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From the Chancellor

We are very fortunate to live and work in such a supportive community, both on- and off-campus. I was struck by so many examples of this over the past couple of weeks. The first example was the recent and very successful Homecoming. I won't be able to name everyone who was involved with all the events throughout the week, but it truly takes a community to put together this wonderful event each year with the involvement of many alumni, faculty, staff, and students. This year was special with the strong community support illustrated by the "Paint the Town" efforts that made me smile every time I drove to and from campus. I want to thank Emily Caldis and the entire SPACE group for their work in making that happen. This year was also special through the first efforts to host a "campus showcase" of our academic areas to demonstrate the work of our faculty and students. I want to thank Brennan Andreas and his group, along with assistance from Chris Winjum, as well as all those who presented for all their work to provide an "open house" for the community and campus visitors.

Our supportive community was also illustrated by the strong attendance at the various activities throughout Homecoming Weekend. I was especially pleased by the number of folks who attended the athletic events and the strong positive attitudes that were demonstrated. While our Golden Eagles did not prevail in the final scores, they experienced great fan support and encouragement. In some ways, that can have a far greater longer-term impact than a score, which may be quickly forgotten.

We had a record-setting number of attendees at this year's Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame event. The overflowing crowd was treated to some great stories as we honored a group of outstanding alumni, athletes, friends and supporters. It was a great night for all involved in part due to high turnout of many who live within our regional community. Of course, such events take a few special folks to make it happen, and so a special thanks to Corby Kemmer, Stephanie Helgelson, Sue Dwyer, Rose Ulseth, Garret Kollin, Elizabeth Tollefson, Andrew Svec, and John Zak for bringing it all together.

The strength of our community has been sorely tested recently by the heartbreaking loss of loved ones in the extended families of our colleagues. While deeply saddened by their loss, I have been heartened by the compassion our coworkers have shown through their care, sympathy, and support. I feel blessed and very thankful to work with people who provide such a supportive environment for our students and our fellow faculty and staff. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fred Wood

Chancellor

University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Torch and Shield Recognition, Wednesday, October 29 – 5 p.m. reception, Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center; 6 p.m. program, Bede Ballroom; Dinner (by invitation) following program, Brow Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center

Thursday Commons: Fall Semester Convocation, Thursday, October 30 – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Enterprise Systems Upgrade Project (ESUP) Student Systems Preview Session, Thursday, October 30 – 2 to 3 p.m., 101 Dowell Hall

ESUP Advance Team Session, Thursday, October 30 – 3 to 3:45 p.m., 101 Dowell Hall

ESUP Student Systems Preview Session (repeat session), Friday, October 31 – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom-Room C, Sargeant Student Center

ESUP General Preview Session, Friday, October 31 – 10 to 11 a.m., Bede Ballroom-Room C, Sargeant Student Center

UMC Hosts Section 8A High School Girls' Volleyball Tournament, Friday, October 31 – 7:30 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Admissions Hosts Experience UMC Golden Eagle Visit Day, Saturday, November 1 – 9:30 a.m. to Noon, check-in at Sargeant Student Center

Northstar Council Presents Native American Dance, Drums, and Storytelling, Sunday, November 2 – 3 to 4:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

Class Schedules Available for Spring Semester 2015, Monday, November 3

Faculty Seminar Presentation by Raed Seetan: Data Mining and Bioinformatics: an Introduction and Overview, Monday, November 3 – Noon to 1 p.m., Bede Ballroom, rooms C, D, & E, Sargeant Student Center

Election Day, Tuesday, November 4 - polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Employee Health and Benefits Fair, Wednesday, November 5 – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Thursday Commons: Fall Semester Faculty and Student Research Day, Thursday, November 6 – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

UMC Employee Flu Shot Clinic, Friday, November 7 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom A & B, Sargeant Student Center

Admissions Hosts Experience UMC Day for Pre-Professional and Health Management Programs, Friday, November 7 – 1:30 to 4 p.m., check-in at 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

Administrative Affairs –

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the White House have devoted a significant amount of attention to Title IX and the issue of how to address the problem of sexual assault and harassment on university and college campuses. Recently, a provision of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) codified specific requirements related to the response to, and the prevention and awareness of, sexual assault. **University employees with supervisory or advising responsibilities must contact the campus student conduct officer (Peter Phaiah on the Crookston campus) when they learn about a sexual assault and obtain guidance on next steps. Further, "University employees cannot guarantee confidentiality, except when the reports are privileged communications with counselors or health care professionals." All other employees (not in supervisory or advising positions) should seek guidance from their supervisor when they learn about a sexual assault.** This is an important responsibility for all employees reflected in the U of M's administrative policy on Sexual Assault, Stalking and Relationship Violence: www.policy.umn.edu/Policies/Operations/Safety/SEXUALASSAULT.html. Contact information for each of the U of M's campuses is listed on that policy site.

On October 30 and 31 UMC will host visitors from the Twin Cities campus offering preview sessions on the new PeopleSoft upgrade—Enterprise Systems Upgrade Project (ESUP)—that will be implemented in February 2015. Each session is designed for a specific group of UMC employees. Contact Ken Myers in the Office of the Registrar with questions. The schedule of sessions is as follows:

- **ESUP Student Systems Preview Session**, Thursday, October 30, 2 to 3 p.m., 101 Dowell Hall
Audience: current student system users (those with PeopleSoft security access)
Topics: the first step for learning about training and maintaining access for the upgraded system

- **ESUP Advance Team Session**, Thursday, October 30, 3 to 3:45 p.m., 101 Dowell Hall
Audience: academic department "go-to" representatives, HRMS Stars, RRC
(Note: each academic department has been requested to identify one or two go-to individuals)
Topics:
 - Advance Team roles
 - Identify key HRMS and FIN information to bring to faculty
 - Walk through current available materials (toolkits, training)
 - Ask what they are hearing in their areas
 - Ask what questions they have

- **ESUP Student Systems Preview Session** (repeat session), Friday, October 31, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom-Room C, Sargeant Student Center
- **ESUP General Preview Session**, Friday, October 31, 10 to 11 a.m., Bede Ballroom-Room C, Sargeant Student Center
Audience: all employees
Topics: This will be a general introduction to all topics including:
 - MyU
 - Reporting
 - Student data
 - Fin
 - HRMS
 - How will go-live work?

Academic Affairs –

Raed Seetan, lecturer, Math, Science & Technology Department, will provide a faculty seminar presentation, Data Mining and Bioinformatics: an Introduction and Overview, on Monday, November 3, from Noon to 1 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Rooms C, D, and E. All interested individuals are welcome. Light snacks will be provided.

Faculty members and students will share some of their current research with the campus community at the **Thursday Commons Fall Semester Faculty and Student Research Day, on Thursday, November 6, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.** The schedule is as follows:

12:30 to 12:40 p.m. - Opening remarks by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Barbara Keinath

12:40 to 1 p.m. - Flood Prediction and Risk Assessment Using Advanced Geo-Visualization and Data Mining Techniques - authors: **student Deli Sarsar**, presenting, and **Assistant Professor Omar Al-Azzam**

1 to 1:20 p.m. - Building Efficient Algorithms and Software Tools to Assess in Radiation Hybrid Mapping - authors: **students Ryan Anyi and Erik Simundson**, presenting, and **Assistant Professor Omar Al-Azzam**

1:20 to 1:40 p.m. - Various Fertilizer Sources for Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Potentially Mineralizable Nitrogen from Golf Course Greens and Roughs - authors: **Assistant Professors Katy Nannenga and Kristina Walker**

1:40 to 2 p.m. - Information about upcoming deadlines and requirements for UROP and CSR/CW proposals

Student Affairs & Enrollment Management –

Fall Semester Convocation will be held Thursday, October 30, at 12:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Crookston Student Association (CSA) President Justin Goodroad will serve as emcee. Guest speaker will

be Carola Thorson, UMC's director of admissions and enrollment management. Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath and Chancellor Fred Wood will recognize student academic achievement; the Residential Life Highest GPA Award and CSA "of the Month" awards will be presented; and varsity coaches will recognize their respective teams and deliver season updates. Music will be provided by the UMC Band and UMC Choir. The event is sponsored by CSA.

Northstar Council will present an afternoon of Native American Dance, Drums, and Storytelling on Sunday, November 2, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Northstar Council is a non-profit organization located in Grand Forks, N.D., and serves as "a mechanism to link Native Americans to local schools, public services, and social-cultural organizations within the Red River Valley." Learn more about at www.northstarcouncil.com.

Center for Adult Learning –

Megan Luxford has been hired as a student personnel coordinator supporting the College in the High School (CIHS) program through the Center for Adult Learning (CAL). She is a recent alum of the U of M Crookston with a degree in applied studies with emphasis in natural resources and sport and recreation management. She began her responsibilities in CAL on October 20.

Human Resources –

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the **2014 Employee Health and Benefits Fair on Wednesday, November 5, from Noon to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** Employees may learn more about medical plans, flexible spending accounts, disability benefits, retirement savings, dental plans, pharmacy benefits, and employee wellness. This event is sponsored by U of M Employee Benefits and Human Resources.

Development & Alumni Relations –

The 2014 Torch & Shield Recognition will be held on Wednesday, October 29, with a reception at 5 p.m. and program at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, followed by dinner (by invitation) in Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center. **2014 Torch & Shield honorees include Susan Hagstrum, Peter Wasberg, and the Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council.** Lifetime and annual giving to the University of Minnesota Crookston are also recognized at the event. Kathy Schmidlkofer, President and CEO of the University of Minnesota Foundation, will bring greetings on behalf of the Foundation.

Director of Development & Alumni Relations **Corby Kemmer** and Development Officer **Garret Kollin** recently attended a two-day workshop in Minneapolis hosted by Advancement Resources. The workshop focused on tactics for optimizing donor meetings and navigation points for accelerating donor commitment.

In the first four months of fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) **the U of M Crookston is approximately 25% away from breaking UMC's all-time fundraising record with eight months**

remaining in this fiscal year. The staff of UMC's Office of Development & Alumni Relations offers thanks to all those who have donated or offered support.

University Relations –

Faculty and staff are reminded to follow the guidelines for proper use of U of M and UMC wordmarks, logos, and related items such as the equal opportunity statement. A guide to graphic standards and resources is available online at www.crk.umn.edu/relations/standards. A helpful checklist for publications is also available online at www.crk.umn.edu/relations/standards/checklist.htm. UMC Printing & Design staff can assist with the creation of your documents and proper use of University marks. Contact Andrew Svec at 218-281-8438 or asvec@umn.edu with questions.

Members of the campus community are encouraged to review the Campus Emergency Closing Policies and Procedures: www.umcrockston.edu/info/policies/closing.htm. Any decision to close the campus due to bad weather, such as a blizzard, or any other situation is given careful consideration because it affects productivity as well as required class instruction days. If a decision is made to close the campus, watch for official weather related closing information via cell phones using the TXT-U emergency notification system, campus e-mail, alerts on the UMC main web page and UMC Today page, as well as announcements on KROX radio (1260 AM), WDAZ TV, KVLV TV, and selected other regional media outlets.

TXT-U is the University of Minnesota's emergency notification text messaging system. Students, faculty, and staff can receive weather cancellation or delay messages and stay informed about critical campus safety information by registering to receive TXT-U messages on their cell phones. Individuals may verify or change their mobile phone numbers and add additional mobile numbers at www.getrave.com/login/umn.

Athletics –

Women's soccer goalkeeper **Lexie Gauger, a senior from Green Bay, Wis., majoring in criminal justice, was named NSIC Goalkeeper of the Week** by the conference office after a standout performance in net for the Golden Eagles. Gauger helped UMC to a pair of draws against No. 18 ranked Winona State University and Upper Iowa University, both in the upper echelon of the NSIC standings. Gauger shut out a potent Upper Iowa offense making six saves in the match as UMC picked up a 0-0 draw against Upper Iowa on Saturday, October 25. On Sunday, October 26, she tallied ten saves against Winona State. Gauger has now tallied a UMC record five shutouts this season.

The UMC Western Equestrian Team had a strong showing at a pair of home shows at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) on the UMC campus. **The weekend was highlighted by the team tying for High Point Team with North Dakota State University on Sunday.** In addition, **Amberly Pesall**, a junior from New Brighton, Minn., earned High Point Rider on Saturday. [Learn more.](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/10/28/EQUESTW_1028144004.aspx) www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2014/10/28/EQUESTW_1028144004.aspx

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

Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) –

The NWRSDP has a job opening for a community mapping and outreach corpsmember (an AmeriCorps position for candidates ages 18 -25) to work from January 19 through December 11, 2015. Major responsibilities include assisting the NWRSDP and Project Get Outdoors (GO) in strengthening a network of organizations committed to connecting children and nature. The network will expand from a focus in Polk, Norman, and Mahnomen counties to the northwest region. The corpsmember will assist with social network analysis and community mapping. These mapping activities identify public green spaces and other resources within communities that are available to help connect children to nature and the outdoors. NWRSDP, its partners in public health, and Project GO work to link kids and caring adult volunteers to exploration, play, and reflection in nature near where they live. The corpsmember will also work with community partners to provide ongoing assistance and support to community-based programs to increase opportunity for nature play. The majority of this work will take place in Crookston with frequent travel to nearby communities for partner meetings and program planning. Most service activities will occur in an office setting, with substantial time spent out of the office meeting with partners and participating in events. Learn more at <http://conservationcorps.catsone.com/careers/index.php?m=portal&a=details&jobOrderID=4370686>.

University of Minnesota System

University of Minnesota Regent David Larson passed away on October 25 after a brief illness. Regent Larson, of Wayzata, Minnesota, was a 1966 political science graduate of the U of M. In 2005, he was elected from Minnesota's Third Congressional District to serve on the Board of Regents. He was reelected to a second six-year term in 2011. A retired executive vice president for Cargill, where he spent his career and worked his way to executive leadership over 44 years of service, Regent Larson served as vice chair of the Board of Regents (2011-13), chair of the Educational Planning and Policy Committee (now the Academic and Student Affairs Committee), and vice chair of the Audit Committee. He had been chair of the Litigation Review Committee since 2013. During his tenure he also served as a member of the Facilities Committee, the Faculty and Staff Affairs Committee, the Finance and Operations Committee, the Regents Award Committee, and the Presidential Performance Review Committee.

Accolades

Two faculty members in the Math, Science & Technology Department, **Assistant Professor Omar Al-Azzam, Ph.D,** and **Lecturer Raed Seetan, M.S.,** are co-authors of two recently published articles:

- Raed I. Seetan, Anne M. Denton, Omar Al-Azzam, Ajay Kumar, M. Javed Iqbal, Shahryar F. Kianian, "Reliable Radiation Hybrid Maps: An Efficient Scalable Clustering-Based Approach," IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, vol.11, no. 5, pp. 788-800, Sept.-Oct. 2014, doi:10.1109/TCBB.2014.2329310
- Raed I. Seetan, Anne M. Denton, Omar Al-Azzam, Ajay Kumar, M. Javed Iqbal and Shahryar F. Kianian, A Noise-Aware Method for Building Radiation Hybrid Maps, Proc. The 5th ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics (ACM-BCB14), September 20 - 23 2014, Newport Beach, CA, USA

Assistant Professor Katy Nannenga of the Math, Science & Technology Department and **Assistant Professor Kristie Walker** of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department, have collaborated on a research project co-authoring a grant to acquire funding as well as a paper, which was published recently:

- Walker, K.S., and Nannenga, K.W. 2014. Various fertilizer sources for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from golf course greens and roughs. *European Journal of Turfgrass Science* 45: 79-80.

Assistant Professor Katy Nannenga is also a co-author of another recently published paper:

- Watts, D.B., G.B. Runion, K.W. Smith Nannenga, and H.A. Torbert. 2014. Enhanced-Efficiency Fertilizer Effect on Cotton Yield and Quality in the Coastal Plains. *Agronomy Journal* 106: 745-752.

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