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From the Chancellor

A few years ago, as my first academic year at UMC came to a close, a graduating senior very seriously asked me what I planned to do all summer, what with students gone and nothing to do on campus. Stifling the laugh rising in my throat, I explained that summers are actually quite busy. They're different than the rest of year, something we all appreciate. But we're quite busy, I said. And we are!

This is plant, mow, grow, repair, renovate, and rejuvenate season for facilities staff. It's fiscal year close and fiscal year open season for finance staff. For staff in the Admissions Office, summer is the time to solidify the Fall 2017 class and prepare for and launch the recruitment of the Fall 2018 class. In the Registrar's Office, staff are wrapping up the posting of spring grades, finalizing the list of graduates, and registering summer and fall students. Summer registration dates keep staff and faculty busy reaching out to and advising students.

Faculty are teaching summer courses, prepping for fall semester, conducting research, and writing manuscripts for submission to scholarly journals. Even as they are prepping for the 2017-2018 athletic competitions, coaches and other athletics staff are also looking ahead to recruitment of student-athletes who will join teams in 2018-2019. Summer camps bring kids (and future UMC students) to campus. IT staff are processing computers returned by departing students and enhancing the campus wireless network. Alumni and Development staff are planning summer golf outings, preparing for the annual Aggies reunion, and continuing to connect with donors and potential donors.

On and on, the list could go, and, with apologies to those I failed to mention above, I would still not be able to list all the activities of summer. We are indeed very busy!

And, yet, while we can't quite fulfill the vision of "those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" made famous in Nat King Cole's hit song from 1963, we do enjoy the differences that summer brings. And we enjoy the time away on vacation and, Minnesotans that we are, those days at the lake.

This summer, in addition to the usual activities, we will welcome Mary Holz-Clause as our new chancellor. With two days of on-campus interviews in early March, weekly phone meetings for the last several weeks, and two days on the Twin Cities campus last week, she already has quite a bit of knowledge about UMC and the University of Minnesota. Still, when she arrives in late June, she will be very busy getting to know UMC better and building relationships in the community and region.

And, when she arrives, those of us who have served in interim roles will happily return to our regular positions. I know you join me in thanking Mark Huglen for stepping up as LAE department head and Soo-Yin

Lim-Thompson for serving as interim vice chancellor. Thanks also go to Chris Winjum, Diane Christianson, and Michelle Beeghly, all three of whom played vital roles in keeping the work going and their temporary supervisors on track.

My thanks to all of you for welcoming and supporting us in our interim roles. It has been our pleasure and honor to serve.

Barbara Keinath
Interim Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Adult Horse Riding Clinic, Tuesdays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27 – 6:30 to 9 p.m., UMC Stables, UTOC

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Robotics & Technology Camp for Grades 4-8, June 6, 7, 8 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dowell Hall

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Golden Eagle Junior Basketball Day Camp for Boys and Girls Grades 1-6, June 12-15 – 9 a.m. to Noon, Lysaker Gym

“Meet Minnesota,” the University of Minnesota Summer Visit Week, Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23

New Student Advisement and Registration Day, Monday, June 19 – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center

Golden Eagle Basketball Day Camp for Boys and Girls Grades 5-12, June 19-22 – 9 a.m. to Noon, Lysaker Gym

Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 22 – 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. tee off, 4 p.m. social and awards program, Two River Golf Club, 903 7th St. SE, Hallock, Minn., cost is \$50 per golfer in teams of four

Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Reunion, Saturday, June 24 – 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sargeant Student Center and other locations on campus

Youth Day Horseback Riding Camp (7-17 years old), Wednesday, June 28 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., UMC Stables, UTOC

Independence Day Holiday, Tuesday, July 4 – summer session classes excused, campus offices closed

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

Bailey Yliniemi, a recent graduate and natural resources major from Detroit Lakes, Minn., was named the UMC Student Volunteer of the Year for 2016-17. In the past year, she volunteered a total of 1,484 hours. Last summer, she volunteered at the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge in Kodiak, Alaska, working on the Kittlitz's Murrelet where she volunteered 1,140 hours. She is the president of the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society through which she has banded ducks, bud capped trees, surveyed owls and goshawks, cut brush, and planted trees. She is also an active member of the Natural Resources Club and Golden Ducks Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/bailey-yliniemi-volunteers.

Around Campus

Commencement –

The video of Commencement Ceremonies for the UMC Class of 2017 is now posted on the Commencement 2017 website at www.crk.umn.edu/umc-commencement/commencement-2017. A photo gallery also is available on the site. Scroll down past the maroon accordion boxes to see the gallery.

Administrative Affairs –

In an effort to enhance benefits, encourage healthy lifestyles, and engage employees in the campus community, UMC will make its Wellness Center available to University employees in the new fiscal year. All University of Minnesota employees—including UMC, Extension, and NWROC—as well as sponsored employees of Sodexo, RSVP, and Campus Ministry, and employee spouses/partners (as defined by U of M benefits) are eligible for membership. **As an added incentive, free trial memberships will be offered now through Friday, June 30, 2017.** This trial membership period is a great opportunity to introduce employees to the facility, its equipment and services so they can make an informed decision to join on a fee-basis later this summer. Current summer hours of operation are Noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Employees and spouses who wish to exercise in the Wellness Center during this free trial period need to sign in each time at the Wellness Center control desk. In late June more information will be provided about the fee-based memberships, including rates and full benefits.

Academic Affairs –

At its May 2017 meeting, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved the promotion of two UMC faculty members: Tim Dudley, from assistant professor to associate professor, and **Abdorrahman Alghamdi**, from assistant professor to associate professor. These status changes will take effect at the start of their respective contracts in the new fiscal year that begins July 1.

Shari Daniels has been hired as an instructor in the Teacher Education Unit of the Liberal Arts & Education Department. She holds a B.S. in elementary education from Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minn., an M.Ed. in reading from the University of North Dakota (UND) in Grand Forks, and she is currently working toward a Ph.D. in teaching and learning at UND. Her expertise is in literacy, and she has extensive training in reading recovery (South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.) and literacy collaboration coaching (Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio). Daniels most recently served as an elementary school teacher for Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls, Minn., and prior to that she was Challenger Elementary’s literacy coach. She also served as an adjunct faculty member at UND teaching Foundations of Reading. Daniels will begin her work at UMC on August 15.

Anita Gust has been hired as an assistant professor for the exercise science major in the Math, Science & Technology Department. She holds a B.S. in psychology and an M.S. in exercise science, both from the University of North Dakota (UND) in Grand Forks and a Ph.D. in human development and wellness from North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo. She comes to UMC from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., where she served as an assistant professor and the director of the exercise science program there. Prior to that, she was a faculty member at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, and a graduate teaching assistant at NSDU. She is also a certified athletic trainer. Gust will begin her work at UMC on August 15.

Student Affairs –

Regal’s, the short-order café in the Eagle’s Nest in Sahlstrom Conference Center, is open during the summer Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information or to preorder, call 218-281-8541.

The Student Center Information Desk will be open over the summer. Debi Chandler and student workers will staff the desk as well as the campus switchboard during regular hours, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Katy Johnson has been hired as director of UMC’s Wellness Center. She holds a bachelor’s degree in exercise science from Augustana University, Sioux Falls, S.D.; a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota (UND); and a master’s certificate in sport management from Winona State University, Winona, Minn. Johnson comes to UMC from MPX Fitness in Fargo, N.D., where she served as office manager, personal trainer, and group fitness instructor. She also has experience as a league, clinic, and camp coordinator for West Fargo Parks and Recreation; as an assistant volleyball coach, student-athlete affairs director, and HPER instructor at Minnesota State University in Moorhead, Minn.; as head volleyball coach at UND; and as the director of sports for Special Olympics of North Dakota. Johnson will begin her responsibilities at UMC on July 10.

Admissions –

Amanda Peters has been hired as an admissions counselor for the Office of Admissions. She comes to UMC from Alerus Financial in Grand Forks, where she most recently served as a deposit operations electronic specialist. She had also served as a relationship banker and teller for Alerus Financial. Peters holds an M.S in higher education from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where she also completed an internship as an academic advisor for incoming freshman, and a B.S. in psychology from Bemidji State University. She began her responsibilities at UMC on May 15. Her recruitment areas will include northwestern Minnesota, eastern Minnesota, and North Dakota.

Janessa Quanrud has been hired as an assistant director for the UMC Office of Admissions. She has experience working with a variety of University tools including Salesforce, Silverpop, Perceptive Content, Apply Yourself, APlus, and PeopleSoft. She most recently served as an assistant academic advisor for both online and on-campus students enrolled in majors offered by UMC's Math, Science & Technology Department. Prior to that, she worked as a student personnel coordinator in UMC's Center for Adult Learning. Quanrud holds an M.B.A. from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D., and is a graduate of the U of M Crookston with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She began her new responsibilities in Admissions on Monday, June 5.

“Meet Minnesota,” the University of Minnesota’s summer visit week is set for Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23. This system-wide visit week for prospective students and their families is intended to highlight the campuses and academic programs across the University of Minnesota. Students who visit any U of M campus during Meet Minnesota will be entered in a drawing to win one of five iPad minis. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions via phone at 800-862-6466 or 218-281-8569 or by email at umcinfo@umn.edu.

Technology Support Services –

Following two years of pilots, evaluation, and cross-campus consultation with students, faculty, and academic and information technology staff, the evaluation of the Moodle and Canvas options is complete. **The University of Minnesota will adopt Canvas as its single, centrally supported learning management system.** The University's transition to Canvas will take approximately 24 months to complete. Regarding that transition:

- No action is needed for fall 2017 courses. Moodle 3.2 will continue to be the preferred, centrally supported system for fall 2017 and will be available and supported for the 2017-18 academic year.
- Each campus and college within the U of M system will, with the assistance of OIT, develop a Canvas transition plan and will communicate further information about timing, support, and learning resources.
- Faculty and staff can explore Canvas before transitioning by requesting a sandbox: <http://click.ecommunications2.umn.edu/?qs=401d2528e6a6090a774f36067d3106688aee9a6d9341a34eb5e15ffaa8f6c6973feee9cc004055bd7deda6a058e0b89a47f3d3cad23caa87>.
- In connection with the adoption of Canvas, the University will also renew its membership in the Unizin consortium: <http://unizin.umn.edu>.
- More information—including transition news, resources, and events—is available on the Canvas transition website: <https://it.umn.edu/canvas-transition-information>.

As the U of M's system-wide network upgrade progresses, the wireless upgrade phase is in full swing on the Twin Cities campus, and U of M Duluth is preparing to begin the wireless upgrade soon. At UMC, planned wireless upgrade work will begin in late June or July. Service disruption is expected to be minimal. The work will take place during business hours, from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information about the dates and times for specific building upgrades will be provided prior to the work. There will be building signage in place to notify that work is underway, when the work is expected to be completed, and how to login to the new wireless network. The overall network upgrade will improve network performance, reliability, stability, and security. In addition, the user login will change, where you will now use the system-wide supported "eduroam" and UofM-Guest wireless networks. The eduroam login will require you to enter your entire email address (user@crk.umn.edu) and password. The eduroam login will work on any U of M campus and at any participating eduroam campus (there are too many to mention). The UofM-Guest is intended for visitors and guest of the university and is similar to a hotel wifi network. UofM-Guest will redirect you to a login portal. Note: UofM-Guest will not allow UMN users to access their email or any service requiring secure authentication.

Development & Alumni Relations –

An evening of silent auctions, games of chance, food, and dueling pianos entertainment were all a part of raising money for scholarships for student athletes during UMC Teambacker Fun Nite. **The event, held April 28 at the Crookston Eagles Club and hosted by UMC Teambackers, raised more than \$18,600.**

The Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 22, at Two River Golf Club, 903 7th St. SE, in Hallock, Minn. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with tee off at 10 a.m. and a social and awards program at 4 p.m. The format of the tournament is an 18-hole Texas scramble with teams of four. Registration fee is \$50 per person. Registrations are urged by June 15. Interested golfers may contact Beth Novak at 218-281-8436.

The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Reunion is set for Saturday, June 24. Registration for the day begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Highlights include the Top Aggie Luncheon at noon, class meetings and photos in the afternoon, campus tours, a buffet supper at 5:30 p.m., and a social with music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s from 7 to 10 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. For a full schedule of events and more information go to www.crk.umn.edu/nwsa-reunion. The Northwest School (1906-1968) was the predecessor of the University of Minnesota Crookston.

The NWSA Alumni Association will recognize the 2016 Top Aggie recipients at a noon luncheon during the NWSA Reunion on June 24. Three alumni were selected for the honor by the NWSA Alumni Board: **Marilyn (Hovet) Dehning 1956, Donald Diedrich 1956, and Daniel Wilkens 1961.** The Top Aggie Award is the highest recognition given by the NWSA Alumni Association.

Athletics –

Mark Dufner has been hired as head coach for the Golden Eagle Football Team. Dufner has been a staple on U of M Crookston's football sidelines over the last 15 seasons and has served in a variety of roles for the program over that time. Most recently, he served as the defensive coordinator before being named interim head coach in February of 2017. Dufner holds a B.S. in mathematics education and in physical education from Valley City State University, N.D., and an M.A. in mathematics from Minot State University.

University of Minnesota Crookston Hunt Seat Equestrian rider Mazie Pini, a sophomore from Grayslake, Ill., competed May 4-7 at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships in Lexington, Kentucky. Pini finished 11th in the nation out of the top 16 riders in her division.

The University of Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagle Baseball Team ended their season in NSIC tournament play on Thursday, May 11, with a 3-2 loss to Minot State. The Golden Eagles were in their second consecutive NSIC Tournament with back-to-back 20+ win seasons. They concluded the season with 24W-28L, just one win shy of their 2016 record. The team has a strong core returning with 36 players slated to return next season.

Three Golden Eagle Baseball players have been recognized on the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Baseball Teams. **Zach Seipel**, a sophomore from Eagan, Minn., and **Anthony Stewart**, a junior from Oak Harbor, Wash., both earned All-NSIC Second Team accolades for the Golden Eagles. In addition, **Stewart and Reed Hjelle**, a sophomore from East Grand Forks, Minn., were named to the NSIC Gold Glove team for their defensive prowess.

Twenty-five Golden Eagle student-athletes have been named to the 2017 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Spring All-Academic Team. Eight softball players, four women's golfers, four men's golfers, and nine baseball players earned the honor. To be eligible for this honor, a student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better, among other criteria. View the complete list at <http://goldeneaglesports.com/news/2017/5/16/baseball-25-minnesota-crookston-student-athletes-earn-2017-nsic-spring-all-academic.aspx>.

Accolades

Celebrating excellence and service by faculty and staff, UMC Faculty and Staff Day was held May 9 in Bede Ballroom. In addition to recognizing years of service milestones and retirements, the program included the following award presentations:

- **Distinguished Teaching Award – Mark Huglen**, professor and interim department head, Liberal Arts & Education Department
- **Distinguished Faculty Service Award – Barry Stephens**, lecturer, Business Department
- **Distinguished Scholar Award – Katy Chapman**, associate professor, Math, Science & Technology Department
- **Distinguished Staff Award – Steve Hannah**, coordinator, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and teaching specialist
- **Distinguished Professional & Administrative (P&A) Award – Mark Dufner**, head football coach
- **Outstanding Community Service Award – Lynnette Mullins**, assistant professor, Liberal Arts & Education Department
- **Access Achievement Award – Christine Bakke**, lecturer, Math, Science & Technology Department
- **Builder of Diversity Award – Owen Williams and the Staff of UMC Library Services**
- **RSVP Boomerang Award – Marlene LeBlanc**, executive office and administrative specialist, Northwest Regional Office, University of Minnesota Extension

Others recognized during the program for Faculty and Staff Day included **Dale Kopecky from the Northwest Research and Outreach Center for 45 years of service** as well as **Assistant Professor Paul Aakre, Professor Sue Brorson, Tom Feiro, Krista Proulx, and Deb Zak, each for 40 years of service.** Retirees acknowledged

included **Associate Professor Bruce Brorson, Professor Sue Brorson, Steve Hannah, and Assistant Professor Lynnette Mullins.**

The University of Minnesota Crookston has been listed among the Top 250 Public Colleges that Offer Freshmen the Most Financial Aid by the Student Loan Report, an online resource. UMC was ranked at number 155 in the nation. See the full list at www.studentloans.net/public-colleges-that-offer-freshmen-the-most-financial-aid.

UMC's online degree program in Health Management is ranked among the top 25 (at number 22) "Best Online Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration Programs" in the nation for 2017 by the online education resource BestColleges.com. See the full list at www.bestcolleges.com/features/top-online-healthcare-administration-degree-programs.

UMC is ranked among the top 50 (at number 39) "Best Colleges for Online Marketing Degrees" in the nation for 2017 for its online degree program in Marketing by the online education resource Affordable Colleges Online. See the full list at www.affordablecollegesonline.org/degrees/marketing-programs.

Campus and Community

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. Among the campus offered in June are:

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Nineteen students who were part of the 35th Annual Natural Resources/Chippewa National Forest Tree Planting Trip on Friday, April 28, planted 2500 white spruce seedlings near the east shore of Lake Winnibigoshish. The trip marks one of the longest standing volunteer efforts with the Chippewa National Forest. The students were accompanied by Phil Baird, Tom Feiro, and Laura Bell from the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department. Since 1983, students, faculty, and staff from the natural resources program on the Crookston campus have planted trees in the Chippewa National Forest.

University of Minnesota System

The U of M Board of Regents reviewed a draft of the System-Wide Strategic Plan at its May 12 meeting. The plan, based on input from nearly 1,000 University stakeholders, highlights and connects the distinctive strengths across the U of M to build a collective future. Regents also received an update on the status of the U of M's budget request at the state legislature and reviewed the FY18 annual capital improvement budget. Additionally, the Board approved the appointment of Mary Holz-Clause as chancellor of the University's Crookston campus and honored dozens of award winners from across the University who received the highest recognitions the institution offers. Learn more at <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/proposed-system-strategic-plan-leverages-strengths-collective-future>.

After a national search that included internal and external candidates from across the country, **Bernard (Bernie) Gulachek has accepted the offer to serve in a permanent capacity as the University of Minnesota's vice president for IT / CIO**, subject to Board of Regents approval at their June 9 meeting. In a system-wide message announcing the news, Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations Brian Burnett said, "Over the past 22 months, Bernie has demonstrated his ability to build teams, bridge divisions, and nurture trust. His leadership following a challenging time for IT at the U is one of many reasons Bernie is held in high regard across the system. In the permanent VP/CIO role, I expect the University community will see more of Bernie's commitment to the University's core mission, to diversity and inclusion, and to a service-oriented approach to leadership. I am also excited that he will continue to be a trusted member of the finance and operations leadership team."

U of M President Eric Kaler announced on May 18 that **University of Minnesota Rochester (UMR) Chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle will retire on August 1, 2017**. Serving as UMR chancellor since its founding 10 years ago, Lehmkuhle is widely credited with "creating the campus from scratch" and helping further establish the U of M in southeastern Minnesota. **President Kaler has appointed Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Development Lori Carrell to serve as UMR's interim chancellor after August 1**. Carrell received her bachelor's degree from Anderson University in Indiana, her master's degree from the University of Alaska-Anchorage, and her Ph.D. in speech communication from the University of Denver. After 23 years at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, she joined UMR in August 2014.

Extension

At its May 2017 meeting, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved the promotion of Rani Bhattacharyya from assistant Extension professor to associate Extension professor. This status change will take effect at the start of her contract in the new fiscal year that begins July 1.

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