raises funds to support U of M Crookston Athletics. *You do not need to be a member of Teambackers to attend.* Tickets are \$50 and include food, snacks, and entertainment by the band Four Wheel Drive. The event will boast its traditional Fun Nite games of chance, silent and live auctions, and new games. A cash bar will also be available. Purchase tickets from Derek Martin, 218-281-8436, derekm@umn.edu, or from any Teambacker board member. Every dollar raised by the UMC Teambackers organization goes to support student-athlete scholarships and Golden Eagle Athletics special initiatives.

University Relations -



The Crookston Campus-Community Connection (C4) and University Relations will host the **annual College Town Forum on Thursday, April 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Bede Ballroom.** All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend as are community members interested in creating a dialogue with students. Refreshments will be served, and there will be door prizes. Join us.



Golden Eagle football player Rod Stewart, a junior health sciences major from Fort Worth, Texas, has been named a 2017 Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-America Honorable Mention pick. He is the first player for the Minnesota Crookston football program to earn post-season All-American honors since R.J. Rollins was an Honorable Mention All-America pick in 2004. Stewart is the eighth player in the program's history as a four-year institution to earn All-American honors. He led the league in all-purpose yardage and was second in the conference in kick return average with 28.3 yards per return. He ended the season 18th in the nation for kickoff returns.



Jill Willson, former DII head coach and athletic director, made a campus visit on Thursday, March 29, to advise and promote NCAA Division II Athletics. While on campus, she met with the Chancellor's Cabinet, staff members of the Golden Eagles Athletics Department, and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Willson has worked with other NSIC schools and is very familiar with the NSIC competitive picture.

Accolades & Achievements

The University of Minnesota Crookston has been ranked among the top 10 "Best Colleges for Returning Adults in Minnesota" for 2018 by College Factual, an online educational resource. The "non-traditional" student label refers to any student that falls outside the norm of first-time, full-time students under the age of 25. Included in this label are part-time students, transfer students, as well as adults heading back to school after an absence, or going for the first time. **Additionally, the U of M Crookston is ranked #109 out of a total of 1,165 colleges and universities evaluated in the U.S. in providing quality education to non-traditional students.** This puts UMC in the top 10% of colleges and universities ideal for returning adults or non-traditional students. College Factual's rankings include both traditional universities with distance learning programs as well as primarily online institutions. For more information, follow the links below to the respective ranking lists.



- **"Best Colleges for Returning Adults in Minnesota"** (UMC at #10)
www.collegefactual.com/rankings/non-traditional/the-plains-states/minnesota/
- **"Best Colleges for Returning Adults – Nationwide"** (UMC at #109)
www.collegefactual.com/rankings/non-traditional/p11.html



Megan Kragnes, M.S., lecturer, Business Department, has successfully passed the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certified Professional (SHRM-CP®) certification exam. This rigorous examination assesses an individual's expertise in four human resources knowledge domains: people, organization, workplace, and strategy. Additionally, situational judgment questions test comprehension and the ability to apply knowledge of eight behavioral competencies: leadership and navigation, business acumen, ethical practice, relationship management, consultation, critical evaluation, global and cultural effectiveness, and communication.

Research, Publications, Presentations & Conferences

Still trying to decide if you'll be able to join your fellow innovators at the Higher Education Innovation Summit June 6-8 at the University of Minnesota Rochester? To help you make that decision, the full agenda is now available at www.r.umn.edu/summit. Keynotes for this event include Freeman A. Hrabowski, president of University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Randy Bass, vice provost for education and professor of English at Georgetown University; and Stephen Lehmkuhle, founding chancellor of the University of Minnesota Rochester. Registration is \$340 and available online at <https://learning.umn.edu/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&entityId=9060779>.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Crookston Students for Sustainable Development (CSSD) will host an information session on cloth vs. disposable diapers on Tuesday, April 3, at 5:45 p.m. in the Early Childhood Development Center, located north of the Kiehle Building and UMC Library. The session is free and open to the public. Attendees can discover ways to save money and time as well as to reduce waste. The session will feature a panel of moms who used cloth diapers every day and have saved thousands of dollars.



Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) will host the seventh annual Pi Run on Saturday, April 7. The run starts at Highland School, 801 Central Avenue North, Crookston, Minn. Races include the 3.14 mile "Pi Run/Walk" (a distance roughly equal to 5 kilometers) and the 6.28 mile "2Pi Run" (approximately 10k). Prior to the Pi Run, there will be a "Slice of Pi" kids run which is approximately one-half mile. The schedule for the morning begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration at the Highland School. The Slice of Pi kids run will start at 9:30 a.m., and the 5k and 10k start at 10 a.m. Participants may register on the day of the race; registration is \$25 online (closes April 4 at midnight), \$35 day of race. Learn more and pre-register online at <http://theirrationalrace.com/registration-3/>. ALD is an honor society at the University of Minnesota Crookston for students who have earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average and are in the top 20% of their class during their first year or term of higher education.



Campus & Community

The Crookston Area Chamber and Visitors Bureau will host a leadership series of four sessions titled "Working Together within the Organization: Creating Alliances That Last." The sessions, led by Level 5 Services, will be held on Thursdays in April (5, 12, 19, 26) from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Crookston Cobblestone Hotel & Suites. Registration cost is \$65 per person for Chamber and Young Professionals members; \$80 for others. Cash or check payments will be accepted and food will be provided. Register online at www.visitcrookston.com/events.

University of Minnesota System

At its March meeting held in Rochester, the U of M Board of Regents heard the annual report of student representatives--a cohort of eight undergraduate and graduate students from across the University system. This annual report provides the board with perspective on the issues and concerns of students. Regents also toured the Rochester campus, attending a poster session of first-year undergraduate research projects and

visiting laboratories, interactive classrooms, and student housing. Additionally, the board officially welcomed UMR Chancellor Lori Carrell, who began her tenure as the second chancellor of UMR in February. Learn more at www.twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/regents-hear-annual-report-student-representatives.

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