From the Chancellor

“We did it!”

That exclamatory statement has been heard a lot lately. Earlier this month it was said repeatedly by our students before, during, and after Commencement. They were very happy as they celebrated their accomplishments with each other, with their families, and with staff and faculty. It was indeed a joyous ceremony and went just perfectly. (Well, it would have been perfect if not for what has become an annual mistake by yours truly!) Like the students, we might also say “We did it!” Our ceremony is extra special for the many personal touches, some of which are seen by the attendees and their families and many that are not as visible. These personal touches include all the efforts leading up to this day that are provided by the faculty in their instruction, by the staff in their support, by the upkeep of our facilities, and on and on. As I stated earlier, thank you again for all you do as we work together to give our students the best possible educational experiences and for helping them reach this important milestone in their lives. It was a great day due to your great work. Indeed, “We did it!” too!

This phrase also applies to the recent approval of the bonding bill that included state funding for the UMC Wellness Center. Thank you for helping to make the case during the many visits throughout the year by folks from the Twin Cities campus, government officials, and legislators. Thanks to those who helped organize or excuse the students who attended events both on campus and in St. Paul. Thanks to those who wrote letters of support to legislators, and a special thanks to Chancellor Emeritus Casey and Barbara Muesing for their tireless support of this project over many years. Also, thanks to all those who advocated for the project to family and community members. All of these efforts were important. And we should be thankful for the support of our local elected legislators, Representative Debra Kiel and Senator LeRoy Stumpf. “We did it!” indeed!

On another front, many folks have been involved with the enormous effort required by the AQIP Systems Portfolio. I want to thank everyone across campus who read and re-read sections of the report, and I want especially to thank Sue Erickson, Bill Peterson, Nancy Shay, and Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath for all their work in completing this very important project. It is important to note that the submission is really a description of the work involving every area of the campus. That is, everyone who works at UMC played a role in what is described in this report required for reaccreditation. This certainly deserves another “We did it!”

These are just three recent major accomplishments. They highlight the good work that we can do together in ensuring reaccreditation, in improving our facilities, and in helping our students complete and celebrate their baccalaureate degree.
In a field where we have little time to appreciate what we have done before we’re moving on to the next semester, the next goal, the next project, or the next assignment, it’s important to take a moment to recognize what we can accomplish together. These achievements would not be possible without the concerted efforts by those who work and study at UMC.

One final note: I also want to acknowledge the work done by our grounds crew, especially the planting of the flowers at the entrance gardens. The campus is absolutely gorgeous because of the hard work all these folks do. I encourage you take a moment to enjoy the beauty of this campus at this time of year.

Sincerely,

Fred Wood
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

NW AHEC Hosts “ Camps-2-Careers” Health Careers Exploration Camp, Tuesday, June 3, through Thursday, June 5 – check-in Tuesday, June 3, 11 a.m. at Sargeant Student Center, cost is $100 per participant, for 8th-11th grade students

UMC High School Individual Football Camp, Sunday, June 8 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., UMC Sports Center, cost is $50 per participant, for 9th-12th grade student-athletes

First Day of Classes for Summer Session 2014, Monday, June 9

Language and Culture of India Camp, Monday, June 9, through, Friday, June 13 – 10 a.m. to Noon, check-in at Sargeant Student Center, cost is $60 per participant, for 6th-8th grade students

Chinese Language and Culture Camp, Monday, June 9, through, Thursday, June 12 – 1 to 3 p.m., 4 Hill Hall, cost is $40 per participant, for children in grades K-6

New Student Registration Day, Friday, June 13 – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in in Sargeant Student Center

UMC Youth Soccer Camp, Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20 – 8:45 a.m. to Noon, UMC Soccer Field, cost is $90 per participant, for children aged 4-13

New Student Registration Day, Monday, June 16 – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in in Sargeant Student Center

New Student Registration Day, Thursday, June 19 – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in in Sargeant Student Center

New Student Registration Day, Friday, June 20 – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in in Sargeant Student Center
New Student Registration Day, Monday, June 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in in Sargeant Student Center

Admissions Hosts Experience UMC Day for Prospective Students, Thursday, June 26

Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 26 – 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. tee off, 4 p.m. social and awards program, teams of four, 18-hole Texas scramble, cost $40 per person, Two River Golf Club, Hallock, Minn.

Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Reunion, Saturday, June 28 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sargeant Student Center and other locations across campus

Independence Day Holiday, Friday, 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](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today) or review our news page at [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news](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](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief).

## Around Campus

### Administrative Affairs –

On Tuesday, May 20, Governor Dayton signed the state bonding bill approved by the Minnesota Legislature. This made official the allocation of $119.4 million in state funding for University of Minnesota projects, **including $10 million for the Wellness Center on the Crookston campus**. Learn more about the U’s projects at [http://discover.umn.edu/news/campus-community/minnesota-legislature-approves-1194-million-u-m-bonding-projects](http://discover.umn.edu/news/campus-community/minnesota-legislature-approves-1194-million-u-m-bonding-projects). While a limited amount of pre-planning for the Wellness Center took place over the past year as the project was added to the priority list for the University of Minnesota system, the next major step will be to refine and finalize the official plans. Initial site studies suggest the best plan of action would be to construct the building adjacent to and west of the existing UMC Sports Center. A working timeline calls for this planning to take place over the next several months with the goal to have design development finalized by late 2014. Development of construction documents would be completed over the winter, and bidding would take place in February and March 2015. With that done, the project would move forward with excavation as soon as weather permits in the spring and continue into 2016. **The ultimate goal is to open the new facility in time for use by students who arrive for the fall 2016 academic term.**

### Academic Affairs –

The AQIP Systems Portfolio has been submitted to the Higher Learning Commission. The culmination of several months of work, the 128-page Systems Portfolio serves two major purposes in accreditation.
First, it summarizes UMC’s key processes, results, and improvements as part of our commitment to continuous improvement. Second, it provides the body of evidence that UMC meets the Higher Learning Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation. In a few months, peer reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission will provide detailed feedback that will help this campus build on its many strengths and help faculty, staff, and administration take action on opportunities for improvement. The complete Systems Portfolio can be found online at www.umcrookston.edu/faqip. Many UMC faculty and staff contributed to this document. Thanks go to each of them for writing, reviewing, and answering questions. Special thanks go to Sue Erickson and Bill Peterson for their critical writing and organizational work in the early stages. Sue provided project management throughout and overall leadership as well. Nancy Shay served as editor extraordinaire.

Academic Affairs is pleased to announce that Joseph Shostell, Ph.D., will join the U of M Crookston as department head for the Math, Science & Technology Department effective July 1. He comes to UMC from Penn State University-Fayette, where he has taught biology since 2003 as an associate professor of biology. For the past six years he has also served as coordinator of sciences on the Fayette Campus. Shostell’s teaching and research areas are in limnology and aquatic ecology, sustainability, and environmental science. His previous institutions include the University of Louisville, where he earned his doctorate of biology, and the University of Kentucky Commonwealth System. Coming to UMC represents a sort of homecoming, as he earned his M.S. in zoology/limnology from North Dakota State University and his B.A. in biology from Hamline University in St. Paul.

Student Affairs & Enrollment Management –

New Student Registration Days are set for Friday, June 13; Monday, June 16; Thursday, June 19; Friday, June 20; and Monday, June 23. Each day’s schedule begins with a welcome session at 9:45 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. One other registration date is scheduled for Friday, July 25.

Human Resources –

Results from the inaugural U of M Employment Engagement or E² survey, which was conducted in fall 2013, are now available online at www.crk.umn.edu/humanresources/e2.html. A brief outline of the process and excerpts of the findings are posted to the website as well as data comparisons of the Crookston campus findings for faculty and staff members compared to the entire University and to the smaller U of M system campuses. These findings will help campus leaders identify strengths and opportunities for improvement in supporting an engaged workforce on this campus. Early in the upcoming fall term the findings of this survey will be used to discuss areas of strength as well as opportunities for growth and further development.

Technology Support Services –

Watch a short video about the homepage for the new myU portal at http://blog.upgrade.umn.edu/2014/05/sneak-peek-new-myu-portal.html and learn how the University community will use some of its features. Part of the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program
(ESUP), the purpose of the new myU portal is to help staff, faculty and students be successful in getting their business done at the U. Keep updated about the entire ESUP project at http://upgrade.umn.edu.

**Center for Adult Learning –**

**The U of M Crookson’s College in the High School** program is among eleven college concurrent enrollment programs that recently earned accreditation or reaccreditation from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). In UMC’s case, it was reaccreditation. NACEP accreditation validates the quality of college courses offered in high schools and ensures that the course content and expectations for student work match the standards of the sponsoring post-secondary institution. To earn accreditation from NACEP, concurrent enrollment programs conduct a self-study, document how their programs adhere to NACEP’s seventeen standards, and are evaluated by peer reviewers from NACEP-accredited programs. Learn more.

**Development & Alumni Relations –**

**Student-athlete John Hughes will complete an internship with the Office of Development & Alumni Relations this summer.** He is a junior from San Diego, California, and plays basketball for the Golden Eagles. His responsibilities will include assisting with the Mark Olsonawski Golf Tournament in Hallock on Thursday, June 26; the Teambacker Golf Tournament in Crookston on Saturday, July 19; and the NWSA Reunion among other things.

**The Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 26, at Two River Golf Club,** 903 7th St. SE, Hallock, MN 56728. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with tee off at 10 a.m. and a social and awards program at 4 p.m. The format of the tournament is an 18-hole Texas scramble with teams of four. Cost is $40 per person. Registrations are urged by June 19 and can be sent to Development & Alumni Relations, U of M Crookston, 2900 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716, or interested golfers may register with the Two River Golf Club by calling 218-843-2155.

**The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Reunion is set for Saturday, June 28.** Registration for the day begins at 9 a.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge of Sargeant Student Center. Highlights include the Top Aggie Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., class meetings and photos in the afternoon, campus tours, a barbecue supper at 5:30 p.m., and a social with music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s at 7:45 p.m. For a full schedule of events and more information go to www.umcrookston.edu/alumni/NWSAREunion.

**The Allen and Freda Pedersen Garden was dedicated at a special ceremony on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 21, with donor Allen Pedersen offering remarks.** The garden is located on the north edge of campus just west of the Valley Technology Park. Produce from the garden will be used in the campus dining hall, and a student intern will be hired to assist with the garden’s maintenance. The garden is a collaborative project with Sodexo Dining Services, Valley Technology Park, and the U of M Crookston Center for Sustainability. Allen and the late Freda Pedersen were longtime residents of Crookston and avid gardeners. They were quick to share garden bounty, whether vegetables or flowers, with others. For information about the Pedersen Garden, contact the Center for Sustainability at 218-281-8129.
University Relations –

**Steffanie Berg has been hired as a communications assistant for the summer.** A member of UMC’s graduating class of 2014, Berg earned her bachelor’s degree in communication. Her responsibilities will include assisting with news releases and feature writing; hosting Insight, UMC’s weekly radio program; assisting with the Northwest School of Agriculture Reunion on June 28; and assisting with public relations activities through the summer.

**Amber Bailey, UMC’s e-communications manager, and other U Relations staff members recently participated in a two-day training session about Drupal, a new web content management system (CMS).** Drupal is being introduced systemwide as the U of M’s new enterprise-level CMS to replace UMContent, which has been used for the past several years and is scheduled for retirement by the end of November 2014. A web CMS is a software application that provides website authoring, collaboration, and administrative tools designed to allow users to create and manage website content with relative ease. This will be a major migration to an entire new system and, essentially, will require the rebuilding of the bulk of UMC’s website.

Athletics –

**Mike Annese has been hired as an assistant men’s basketball coach** for the Golden Eagles. He spent last season as an assistant coach at Truman State University, a NCAA Division II school in Kirksville, Missouri. There, Annese helped the Bulldogs to a 20-win season and a second-place finish in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) West Division last season. He also served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, Iowa. A native of Littleton, Colorado, Annese holds a master’s degree in higher education from Iowa State University and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Colorado State University. He is a Certified Emergency Medical Technician through the Denver Health EMS Program.

**Wes Nurse has been hired as an assistant football coach** for the U of M Crookston Football Team. He will serve as running backs and tight ends coach and video coordinator for the Golden Eagles. Nurse spent the previous two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of North Dakota, where he worked primarily with the cornerbacks. He also spent one season at the University of California Davis, where he also coached cornerbacks. Nurse graduated with a bachelor’s degree in marketing from Boise State University in Idaho. He got his start in college coaching at his alma mater, where he spent two seasons as a graduate assistant. In his final season with the Broncos, he helped Boise State to a memorable victory over the University of Oklahoma in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl.

To view all results and upcoming athletic events, visit [www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com).

University of Minnesota System

**Brian L. Buhr has been appointed dean of the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) and director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES), effective June 16, 2014, and pending approval by the Board of Regents.** Buhr is a professor of applied economics who joined the University of Minnesota faculty in 1992. He became head of applied economics in 2008, and from 2009 to 2013, he served as head of the Division of
Applied Economics and Agricultural Education. In the summer of 2013, he began service as interim dean of the college and interim director of MAES.

Campus and Community

The U of M Crookston will serve as the host site for the Rural Design Conference “Thriving by Design II: Achieving Rural-Urban Economic and Community Health” on Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 and 31. That Wednesday evening the event begins with a reception and light dinner at 5 p.m. followed by a program at 7 p.m. featuring opening remarks by Beverly Durgan, dean of University of Minnesota Extension, and a keynote address by Thomas Fisher, dean of the University of Minnesota College of Design. On Thursday at 8:30 a.m. the conference continues with the plenary session in morning and the design workshop in the afternoon. Workshop topics include nature-based recreation and tourism, food systems, and role of Extension in the future of our communities. Online pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Early registration fee is $60; registration fee after July 7 is $75. Learn more and register at http://blog.lib.umn.edu/rsdp/northwest/rural-design-conference/. This conference is organized and sponsored by the University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, a part of U of M Extension; the U of M Center for Rural Design; the U of M Crookston; and the EDA Center at the U of M Crookston.

Accolades

Celebrating excellence and service by faculty and staff, UMC Faculty and Staff Day was held May 13 in Bede Ballroom. Among those recognized with awards were the following:

- **Distinguished Teaching Award - Terrill Bradford**, instructor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department
- **Distinguished Civil Service/Bargaining Unit Award - Linnea Barton**, master tutor and teaching specialist, Academic Assistance Center
- **Distinguished Professional & Administrative (P&A) Award - Chris Winjum**, assistant to the chancellor

Also recognized were those reaching years of service milestones and retirements. **Susan Jacobson**, instructor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department; **Dee Anne Leines**, assistant professor and Extension educator; and **Laurie Wilson**, assistant education specialist and coordinator for Disability Services, were all recognized on their retirement. Several other awards were presented. For a comprehensive listing of award recipients along with photos, visit the photo gallery at www.crk.umn.edu/photogallery/facstaffawards/2014.


The U of M Crookston's online bachelor's program in information technology management has been named one of the "20 Best Online Bachelor of Information Technology Degree Programs" by TheBestSchools.org. The listing includes programs at colleges and universities across the U.S. with the U of M Crookston's program ranking at number 11 out of the 20 programs named. TheBestSchools.org
selected the program based on weighted factors such as academic excellence, course offerings, accomplishment of faculty, return on investment, and reputation. To view the ranked listing, go to www.thebestschools.org/rankings/20-best-online-bachelor-information-technology-degree-programs.

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