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From the Chancellor

One of my great pleasures in serving as chancellor is the opportunity to meet with UMC supporters. This past week Mary and I, along with staff members from the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, met with a number of alumni before, during, and after the Northwest School of Agriculture and University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Social. It was wonderful to hear our alumni tell their stories and to hear how much they enjoyed their time here. It was also nice to see our Aggies mix with our Trojans as more of our two-year technical college alumni are now spending time in the region. The trip was very productive in terms of deepening our relationships with these alumni, many of whom support, or plan to support, our efforts by making investments in our students.

Earlier this week I also had the opportunity to meet with the Crookston City Council and the Crookston Public School Board. These meetings were focused on our Wellness Center and in gaining their endorsement for this project. It was great to see their enthusiastic support as well. In the upcoming weeks I'll be meeting with additional groups to gain their backing for this project as it is discussed in both the Minnesota House and Senate over the coming months. While Governor Dayton's recommendation is extremely helpful, the funding for our project is far from a "done deal," and I hope you will join me in using all opportunities to discuss how important this project is for the campus, the community, and the region.

As I talk about the project, I cannot help but reflect on our present facility and the students it has served. The core of the facility, Knutson Hall, which was built around 1930, served our boarding school Aggies very well as both a gymnasium and as a pool; the expanded Sports Center and Lysaker Gymnasium, completed around 1980, served our Trojans well as a two-year college. In many ways the Wellness Center project provides a link to our past as we look toward the future. Our most senior alumni understand the value of such a facility in terms of both the student experience and in the importance of establishing the habits of healthy living for the long-term. Our community leaders and neighbors understand the importance of the facility as a regional and community asset. It all reminds me how fortunate we are to have such support, both near and far. Working with you, I feel blessed to be able to play a role in helping create our next generation of supporters. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fred Wood
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Third Annual Clean Water for Everyone Dinner Sponsored by Enactus, Tuesday, February 25 – 6:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, open to the public, \$25 donation per person

What's on Wednesday (W.O.W.): Mr. UMC, Wednesday, February 26 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

UMC Hosts Section 8A High School Boys' Basketball Tournaments, Thursday, February 27 – 6 and 7:45 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

UMC Hosts the 65th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, Saturday, March 1 - 10 a.m. to Noon exhibits open for public viewing, Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

2014 International Dinner Series: the Caribbean, Monday, March 3 – 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, open to the public, tickets (advance only) \$15 per person

Dancer, Comedian, and Musician Xclusive, Monday, March 3 – 8 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public (rescheduled from December 4, 2013)

What's on Wednesday (W.O.W.): Comedy Hypnotist Eric Mina, Wednesday, March 5 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Convocation, Thursday, March 6 – Noon to 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

U of M President Eric Kaler's 2014 State of the University Address, Thursday, March 6 – 3:30 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union Theater, Twin Cities campus, live streaming to 101 Dowell Hall, Crookston campus

UMC Hosts Section 8A High School Girls' Basketball Tournaments, Thursday, March 6 – 6 and 7:45 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

2014 International Dinner Series: Japan, Monday, March 10 – 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, open to the public, tickets (advance only) \$15 per person

Soup and Substance: What Does Feminism Mean to Me?, Tuesday, March 11 – Noon to 1 pm., Bede Ballroom, 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

Student Affairs & Enrollment Management –

The theme is super heroes as UMC men sponsored by clubs, organizations, and athletic teams compete for the title of Mr. UMC in a school spirit filled, tongue-in-cheek spoof of beauty contests on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. It's all in good fun as these students strut their stuff on stage while giving their best in the following categories: Formal Wear, Swim Wear, Q & A, and Talent, as well as a dance routine. The event is sponsored by Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (S.P.A.C.E.). The event is free and open to the public.

Dancer, comedian, and musician Xclusive will perform on Monday, March 3, at 8 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium (rescheduled from December 4, 2013). The event, sponsored by Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (S.P.A.C.E.), is free and open to the public. Kenneth "Xclusive" Paryo, who has developed a unique repertoire of unbelievable dance moves intertwined with comedic storytelling, has appeared on NBC's hit reality television show America's Got Talent.

Spring Semester Convocation is set for Thursday, March 6, at Noon in Kiehle Auditorium. Alexmai Addo, president, Crookston Student Association, will serve as emcee and UMC Alum Jordan McCormick '08 will be the featured speaker. Associate Professor George French will lead the UMC Band and UMC Choir in musical selections; Chancellor Wood and Vice Chancellor Keinath will recognize the students named to the Chancellor's 4.0 Club; students, faculty and staff, and clubs of the month will be presented; and varsity coaches will provide season updates. There are no classes scheduled on Thursdays from Noon to 2 p.m., so make plans to take part in this event.

International Programs –

The 2014 International Dinner Series kicks off on Monday, March 3, and will showcase food and culture from the Caribbean with UMC senior Abigail De Velde, a software engineering major who has lived in Guyana and the Bahamas. On Monday, March 10, the food and cultural traditions of Japan will be presented by **Riho Nagatsuka**, a senior accounting major from Hino, Japan. And on Monday, March 24, the spotlight will focus on the food and culture of western Africa with **Delali Degbey**, a senior applied studies major from Lome, Togo. The series also includes the April 2 Multicultural and International Dinner featuring food and performances from across the globe. Each night's events begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the public and faculty and staff are \$15 for each dinner or \$50 for the series. Students may use their meal plan or pay \$35 for the series. Contact Rae French at rfrech@umn.edu or 218-281-8339.

Development & Alumni –

The TEAM UMC Faculty and Staff Fund Drive 2014 to endow the annual fund drive scholarship has been extended through Friday, February 28, at noon. As of 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 25, there have been 56 gifts of \$100 or more and six gifts of up to \$99, bringing the scholarship within \$1,100 from the endowment goal. Checks may be written to the University of Minnesota Foundation and sent to the Development Office in Kiehle Building. Donations via payroll deduction are also available. Those who contribute \$100 or more will receive a Team UMC shirt (please indicate size). Special thanks go to those who have already contributed.

Chancellor Wood and Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, hosted more than 90 alumni, friends, and donors at the **Annual UMC and NWSA Arizona Social** in Mesa on Friday, February

21, at the Terrace Green at ViewPoint Resort. During the week of February 18 - 23 they also met with numerous prospects and donors on individual visits.

Rod Mosher, who served as wrestling coach for the NWSA and UMC from 1960-1980, will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on Monday, March 24, at a special event held at the Crookston Inn. Members of the campus community are invited to attend the event, which begins at 4 p.m. with a social followed by a meal and presentation. RSVP to Kory Mosher via e-mail kmosher@midmark.com or phone 612-747-0900 by March 17.

Athletics –

University of Minnesota Crookston hunt seat equestrian rider Emily Steeley, a sophomore from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, won Open Equitation Over Fences at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Regionals held Saturday, February 15, in Stillwater, Minn. Steeley now moves on as an individual in Open Equitation Over Fences to the IHSA Zone Championships set for April 13 in Madison, Wis. **UMC's entire Hunt Seat Equestrian Team will also compete as a team at the IHSA Zone Championships after winning the regional championship as a team.**

UMC will host **Minnesota Section 8A High School Boys' Basketball Tournaments on Thursday, February 27, and Section 8A High School Girls' Basketball Tournaments on Thursday, March 6.** On both nights games are scheduled for 6 and 7:45 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center.

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

Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) –

UMC Alum Matthew Green '13, will begin full time employment as a junior scientist at the NWROC on March 3. Green, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a triple major in agricultural systems management, agronomy, and agriculture business, is from Greenbush, Minnesota. As a junior scientist, he will work with Jochum Wiersma, associate Extension professor, and Jim Anderson, professor of agronomy and plant genetics.

Campus and Community

Heidi Whiting has been hired as a community program assistant for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in pastoral ministry from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., and comes to the position after serving several years as a national sales director for Southern Living at Home/Willow House. Most recently, she served as a librarian for Cathedral School in Crookston. Whiting began her new responsibilities with RSVP on February 19.

The University of Minnesota Crookston will host **the 65th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair on Saturday, March 1, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** Exhibits are open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to Noon in Bede Ballroom. The Western Minnesota Region is one of eight regions in Minnesota and includes the counties of Big Stone, Becker, Clay, Grant, Mahnomen, Norman, Ottertail, Polk, Traverse and Wilkins. Learn more at www.umcrookston.edu/sciencefair.

Students in the University of Minnesota Crookston Accounting and Finance Society are ready to help with tax preparation. The VITA/TCE site will operate from Monday, February 24, through Monday, April 14, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. in 110M Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, contact Wm. Scott Leckie at 218-281-8174 (wsleckie@crk.umn.edu) or Abdou Niang at 309-333-4787 (niang003@umn.edu). Through the VITA Program, IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation and tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. The TCE Program offers free tax help for all with priority assistance to people who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement issues unique to seniors.

University of Minnesota System

U of M President Eric W. Kaler will give his annual State of the University Address on Thursday, March 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Coffman Memorial Union Theater on the Twin Cities campus. The address will also be broadcast live to the U of M campuses in Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Rochester as well as streamed online at www.livestream.com/umntv. **On the Crookston campus the event may be viewed in 101 Dowell Hall.** There will be a moderated question-and-answer period following the address. Questions may be submitted prior to the address at <http://www1.umn.edu/president/speeches-and-writing/state-of-university-2014/>. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on March 6, President Kaler will also accept questions via Twitter (tag questions using the #UMNsotu hashtag).

Accolades

Jennifer DuBay, a senior from Apple Valley, Minn., majoring in natural resources, was named runner-up for her research poster at the annual meeting of The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society held in Bemidji, Minn., February 4-6. DuBay's poster highlighted her undergraduate research project involving the testing of selected plants for their ability to accumulate phosphorous from surface waters into the plant tissue. The project was part of larger ongoing research by **Assistant Professor Katy (Smith) Nannenga**. Results from this study could inform water managers as to how to remove phosphorus from surface waters. [Learn more and view the poster.](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2014/02/senior-jennifer-dubay-runner-u.html)
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U of M Extension Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NW RSDP) was recently selected to receive \$25,000 in Community Engagement Innovation funding from the Center for Prevention (the Center) at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. The grant will provide funding for a project called Tree Cookies and Mud Pies: A Recipe for Community Health, which will focus engagement activities in four communities: Fosston, Crookston, Ada, and Mahanomen. Working collaboratively with six organizations, this project will develop and promote the use of natural play spaces in support of health equity and active living strategies. **Assistant Professor Eric Castle** will work to facilitate the planning, design, and implementation of these natural play spaces. [Learn more.](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2014/02/u-of-m-extension-northwest-reg-1.html)
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