From the Chancellor

We have certainly had our share of prominent campus visitors this fall, and we will have at least one more group later this month: the Senate Capital Investment Committee. Hosting visitors provides an opportunity to showcase our best facilities as well as the great things happening on campus. These visits also allow us to demonstrate our needs, which include the campus Wellness Center.

The inclusion of the Wellness Center on the University of Minnesota’s capital project list is the impetus for some of the visits this fall, such as the visit by members of the House Capital Investment Committee on September 18. That visit was part of their statewide tour to see facilities and listen to presentations related to many proposed capital projects. We were fortunate these legislators and staffers came to UMC to see our present facility and to hear from students about this critical need. By all accounts, this visit and meeting went very well for UMC as many House members, including our own representative, Debra Kiel, vocalized support for our project. I’ll be working with Representative Kiel and other representatives to obtain support for our project as the capital bonding bill is considered.

On September 25 we were visited again by state legislators, this time by Senator Teri Bonoff, chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, as part of a statewide “listening tour” at a number of institutions of higher education. She was joined by Vice Chair Senator Greg Clausen, Higher Education Commissioner Larry Pogemiller, and our own Senator LeRoy Stumpf. We were again able to showcase our facilities and demonstrate some of the immediate needs including the Wellness Center. This tour also included demonstrated additional needs by touring our present admissions area and laboratory research space. I believe we made a strong case for the proposed Wellness Center. Senator Stumpf has been a strong advocate for this project, and I’ll be working with him to obtain support in the State Senate. The primary goal of this particular visit, however, was to listen to students. We had heard that Senator Bonoff had been disappointed by the low student turnout and lack of enthusiasm at other institutions, but that was not the case at UMC! With help from the Crookston Student Association and other student groups, faculty, and staff, our students turned out in great numbers (perhaps the record for the tour!) and spoke eloquently about their experiences here. It was an excellent visit, and all of our guests indicated how very impressed they were by our students and the campus.

To cap off last week, we were visited by Vice President Richard “Fitz” Pfuntenreuter, the chief financial officer of the University of Minnesota, along with Associate VP for Budget and Finance Julie Tonneson and Director of Debt Management Carole Fleck. It had been many years since any of them had visited UMC. Once again we had an opportunity to showcase our facilities and to present our needs. VP Pfuntenreuter held an open forum to discuss a wide range of topics, including concerns about the funding of UMC. I am confident they left with a far better understanding of the challenges we face in terms of both personnel and facilities. It is also clear that their perspective of us as a growing, highly-
efficient, student-focused, four-year campus was solidified. Much had changed since Fitz’s and Julie’s most recent visit, and they were all very impressed by what they saw. We will continue to work with them in the hope it translates into increased support for our campus.

I’d like to offer a special thanks to everyone who has been involved with these visits, as I know it takes considerable efforts to address logistics, provide tours and demonstrations, prepare and serve meals, and on-and-on. I also want to thank everyone, especially our students, who came out for the forums and showed by their presence our deep collective commitment to and pride in UMC. This pride and commitment was noted by many of our visitors, including Senator Bonoff, who stated how impressed she was by the students and how something very special was happening at UMC. I fully agreed and explained that UMC is indeed a very special place for students due to the extraordinary commitment of staff and faculty. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Fred Wood
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Homecoming Coronation and Comedy Featuring Comedian Emily Galati, Wednesday, October 2 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

The Confucius Institute Presents Mongolian Dance and Music by the Art College of Inner Mongolia University, Wednesday, October 2 – 7 p.m., Crookston High School Auditorium, free and open to the public

Powderpuff Football Game, Thursday, October 3 – Noon to 2 p.m., Campus Mall

Oklee School District College in the High School (CIHS) Participants Visit Campus, Friday, October 4 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Friday, October 4 – 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, tickets $20 per person, reservations required, contact Rose Ulseth, rulseth@umn.edu or 218-281-8439

Class of 1968/1969 Alumni Gathering, Friday, October 4 – 9 p.m., Minakwa Golf Club, Crookston

"The Great Communication Comeback" Breakfast Buffet for Communication Alumni, Saturday, October 5 – 8:30 a.m., Sargeant Student Center, by invitation

Class of 1994 Reception Hosted by Jerry Knutson, Saturday, October 5 – 9:30 a.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center

Campus Preview Day for Prospective Students Hosted by Admissions, Saturday, October 5 – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center
UMC Homecoming Parade, Saturday, October 5 – 10:30 a.m., around the Campus Mall, free and open to the public

Homecoming Soccer vs. University of Sioux Falls, Saturday, October 5 – 11 a.m., UMC Soccer Field

Teambacker Tailgating with Music by Four Wheel Drive, Saturday, October 5 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Parking Lot E

Homecoming Football vs. Bemidji State, Saturday, October 5 – 1 p.m., Ed Widseth Field

Homecoming Volleyball vs. MSU Mankato, Saturday, October 5 – 4 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Post-Football Social with 20 Year Anniversary Celebration Cake, Saturday, October 5 – 4 p.m., I.C. Muggs, Crookston

Homecoming Dance (for ages 21 and over) Featuring DJ Jessie, Saturday, October 5 – 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., I.C. Muggs, Crookston, free admission, sponsored by the UMC Alumni Association

"Make it OK," a Community Conversation on Mental Health, Monday, October 7 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota, open to the public

"That's So Gay...REALLY?!"– Interactive Presentation on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally (GLBTA) Issues, Wednesday, October 9 – 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Hall classroom

Ramp Up to Readiness and Minnesota Principals’ Academy Information Session, Thursday, October 10 – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

UMC Professional Development Day, Friday, October 11 – classes excused, campus offices remain open

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 –

University of Minnesota Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Budget and Finance Richard “Fitz” Pfutzenreuter visited and toured the Crookston campus on Friday, September 27. He was joined by two members of his staff, Julie Tonneson and Carole Fleck. While on campus, he and his staff met
with administration; attended an open forum with students, faculty, and staff; and toured the campus—all to better understand Crookston campus issues of budget, finance, and facilities.

Academic Affairs –

During **Professional Development Day on Friday, October 11, all classes will be excused.** During that day faculty and instructional staff across campus will meet from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to review student learning outcomes in each academic major. Program-level student learning outcomes, as they are generally called, describe what graduates of a program should know and be able to do. The review is, in part, preparation for the Systems Portfolio the campus will submit by June 1, 2014. The Systems Portfolio is an essential element of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission’s Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), UMC’s chosen accreditation pathway. This review is also part of assessing how well students achieve the learning expected of them. A continuing cycle (“Plan, Do, Study, Act”) of assessment enables continuous improvement of student learning, a core element of UMC’s commitment to students. Planning for the day’s activities has been a joint effort of the Faculty Assembly’s Assessment Committee, the academic department heads, the director of institutional effectiveness, and the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Student Affairs –

Following recent elections to fill several open positions, the Crookston Student Association (CSA) announces its complete listing of the **CSA Executive Board:**

President: Alexmai Addo  
Vice-President: Justin Goodroad  
Secretary: Laura Gabrielson  
Treasurer: Ross Sigler  
Regent’s Representative: Jesse Jennings  
Student Consultative Committee Representative: Rachelle Alcini  
S.P.A.C.E. Chair: Ashley Hoffman  
Senator for City Relations: Delaney Kohorst  
Senator for Committees on Committees: Jiwon “Peter” Park  
Senator for Community Service: Trevor Buttermore  
Senator for Constitutions & Bylaws: Kayla Bellrichard  
Senator for Elections & Special Events: Natalie Tym  
Senator for International Relations: Gyaltso Gurung  
Senator for Liaison: Brennan Andreas  
Senator for Recycling: Monika Sweet  
Senator for Student Concerns: Sarah Muellner  
Senator for Student Affairs: Drew Underdahl

**Coronation of 2013 Homecoming Royalty** will take place on Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Queen candidates include Kayla Bellrichard, Ashley Hoffman, Katelyn Johnson, Ashley Manusos, and Haley Weleski. King candidates include Ben Genereux, Justin Goodroad, Jesse Jennings, Tyler Lowthian, and Brant Moore. The coronation ceremony will be followed by a performance by **comedian Emily Galati.** The event is free and open to the public. View the full schedule of events for Homecoming 2013 at [www.umcrookston.edu/homecoming](http://www.umcrookston.edu/homecoming).
T. Todd Masman, an educator, advocate, and trainer on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally (GLBTA) issues, will present a program entitled "That's So Gay...REALLY?!" on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Hall classroom. The interactive event will consist of GLBTA jeopardy and trivia, discussions on residential life issues, bullying, dating, pronouns/word association/terminology, role play scenarios, and situational exercises. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served. The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs appreciates the support of the GLBTA Alliance, Career Development & Counseling Center, and Residential Life in bringing this program to campus.

International Programs –

The Art College of Inner Mongolia University will perform a program of Mongolian Dance and Music on Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. at the Crookston High School Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public. The selections being performed showcase the horse culture found in Inner Mongolia, China. This event is sponsored by the U of M Confucius Institute’s satellite office based at the U of M Crookston.

Facilities & Operations –

The lights on the Campus Mall will be replaced with LED lights over the month of October. The new LED bulbs offer a whiter light and also are significantly more energy efficient. Eventually, exterior building lights will also be replaced.

Center for Adult Learning –

A group of approximately 25 students participating in UMC’s College in the High School (CIHS) program at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, Minn., will visit campus on Friday, October 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The group will take part in a library presentation and a “College 101” program, visit the visual immersion and informatics labs, tour the campus, and meet with admissions representatives. Approximately 35 school districts take part in UMC’s CIHS program. Learn more at www.umcrookston.edu/cihs.

Hosted by the Center for Adult Learning, Ramp Up to Readiness and Minnesota Principals' Academy sessions are slated for Thursday, October 10, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The sessions are free for participants. Ramp-Up to Readiness is a school-wide guidance program designed to increase the number and diversity of students who graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, and habits necessary for success in college. The goal of the Minnesota Principals' Academy is to create a statewide network of district and charter school leaders who are motivated and have the skills to create and sustain schools in which all students are on the path to college readiness. To learn more about either organization, visit www.rampuptoreadiness.org or www.umn.edu/mnprin. For more information about the October 10 sessions at UMC, contact Michelle Chirstopherson at 218-281-8679.

Alumni & Development –
Prize money for Homecoming 2013 parade entries will be bigger than ever this year. The Best Themed Float will claim $200; Best Crowd Pleaser $100; and Best Community Entry $50. Student, faculty, staff, and alumni groups are encouraged to enter a parade unit and be a part of the Golden Eagle Nation Celebration during the parade on Saturday, October 5, at 10:30 a.m. around the Campus Mall. Download a parade entry form and view the full schedule of events for Homecoming 2013 at www.umcrookston.edu/homecoming.

Graduates of the U of M Crookston’s communication degree programs in rural communication (1972-1986), scientific and technical communication (1997-2003), and the current communication program (which began in 2004) will celebrate UMC’s history of communication degrees and their alumni at the Great Communication Comeback on Saturday, October 5, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

University Relations –

An advertising campaign highlighting selected majors from each of UMC’s four academic departments begins today, Tuesday, October 1, on regional radio stations KYCK 97 FM, Z94.7 FM, and XL93 FM. The ads, each of which provides information about a specific major from a student’s perspective, will air in rotation throughout the month of October on all three stations. Ads highlighting different majors will continue to air on KYCK 97 FM and Z94.7 FM in November 2013, and January 2014. The ads are intended primarily to recruit on-campus students, although some of the ads will mention online options.

Photos and video from the September 25 visit to UMC by Minnesota State Senator Terri Bonoff and members of the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee are posted on a blog that highlights the Committee’s Listening Tour at http://mnhighered.wordpress.com/2013/10/01/our-visit-to-the-university-of-minnesota-crookston/. Learn more about the listening tour at http://mnhighered.wordpress.com/about/.

Athletics –

Women's golfer Katie Sheetz, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Minn., took home her first individual collegiate tournament title after shooting an 83 in the one-round Bemidji State University Invitational, held Friday, September 27, at the Bemidji Town and Country Club in Bemidji, Minn. The Golden Eagles placed second out of the four team field that included two Bemidji State squads and Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Softball players Kaylin Beatty, a sophomore from Andover, Minn., and Shelby Hollinger, a junior from Neudorf, Saskatchewan, Canada, have been named National Fastpitch Coaches' Association All-America Scholar-Athletes for the 2012-13 academic year. The award is given to players submitted by a member coach who achieved a 3.50 grade point average or higher during the 2012-13 academic year.

The UMC Athletics Department recognized the recipients of the 2013 Ed Widseth and Crookston Chamber Agassiz Bowl Scholarships on Saturday, September 21, at a breakfast for the recipients and their families in Bede Ballroom and at half-time of the UMC and Wayne State College football game that afternoon. They included Nathan Cole, a freshman from Aliso Viejo, Calif., majoring in business management; Forrest Dunivin, a freshman from Las Flores, Calif, majoring in aviation; Kyle Larson, a
freshman from Clayton, Wis., majoring in health sciences; **Drew McDurmin**, a freshman from Aiea, Hawaii, majoring in business management; and **John Mitzel**, a freshman from Aliso Viejo, Calif., majoring in business management.

**Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC)**

**Hal Mickelson** began employment with the NWROC on June 17, 2013, as a scientist under the direction of Albert Sims, Ph.D., Department of Soil, Water and Climate. He holds a Ph.D. in plant breeding from the University of Minnesota, a bachelor’s in agronomy, an associate of applied science in diversified agriculture. Prior to working at the NWROC, he was employed with BASF Plant Science.

**Nathan “Nate” Russart** began employment with the NWROC on July 1 as a junior scientist under the direction of Ian MacRae, Ph.D., Department of Entomology. He holds a master’s in biology, a bachelor’s in wildlife, and is a first lieutenant and a company commander in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

**Elizabeth Crane**, who has worked at the NWROC on a temporary basis for two years, recently received a promotion to junior scientist under the direction of Jason Brantner, research fellow in plant pathology. She studied biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Minnesota Duluth, where she graduated in 2011.

**Anne Kopecky** began employment with the NWROC on September 16 as a part-time office secretary. She has an LPN degree and brings with her a vast knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office programs. She comes to the NWROC after working at Kohl’s.

**Jerry Schultz** began work as a part-time building and grounds employee for the NWROC on August 26. Schultz was the owner of Gregg Potato Sales and worked as a commodity grain broker. He also worked many years at Dahlgren and Company, and before that was a Navy Yeoman 3rd Class.

**Campus and Community**

"**Make it OK,** a community conversation on mental health," will be held on Monday, October 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. The conversation is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota and is open to the public. The goal of the community conversation is to encourage people to talk about mental health and mental illnesses; challenge misperceptions, myths, and misinformation; increase community knowledge and support; make communities inclusive and free from discrimination; promote prevention and early intervention; and agree to steps that communities can take. For more information contact Laurie Wilson at lwilson2@umn.edu or 218-281-8587.

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Accolades

Dani Johannesen, Ph.D., a lecturer in the Liberal Arts & Education Department, has received confirmation on the publication of two of her short stories. "No Marigolds" was published in Volume 3, Issue #10 (Summer) of Midwestern Gothic, a literary journal. She was also a featured contributor on that publication's website. "Centennial" is forthcoming in the 50th-anniversary edition of the literary journal South Dakota Review, set for publication at the end of October.

UMC agriculture students Ashley Hoffman, Dustin Smith, and Brian Oachs are featured in a story appearing in the September 30 edition of AgWeek. The story is titled “When Do They Sleep?” and explores each student’s experiences at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The story is available online at www.agweek.com/event/article/id/21779.

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