From the Chancellor

It has been wonderful to have so many local young people on campus this summer. As I am sure you know, the various Crookston school buildings are being renovated, so we have been hosting a number of different summer youth groups that normally use those facilities. We are very glad to partner with these groups and support these important community and school efforts. I know that hosting these groups has presented a few challenges and want to thank all of those who have taken extra steps in welcoming them to campus.

We were also visited this past weekend by our oldest alumni—our Aggies from the Northwest School of Agriculture. They are such a pleasure to host each year for their annual reunion. In many ways the reputation of an institution of learning is based on the reputation of our alumni, and we can be extremely proud of all that our Aggies have accomplished. We are extremely thankful for their generous support of our campus as we continue to build on the strong foundation that was created during the first 60 years of our existence. I want to thank our colleagues in the Development & Alumni Relations Office along with many others for their work in providing such a warm welcome for them, and a special note of thanks to our colleagues in Dining Services for the excellent meals throughout the day. Also, when talking with our visitors there were constant comments about the wonderful campus buildings and grounds, so I offer a special note of thanks to all those who have worked so hard to ensure both the buildings and the grounds were in top shape. The gardens throughout campus are spectacular this year, and I hope everyone takes time to enjoy them.

As I reflect on the past academic year, I feel blessed and thankful to serve as the chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston. I am thankful for the state legislators and the members of the Board of Regents who invested in our campus by supporting the transformational Wellness Center ($10M) and who supported additional major HEAPR funds for the important campus electrical infrastructure project ($2.5M). I am thankful for President Kaler, his leadership team, and the many folks in the system office who have provided support not only for these critically important projects, but also additional campus support in numerous ways throughout the year. I especially appreciate their taking time to tour and visit in order to learn more about our campus and our challenges.

I am thankful for our numerous partnerships with others, which include the international partnerships that encourage students from all over the world to come to study and provide valuable diversity, the partnerships with on-campus units as we work to help each other and the region, and the relationships with many local and regional community agencies that have provided support for our efforts and continue to partner with us to make our community and region stronger.

I am thankful for the folks I work with everyday including our leadership team, who are working hard to make the campus better through their vision and leadership, as well as our very talented faculty and
staff, who are so committed to our students and their success. Finally, I am thankful for the inspirational students we serve from all over Minnesota, the country, and the world. As I walk through campus, even during the summer, I cross paths with students who are embracing the many educational opportunities we offer. We clearly are helping them develop into better educated and more thoughtful people who will help make this world a better place. This is what our work is all about. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fred Wood
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

**Featured Events & Activities**

**Independence Day Holiday, Friday, July 4** - campus offices closed

**UMC Booth at the Polk County Fair, Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13** – noon to 6:30 p.m. daily, Industrial Exhibits Building #2, Polk County Fairgrounds, Fertile, Minn.

**UMC Hosts Rotary District 5580 Camp RYLA, Sunday, July 13, through Saturday, July 19**

**Admissions Hosts Experience UMC Day for Prospective Students, Monday, July 14** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center

**24th Annual Teambacker Golf Classic, Saturday, July 19** – 9 a.m. registration, 9:45 tournament orientation, 10 a.m. shotgun start, teams of five, 18-hole Texas scramble, cost $95 per person, Minakwa Golf Club, Crookston

**New Student Registration Day, Friday, July 25** – 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center

**Rural Design Conference “Thriving by Design 2: Achieving Rural-Urban Economic and Community Health,” Wednesday, July 30, and Thursday, July 31** – reception 6 to 8 p.m. July 30, conference 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31, Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall

**Last Day of Summer Session Classes, Friday, August 1**

**UMC Night at the F-M RedHawks in Fargo, Wednesday, August 6** – 7 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave., Fargo, N.D.

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

Academic Affairs –

On Thursday, June 12, Chancellor Fred Wood and Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath met with Connie Delaney, Ph.D., R.N., professor and dean of the U of M School of Nursing and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The purpose of the MOU is to develop a framework of cooperation between the U of M Crookston and the U of M School of Nursing (UMSN) on the Twin Cities campus regarding enrollment of qualified UMC graduates in the Master of Nursing program at the UMSN. UMC will support the recruitment and collaborative advising of students interested in and preparing for the UMSN program in coordination with the Office of Student and Career Advancement Services there. UMC will also publicize a “pathway to nursing” available to prospective and current students available through this collaboration.

Associate Professor Kevin Thompson, Ph.D., has been appointed interim department head for the Business Department. He will assume his new duties on Monday, July 7, and will serve in that position until a new department head begins or through the end of FY15, whichever comes first. As a member of the Liberal Arts and Education Department, Thompson has taught a variety of communication courses, both on campus and online. His service record at UMC includes work as a peer observer in several Business Department classes and online courses, chair-elect of the Faculty Assembly in 2013-2014, chair of the recent successful search for a tenure-track accounting faculty member, and co-lead for the May 2014 study abroad trip to Norway with Professor Sue Brorson. Before arriving at UMC in fall semester 2005, he was a senior training associate at Eli Lilly from 2000-2005. He earned his Ph.D. in adult and post-secondary education from the University of Wyoming and his M.A. in organizational communication and training at Ball State University.

Jitendra Singh has been hired as a lecturer in health management for the Math, Science & Technology Department. A doctoral student at the University of Kentucky’s College of Public Health, Singh holds a master’s in health administration from the University of Kentucky; a certificate in lean process improvement methodology from the Office of Enterprise Quality and Safety at the University of Kentucky; a certificate in bioinformatics from Biotechnology Park, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India; and a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S.) from the College of Dental Sciences, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. Most recently, he served as a faculty member in the health care administration program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He began his work at UMC on June 9.

Raed Seetan has been hired as a lecturer in software engineering for the Math, Science & Technology Department. He recently completed his Ph.D. in computer science at North Dakota State University in Fargo. He also holds an M.S. in computer science and a B.S. in computer information systems, both from Jordan University of Science and Technology in Jordan. He will begin his responsibilities at UMC on July 1, working over the summer with UMC’s informatics and visualization labs and teaching courses during the academic year.

Two current non-tenure faculty members have been hired into tenure-track positions. Scott Leckie has been hired as an assistant professor of accounting in the Business Department, and Marcella Melby has been hired as an assistant professor of mathematics in the Math, Science & Technology Department. Their new status and responsibilities are effective August 18, 2014.
**Student Affairs & Enrollment Management –**

**Admissions will host an “Experience UMC Day” for prospective students on Monday, July 14,** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with check-in at the Sargeant Student Center. The event is meant to help prospective students explore the many assets and opportunities UMC offers while also meeting other future students and their families.

**The next New Student Registration Day is set for Friday, July 25.** The 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.

**Matthew Nordehn-Peterson has been hired as an area coordinator for the Office of Residential Life & Security Services.** He comes to UMC from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in art education and where he has served as both a residence advisor and residence hall manager as well as summer conference lead. He will begin his duties on Monday, July 7.

**Facilities & Operations –**

The summer construction and repair season is underway. Several projects are in progress or will begin soon. **Following is a list of what is planned for major projects this summer.**

- Site survey work for campus electrical system upgrade
- Small scale roof repairs including Kiehle Building, Sargeant Student Center, and the Heating Plant
- Pothole repairs around the Campus Mall drive and outer campus roads
- 64 interior painting projects including selected hallways, classrooms, and offices
- Repainting/repair of press box at Widseth Field
- Retrofitting campus street lights and some wall packs to LED lighting
- Eagles Nest, Sahlstrom Conference Center - expansion of convenience store area
- Eagles Nest, Sahlstrom Conference Center - installation of “M” logo wall in north alcove area
- Dowell Hall – removal of room divider curtain in offices 123A and 123B, replace with wall
- Hill Hall – reconfiguration of lab ventilation system (may need to be moved back to next summer)
- Re-running of fiber optic cable to Heritage Hall done by RBB Electric
- Heritage Hall – installation of passive cooling system for data room
- McCall Hall – work on kitchenette
- Skyberg Hall – restroom warranty work
- Installation of brand logos, “M” and Golden Eagle, on west exterior of Library and east exterior of Owen Hall
- Installation of canoe and kayak rack between Kiser Building and Sargeant Student Center

Several office moves also are scheduled to take place. These moves will involve cleaning and/or repainting once each space is vacated and prior to the arrival of the new occupant. Additionally, Facilities & Operations staff members have been asked to scan their area of responsibility for small scale repair and replacement needs, and these will be addressed over the next few weeks.
Technology Support Services –

**Kory Anderson has been hired as a systems administrator for Technology Support Services.** Anderson comes to UMC from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where he served as a lead tech support specialist and server administrator. He also has worked as an IT manager for Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, and prior to that as a network technician for the Interactive Video Network of North Dakota. He began his work at UMC on June 9.

Due to a delay in testing results from a vendor, the patch and update of Public Safety's CCURE card access servers has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 1, from noon to 7 p.m. with a backup date of July 2, if necessary. During the service window, there may be an interruption in access for some cardholders lasting up to 15 minutes as services are restarted. Doors and elevators will briefly revert to a secured state as their schedules are restored. Push-button functions will also be unavailable. This server maintenance is necessary to correct issues with building schedules respecting holidays and other anomalies. This maintenance is being performed during business hours to ensure all vital resources are available in the event they are needed.

Development & Alumni Relations –

**Garret Kollin has been hired as a development officer** in UMC’s Office of Development & Alumni Relations. He holds bachelor’s degrees in sport and facility management as well as mass communication with an emphasis in advertising and public relations—both from Bemidji State University. Kollin comes to UMC after serving as director of ticketing and as ticketing and marketing manager for the Sanford Center in Bemidji. He previously worked for the Urban Plains Center and Fargo Force in Fargo, North Dakota, and he served as a group sales intern for the Tampa Bay Lightning, in Tampa Bay, Florida. He began his duties at UMC on June 30.

**Altru Health System has made a significant pledge of $100,000 to the University of Minnesota Crookston.** The pledge, which will provide $20,000 per year over the next five years, will support student scholarships through the existing Altru Scholarship Fund.

**The Annual Mark Olsonawski Golf Tournament was held Thursday, June 26, in Hallock, Minn., with a record setting 21 teams participating.** The Office of Development & Alumni Relations gives special thanks to student intern John Hughes for his efforts to make the tournament such a success. Sincere gratitude is offered to all tournament sponsors, participants, Two River Golf Club, and Mark, Mike, and the members of the entire Olsonawski family for their continued support.

**Approximately 150 alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) attended the annual NWSA Reunion held on campus on Saturday, June 28.** In addition to commemorating the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1964, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Allan Dragseth ’57. Top Aggie Awards were presented to Marlys (Sargeant) Engelstad ’49 advanced and to Richard Widseth ’49 advanced.

**The Office of Development & Alumni Relations will host UMC Night at the F-M RedHawks on Wednesday, August 6,** at 7 p.m., Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave., Fargo, N.D. The RedHawks will face the Wichita Wingnuts. Tickets are $7 for reserved, $3 for general admission with the
promotional code “UMC” (instead of $9/$5), and the online order fees for that code are $0.50 per ticket instead of $2. Tickets may be purchased online at www.etix.com/ticket/online/performanceSearch.jsp?performance_id=1770720. UMC Alum Carl Melbye ’77 will throw out the first pitch. All alumni, students, faculty, and staff are welcome.

University Relations –

University Relations will again have a booth at the Polk County Fair Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13, in Fertile, Minnesota. Individuals from University Relations and Development & Alumni Relations will staff the booth. Additional faculty, staff, and alumni volunteers are welcome to help staff this booth over the four days. The booth will be open from noon to 6:30 p.m. each day. Individuals interested in staffing a two- or three-hour shift should contact Andrew Svec at 218-281-8438.

Andrew Svec, director of communications, public relations, and marketing; Elizabeth Tollefson, assistant director of communications; and Steffanie Berg, student communications assistant, attended the annual conference of the University of Minnesota Communicators Forum on Thursday, June 19, at the Carlson School of Management on the Twin Cities campus. The purpose of this event is to promote excellence in communications and enhance cooperation among communications professionals working throughout the University. While on the Twin Cities campus, they also toured the newly remodeled Northrup Auditorium and TCF Stadium.

Media Services –

Christopher Winter has been hired as a video conferencing technician for end user support/help desk in Media Services/Northwest Educational Technology System (NETS). He is a recent U of M Crookston graduate with a bachelor’s degree in information technology management. He began his responsibilities on June 23.

Athletics –

Steve Gust has been hired as head men’s baseball coach for the Golden Eagles. A native of East Grand Forks, Minn., he has coached at the University of North Dakota (UND), Northland Community and Technical College, and for the past six seasons at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. As head baseball coach at Dakota Wesleyan, his 2009 squad was named Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Tournament Champions and earned a chance to play in the NAIA National Tournament. Gust holds a bachelor’s degree in physical education and coaching from UND and a master’s degree in education policy and administration from Dakota Wesleyan.

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

University of Minnesota System

The Board of Regents approved the U of M capital improvement budget at its June 13 meeting. The Board also approved the U’s FY15 operating budget, which freezes tuition for resident undergraduates
and professional resident and non-resident students in the Medical School and College of Veterinary Medicine, commits to more than $20 million in administrative cost savings, and invests more than $23 million in faculty hires, classroom and lab upgrades, instructional and student support, and academic support. Learn more.


**Campus and Community**

The U of M Crookston recently directed a donation of $45,870 to the United Way of Crookston to support youth programming. The funds are a part of a total of $229,368 received by the U of M system from a share of Pennsylvania State University's forfeited 2013-14 football bowl revenue. Sanctions imposed on Penn State from 2012-13 through 2015-16 call for all of its bowl revenue to be designated for charitable donation and split among its Big 10 conference members. This year President Kaler decided to split the total among the five U of M system campuses to serve youth across the state. Learn more.


There’s still time to register for the Rural Design Conference “Thriving by Design II: Achieving Rural-Urban Economic and Community Health” to be held Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 and 31 on the U of M Crookston campus. 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/](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.

Local children enrolled in Club Kid, a collaboration between Crookston’s Parks and Recreation Program and the U of M Crookston’s Center for Adult Learning, will take part in activities held on campus each Thursday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. June 19 through August 7. Club Kid continues to tap into campus academic expertise as well as the beautiful grounds and facilities to expose students at a younger age to a post- secondary environment. For the past four years Club Kid kids have been learning about many things while having fun with friends.

**Accolades**

Associate Professor Brian Dingmann, Ph.D., and Assistant Professor Katy Nannenga, Ph.D., of UMC’s Math, Science & Technology Department recently attended the Northstar Summer Institute, one of the National Academies Summer Institutes on Undergraduate Education. The core themes of this institute were active learning, assessment, and diversity which were modeled and practiced during a six-day workshop held June 9 through 14 on the University of Minnesota’s Twin Cities campus. As a result of attending and fully participating in this workshop, both were named “National Academies Education Fellow in the Life Sciences.” Learn more at [www.academiessummerinstitute.org/midwest](http://www.academiessummerinstitute.org/midwest).

Two University of Minnesota Crookston bachelor’s degree programs—management and marketing—have been ranked among the top five best online programs within their discipline in the U.S. by TheBestSchools.org, an online resource for prospective students seeking a college degree. To view UMC's #5 ranking business management listing, go to [www.thebestschools.org/rankings/20-best-](http://www.thebestschools.org/rankings/20-best-).
online-bachelors-business-management-degree-programs. To view UMC's #4 ranking marketing listing, go to www.thebestschools.org/rankings/20-best-online-bachelor-marketing-degree-programs. The organization selected the programs based on several weighted factors, including academic rigor, range of courses provided, faculty strength, rankings, awards, and reputation, including the school's demonstrated ability to provide effective online education.

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