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From the Chancellor

As we begin to settle into our summer routines, I want to take a moment to thank everyone on campus for making this past year so successful. Our budget is sound. We have added academic majors and minors, increased our enrollment, made outstanding new hires, opened a new residence hall, improved our buildings, and I could go on and on... We have much to be thankful for, but at the top of the list is the opportunity to work at such an outstanding institution that is doing such great things for our students and our community. I personally appreciate the opportunity I’ve had to work with each of you this past year. UMC is a very special place because of the exceptional people who work here. Thanks to all of you for the work done this past academic year on our continual journey of excellence. It’s been a great year, and we should all be very optimistic about what the future holds for the University of Minnesota Crookston!

Speaking of new hires, our new director of admission and enrollment management, Carola Thorson, will be joining us on Monday, June 17. Please welcome her to the campus when you have a chance. Also, as mentioned in a recent campus e-mail, the national search for our new vice chancellor for academic affairs was also successfully concluded last month. I’m very pleased that Dr. Barbara Keinath will be joining us on Monday, July 1. She will be a great addition to our campus and to our leadership team. Based on the many comments I have received since the announcement of her hiring, I know that many of you join me in looking forward to working with her as well. Please do swing by the Office of Academic Affairs to say hello and welcome her to the campus. I want to again thank the search committee for their outstanding work and congratulate them on this extremely successful outcome. I also want to use this opportunity to again thank Vice Chancellor Thomas Baldwin for his committed service and his many contributions to our campus. I wish both Tom and Ardith well as they enter this next chapter of their lives, and I know they will especially enjoy the opportunity to spend more time with their family.

Spring is finally here! The grass is now the stunning deep green that I recall from last summer, and it’s hard not to notice the beautiful blossoms and leaves are out on the trees. The flower gardens have now been planted, and they are just spectacular. The campus gardens really are a very special tradition; it is remarkable to have such gorgeous grounds. I find our campus to be beautiful at all times in the year, but this is truly a very special time to appreciate its splendor! I encourage everyone to take the time to enjoy the very special beauty at this time of year.

–Fred
Fred E. Wood, Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston
Featured Events & Activities

Classes Begin for Summer Term, Monday, June 10

UMC Emergency Management, Crookston Police Department, and Polk County Sheriff’s Office Active Shooter Training, Thursday, June 13 – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., locations across campus

Relay for Life Sponsored by West Polk County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Friday, June 14 – registration begins at 4 p.m., event begins at 7 p.m., Campus Mall

New Student Registration, Monday, June 17, through Friday, June 21 – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, check-in at Sargeant Student Center

UMC Emergency Management, Crookston Police Department, and Polk County Sheriff’s Office Active Shooter Training, Thursday, June 27 – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., locations across campus

TeambACKers Mark Olsonawski Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 27 – 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. tee-off, Two River Golf Course, Hallock, Minn., $40 per person, four-person teams, 18 holes

Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Reunion, Saturday, June 29

Independence Day Holiday, Thursday, July 4 – 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.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 –

Barbara J. Keinath, Ph.D., has been hired to serve as vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Minnesota Crookston. She holds a Ph.D. in educational administration with a focus on higher education and policy from the University of Minnesota, an M.A. in college student personnel from Michigan State University, and a B.A. in German also from Michigan State. She has served as vice provost and dean of graduate studies and, prior to that, as director of online learning at Metropolitan State University in the Twin Cities. She also has strong teaching experience, having served as a professor of management at Metropolitan State. She will begin her vice chancellor responsibilities at UMC on Monday, July 1.

Student Affairs –

New Student Registration will take place on campus during the week of June 17-21 and on Friday, July 26. The daily schedule begins with a brief welcome session at 9:30 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant
Student Center. U-Card photos, information sessions, meetings and registration with academic advisors are scheduled throughout the morning, with lunch and campus tours rounding out the day through 2 p.m. For more information, contact Alysa Tulibaski, student and family experience coordinator, at hauge450@umn.edu or 218-281-8570.

Center for Adult Learning –

The annual University of Minnesota Crookston College in the High School (CIHS) workshop, held Monday, June 3, brought to campus more than 100 high school teachers, faculty, counselors, and administrators from 42 school districts across Northern Minnesota. UMC’s Center for Adult Learning manages this program, collaborates with, and delivers college credit (concurrent enrollment) to these participating school districts. Monday's workshop provided UMC faculty the chance to work with new and current CIHS instructors on discipline-specific training and orientation in areas such as course curriculum, assessment criteria, pedagogy, course philosophy, and administrative responsibilities and procedures. More than 1,000 students take part in UMC’s CIHS program annually. The campus has been delivering college credit through its CIHS program since 1993 and is accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).

Summer term begins June 10, and the Center for Adult Learning has worked with more than 100 newly-admitted online degree-seeking students who will join UMC for this academic term.

Library Services –

The UMC Library will get an updated look this summer. Beginning Monday, June 10, the second floor of the library will be closed. Planned renovations include replacing the existing carpeting and applying new paint. The project will take approximately one month to complete.

Facilities & Operations –

The summer construction and repair season is underway. Classrooms in Dowell Hall are being cleaned out for new interior finishes; several hallways and office areas are being painted; floors are being cleaned and waxed; and major preparations are underway to install fire sprinklers in UTOC and Sahlstrom Conference Center. The campus gardens have also been planted, and with the help of several student workers the flower beds are ready to burst into a sea of color.

The next step in an integrated process to evaluate the aging underground electrical infrastructure will take place this summer. During the month of June, work will commence on locating many of the campus utilities using GIS. This will facilitate and enhance the planning and repair processes. This project has been underway for the past six months and will move forward in earnest in late June and July. During the course of the next 90 days, all of the high voltage apparatuses located across campus will be cleaned, serviced, and evaluated. This work will require the isolation of different areas on campus and securing the electricity feeding the buildings. Facilities & Operations will strive to give 48- to 72-hours’ notice to building users prior to an outage. The one caveat is that the campus infrastructure is fairly old, and some of the changes have not been documented, which may result in some unplanned interruptions. On Monday June 10, the electricity to Dowell Hall, Dowell Annex, UTOC, and Sahlstrom Conference Center will be shut off starting at 7 a.m. to mid-afternoon. Power
to Sahlstrom will be provided by a generator, but Dowell, Dowell Annex, and UTOC will be without power. Sorry for the inconvenience, but this will only be the first of several outages as necessary upgrades and repairs are performed.

Emergency Management –

In collaboration with UMC Emergency Management, the Crookston Police Department and Polk County Sheriff’s Office will co-host an active shooter training event on campus on Thursday, June 13, with repeat sessions on Thursday, June 27, and Thursday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Up to twenty officers will take part in each day’s sessions, which will involve lectures, discussions, practical exercises, and live scenario training featuring actors and “simunition rounds.” For the morning training sessions Dowell Hall (stairwells, 2nd and 3rd floors) and Parking Lot H will be used. For the afternoon scenarios McCall Hall, Evergreen Hall, Parking Lots C and D, and the outside area around the Sports Center/Lysaker Gym into the outside mall area will be used. The goals of these active shooter training events are to increase officer response, practice tactics, and strengthen multi-agency response and cooperation with the ultimate goal being preservation of life for both the responding officers and active shooter victims.

Alumni & Development –

With less than one month remaining in fiscal year 2013, this will be UMC’s seventh consecutive year of fundraising growth and the best in a decade with more than 18% growth above 2012. Thanks go to all alumni, friends, and donors for their continued investments in support of the University of Minnesota Crookston. With their support, the campus looks forward to another successful fundraising year in 2014, which begins July 1, 2013.

Teambackers will host the Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 27, at Two River Golf Course in Hallock, Minn. Alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the U of M Crookston are all invited. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with 10 a.m. tee-off. Cost is $40 per person—four-person teams, 18 holes. Contact Bill Tyrrell at 281.281.8436 or btyrrell@umn.edu for more information.

The annual Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Sargeant Student Center. The 2013 Top Aggies are Lowell Hamrick ’53, Beulah (Stolaas) Vad ’58, and Willie Huot ’63. The Class of 1963 will be a special honored class celebrating its 50th year reunion. Learn more online at www.umcrookston.edu/alumni/nwsa.

University Relations –

In early 2013 University Relations began working with ReadMedia, a company that operates a web-based social media tool which brings together student accomplishments, social media, and news releases in a unique way. When UMC students earn honors or make notable achievements, they earn special badges they can compile on an individualized profile that is much like a web-based résumé. UMC benefits through increased public recognition and social media sharing. As these student awards and honors accumulate, they are also compiled on a special website created for the U of M, Crookston: http://readabout.me/edu/university-of-minnesota-crookston. The online media tool also allows tracking of publication of these student achievements.
Athletics –

Men's basketball player Almir Krdzalic, a senior from Sioux Falls, S.D., has been awarded the Division II Degree-Completion Award by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The NCAA established the award program in 2001 to provide deserving student-athletes with financial assistance to complete their first baccalaureate degree. Candidates for the award must be students who have exhausted their athletics eligibility and have received athletics financial aid. Those chosen for the award exhibit high performance in the classroom. Other factors considered are financial circumstances, athletic achievement and involvement in campus and community activities. Learn more. http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2013/5/22/MBB_0522130942.aspx

University of Minnesota System

On May 24, Governor Dayton signed the higher education omnibus bill into law. The law appropriates $1.17 billion to the U of M in FY14–15, including $78.25 million in funding for an undergraduate tuition freeze and the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy (MnDRIVE) program. Five percent of the FY15 operations and maintenance appropriation ($1.045 billion) is contingent upon the U meeting at least three of five accountability metrics. Other highlights: The law includes approximately $86 million for agriculture education and Extension services, $9.7 million for health sciences, $2.28 million for the College of Science and Engineering, and just less than $15 million for the partnership between the U and the Mayo Foundation. For more information, see State Relations. http://govrelations.umn.edu/state-relations.html

Read more University of Minnesota system news at Brief online: www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief/.

Accolades

Wade Jackson, a 2013 graduate from Walker, Minn., and Bob Guetter, a senior from Miltona, Minn., were recently named recipients of 2013 Student Conservationist Awards from the Minnesota Chapter of the Soil and Conservation Society. The award is given to outstanding conservation students attending a Minnesota college or university and consists of a $500 stipend. Students are typically nominated by one of more of their professors based on their academic and leadership achievements. They are also required to complete an essay in which they outline how they would personally address the range of current conservation issues but especially those related to soil and water conservation. Learn more. http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2013/05/two-from-u-of-m-crookston-reco.html

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