From The Chancellor

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of legislators and their staff at both the federal and state level. The meetings were all very productive and positive. At the federal level there was great interest in keeping the cost of higher education as low as possible, which is certainly consistent with our land-grant ideals and our efforts on campus. This led to conversations related to the importance of Pell Grants and of encouraging our state to invest in higher education. The state level meetings also had a similar theme of investment and minimizing any tuition increases. At both levels, but particularly at the state level, there was increasing interest in issues related to agriculture. This led to many questions about our work in this area with a specific interest in our new agricultural education major (approved by the U of M Board of Regents and awaiting approval by the Minnesota State Board of Teaching) and our efforts in applied research. I was certainly very encouraged by these many conversations.

The meetings also provided an opportunity to broadly talk about what is happening on our campus and to relay many great student stories. During these discussions, it was mentioned that my enthusiasm for our campus was evident and that the stories about our inspirational students caused “goose bumps.” Student stories are very powerful, and we have so many great stories to tell. Folks are really amazed, not only by the opportunities and support we are able to provide our students, but also by their great accomplishments. Such stories help us explain the value of our efforts and will help us continue to make the case of the public good of public higher education. I hope everyone will join me in sharing our story whenever the opportunity arises.

It was also great to meet with the three newly-appointed regents—Thomas Anderson, Michael Hsu, and Darrin Rosha—at last week’s Board of Regents meeting. Each of them showed great interest in our campus and expressed an eagerness to come visit us in the fall. On a related note, it will be exciting to have Regent Peggy Lucas join us for Commencement. As she is a relatively new regent, it will be her first formal visit to the campus.

Although it is almost impossible to have missed information about this, the PeopleSoft Enterprise System will begin the upgrade cutover on April 10, and we will enter a “view only” period until approximately April 20. Please be attentive to the e-mail notices we are all going to receive as we approach the cutover, as they will include important information about deadlines and training opportunities. I know many of you have already begun preparation for this upgrade.

As the semester enters the final few weeks, there have been a number of excellent campus events and there will be many more to follow. While I know everyone is busy, please do attend as many events as
time allows. I also hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday. It will be nice to have a day of rest before we all together enter the mad sprint that is the end of the spring semester!

Fred E. Wood, Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Grad Fest 2015, Wednesday, April 1 – 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, all graduating seniors are encouraged to attend

Annual International Dinner and Festival, Wednesday, April 1 – 5 p.m. international displays, 6 p.m. dinner followed by program, tickets in advance only, contact Rae French at 218-281-8339

Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Campus Assembly Meeting, Thursday, April 2 – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

President Kaler’s 2015 State of the University Address, Thursday, April 2 – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Coffman Memorial Union Theater, Twin Cities Campus; live ITV broadcast viewing in 101 Dowell Hall, Crookston Campus

Floating Holiday, Friday, April 3 – classes excused, campus offices closed

Learning Centered Advising Workshop, Tuesday, April 7 – Noon to 1 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center

What’s on Wednesday: Sex Ed Boot Camp, Wednesday, April 8 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

UMC Hosts Riverland Tourism Conference “Pathways to Successful Tourism Development,” Tuesday, April 14 – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, open to the public, $35 registration fee

PeopleSoft Upgrade Fair, Tuesday, April 14 – 12:30 to 2 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

UMC Hosts Climate Minnesota: Local Stories, Community Solutions, Wednesday, April 15 – 5 to 8 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

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: http://brief.umn.edu/.
Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

The spring semester 2015 meeting of the U of M Crookston Campus Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 2, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Chancellor Wood will provide remarks. The agenda and minutes from the fall 2014 meeting are available online at [http://www3.crk.umn.edu/academics/campusassembly/Current.htm](http://www3.crk.umn.edu/academics/campusassembly/Current.htm). Refreshments will be served.

University of Minnesota President Eric W. Kaler will give the 2015 State of the University Address on Thursday, April 2, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Coffman Memorial Union Theater, 300 Washington Ave S.E., Minneapolis. The address, which will also feature a moderated question-and-answer period, will be broadcast live via ITV to all statewide campuses. At UMC it will be available for viewing in 101 Dowell Hall. It will also be live-streamed at [www.livestream.com/umntv](http://www.livestream.com/umntv).

Student Affairs –

New Student Advisement and Registration dates for fall semester 2015 have been set. The first date, Monday, May 4, is also the Scholarship Brunch for incoming Merit Scholarship recipients. Up to 60 students will register that day. The other registration days include Friday, May 15; Thursday, June 11; Friday, June 12; Monday, June 15; Friday, June 19; Monday, June 22, and Friday, July 24. More information about the schedule for those days is forthcoming.

The Silent Witness Project, an installation meant to heighten awareness of issues of domestic violence, will be displayed on campus Tuesday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 8, between the Eagles Nest area in Sahlstrom Conference Center and the Sargeant Student Center, and on Thursday, April 9, from Owen Hall to the Sargeant Student Center. The installation includes 26 life-sized red wooden figures, each bearing the name of a victim whose life ended because of domestic violence. The display was created by Arts Action Against Domestic Violence. Learn more at [www.silentwitness.net](http://www.silentwitness.net).

Dr. Joni Frater and Ester Lastique, best-selling authors, radio hosts, and trained sexologists, will present "Sex Ed Boot Camp" on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The presentation, which is free and open to the entire campus community, is a funny and informative look at sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) intended to empower student to make better, safer, and more informed decisions. For more information go to [www.sexedbootcamp.com](http://www.sexedbootcamp.com).

Technology Support Services –

The U of M’s Netfiles file storage service is set to be retired in April 2016. The service is aging, and the University offers a more modern and equally secure solution in Google Drive. Units that use Netfiles to store assorted files and data, and/or use Netfiles as part of a business process workflow, should begin to add migration activities to work plans beginning in about 8 to 10 months. Learn more at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pwDEhp6Ak7afGEWmHs6RShZDG3dzK9hfjq3Pcnf_S94/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pwDEhp6Ak7afGEWmHs6RShZDG3dzK9hfjq3Pcnf_S94/edit?pli=1).
Library –

Another title has been added to the UMC Library Digital Archive page: The Aggie, a publication for alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture. The Aggie was published in a newsletter/magazine format from 1979 to 2007. These issues are available from cover to cover, and they are also searchable. Terry Tollefson worked on digitizing this title, and it can be accessed at: http://umclibrary.crk.umn.edu/digitalprojects/aggie_alumni/index.html

Development & Alumni Relations –

The U of M Crookston Alumni Association will host the 5th annual Fargo Alumni Social on Thursday, April 16, at Fargo Billiards and Gastropub, 3234 43rd St S, Fargo, N.D., from 5 to 8 p.m. All alumni, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to attend and socialize while enjoying refreshments, a cash bar, billiards, and darts. At 6 p.m. there will be an expert billiards demonstration “Trick Shots 101.” To RSVP, call 218-281-8436.

John Hughes, a business major and member of the UMC Men’s Basketball Team, will intern this summer, beginning May 11, in the Office of Development & Alumni Relations. This will be his second summer working in this capacity. He will assist with summer events including the summer golf tournaments.

Alysa Tulibaski, student experience and parent coordinator for the Office of Admissions, was presented with the Teambacker of the Year Award at the Maroon and Gold Madness fundraiser on Friday, March 27. She was recognized for being instrumental in the establishment and operation of the Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament, which celebrated its fifth anniversary this past February.

University Relations –

Rikki Roscoe, a junior from Big Stone City, S.D., majoring in communication, will intern as a communications assistant for University Relations this summer. Working from May 26 through August 14, her responsibilities will include hosting the Insight radio program; assisting with the Northwest School of Agriculture Reunion on June 27; helping staff the UMC booth at the Polk County Fair in July; promoting the UMC Ice Cream Social for Ox Cart Days in August; and assisting with communications work and public relations activities throughout the summer.

Athletics –

Two members of the University of Minnesota Crookston Western Equestrian Team will advance to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships. Both riders competed at the IHSA Semifinals, held Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22, at the Eden Park Equestrian Complex in Sunbury, Ohio. Danielle Schelonka, a sophomore from Randall, Minn., majoring in health sciences, competed in Novice Horsemanship and earned second-place in the class. Chloe Nelson, a senior from Little Falls, Minn., majoring in animal science, competed in Advanced Horsemanship and placed third in the class. The two will now compete at the IHSA National Championships, held April 30 to May 3 at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass.
Ten University of Minnesota Crookston student-athletes have been named to the 2014-15 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Winter All-Academic Team. To be eligible for this honor, the student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team, must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher, must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing, and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution. They include the following students.

From the UMC Men’s Basketball Team:
- **Austin Dierks**, a sophomore from Chokio, Minn., majoring in agricultural systems management
- **John Hughes**, a junior from San Diego, Calif., majoring in management
- **Kevin Larson**, a senior from New Ulm, Minn., majoring in sports and recreation management
- **Tomas Parker**, a senior from Pequot Lakes, Minn., majoring in management
- **Lucas Reller**, a senior from Lead, S.D., majoring in management

From the UMC’s Women’s Basketball Team:
- **Kenzie Church**, a senior from Fairmount, N.D., majoring in management
- **Ashley Martell**, a senior from Somerset, Wis., majoring in health sciences
- **Katrina Moenkedick**, a junior from Perham, Minn., majoring in applied studies
- **Megan Taylor**, a sophomore from Estelline, S.D., majoring in animal science
- **Alexa Thielman**, a junior from Buffalo, Minn., majoring in health sciences.

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

“The Upgrade” a.k.a. The Enterprise Systems Upgrade Project (ESUP)

UMC will host a PeopleSoft Upgrade Fair on Tuesday, April 14, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to stop by to get information about the upgrade. PeopleSoft and related systems will be unavailable or view-only from April 10-20, when the upgrade process takes place. The newly upgraded systems are scheduled to launch on April 20. Learn more at [www.upgrade.umn.edu](http://www.upgrade.umn.edu). The Upgrade Checklist document provides information and links to help individuals prepare. It is available online at [www.upgrade.umn.edu/assets/pdf/upgrade_readiness_checklist.pdf](http://www.upgrade.umn.edu/assets/pdf/upgrade_readiness_checklist.pdf).

Here are other ways to prepare for this transition:
- Visit [www.upgrade.umn.edu](http://www.upgrade.umn.edu) for more information.
- Find training at The Upgrade’s Education & Training page. ([http://upgrade.umn.edu/training/upgradeeducation.html](http://upgrade.umn.edu/training/upgradeeducation.html))
- Get support from your network of Advance Team members. ([http://upgrade.umn.edu/advanceteam](http://upgrade.umn.edu/advanceteam))
- Sign up for The Upgrade Newsletter. ([http://upgrade.umn.edu/news.html](http://upgrade.umn.edu/news.html))

**Campus and Community**

The Riverland Association, a regional tourism organization comprised of community leaders from Crookston, East Grand Forks, Fertile, Red Lake Falls, St. Hilaire, and Thief River Falls, will hold the
Riverland Tourism Conference, “Pathways to Successful Tourism Development,” on the UMC campus on Tuesday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The event is open to the public, and the registration fee is $35 per person, which includes lunch. To register, contact Laura Anderson at 218-686-9785 or trfcvb@mncable.net. The event is made possible by the financial support of the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership.

Accolades

The UMC Wildlife Quiz Bowl Team, comprised of students Megan Betcher, Michael McMahon, Renee Tomala, and Bailey Yliniemi, earned the championship trophy for the competition at the Student Conclave of the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society, held March 27-29 at the Audubon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, Minn. UMC’s team competed against teams from nine other universities representing eight Midwestern states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin). UMC’s team won the competition with the last question against Michigan Tech.

A scholarly paper co-authored by Eric Castle, assistant professor of horticulture in UMC’s Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, and Akosua Obuo Addo, associate professor of music on the Twin Cities campus, has been published in Higher Education Studies, a peer-reviewed international journal dedicated to promoting scholarly exchange among teachers and researchers in the field of post-secondary education. The work, “A Cross-Institutional Ethnographic Project: Mapping Play in Intercultural Communities,” appears in volume 5, number 1, 2015, and is available online at www.ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/hes/article/view/41357.

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