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From the Chancellor

Over the past few weeks University of Minnesota, Crookston students have been engaged in a number of campus activities. Some of these activities have attracted community members to the campus. In other cases the activities have involved participation in intercollegiate competition that brings respect and visibility to the campus.

The students are gaining valuable leadership experience, developing lifelong relationships, enriching their campus experience, and extending the reach of the campus to the community and region.

The following are a few examples of these activities:

- The musical performance “The Leader of the Pack”
- The spring choir concert
- The play “Of Mice and Men”
- The International Dinner Series of four evening events
- The SIFE Team winning the Regional Competition for the eleventh year in a row
- The induction of twenty-two students into the first-year honor society Alpha Lambda Delta
- The study abroad experience for sixteen students in France during spring break
- The Pay It Forward service tour involving many students during spring break
- The Equestrian Team winning Regionals and some members advancing to Nationals
- The great finish by men’s golfer Jake Sanders, who took second place in the Upper Iowa Invitational meet

This list is not comprehensive. I acknowledge there are many other events and activities that deserve recognition. However, most of the events I mentioned have had broad community appeal that has elevated their visibility.

The number of students participating in this list of activities is too large to identify each individual. Likewise, the same situation exists for faculty and staff supporting the students. That said, I want to congratulate all the students who were involved, those who were behind the scenes, and the faculty and staff members who worked with our students.

Your work and accomplishments reflect positively on the campus. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents.

– Chuck
Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Northwest Service Cooperative's 6th Annual Technology Seminar and Expo, Tuesday, April 6 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Grad Fest, Wednesday, April 7 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

W.O.W. Event: Campus Student vs. Faculty/Staff Showdown, Wednesday, April 14 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Thursday Commons: Campus Research Symposium, Thursday, April 15 – 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Second Annual Celebration of Mexican Culture and Tradition in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo, Friday, April 16 – 4:30 to 7 p.m. - meal with live music, Brown Dining Room; 7 to 9 p.m. - traditional music and dance program, Kiehle Auditorium; 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. – family dance featuring music by Esquina, Bede Ballroom, all events are free and open to the public

Commencement, Saturday, May 8 – Reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sargeant Student Center; Commencement Ceremonies 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports 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 blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

Meredith McQuaid, dean of international programs at the University of Minnesota, will visit the Crookston campus on Thursday, April 8. Throughout the day McQuaid will meet with faculty and staff to discuss goals, objectives, and implementation strategies for the U of M, Crookston's international programs and related recruitment issues.

Andrew Furco, associate vice president for public engagement at the University of Minnesota, will visit the Crookston campus on Thursday, April 15. While on campus he will meet with Chancellor Casey, the Campus Executive Committee, and students, faculty, and staff involved with various service learning projects.

The campus community is invited to learn about some of the research being conducted across the campus by students, faculty, and staff during the **Thursday Commons Campus Research Symposium**, Thursday, April 15, from 12:15 to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Brief presentations, posters, and displays will showcase the wide range of interesting and exciting inquiry happening on the Crookston campus. No classes are scheduled during this time period to allow everyone to attend.

Academic Affairs –

A recent trip to study **agricultural production, processing, and marketing in France** gave sixteen U of M, Crookston students a wide-ranging international experience. The students are enrolled in a class in international agriculture production, processing, and marketing systems, taught by Associate Professor Harouna Maiga, Ph.D., and Terrill Bradford, both instructors in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. The group traveled to France from March 10 through 22. [Learn more.](#)

Student Affairs –

Grad Fest, the one-stop event for students taking part in Commencement 2010, will be held Wednesday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Graduating seniors will be able to complete their graduation preparation checklist. [Learn more.](#)

It's students versus faculty and staff at the annual **Campus Showdown** on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Crookston Student Association, pits these two campus groups against each other in various contests all in the name of fun.

The Second Annual **Celebration of Mexican Culture and Tradition in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo** is scheduled for Friday, April 16. Events include: 4:30 to 7 p.m. - meal with live music in Brown Dining Room; 7 to 9 p.m. - traditional music and dance program in Kiehle Auditorium; and 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. – family dance featuring music by Esquina in Bede Ballroom. All events are free and open to the public. The celebration is sponsored by the UMC Office of Diversity and Multicultural Services; Voices; S.I.F.E.; El Metate; and the UMC Student Experience Office. It is funded, in part, by a grant from the McKnight Foundation through the Northwest Regional Development Commission and by a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.

Development & Alumni Relations –

The **Fourth Annual Bill Tyrrell Walk-A-Thon** is slated for Thursday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ed Widseth Field. In its first three years the event garnered a total of more than \$29,000 in athletic scholarship support, and this year's goal is to raise an additional \$11,000. Both the campus and community are invited to support this event and UMC's student-athletes by making a pledge. A special thank you is offered to Crookston National Bank for sponsoring the event.

Friday, April 30, is the annual **Teambackers Fun Nite** at the Eagles Club, downtown Crookston. All proceeds support scholarships for student-athletes. For tickets contact [Bill Tyrrell](#), 218-281-8436.

Athletics –

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend any and all home games of the **Golden Eagle Men's Baseball and Women's Softball** Teams. During each home game, tailgating will offer free refreshments. Upcoming home baseball games include Tuesday, April 6, at 2 p.m. against the University of Mary; and Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11, at noon both days against Southwest Minnesota State. Upcoming home softball games include Tuesday, April 13, at 3 p.m. against Mayville State; Saturday, April 17, at noon against Winona State; and Sunday, April 18, at 1 p.m. against Upper Iowa.

The Golden Eagles Men's Golf Team traveled to Ankeny, Iowa for the Upper Iowa Invitational on April 2 and 3. While the team finished tied for eighth place, **Jake Sanders**, a junior from Crookston, shot a +1, 72 on day one for a share of the invitational lead. On day two, he shot a 73

to end the weekend one shot out of first place. Evan Peters from St. Cloud State won the event with a 144 (72, 72), followed by Sanders with a 145 (72, 73).

Campus & Community –

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop in and check out the **2010 Technology Expo**, sponsored by the **Northwest Service Cooperative (NWSC)**, on Tuesday, April 6, from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Throughout the day and across the campus, members of the NWSC will attend various sessions for their Sixth Annual Technology Seminar. Learn more about this organization at www.nw-service.k12.mn.us.

RiverView Health and the Arc United will sponsor an Autism Walk in Lysaker Gym on Saturday, April 10. Registration begins at 10 a.m., and the 1.5-mile walk starts at 11 a.m. The event seeks to bring attention to the 1.5 million Americans and their families who are affected by autism. For more information, please contact Andrea Reynolds at 281-9747.

A **Glaze-a-thon**, the next step in the service learning **Empty Bowls Project** benefitting the Crookston area food shelf, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crookston High School art room. The event will have volunteers glaze the many bowls that volunteers created during the Bowl-a-thon held in March. All volunteers are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to park in back of the building.

Accolades

On March 22 the **U of M, Crookston Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)** team took part in the 2010 SIFE Regional Competition, held in Minneapolis, Minn. The team earned Regional Champion status, marking the eleventh consecutive regional win for the team. Team members included Alyssa Jensen, Cameron, Wis.; Andy Hughes, Crookston, Minn.; Athena Mussenden, Kenosha, Wis.; Ben Humiston, Crookston, Minn.; Nikolay Seregin, Moscow, Russia; Rom Ogaard, Crookston, Minn.; and video tech team member Andrey Anfilofieff, Bejou, Minn. The team will next compete at the SIFE National Competition, scheduled for May 11-13 in Minneapolis.

The U.S. Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has funded a \$5.1 million grant proposal **“Information Technology Professionals in Health Care: Curriculum Development Centers,”** submitted by the University of Minnesota. The award will help fund the rapid infusion of highly trained health information technology (HIT) professionals into the nation's workforce over a project period of up to three full academic years. **Adel Ali**, Ph.D., professor and head, Department of Math, Science, and Technology on the Crookston campus, has played an integral role in developing a partnership with the Institute for Health Informatics (IHI), the School of Nursing, the School of Public Health, and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering—all on the Twin Cities campus of the

University of Minnesota—and the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. This partnership will administer the grant through a new consortium called the University Partnership for Health Informatics (UP-HI).

The U of M, Crookston, home to the **Economic Development Administration (EDA) University Center** for Minnesota, will serve as a partner in a \$4.7 million federal grant awarded to the Blandin Foundation and 19 coalition partners to enhance broadband access in Minnesota's rural areas. Through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant, the Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities coalition will bring a network of resources and support to rural Minnesota communities and individuals—especially those unemployed and seeking employment, small businesses, coalitions of government entities, and local leaders. The Blandin Foundation will administer the grant on behalf of the initiative's partners. [Learn more.](#)

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