



U of M Crookston Campus E-Update

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Editor's Note: with this edition of E-Update, we move to the summer publication schedule of one edition per month for May, June, and July.

From the Chancellor

As we approach the end of the academic year, I have been struck by how these final weeks are filled with many celebrations and events. While there are far too many to mention here, I want to highlight three that cause me to reflect on our purpose. The first is the recent Student Awards Program. It is a great pleasure to see so many students recognized, and I am always so impressed by their service to others and their many academic achievements. It is inspirational to watch their pursuit of excellence, and it reminds me of the importance of providing them with a myriad of opportunities to find their passions during their time at UMC. This wonderful event concluded with the students presenting awards to faculty and staff members, and I want to congratulate these recipients as awards from students are often the most meaningful.

It is also always enjoyable to watch student performances in whatever venue, or as I like to say, to see "students being students." This might be a student giving a research presentation, running a meeting, or participating in a play, an athletic event, or a musical performance. The latter was the case when the UMC Community Band and UMC Choir recently performed, offering our community a wonderful concert. Under the direction of George French and TJ Chapman, our students played and sang beautifully while also having great fun. These events remind me of the important task we have of helping our students find and develop their talents in so many dimensions during their time with us.

The final student celebration of the year is, of course, commencement. For any college campus it is the big event of the year because it serves as the culmination of our efforts and most symbolically represents our purpose. This year's event is especially notable since it is our 20th anniversary baccalaureate commencement, and it will be our largest graduating class ever! While I would argue that all education is valuable, earning a bachelor's degree is a very meaningful point in our students' lives, as well as in the lives of their family and friends. I have the great pleasure of congratulating the students as they walk across the stage and am able to see first-hand their joy and pride. I truly hope that each faculty and staff member at UMC can share in that pride and satisfaction.

Events such as these cannot occur without a committed and dedicated staff and faculty. Each of us plays an important role in helping our students reach this very significant milestone in their lives. We help them find their passions and successes by supporting them in many ways—making them feel welcome, serving as mentors, guiding and reinforcing their learning, providing them with wonderful cared-for facilities, helping them in times of need, and in innumerable other important ways. Thank you again for all you have done for our students and for another successful academic year at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Sincerely,

Fred Wood
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Final Exams, Tuesday, May 6, through Friday, May 9

Grad Dance 2014, Friday, May 9 – 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Crookston Eagles Club, \$5 per person and free to members of the Class of 2014, open to all students, faculty, staff, family, and friends

Commencement Ceremonies for the Class of 2014, Saturday, May 10 – reception for online students 9 to 11 a.m.; pre-ceremony reception for all 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sargeant Student Center; commencement ceremonies begin at 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center; reception for international grads 4 p.m., Bede Ballroom

Campus Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m., Saturday, May 10

First Day of May Session Classes, Monday, May 12

Faculty and Staff Awards Day Lunch and Celebration, Tuesday, May 13 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

9-Month Faculty and Staff Appointments End, Sunday, May 18

New Student Registration Day, Friday, May 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in in Sargeant Student Center

Graduation Ceremonies for the Crookston High School Class of 2014, Friday, May 23 – 7 to 9:30 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 26 – classes excused, campus offices closed

Last Day of May Session Classes, Friday, May 30

College in the High School (CIHS) Annual Workshop, Monday, June 2 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

NW AHEC Hosts “Camps-2-Careers” Health Careers Exploration Camp, Tuesday, June 3, through Thursday, June 5 – check-in Tuesday, June 3, 11 a.m. at 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 <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news>.

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via *Brief*: www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief.

Around Campus

Commencement –

A special reception for online graduates will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. All faculty and staff members who work with online students are encouraged to attend. The event is hosted by the Center for Adult Learning.

The pre-ceremony reception for the Class of 2014 will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sargeant Student Center. The entire campus community and family and friends of graduates are encouraged to attend and wish the graduates well. During the reception, a number of students working with faculty on research projects will be available to discuss their research at a poster display on the second floor of Sargeant Student Center near the Leadership Room. The doors to Lysaker Gymnasium will open at 1 p.m.

An outside photographer has been contracted to take individual and small group photos of graduates from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in rooms A and B of Bede Ballroom. A few weeks after the ceremony, a proof of these photos and an order form will be e-mailed to each graduate. At that time, they may order photos from the photo studio.

Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2014 begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, in Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center. The honorable **Regent Clyde Allen** will confer degrees on behalf of the U of M Board of Regents. U of M Crookston alumnus **Tyler Grove '94**, currently an agricultural strategy development manager for American Crystal Sugar Company, will give the commencement address. Graduating senior **Alexmai Addo**, Crookston Student Association (CSA) president, will speak on behalf of the Class of 2014. This event marks the 106th graduating class since the very first in 1909 (under the banner of the Northwest School of Agriculture), the 47th graduating class as an institution of higher learning, and the 21st graduating class as a baccalaureate university. It also marks the 20th anniversary of the granting of the first bachelors degrees at UMC.

A special reception for international student graduates will be held on Saturday, May 10, immediately following commencement ceremonies in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. All are welcome. The reception is hosted by UMC Office of International Programs.

Administrative Affairs –

All faculty and staff, including UMC, NWROC, and Extension, are encouraged to attend the **annual Faculty & Staff Awards Day Lunch and Celebration** on Tuesday, May 13, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Various acknowledgements and awards will be presented during the program following lunch including years of service, retirements, and departures, the Distinguished Teaching Award, the Distinguished Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Award, the Distinguished P & A Award, the Outstanding Service Learning Faculty Award, the Outstanding Community Service Award, the Students with Disabilities Support Award, and the Builders of Diversity Award.

Academic Affairs –

The June 1, 2014, deadline for UMC to submit its first **AQIP Systems Portfolio** is approaching. The Systems Portfolio addresses key processes, results, and improvements in nine categories. **Draft responses for all nine categories are posted at www.umcrookston.edu/aqip.** Feedback is sought on these draft responses. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to read the drafts and submit suggestions and corrections by May 10 using the web feedback form posted on the site. Readers need not worry about minor editorial issues as Nancy Shay will edit the final copy for all nine categories. For more information about the Systems Portfolio, contact Sue Erickson, director of institutional effectiveness.

APLUS training for faculty and staff will take place on Monday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in 207 Dowell Hall. Register via e-mail with Ken Myers, kmyers@umn.edu. APLUS is specifically designed to provide academic advisors key information about advisees in one spot. It will provide color-coded alerts and warnings, an area to post advising notes, follow-up reminders, and much more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their computers.

Student Affairs & Enrollment Management –

UMC residence halls will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. All residents are expected to move out by this time. The Office of Residential Life has long-term summer rentals available over summer break in Skyberg and Centennial Hall for those students who will take classes, work, or who simply want to live on campus. Contact Residential Life for more details at umcrlife@umn.edu.

A New Student Registration Day is set for Friday, May 23. The day's schedule begins with a welcome session at 9:45 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. U-Card photos, information sessions, meetings and registration with academic advisors are scheduled throughout the morning, with lunch and campus tours rounding out the day through 2 p.m. Other Scheduled New Student Registration Dates include Friday, June 13; Monday, June 16; Thursday, June 19; Friday, June 20; Monday, June 23; and Friday, July 25.

Development & Alumni Relations –

Grad Dance 2014 featuring the music of DJ Jesse Adelman of Fubonic Productions will be held Friday, May 9, from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Crookston Eagles Club, 105 S. Broadway in Crookston. This event is open to all students, faculty, staff, family, and friends. Admission is \$5 per person and free to members of the class of 2014.

The latest edition of University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni e-News is available online at www.umcrookston.edu/alumni/enews/2014/20140502.htm. Three issues are published annually with the timing of the issues event-driven. The newsletter is intended to provide information while continuing relationships with alumni of the U of M Crookston and the Northwest School of Agriculture.

Athletics –

The UMC Athletics Department recognized distinguished athletics award recipients for the 2013-14 season during the University's Student Awards Night Thursday, April 24. UMC men's golfer **Matt McClure**, a junior from Grand Rapids, Minn., majoring in natural resources, was selected as the Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year. Women's basketball player **Katrina Moenkedick**, a sophomore from Perham, Minn., majoring in early childhood education, was the Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year. Baseball player **Jesse Jennings**, a junior from Robbinsdale, Minn., majoring in criminal justice, was named Male Student-Athlete of the Year, and women's golfer **Katie Sheetz**, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Minn., majoring in biology, was Female Student-Athlete of the Year. Men's basketball player **Tomas Parker**, a junior from Pequot Lakes, Minn., majoring in management, earned the Justin Knebel Memorial Award. **Additionally, 67 student athletes—an all-time campus record—earned NSIC All-Academic Team honors.** A full listing of athletics award winners is available at www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/4/28/GEN_0428140612.aspx.

The Golden Eagle Equestrian Team had two representatives at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Nationals, held May 1-4 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: **Emily Steeley**, a sophomore from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, majoring in equine science, and **Shannon Salm**, a junior from Larsen, Wisconsin, majoring in equine science. Steeley rode in "Individual Open Equitation over Fences" and came in eighth place out of the top 16 riders in the country. Salm faced the nation's top 12 riders in "Individual Novice Horsemanship" and ended her season with a strong 10th place finish.

To view all results and upcoming athletic events, visit www.goldeneaglesports.com.

University of Minnesota System

Over the last few weeks, Minnesota's House leadership, Senate leadership, and Governor Dayton have been negotiating budget and bonding targets. On Thursday, May 1, legislative leadership and the governor agreed the budgets targets would be \$293 million for the current biennium and \$838 million for FY 2016-17. They also agreed to include \$200 million in cash to fund capital investment projects. With targets in place, the Legislature will now be able to act on its supplemental finance and bonding bills. It is expected that the supplemental finance bill conference committee will reconcile differences in the House and Senate versions. **The Senate released its bonding bill on Monday, May 5, and it includes funding for the UMC Wellness Center at the full \$10 million amount.** (The Senate's bill may be viewed online at www.build.mn/spreadsheet.) President Kaler issued a statement in response to the Senate's bill: <http://discover.umn.edu/news/vision-leadership/university-minnesota-response-minnesota-senates-proposed-2014-bonding-bill>. Monday, May 19, is the constitutional deadline for the Minnesota Legislature's adjournment.

The Board of Regents will meet May 8-9. Regents will review President Kaler's proposed FY15 \$3.6 billion budget, which freezes tuition, cuts administrative costs, and invests in key academic priorities, and they will review the U's proposed FY15 capital improvement budget. The Board will also take comments from community members during a **May 9 public forum**.

Regents meeting: <http://discover.umn.edu/news/vision-leadership/may-board-meeting-preview>

Public forum: <http://discover.umn.edu/news/vision-leadership/fy15-public-budget-forum>

Data quality is critical to the **Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP)**, which is why collegiate and administrative units are working with the HRMS upgrade team to fix inaccurate or incomplete data and align all the U's HR data with the new system and processes. The benefits of data cleanup will extend

well beyond the upgrade, enabling automated workflows, improved reporting, and more targeted communication over the long term. [Learn more.](#)

<http://blog.upgrade.umn.edu/2014/05/data-cleanup-efforts-critical-to-hrms.html>

Campus and Community

The recent bone marrow registry drive resulted in 50 people—from both UMC and the local community—joining the bone marrow registry for Be the Match. UMC's Office of Community Engagement is very pleased with that number, as a significant amount of time was spent educating participants so that they could make very informed decisions.

Over the summer UMC will serve as the host site for a number of camps and conferences sponsored by University units as well as other organizations. Anyone looking for information about these events is encouraged to refer to the following online resource: www.umcrookston.edu/camps.

Accolades

Numerous awards were presented at the annual Student Awards Program on the evening of Thursday, April 24. **The top student awards, Man and Woman of the Year, went to Sean Rozell and Kayla Bellrichard.** Rozell is a graduating senior from Eveleth, Minn., majoring in management. Bellrichard is a graduating senior from Elk River, Minn., double majoring in management and marketing. Awards for faculty and staff selected by students included the following: **Outstanding Educator, Matt Simmons**, Ph.D., assistant professor, Agriculture & Natural Resources Dept.; **Most Supportive of Students, Lyle Westrom**, Ph.D., professor, Agriculture & Natural Resources Dept.; and **Outstanding Service to Students, Laura Bell**, lab services coordinator, Agriculture & Natural Resources Dept. For a full listing of awards presented, go to <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2014/05/student-awards-celebration-hel.html>.

As noted in the previous edition of E-Update, **UMC's teams took home the overall sweepstakes trophy for the four-year college division at the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) annual judging contest.** This is a feat UMC students have done 16 times in the past 21 years. A listing of individual and team accomplishments for the various students participating in the event is available at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2014/05/u-of-m-crookston-nacta-team-wi-1.html>.

Three U of M Crookston students presented at the **National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)**, held April 3-5 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Senior **Younga Choi**, an early childhood education major from South Korea, presented on her research with Associate Professor Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson; Senior **Gyungyoun "Ann" Baek**, a health sciences major from South Korea, presented on her research with Assistant Professor Venugopal Mukku; and Junior **Samuel Haugen**, an agronomy major from Fertile, Minn., presented on his research with Assistant Professor Madeline Smith. The mission of NCUR is to promote undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education.

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