



U of M Crookston Campus E-Update

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From the Chancellor



Welcome back. I hope you had a restorative summer. It is wonderful to have the campus alive with students, faculty, and staff. Although the buildings are always clean and well kept, the grounds and custodial crews have done the deep cleaning, shining, and trimming to get everything ready for a great year. And it will be a great year with all of us working together to make this treasure of higher learning on the prairie *THE* place for learning and transformative experiences for our students.

In my performance review this year I provided the U of M president the three priorities I am going to emphasize this year.

The first is to increase our student numbers and create a more comprehensive and holistic enrollment management process. What does that mean? It means we will view all of the experiences from the very beginning of our relationship starting with “I didn’t know UMC existed,” to early consideration of UMC, to admitting and actually becoming a student here—as seen through the lenses of our students—and to communicate and message *to them, not around them*. Are we providing them with a compelling reason to be here? Some questions to ask ourselves, for example, are our financial aid packages competitive? Will our students be able to continue their passions outside of the classroom? Do they have the types of activities to engage them and to encourage them to be successful students? One of the early tenets of effective marketing is to quit looking at things from our perspective and to learn to listen to what our customers and clients are telling us. Exciting stuff!

My second priority is engagement and UMC Pride. Sometimes we hear complaints that the community doesn’t support us. Do we support our community? Why should we expect others to engage with us if we don’t reciprocate? We are an amazing treasure for the region. Let’s own that and wear it proudly. Let’s work toward a more vibrant campus with the athletics stands full, deafening enthusiasm at all our events, and bringing new people here to share our treasure!

And, lastly, my third priority is to create a culture and greater sense of urgency. We are all busy, but does our busyness create outcomes and results, or are we just busy like Pigpen from the comic strip *Peanuts*—creating lots of dust and no real results? Of course we have to be thoughtful and diligent in our decisions, but when it is time to act, we need to move.

It’s going to be a great year. I am excited to be on this journey with such a wonderful group of people. Onwards and upwards.

Mary Holz-Clause
Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Faculty and Staff 9-Month Appointments Begin Monday, August 13

Ox Cart Days 8th Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony, Wednesday, August 15 – 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, co-sponsored by University Relations, free and open to the public

UMC Hosts the Annual Ox Cart Days Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 15 – 3 to 5 p.m., Campus Mall and Peterson Gazebo, free and open to the public

UMC Faculty and Staff Opening Week Session: “New Techniques for Your Slide Design Toolkit,” Presented by Ann Fandrey, UMTC College of Liberal Arts, Thursday, August 16 – 10 to 11:30 a.m., 207 Dowell Hall

UMC Faculty and Staff Opening Week Welcome Back Luncheon, Thursday, August 16 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom

Opening Week Golf Scramble and Social for Faculty and Staff, Thursday, August 16 – 2 to 4:30 p.m., Minakwa Golf Club, 901 Fisher Ave., Crookston

New Student Orientation “Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend” Begins, Friday, August 17 – 8 a.m., check-in at Kiehle Building’s Rotunda

Residence Halls Open for New Student Move-In, Friday, August 17 – 8 a.m., check-in at Centennial Hall information desk

Orientation Convocation, Friday, August 17 – 3:15 to 4 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, processional gathering for faculty and staff at 3 p.m. in Kiehle Rotunda

New Student Orientation Pep Rally and Mentalist Christopher Carter, Friday, August 17 – 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to all new students

Meet Crookston Through Service, Saturday, August 18 – 8:30 a.m. to Noon, meet in Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center, busses will leave campus for the various project locations

UMC in the Ox Cart Days Torchlight Parade, Saturday, August 18 – 7 p.m., North Broadway, Central Ave., Barrette St., Crookston

Transition Crookston Meeting and Lunch (for New Transfer Students and Advisors) Monday, August 20 – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Advisor/Department Meetings with New Freshman Students, Monday, August 20 – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., AgNatR - Kiehle Auditorium; Business - Dowell 100; LAE - Dowell 200; MST - Dowell 106

Campus and Community Part-Time Job Expo, Monday, August 20 – 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., UMC Wellness Center

Fall Semester Classes Begin Tuesday, August 21

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



Logan Milligan of New York Mills, Minn., decided to attend the U of M Crookston after participating in Ag & NatR Activities Day and the FFA contests held on campus when he was a high school student. In 2018 he served as president of Ag Arama, a longstanding campus event where current students showcase their knowledge and skills in contests related to agriculture and natural resources. Now the agricultural business major sees a possible future career in grain trading. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/logan-milligan.



She followed in her sisters' footsteps when she chose to attend the University of Minnesota Crookston, but **Bethany Novak** has made her own way and carved her own path. The business major from Dahlen, N.D., discovered her interests through business and marketing classes and through involvement in campus activities. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/bethany-novak-2018.



When **Richard Cobble** was in first grade, a local police officer came to his elementary school to speak about the popular Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. The officer also spoke about his personal experiences through his service to help and protect the people of his community. Wide-eyed and fascinated, Cobble knew he could become a real-life hero when he grew up. Fast forward years later, and the decision to attend the University of Minnesota Crookston to major in criminal justice seems like a perfect fit. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/richard-cobble-2018.

Faculty/Staff Arrivals and Departures



Paul Holland has been hired as an instructor in animal science in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department. He is working to complete his Ph.D. in animal breeding through Texas A&M University, where he earned his M.S. in animal breeding. He completed his B.S. in animal science at Louisiana Tech University. His Ph.D. dissertation involves the estimation of genetic parameters, such as litter size, rearing size, and lamb mortality, associated with ewe reproductive life and lamb mortality. Holland has taught courses in animal anatomy and physiology, animal breeding, and general animal science, among other topics. He began his position August 13.



Thad Jackson has been hired as a teaching specialist in finance in the Business Department. He holds an M.S. in finance from the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and a B.B.A. in finance from Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia. He has served as a faculty member in the Department of Economics and Finance at Arkansas State University, in Jonesboro, Ark., in the Department of Economics at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ken., and in business and computer science at Shelton State Community College Tuscaloosa, Ala. Jackson also served as a reviewer for the College for America, Southern New Hampshire University. He began his position August 13.



Michael Hepp has been hired as an assistant football coach working with defense. Hepp comes to the Golden Eagles after four seasons on the staff at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan. The Tigers have been one of the top NCAA Division II programs in the nation, advancing to the NCAA Division II playoffs in 2017. Hepp earned his Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., and is currently pursuing a master's degree in education from Fort Hays State University.



Sam Gooding has been hired as an assistant football coach working with the offensive line and serving as recruiting coordinator. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a master's degree from Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. Gooding previously served as an assistant coach for two seasons at Dakota State. Prior to that, he was a student assistant and recruiting assistant at Division I University of Illinois.



Shelby Conard has been hired as an assistant athletic trainer. Most recently having served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for North Dakota State University (NDSU), she will oversee UMC's athletic training efforts for volleyball, baseball, and equestrian. Conard earned her bachelor's degree in athletic training from Northern Michigan University, and is currently working to complete a master's in advanced athletic training at NDSU. She is certified by the National Athletic Trainer Association's Board of Certification. She is a certified kinesio tape practitioner, is Graston Technique M1 trained, and is a certified CPR/AED/first aid – healthcare provider through the American Heart Association.



Dani Schroeder has been hired as an assistant athletic trainer. She comes to UMC after three years as an athletic trainer at the University of Wisconsin-Superior through Essentia Health in Duluth, Minn. Schroeder will work with the football and men's basketball programs for the Golden Eagles. She earned her M.S. in athletic training from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., and her B.A. in biology from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. She is a certified athletic trainer through the National Athletic Trainers Association's Board of Certification. She is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist and holds Graston M1 certification and kinesio taping Level 1 training. She is certified by the American Red Cross in Professional Emergency Response/CPR/AED/Blood Borne Pathogen.



Cassandra Morthera Navarrete has been hired as an admissions counselor in the Office of Admissions. A recent graduate of the U of M Crookston with a B.S. in communication, she served as a community advisor for Residential Life while a student and completed an internship working with UMC University Relations. She began her responsibilities August 6.



Jeffrey Knack has been hired as an area coordinator/residential life professional for Residential Life & Security Services. A graduate of the U of M Crookston with a B.S. in criminal justice, he served as a community advisor for two years while a student. He began his responsibilities July 30.



Lionel Olson has been hired as the farm operations manager for the Northwest Research & Outreach Center. His duties are to oversee and manage all aspects of the farm operations. He holds an M.S. in plant pathology and a B.S. in general agriculture with areas of emphasis in agronomy, agricultural economics, soils science, and ag mechanization, from North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo, N.D. He has worked with crop systems as a Grand Forks County Extension agent, as an area Extension specialist at NDSU, and most recently as a sales agronomist at Integrated Ag Services, LLC.

Staff Departures (with last day of employment):

Dale Kopecky, NWROC, (retirement, March 2, currently assisting with transition for Lionel Olson)

Carol Larson, building and grounds worker, Facilities & Operations (retirement, August 3)

Paige (Clark) Stallard, office support assistant, Dining Services (July 20)

Dave Volk, assistant football coach, Athletics (May 27)

Owen Willaims, director, UMC Library (retirement, August 1)

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs -

All UMC employees are invited to attend the Opening Week Welcome Back Luncheon on Thursday, August 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. New faculty and staff will be introduced, and Chancellor Holz-Clause will offer remarks as the campus prepares for the new academic year.

Faculty and staff members seeking a dynamic professional development opportunity to enhance their leadership skills are encouraged to take part in the new UMC Leadership Academy. Now in its second year, the program is designed to



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create a culture of leadership on campus by assisting faculty and staff in the development of leadership skills, capacity and readiness and to help position them to move their programs, units, departments and the campus forward (“leadership in place”). The leadership program will span the 2018-2019 academic year. Two informational sessions are scheduled: Wednesday, August 15, from 9 to 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, August 16, from 1 to 2:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Business Boardroom, 116 Dowell Hall.

Faculty and staff are invited to learn more effective presentation techniques and various visual designs they can use on slides during the session **“New Techniques for Your Slide Design Toolkit”** presented remotely by **Ann Fandrey (right)** of the U of M Twin Cities College of Liberal Arts on Thursday, August 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in 207 Dowell Hall. Attendees will learn about the mechanics and research behind multimodal learning as well as how to make slide presentations more visually pleasing and more functional as teaching and learning materials. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptop computers if they want to try some “hands-on” activities.



The annual Orientation Convocation is scheduled for Friday, August 17, from 3:15 to 4 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Processional gathering for faculty and staff starts at 3 p.m. in the Kiehle Rotunda. At the convocation, incoming students and parents have an opportunity to hear from UMC administration as well as Crookston Student Association (CSA) leaders regarding UMC, its culture, and traditions.



The purpose of UMC's email distribution lists is to help faculty and staff members provide information about University business, processes, resources, services, meetings, activities and events. These lists are meant for a wide variety of audiences with diverse roles and interests within the campus community. It's not an exaggeration to say that employees receive hundreds of emails each day. Given that context, everyone needs to think about the content of email messages and their frequency to be effective and to have the messages read. Well-managed use of mass email is critical to maintaining recipients' perceptions of electronic communications. **Endorsed by the U of M Crookston Chancellor's Administrative Cabinet, a document listing best practices—including things to avoid—has been developed and posted at www.crk.umn.edu/media/email-best-practices.** The purpose of this document is to help craft email messages in a way that is more effective and less likely to be ignored. **Faculty and staff are encouraged to review this document.**



University Relations also has developed a companion to that list of email best practices, **a checklist to use when developing messages about campus events and activities.** Event planners, whether they are seasoned professional staff or students just learning to be effective, have much to do. Communicating information about these events is a key part of promotion. This checklist is useful when considering what to communicate about an event. It is intended to be a resource for all to use as they work to promote their events to various audiences. The checklist is posted online at www.crk.umn.edu/media/checklist-messages-about-events-and-activities.

Academic Affairs -

The U of M Crookston and Red Lake Nation College (RLNC) have signed an agreement establishing a cooperative academic relationship between the two institutions. RLNC president Dan King (left in photo) and UMC Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause signed a memorandum on Tuesday, August 7, establishing access and opportunity for students from both institutions through a dual enrollment and transfer program. Selected courses at RLNC—especially those that lead to RLNC's A.A. in Liberal Education—will be a part of the program and related transfer agreement with UMC. Among the bachelor's degree programs at the UMC that best match the priorities and coursework at RLNC are Horticulture, Natural Resources, Business, and Agricultural Business, but RLNC students may choose to pursue their academic interests in any academic program. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/red-lake-nation-college-dual-admissions-agreement.



Student Affairs -

New Student Orientation begins on Friday, August 17, at 8 a.m. New students should first check in at the Kiehle Building's Rotunda between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to pick up their orientation packet, which includes their U-Card, the orientation schedule, a nametag, and SOS Leader information. Students living in campus residence halls check in at Centennial Hall to receive their key and housing information. Returning students may move into residence halls on Sunday, August 19, beginning at Noon. For more information, go to <http://z.umn.edu/umcorientation>.



Part-Time Job Expo

UMC students will have the opportunity to learn more about part-time job opportunities on campus and within the local Crookston community at the **Campus & Community Part-Time Job Expo, Monday, August 20, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the UMC Wellness Center.** More than 20 local businesses and employers as well as a number of campus departments will be on hand to talk with students about part-time jobs they have available. This event is

sponsored by UMC Career Development.

Library -



Owen Williams, director of UMC Library Services, has retired, effective Wednesday, August 1. A mainstay of the Crookston campus for 35 years, his contributions have been many. He is held in high regard on the Crookston campus and throughout U of M Libraries for his positive attitude, futuristic thinking, strong leadership, collaborative ways, and commitment to service. In addition to his day-to-day responsibilities, he made an indelible impact on UMC through his service to the campus via membership on the Technology Advisory Committee as well as numerous other committees, his relationship building and work with other U of M System libraries, and his willingness to work with faculty and staff including visiting classrooms to introduce new students to library services. The campus community wishes him the best in his retirement.



Keri Youngstrand has been appointed interim director of Library Services as of August 2. A librarian who earned her M.S. in library and information science from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Penn., she has worked in professional library positions for the better part of 10 years and at the U of M Crookston as an assistant librarian since 2015. She has made significant contributions to the UMC Library, especially related to electronic resources and cataloging. Youngstrand's undergraduate degree is in English with a minor in music from Jamestown College.

International Programs -

Having heard about the cold, blustery winters, one new international student was taken aback when she arrived on campus last Friday. Laiba Bukhari, hailing from Pakistan, arrived to 90 degree heat. Instead of buying extra blankets, her first task was to find a fan! Laiba is one of **23 new international students joining UMC this fall. In addition to Pakistan, students are coming from Canada, China, Congo, Costa Rica, India, Japan, South Korea, and Ukraine.**

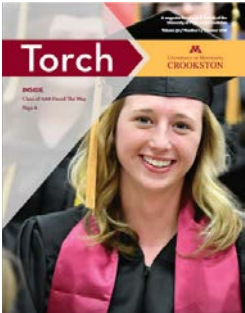
Facilities & Operations -

Due to open positions that are not being filled at this time, **Facilities & Operations will move to a once per week office cleaning schedule starting this academic year.** Operations Supervisor Nell DeBoer and the custodial staff have been working on a schedule for office cleaning and have been placing additional trash and recycling containers in public areas. **Office occupants are asked to empty their own trash and recycling into these public area containers, which will be emptied daily.** Facilities & Operations appreciates the cooperation of the faculty and staff in this endeavor. Contact Dave Danforth, director, Facilities & Operations, with any questions

Technology Support Services -

The next phase of the campus telephone system upgrade is scheduled for Thursday, August 16. At that time, all campus telephone numbers will be moved (porting) to a new service provider, Halstad Telephone Company. Staff members are committed to minimizing telephone outages as much as possible. However, small disruptions may be experienced during the porting process as telephone numbers register with Halstad. Contact the Computer Help Desk with questions or to report problems 218-281-8000 or umchelp@umn.edu.

Development & Alumni Relations -



The Summer 2018 edition of *Torch*, the magazine for alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota Crookston and the Northwest School of Agriculture, has published. It will be distributed on campus this week, and it is also available online at https://z.umn.edu/Torch_Summer2018.

The 28th Annual Teambacker Golf Classic was held Friday, July 19, at Minakwa Golf Course in Crookston. This year the tournament raised more than \$12,000 with a total of 19 teams participating. The funds raised from this year's tournament benefit the Bill & Mary Tyrrell Scholarship, which supports U of M Crookston student-athletes. Teambackers would like to extend a special thanks to Bill Tyrrell (right) for participating in this year's scramble. Thanks are also extended to the many volunteers and loyal sponsors who helped make the tournament a success.



University Relations -

Office name inserts and office hour documents as well as PowerPoint templates branded with University of Minnesota Crookston graphics are available for download to all faculty and staff on the University Relations website: www.crk.umn.edu/units/university-relations. The templates can be found under the "Branded Templates - Office Inserts, PowerPoint, Email Signatures, Etc." accordion box by clicking the plus (+) sign. These documents meet established U of M guidelines. Note: the office name inserts and office hour sheets (in Microsoft Word format) are purposely simple and clean in design, utilizing the Arial font to maximize readability. All faculty and staff are encouraged to use them as the campus standard.

UMC will, again, have an entry in the Ox Cart Days Torchlight Parade on Saturday, August 18, at 7 p.m. Golden Eagle student-athletes and coaches, Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause, Vice Chancellor John Hoffman, and Regal the Golden Eagle will march in the parade. The Office of Development & Alumni Relations plans to have its new campus peplemover in the parade as well. Any and all faculty, staff, and alumni are welcome to join the group. Contact Andrew Svec, 218-281-8438, asvec@umn.edu, for more information.



Regular hours of operation for staff in the Printing & Design Unit for fall semester 2018 are as follows. Staff in this unit work 30 hours per week (75% appointments).

- **Printing work, contact Judy Baatz**, 125 Kiehle, ext. 8403, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Design work, contact Patti Tiedemann**, 119 Kiehle, ext. 8402, Monday through Wednesday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Please note: Patti is not in on Fridays.**

Athletics -

The University of Minnesota Crookston is looking for students interested in joining and helping to creating an esports league. Esports are a form of

competition involving video games where individuals and teams can complete at a casual or professional level. Games like League of Legends consist of two five-person teams that complete against each other in an online arena. In other games, such as Hearthstone, individuals complete in a series of one-on-one matches. Overwatch, League of Legends, and Counterstrike Go are just a few of the games that have pushed eSports into a global phenomenon with an audience of over 226 million people worldwide. Individuals interested in participating, watching, and/or supporting eSports leagues and tournaments at the University of Minnesota Crookston are encouraged to complete the online form at <https://z.umn.edu/umcesports>. Faculty and staff interested in being involved in eSports should feel free to contact Mark Belanger at bela0056@umn.edu, 218-281-8680, or Katy Johnson, katyj@umn.edu, 218-281-8801, for more information.



The University of Minnesota Crookston Golden Eagle Volleyball program has earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 2017-18 season. Members of the team maintained a 3.86 grade point average during the 2017-18 academic year, earning a **Top-25 Team GPA in NCAA DII Women's Volleyball**. Nine student-athletes on the team earned NSIC All-Academic for the 2017 season. The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, recognizes collegiate and high school volleyball teams that have displayed excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale.



Five members of the University of Minnesota Crookston Men's Basketball Team have been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Honors Court. The Golden Eagles were one of just 59 schools of over 300 institutions across NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA to have five or more players honored. The honorees for Minnesota Crookston were: **Aaron Hollcraft** a junior majoring in elementary education from Crookston, Minn.; **Nate Lorenz** a junior majoring in health management from Breckenridge, Minn.; **Chase Knickerbocker**, a junior majoring in finance from Annandale, Minn.; **Gable Smith**, a junior majoring in management from Lodi, Wis.; and **Darin Viken**, a junior majoring in biology from Fosston, Minn. **The Minnesota Crookston Men's Basketball Team also was awarded with the NABC Academic Excellence Award as a team.**

Research, Publications, Presentations & Conferences



It isn't necessary to go to the ocean to find a sponge. In the sunlight dappled waters of a Minnesota stream or lake, a freshwater sponge might be thriving. **The work of U of M Crookston faculty members Karl Anderson, Anthony Schroeder, Venuopgal Mukku, and Timothy Dudley, along with a number of undergraduate students, could lead to the discovery of new species.** But most important is the contribution they are making to the DNA sequencing of freshwater sponges and to a greater understanding of these simple organisms and their role in the evolutionary cycle. A more complete picture of the relationship of sponges to water quality and their presence as a bio-indicator of a healthy ecosystem could also result from the research. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/freshwater-sponges-minnesota.



Alvin Killough, Ph.D., associate professor, Liberal Arts & Education Department, presented the keynote address at the 4th Annual International African Mental Health Summit, held July 12-14 at Metropolitan State University, in Saint Paul, Minn. His address, "Back to the Basics: Towards a Shift in the Mental Health and Well Being of Africans in the Diaspora," highlighted the significance of spirituality when addressing the mental health needs of many African American communities and discussed the link between mental illness and poverty. For more information about the conference, visit www.africanmhs.com.

Accolades & Achievements



Eric Castle, associate professor of horticulture in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department, recently earned his Ph.D. in Earth System Science and Policy from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. The title of his dissertation is "Health Aspects of Community-Engaged Natural Play Space Planning, Design and Implementation."



Shari Daniels, instructor of education in the Liberal Arts & Education Department, recently earned her Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. The title of her dissertation is "Teacher-Writer Perceptions on the Essence of Writing: Influences, Identity and Habits of Mind to Sustain a Writing Life."



Shawn Smith, sports information director for the U of M Crookston's Athletics Department, recently earned his Master of Science in Sport Studies from Bemidji State University. The title of his master's thesis is "Content Analysis of Division II Athletic Teams Utilization of Twitter: Discovering Best Practices in the Northern Midwest."

The University of Minnesota Crookston has again been named one of the best colleges in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review, a nationally known education services company. The U of M Crookston is one of 160 institutions The Princeton Review recommends in its "Best Midwestern" section of its website feature "2019 Best Regional Colleges" that posted August 7, 2018, on PrincetonReview.com. For a full listing of the 2019 Best Colleges go to www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-regional-colleges.

The U of M Crookston's online degree program in Health Management has been named among "50 Great Value Online Colleges for Health Care Management (Bachelor's) 2018" by Great Value Colleges, an online educational resource. UMC came in at number 5 on the list colleges and universities across the U.S. View the full list at www.greatvaluecolleges.net/online-healthcare-management-bachelors.



The Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators (MAAE) presented U of M Crookston Professor Lyle Westrom with the MAAE Presidential Award of Merit at their annual summer conference banquet on Wednesday, July 11. The award is given to honor someone with a lifetime of commitment and devoted support for Minnesota agriculture and agricultural education. Westrom, a professor in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department at UMC, began his career on February 1, 1989. He has taught more than twenty courses during his nearly 30-year tenure. He has taught primarily in the agricultural education and animal science areas and is currently on a phased retirement program until he completes his final month of teaching in May 2020.

Prior to his retirement on August 1, Owen Williams, director of library services for the U of M Crookston, was honored by his colleagues in the University of Minnesota Libraries, the system of libraries and library professionals serving the entire University of Minnesota System, with a proclamation:



Whereas Owen Williams is retiring from the University of Minnesota on August 1, 2018, and

Whereas Owen is committed to serving the students and faculty at the UMC with innovative services and has been recognized with awards for his dedication and expertise, and

Whereas Owen is an exceptional contributor to the University through governance committees, including the always-interesting Senate Library Committee, and

Whereas Owen is an extraordinary colleague within the library community of Minnesota, participating in numerous groups and advancing issues around technology, disabilities access, resource sharing, and the future of libraries, and

Whereas Owen brings a collegial and collaborative approach to the collective interests of the libraries of the University of Minnesota, offering insights, common sense, and realistic approaches to challenging decisions, and

Whereas Owen possesses a sense of humor and kindness that he shares generously with all, including his incredible smile.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the library community of the University of Minnesota is deeply grateful for Owen's significant and impactful contributions and will greatly miss him.

July 25, 2018

Campus & Community

The U of M Crookston will serve as a major site for activities related to Ox Cart Days 2018 on Wednesday, August 15.

- **The 8th Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** During the program, a select group of local veterans will be honored: Linus Desrosier, Trevor Desrosier, Lenny Fuller, Seth Goehring, Mark Peterson, Bill Rasmussen, and Roberta Schipper. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Crookston in collaboration with University of Minnesota Crookston University Relations.
- **University Relations will host the annual Ox Cart Days Ice Cream Social from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Peterson Gazebo on the Campus Mall** (rain site: Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center). Members of the campus and the Crookston communities are invited to enjoy free ice cream while listening to live music by Associate Professor George French. At 4:45 p.m. the first clue for the 2018 Ox Cart Days Medallion Hunt will be announced. The UMC Bookstore will be open until 5 p.m. and will have special T-shirts on sale for only \$8.99. Discounted tickets for the Minnesota State Fair will be available to purchase at the Bookstore.
- **RiverView Health's 5th Annual Ox Cart Days Dodgeball Tournament** (for ages 15 and under) will begin at 5 p.m. in the Wellness Center (Ox Cart Days button required to attend).



Events related to Crookston Ox Cart Days will be held Tuesday, August 14, through Sunday, August

19. There will be games, parades, fireworks, pageants, reunions, a car show, an ice cream social, dodgeball tournament, lip sync contest, kids tractor pull, a bouncy house bonanza, and live entertainment from fantastic performers including a street dance featuring the band [Junk FM](#) on Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Crookston Downtown Square. All members of the campus community are invited and encouraged to take part in any of the events. Some events offer free admission with an Ox Cart Days button, and some involve a cover charge. Buttons are available for purchase across the city. A comprehensive listing of all related events is available online at www.crookstonoxcartdays.com/schedule-of-events and the

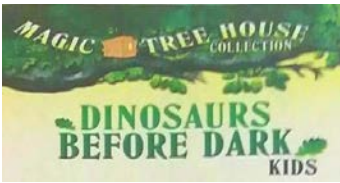
festival also has an active Facebook page that provides more information:

www.facebook.com/oxcartdaysfestival.

The University of Minnesota Crookston invites community members to become a part of the Community Host Program. The Office of Student & Family Experience will

sponsor its second year of the program, which is designed to facilitate informal friendships between U of M Crookston students and members of the Crookston community. The program matches a member of the Crookston community with a student (or two), and encourages periodic communication and interaction. Examples of activities shared by hosts and students may include Golden Eagle athletic events, outdoor adventures, and outings to local attractions or restaurants, or any number of activities. The Office of Student & Family Experience will hold sponsored events throughout the academic year for hosts and their student(s), but what occurs beyond these events is up to the host and student(s). Anyone interested in learning more about being a community host may contact Aaron Meyer at 218-281-8585, acmeyer@umn.edu, or Brooke Novak at 218-281-8570, novak303@umn.edu.





Crookston Summer Arts Safari, in collaboration with Crookston Community Theatre, will present the Magic Tree House Collection's "Dinosaurs Before Dark." Performances will be held in Kiehle Auditorium on Friday, Aug. 17 at 5:40 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 18, at 11 a.m. Adults \$5; Children \$3.

As part of new student orientation, students will be introduced to Crookston through a program called Meet Crookston through Service on Saturday, August 18, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Meet Crookston Through Service brings students and community partners together with a number of community engagement service projects. This year's list of community project sites and partners includes:



- Washington Elementary School
- Castle Park
- Prairie Community Baptist Church
- Central Park - Ox Cart Days
- Assembly of God Church
- Sun, Country and You
- Humane Society
- Fire Department
- Oakdale Cemetery
- MICAH Retreat Center
- Rydell National Wildlife Center
- Ox Cart Days Committee

Participants in the morning community service projects will discuss their day over a reflection meal in Bede Ballroom that evening at 5:15 p.m. For more information contact Brooke Novak, 218-281-8570, novak303@umn.edu.

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University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler has announced his decision to step down as president on July 1, 2019, calling the University a “remarkable collection of people, ideas, and impact” who every day “make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of students, patients and their families, businesses, and communities.” Kaler has been a remarkable leader for more than seven years and will continue to work as president emeritus for an additional year to build on the momentum of the \$4 billion Driven campaign. Learn more at <https://president.umn.edu/content/university-minnesota-president-eric-kaler-announces-he-will-leave-role-end-his-eighth-year>.

The University of Minnesota has launched the search for its 17th president, as well as a website devoted to the search at www.president-search.umn.edu. The Board of Regents has hired Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, a national consulting firm that specializes in colleges and universities, to recruit and vet candidates and help guide the search process. Additionally, the Board of Regents seeks nominations of candidates for the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (submit nominees online at www.president-search.umn.edu/search-committee). The deadline for nominations is Aug. 15, 5 p.m.



On August 7, U of M Executive Vice President and Provost Karen Hanson announced her decision to step down at the end of the 2018 calendar year after seven years of serving in that position. In her announcement she mentioned her intentions to continue to work with faculty, staff, and students, and with administrative colleagues over the next five months to resolve or launch several pending initiatives of special importance, including reorganization of the Academic Health Center, child care planning for the Twin Cities campus, and first steps on some systemwide strategic plan priorities. In January 2019 she will begin a single-semester leave followed by a phased retirement from the faculty.

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