From the Chancellor

Chancellor Wood is currently in China. He will have a column in the next edition of E-Update.

Featured Events & Activities

UMC Hosts Fall Meeting of the Northwest Minnesota School Counselors Association, Wednesday, October 30 – 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Evergreen Grill, Evergreen Hall

Thursday Commons: “Exploring Universal Design for Application in Electronic/Online Learning Environments,” Thursday, October 31 – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

UMC Hosts High School Section 8A Championship Volleyball Tournaments, Saturday, November 2 – 7 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Agronomy Club Annual Spaghetti Feed, Tuesday, November 5 – 5 to 8 p.m., Crookston Eagles Club, cost is $8 per person

Torch & Shield Recognition Event, Wednesday, November 6 – 5 p.m. reception and 6 p.m. program, Bede Ballroom, followed by dinner (by invitation) in Brown Dining Room

Thursday Commons: Employee Benefits Fair, Thursday, November 7 – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

UMC Women’s Commission Hosts Women’s Health Expo, Thursday, November 7 – 5 to 7 p.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall

6th Annual Golden Eagle Baseball Fundraiser Dinner, Thursday, November 7 – 6 p.m., Crookston Eagles Club, cost is $35 per person

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 –

Chancellor Wood is traveling in China October 27 through November 3. Highlights of his itinerary include meetings with administrators of Nan Kai University’s Binhai campus in Beijing and several days at Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP) in Hangzhou, China. While in Hangzhou, he will meet with ZJETP President Li Shuming and offer greetings at the grand opening of the New American Cultural Center, which UMC Associate Professor Jingpeng Tang helped establish through a $100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State. The American Cultural Center features a multimedia conference room and theater, an e-reading room, and a 3-D immersive technology lab. Tang and Kimberly Gillette, UMC’s director of international programs, will accompany Chancellor Wood. UMC has continued to build a relationship with ZJETP since the two institutions formalized an international partnership in 2005.

As part of a tour of Northwest Minnesota, the Minnesota State Senate Capital Investment Committee will visit the University of Minnesota Crookston on Wednesday, October 30. The Committee, along with various staff members, is scheduled to arrive at UMC between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. to tour the current UMC Sports Center as reference for the proposed wellness center project. The group will then proceed to Bede Ballroom for lunch followed by project presentations by four additional regional groups. The Committee will depart UMC at 3:15 p.m. and be on its way to stops at Dee Corporation in Crookston and Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls.

Academic Affairs –

On the recommendation of Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath and the Chancellor’s Administrative Cabinet, Chancellor Fred Wood has approved expanding the registrar's position from half-time (50%) to full-time (100%) for fall and spring semesters, beginning in January 2014. The position will remain 50% for summer semester. Expansion of the position was a key recommendation of University of Minnesota Associate Vice Provost and Registrar Susan Van Voorhis, following the review she and others conducted this past summer at the request of UMC Registrar Ken Myers. In the expanded time, Myers will lead review and documentation of Office of the Registrar processes and cross-train staff to ensure coverage during peak times and staff absences.

Student Affairs –

The Thursday Commons program for Thursday, October 31, is entitled, "Exploring Universal Design for Application in Electronic Learning Environments." The program, which begins at Noon and runs to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, will feature multiple short presentations by campus colleagues working with a wide array of learning differences. Topics will include basics of Universal Instructional Design, document design and accessibility checking, video captioning, MathML, website accessibility evaluation demo of Siteimprove technology, Accessibility for Information Technology (A11T) Policy and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.00 AA, a review of Accessing Higher Ground conference materials, and a Q and A panel. Before noon that day, several exhibits and demos will be set up in Bede Ballroom to provide an opportunity for participants to see and learn more about speech to text technology, text to speech technology, note-taking technologies, the varying accessibility of e-books and alternate format options for text, as well as displays of previously used technologies that have driven new developments.
The UMC Women’s Commission will host a **Women's Health Expo on Thursday, November 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall.** Guest speakers will include Annabelle Norlock speaking on Survival and Success, Sue Thompson speaking on Laughter Yoga, and Megan Scott speaking on Nutrition. The event is free to all who are interested. There will be door prizes, and appetizers and refreshments will be available after the presentations.

**Human Resources –**

**The 2013 Employee Benefits Fair will be held Thursday, November 7, from noon to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom.** All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Vendors from the University’s medical plans, flexible spending accounts, life and disability benefits, retirement savings, dental plans, and employee wellness program will be available to answer employee questions. There will be door prizes and giveaways from our benefit vendors, and healthy treats will be provided.

**Technology Support Services –**

**The University of Minnesota is changing antivirus software providers and will be moving away from Symantec Endpoint Protection and going to Microsoft System Center 2012 Endpoint Protection.** This change will begin on November 6. The changes will not require any user input and will be fully automated.

**Alumni & Development –**

The annual **Torch & Shield Recognition Event** will be held on the evening of Wednesday, November 6, with 5 p.m. reception and registration, 6 p.m. program in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, followed by a banquet in Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center. Cost is $25 per person, by invitation. It is imperative that those who plan to attend RSVP by contacting Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8401 by October 29. Torch & Shield Award recipients for 2013 include retired University of Minnesota Crookston Associate Professor **Charles "Chuck" Habstritt**, and **Lynn Willhite**, a studio artist in Crookston, Minn. Learn more.  

**University Relations –**

With UMC's recent ranking by U.S.News & World Report as the #1 Public Regional College in the Midwest for 2014, **UMC has secured the licensing to use the official badge in e-mail signatures as well as across digital formats.** Please note: this does not include the license to use the badge on any print publications—only digital use. Faculty and staff may incorporate the badge (which is available at [http://www3.crk.umn.edu/temp/2014USNbest-colleges-tpsbadge.png](http://www3.crk.umn.edu/temp/2014USNbest-colleges-tpsbadge.png)) into their e-mail signature line if they so choose. It is recommended that the badge image be linked to the actual web page that lists UMC as the #1 Public Regional College in the Midwest:  

The badge may be used until new rankings are announced in September 2014.
The University of Minnesota Crookston Western Equestrian Team competed in a pair of shows in Falcon Heights, Minn., on October 26 and 27. Mitzi Marlin, a senior from Nowthen, Minn., majoring in agricultural business, led the way with wins in both her Reining Class and her Open Horsemanship Class to earn the Individual High Point Rider award for Sunday’s show. Learn more. [http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2013/10/28/EQUESTW_1028134042.aspx](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2013/10/28/EQUESTW_1028134042.aspx)

Members of the UMC Golden Eagle Football Team competed against staff members from New Flyer of America Inc. in the United Way of Crookston/New Flyer of America Crookston Community Bus Pull on Monday, October 21, at New Flyer in Crookston, Minn. The UMC football team had defeated other teams from around the Crookston community the week prior to win the trophy and earn a chance to compete against New Flyer of America. The Golden Eagles pulled the bus 60 feet in 11.66 seconds to defeat New Flyer of America.

The University of Minnesota Crookston Baseball Team will host its sixth annual fundraiser dinner at the Crookston Eagles Club on Thurs., Nov. 7. Cost of the dinner is $35 for either prime rib or walleye. All proceeds will benefit Golden Eagle Baseball. A social will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program featuring special guest speaker Mayville State University Head Baseball Coach Scott Berry, whose teams have won 21 conference championships and who has been named district or regional coach of the year multiple times.

Campus and Community

UMC will host the fall regional meeting of the Northwest Minnesota School Counselors Association on Wednesday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Grill, Evergreen Hall. Approximately 35 school counselors from high schools and colleges in the region will gather for professional development and networking. Learn more at [www.nwmnsca.org](http://www.nwmnsca.org).

University of Minnesota System

In May 2013, the Minnesota Legislature passed the initiative known as MnDRIVE—Minnesota’s Discovery, Research and InnoVation Economy. The U of M Office of the Vice President for Research was charged by the U of M President Eric Kaler to implement the program and provide oversight and measures for the initiative. The process is governed by a strategic advisory board comprised of representatives from industry, academia and the community; the board will work in tandem with collegiate and campus representatives from across the university system to make recommendations for research to be conducted under MnDRIVE. Members of the U of M community may learn more about MnDRIVE, receive updates about research programs and progress, and learn how to participate in the initiative by visiting [www.research.umn.edu/mndrive](http://www.research.umn.edu/mndrive).

Accolades

The U of M Office for Equity and Diversity’s Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Awards program honors and acknowledges diverse students who are doing outstanding work, both in and out
of the classroom, system-wide across the University of Minnesota. **Tashi Gurung**, a UMC senior from Mustang, Nepal, majoring in environmental sciences, is among a group of thirteen undergraduates and three graduate students to be presented with the SEED Award for 2013. The award will be presented at the annual Equity and Diversity Breakfast on Wednesday, November 13, at the McNamara Alumni Center on the Twin Cities campus. View the full list of recipients at [http://diversity.umn.edu/seedawards](http://diversity.umn.edu/seedawards).

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