



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

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### **From the Chancellor**

While it seems like ages ago due to our busy fall schedules, the October Board of Regents meeting involved a number of noteworthy actions and deserves a brief summary. President Kaler opened the meeting with a number of positive comments regarding his September visit to our campus. He specifically mentioned his meetings with students and the open forum with faculty and staff. He also, of course, mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony and the major gift announcement. His comments reflected how very pleased he was to be on our campus and with our direction. It was a great UMC-focused opening to the meeting!

The Chair of the Board of Regents then mentioned that the Regents are in the initial planning stages of sending a delegation of a few members to our campus in either the late spring or early fall of 2015. Additional details will be announced once a firm date has been set and we know who will be visiting.

The Twin Cities campus strategic plan was approved, and we will be working on ways to coordinate and align our ongoing campus planning efforts as the year progresses. The biennial budget proposal was approved, which, in the briefest terms, includes facility funds, flat tuition, and initiatives in the areas of health-related workforce training and economic development. These last two initiatives align very well with our efforts to create pipelines and pathways into the TC campus health professional schools and our work in rural economic development.

Related to these efforts, I want to thank everyone who was involved in helping with the recent visits of TC folks from both the School of Nursing and the School of Medicine. From all reports those meetings went very well. We are now working to have visitors from both the School of Dentistry and the School of Physical Therapy visit the campus later this academic year. In the meantime, please note that Vice President for University Services Pam Wheelock has scheduled a very brief visit to the Crookston campus on November 20. She will meet mainly with those who work in her administrative areas.

The final presentation at the Regents meeting was the annual report of the system's philanthropic success. Our own Alexmai Addo, Class of 2014, was prominently featured during the presentation and was the lead student story. It was great to have her story presented to the Regents and to see her picture on the big screen at the meeting! We can all be very proud of our efforts to help our students like Alexmai. I am constantly impressed by how much our students develop during their time at UMC. It was a great ending to a meeting full of good news regarding the Crookston campus.

Sincerely,  
Fred Wood  
Chancellor  
University of Minnesota Crookston

## Featured Events & Activities

**W.O.W. (What's on Wednesday): Six Appeal Vocal Ensemble, Wednesday, November 12** – 7 p.m., free for UMC students with UCard, \$5 for others

**Brown Bag Lunch Discussion: "Service Learning: What is it? What is it not? Why should I care?" Friday, November 14** – Noon to 1 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**International Education Week: Food from the Four Corners, Monday, November 17** – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center, regular meal rates apply

**Conversations in Teaching: Open Educational Resources, Tuesday, November 18** – 4 to 5 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center

**International Education Week: International Market, Wednesday, November 19** – 1 to 5 p.m. Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**UMC Music and Theater Production of "Next to Normal," Wednesday, November 19** – 7 p.m., free for UMC students with UCard, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students

**Thursday Commons: Fall Semester Campus Assembly Meeting, Thursday, November 20** – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**UMC Music and Theater Production of "Next to Normal," Thursday, November 20** – 7 p.m., free for UMC students with UCard, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students

**UMC Music and Theater Production of "Next to Normal," Friday, November 21** – 7 p.m., free for UMC students with UCard, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students

**Admissions Hosts Visit Day for Prospective Students, Saturday, November 22** – 1 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center

**UMC Music and Theater Production of "Next to Normal," Saturday, November 22** – 2 p.m. matinee, free for UMC students with UCard, \$8 for adults, \$5 for students

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation and Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) Host an Entrepreneurs' Luncheon, Monday, November 24** – Noon, RBJ's Restaurant, 1601 University Ave., Crookston, free and open to the public

**Soup and Substance: Homelessness , Tuesday, November 25** – Noon to 1 p.m., Crookston Care and Share, 220 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Crookston, optional tour from 1:30 to 2 p.m., bus transportation to and from campus leaving at 11:55 a.m. from south entrance of Sargeant Student Center

**Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 27** – classes excused, campus offices closed  
**Floating Holiday, Friday, November 28** – classes excused, campus offices closed

**Speaker René Rongen: "Be the Entrepreneur of Your Life," Monday, December 1** – 6 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

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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.umcrookston.edu/today](http://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](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief).

## Around Campus

### Administrative Affairs –

**The fall semester meeting of the UMC Campus Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 20,** from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The entire campus community is welcome. It is a good opportunity for the campus community to get together and to learn about what is happening across campus. Refreshments will be available. The agenda for this meeting as well as minutes and reports from previous meetings are available online at <http://www3.crk.umn.edu/academics/campusassembly>.

### Academic Affairs –

**The Academic Success Center will host Conversations in Teaching: Open Educational Resources on Tuesday, November 18,** from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. Open textbooks, lectures, even entire classes are available online, and many of these are available for faculty and scholars world-wide to edit, expand, and update. Resources will be available for attendees to consider open textbooks for classes or for publishing an open resource of their own. All faculty and staff are welcome. Questions may be directed to Stacie Varnson, [svarnson@umn.edu](mailto:svarnson@umn.edu) or 218-281-8555.

**UMC Music and Theater will perform the contemporary musical "Next to Normal" Wednesday, November 19-21, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 22, at 2 p.m.** in Kiehle Auditorium. A live orchestra supports the performance, which showcases the vocal talent of the six-member student cast. Admission is free for UMC students with UCard, \$8 for adults, \$5 for other students. The production is recommended for audiences in high school and older and is not suitable for young children. Addressing such issues as grieving a loss, ethics in modern psychiatry, and suburban life, "Next to Normal" tells the story of a mother struggling with bipolar disorder and its effect on her family. [Learn more.](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2014/11/fall-musical-production-next-t.html)  
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**Speaker René Rongen will present "Be the Entrepreneur of Your Life" on Monday, December 1,** at 6 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Rongen is an award-winning humorous and inspirational speaker, author, and business consultant. This event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Business Department and Communication program along with Concerts and Lectures and the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES). For more information, contact Megan Pederson at 218-281-8573.

## Student Affairs –

**The Office of Community Engagement will host Soup and Substance: Homelessness on Tuesday, November 25**, from Noon to 1 p.m. at the Crookston Care and Share, 220 East 3rd Street, Crookston. An optional tour will run from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Bus transportation will be offered via T.H.E. Bus to and from campus leaving at 11:55 a.m. from the south entrance of Sargeant Student Center. The event is free and open to all.

## International Programs –

**International Education Week is November 16-21.** Several events are planned for students, faculty, and staff. Highlights include Food from the Four Corners on Monday, November 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Brown Dining Room. Regular meal prices apply; students may use their meal plans. The annual International Market will take place Wednesday, November 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. During A Day of Giving on Thursday, November 20, shoes and clothes donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the International Lounge. Check the UMC Today page ([www.umcrookston.edu/today](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today)) for all events and activities.

**Faculty and staff are reminded of two provisions of the University's Travel Policy regarding international travel: travelers are responsible for checking their destinations for any travel warnings/alerts in advance of international travel, and anyone traveling abroad for University purposes must register their travel.** While it is extremely important for everyone to register when traveling abroad, the situation in West Africa makes it particularly important for travelers to register when visiting Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. This policy is not an approval process. Registering travel provides important safeguards and benefits including:

- Health, safety, and logistical updates and assistance from the University before, during, and after an international trip.
- The opportunity to purchase high-quality international medical insurance at low group rates.
- Travel discounts negotiated by the University using the registry data.

Registering travel is also important for helping the University expand and improve its international programs.

- The University will have a record of travelers to specific countries that may serve as a resource to those looking for advice or potential partners for projects in that country.
- The University can assess where it has projects and activities and can use the information to set priorities and make investments.
- The travel registry data is used by various units and offices around the U of M system to make a case for international programs and to highlight the good work done abroad.

## Technology Support Services –

Members of the campus community are reminded to **connect any personal devices they have to the wireless network "UMC-BYOD" for the most reliable wireless connection.** Up to now, some may have been connecting to "UMC-A-BYOD" or to "UMC-B" depending on where they were on campus or the capabilities of their device. In order to simplify things and improve security and speed, those two

networks will be phased out very soon and replaced with the singular “UMC-BYOD” wireless network. Questions should be directed to the UMC Computer Help Desk.

**Faculty, staff, and students are reminded to report network access problems, computer and printer issues, or virtually any technology concerns to the Computer Help Desk so they may be addressed and/or repaired.** Call the Help Desk at extension 8000 or 218-281-8000.

#### **Human Resources –**

The University of Minnesota will be going through a significant system upgrade—the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Project (ESUP)—in February 2015. **One of the major changes will be the new electronic time and absence reporting capability, which will replace paper timesheets and absence forms.** Employees and students who submit timecards or absence forms are encouraged to view the following short “sneak peek” videos:

- Electronic Time Reporting: [http://youtu.be/5Ortw0bdn\\_c](http://youtu.be/5Ortw0bdn_c)
- Electronic Absence Reporting: <http://youtu.be/6FG9NbvJqIk>

More detailed information about the upgrade, to include training, will be available in late December. On the Crookston campus questions may be directed to Donna Larson and Sandy Herkenhoff, who have been asked to serve as members of the University’s HR Stars Advance Team. They will be UMC’s primary resource for questions and training closer to the ‘Go Live’ date.

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

**The UMC Alumni Association Board will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, November 11, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Kiehle 116.** Board members include Rory Held '11, president; Chris Awender '11, vice president; Linda (Knutson) Morgan '85 & '09, secretary; Alisha Aasness '12; Amy Loomer-Longtin '99; Juanita Lopez '08; Carl Melbye '77; Greg Nathan '98; Brook Novak '13; Karl Syverson '11; Bill Thielke '94; and Lauralee (Nicholas) Tupa '05.

#### **Athletics –**

**Golden Eagle Volleyball player Brittany Looker, a senior from Rochester, Minn., majoring in health sciences, has been named to the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) First Team for a second-consecutive season.** She is one of two UMC players to earn All-NSIC First Team honors along with Joan Ebnet, who earned All-NSIC First Team in 2003, 2004, and 2005. Looker has been one of the strongest players in the NSIC this season, ranking second in total attacks in the country, fifth in attacks per set, and eighth in total kills. She has earned All-NSIC honors in each of her four seasons at UMC.

[Learn more.](#)

[www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/11/6/WVB\\_1106145435.aspx?path=wvball](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/11/6/WVB_1106145435.aspx?path=wvball)

**Golden Eagle Women’s Soccer players Rachelle Alcini, a senior from Ann Arbor, Mich., and Delaney McIntyre, a junior from Flin Flon, Manitoba, have been named to the 2014 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) All-Conference Team.** Alcini earned All-NSIC Second Team honors,

improving from her All-NSIC Third Team honors as a junior. McIntyre received her first-ever all-conference recognition, earning All-NSIC Third Team. [Learn more.](#)

[www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/11/4/WSOC\\_1104140214.aspx](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/11/4/WSOC_1104140214.aspx)

**Golden Eagle Football player Matt Borowicz, a senior from Stephen, Minn., majoring in health sciences, has been selected Capital One Academic All-District® for Super Region 3.** Borowicz, who has maintained a 3.9 grade point average, is one of 26 players selected to Academic All-District for Super Region 3. He is now eligible for Capital One Academic All-America®, which will be announced December 3. This is the second-consecutive season in which Borowicz has earned the distinguished honor, which is chosen by sports information directors who are members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

To view all game scores and upcoming athletic events, visit [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

### Campus and Community

**The Northwest Minnesota Foundation, along with the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) at the University of Minnesota Crookston, will sponsor an Entrepreneurs' Luncheon at noon on Monday, November 24,** in the back room at RBJ's Restaurant, 1601 University Ave., Crookston, Minn. The luncheon is free for all attending and offers an opportunity to network and learn more about the IDEA Competition as well as the services provided by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and CRES. The IDEA Competition provides training, business coaching, and capital to participating entrepreneurs who want to turn an idea into a business. For more information about the sessions, contact Rachel Lundbohm, director, CRES, at 218-281-8595 or e-mail [cres@tc.umn.edu](mailto:cres@tc.umn.edu).

Entrepreneurs and small business owners can receive valuable help through an opportunity offered by the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) at the University of Minnesota Crookston. **CRES is seeking regional entrepreneurs and small business owners interested in forming a unique partnership that would include valuable consulting services by U of M Crookston students under the guidance of qualified faculty at no cost.** Each semester, both spring and fall, CRES integrates projects into courses offered on campus. These projects become an integral part of the course curriculum and are designed to benefit small business owners and entrepreneurs while providing students with real-world business experiences. Applications for the program are accepted anytime; however, priority is given to applications received prior to the due dates. The spring semester application deadline is Friday, December 12, 2014. Applicants will be notified about their participation in the program no later than December 19.

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