Commencement exercises for the Class of 2010 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston will take place on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium. A reception in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, will precede the commencement ceremony from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is welcome to attend both events.

At 2 p.m., the formal procession of faculty, candidates for degrees, and platform guests will begin from the Sargeant Student Center to the gymnasium led by Mace Bearer William Peterson, professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department. The procession also includes Faculty Marshal W. Daniel Svedarsky, Ph.D., professor and director of the Center for Sustainability at Crookston.

Bringing greetings from the University of Minnesota Board of Regents is the Honorable Dean Johnson, who will also assist with the conferring of the degrees. Along with Regent Johnson, Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration Robert Jones will attend the ceremony. The commencement address will be given by Baltimore, Md., Fire Chief James Clack, a 1980 graduate of the U of M, Crookston, who was the primary commander during the first 24 hours following the 2007 collapse of the I-35 bridge in Minneapolis, Minn.

Cindy Bigger (photo, left) ’79, will bring greetings from the University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association Board and welcome the new graduates to the alumni association.

Junior Thomas Haarstick, Crookston Student Association (CSA) president, will speak on behalf of the students and pass the torch of education, a Crookston Campus tradition, to Junior Shawn Friedland the incoming CSA president. Haarstick is an agricultural systems management major from Vergas, Minn., and Friedland is a biology major from Viera, Fla.

The U of M, Crookston choir, under the direction of George French, and the string ensemble, A Touch of Brass will perform as part of the graduation ceremony.

The 2010 commencement exercises mark the 102nd graduating class recognized on the Crookston campus. A live audio stream of the commencement exercises will be available at www.umcrookston.edu/people/services/MediaServ/Stream. For more information on commencement, visit www.umcrookston.edu/events/commencement/2010.

**President Bruininks’ Campus Conversation**

*Tuesday, May 4, 2010
3 - 4:30 p.m.
Dowell 220*

Following the cancellation of the 2010 State of the University Address, the Office of the President has scheduled a campus conversation, in which faculty, staff, and students can share their questions and concerns with President Bruininks. The coordinate campuses will have this conversation via ITV Tuesday, May 4 from 3-4:30 p.m. On the Crookston campus, the conversation will take place in 220 Dowell Hall.

The text of President Bruininks’ address is available at www.umn.edu/pres.
**Volunteer Opportunities**

* **Humane Society:** The Humane Society is run by volunteers. There is a huge need for volunteers to help clean cages from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. every day. Additionally, dogs love to be walked! Get some exercise and share a walk with a very appreciative friend! The Polk County Humane Society is located at 720 East Robert Street. Please contact Mary Solberg or Tracy Janisch at 281-7225 to schedule a time to volunteer.

* **Crookston Storefronts:** The Beautification Committee, part of the Crookston Chamber of Commerce, is hoping to clean up storefronts in Crookston and has offered us a great deal! If you have a club or organization that you would like to “advertise” in a local storefront and are willing to help clean up the window display area, they will work with you to make it happen. For more information, please contact Lori Wagner or Sandy Kegler at the CVB, 281-4320.

* **Teaching Assistants:** Crookston Head Start provides high quality, comprehensive services to high-risk children and their families. Community volunteers are invited to assist in the preschool classrooms. Kids and teachers love the extra help and attention with the curriculums, which include everything from reading, helping with projects, physical activities, working in small groups, singing, tying shoes...etc. It’s lots of fun and never a dull moment! Classrooms run Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Angie Lockwood at 281-0547.

* **Youth mentors/family partners** are needed for youth or families with children who have mental health disabilities. Mentors serve as a friend, listener, tutor, coach, and confidant. For more information, please contact Norma Campos at 701-335-4191 or norma@tvoc.org.

* **North Country Food Bank** is looking for assistance with their backpack and food distributions programs. Each month they fill 1700 boxes and 500 backpacks. Please contact Lori Tate or Suzie Novak at 281-7356 for more information.

* **Share your talents at the Care and Share!** Our local homeless shelter is at full capacity. Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks including covering an evening or overnight shift, assisting with office work, or teaching an activity or hobby. Volunteers in the past have taught art lessons to kids, organized volleyball tournaments, assisted with résumé writing and computer skills, cooked and served dinner, planted flowers and lots of other things! For more information, please contact Carol Gregg or Rachel Trontvet at 281-2644.

* **Library Assistant:** Volunteers are needed to assist in the Cathedral Library. Books need stickers placed on spines and to be reshelved. For more information, please email Ardith Pelton at ardhipelton@yahoo.com.

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**Students Inducted Into the UMC Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success**

The University of Minnesota, Crookston inducted 44 students into the National Society of Leadership and Success at a gathering held in Bede Ballroom on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Keynote speaker Kenneth Johnson, instructor in the Business Department spoke to the students about vision, leadership, and lifelong goals.

The National Society of Leadership and Success, in its inaugural year on the Crookston Campus, is designed to help students succeed by discussing such topics as leadership, creating a vision, and identifying goals.

Officers elected for the 2010-11 academic year include: Publicity Chair Shanel Finke, sophomore, Grand Marais, Minn.; Vice President Brittany Novak, junior, Dahlen, N.D.; President Ashley Williams, junior, Big Lake, Minn.; Secretary Katie Bowar, senior, Moorhead, Minn.; and Events Coordinator Anna Ogaard, junior, Maple Grove, Minn.

A nationwide organization, the National Leadership of Society and Success is dedicated to creating positive change. To become a member, students must attend an orientation, three videoconference speakers, three consecutive Success Networking Team (SNT) meetings, and participate in a three-hour long Leadership Training Day. In the past, speakers have included actress Goldie Hawn, Patch Adams, author of Chicken Soup for the Soul Series Jack Canfield, and Famous Amos founder Wally Amos, among others.

For more information about the National Society of Leadership and Success, visit www.societyleadership.org.
Upcoming Events

- May 3 - Annual Ice Cream and Study Break Social, 9-10 p.m., Bede Ballroom
- May 3 - Last Day of Class
- May 3 - One-time Drop Deadline
- May 4 - Candidate for Math Lecturer Presentation - Marcella Melby, 2 p.m., Selvig 308
- May 4 - May 7 - Final Exams
- May 4 - President Bruininks’ Campus Conversation, 3-4:30 p.m., Dowell 220
- May 6 - Candidate for Math Lecturer Presentation - Theodore Chapman, 2 p.m., Selvig 308
- May 7 - Candidate for Math Lecturer Presentation - James Farrell, 10 am, Selvig 308
- May 7 - Maroon and Gold Friday
- May 8 - Pre-Ceremony Reception for the Class of 2010, 11 am - 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge
- May 8 - Commencement Ceremonies, 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium
- May 8 - Residence Halls Close, 5 p.m.
- May 10 - May Term Class Begin
- May 13 - Final Grades Available Online

Summer Housing Available

Taking summer classes? Working here over the summer? Do you just want to vacation? Residential Life has summer rentals available for Students, Faculty and Staff!

Please stop by Centennial Hall by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2010, to complete a Summer Rental Agreement and to answer any of your questions.

Final Exam Policy

The examination week is part of the regular school term and must be taken into account by students when planning any other activities or work outside of school hours. Students are expected to know the hours for their final examinations and to attend the examinations when scheduled. Only when a conflict between examination times exists, or a schedule of three or more examinations in one day occurs, may students seek adjustment of their examination schedule. Under these circumstances, students should contact the appropriate department head.

All one and two credit course examinations will be given during the final week of class during the regular class hours. All other examinations will follow the final exam schedule. The final exam schedule is included in the semester class schedule available online. The final exam schedule can be found at: http://www3.crk.umn.edu/onestop/registration/exam_calendar.htm.

Annual Ice Cream Social and Study Break

Monday, May 3, 2010
9-10 p.m.
Bede Ballroom

Come enjoy a free ice cream study break during finals week. The ice cream will be served by UMC administrators.

Dining Services Finals Week Hours

Brown Dining will close at 1:30 p.m. on Friday May 7, 2010.

The Eagles Nest will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Evergreen Grill will close after dinner on Thursday (Friday at 12:30 a.m.)
**Brain Teasers**

The answer to the last brain teaser was “Middle Aged”. The two winners chosen from the correct answers were Amanda Hodges and Adam Switzer. They can pick up their free movie passes from Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center.

**Classified Ads**

* Position Available - The UMC Sargeant Student Center has an opening for a student to assist with the publication of the weekly Eagle’s Eye for Fall Semester 2009. The position requires a time commitment of 15 hours per week. A $500 stipend will be paid at the end of the semester. The student will be involved in all aspects of publication of the Eagle’s Eye including, but not limited to: information gathering, article writing, conducting interviews, advertising, weekly features, preparation and layout of newsletter and photography. Preference will be given to Juniors and/or Seniors majoring in communications or marketing. Excellent written communication skills a must. Will be asked to supply a sample of your writing. For a complete job description contact Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center or at melonir@umn.edu.

* Help Wanted: Wee-Care Early Learning Center has a Director position opening and is taking applications through May 14, 2010. The purpose of this position is to supervise the day to day activities of Wee-Care Children’s Center as set forth by the Board of Directors. Salary range will be $27,000 to $31,000 depending on experience and education. Applicants should possess knowledge of Early Childhood Care and Education, strong communication skills both verbal and written, business skills such as balancing budgets, non-profit laws and payroll and have strong leadership skills.

Minimum educational requirements include a high school diploma and a combination of related experience and higher education. A background check will be done prior to hire.

Please send applications or resume and cover letter to: Attn: Cari Rebischke, Wee-Care Children’s Center, 79 Spencer Ave/PO Box 310, Bagley, MN 56621

* Help Wanted: Looking for individual to assist with garden and yard clean-up and planting near East Grand Forks. Will work evenings and weekends this spring for approximately 20 hours. Wage is $10 per hour. If interested contact Lori at (218) 773-8160.

* Help Wanted: Ground loader for aerial crop spraying operation. Other duties will include washing planes, mowing landing strip, answering phones, etc... Wages are negotiable. If interested or for more information contact Connie @ (218) 281-6318 or (218) 289-0976.

**Publication Information**

* The Eagle’s Eye is published by the Student Center weekly September through May. Copy deadline is noon on Thursday of each week. Please send items for the Eagle’s Eye electronically to Meloni Rasmussen, Principal Office & Administrative Specialist, at melonir@umn.edu, or drop the copy off at the Student Center Info Desk. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request for all events. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer. The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation. We reserve the right not to publish any article/submitted question that is deemed inappropriate and/or is in violation of University policy, State or Federal law. All content must establish and nurture an environment that actively acknowledges and values diversity and is free from racism, sexism and other forms of prejudice, intolerance or harassment, for men and women, faculty, staff and students from varying racial, religious and ethnic backgrounds and of varying sexual orientations, as well as people with disabilities.

* If you would like to include an ad in the classified section of the Eagle’s Eye, email your request to Melonir or drop your ad off in 236 Student Center. Ads will be included in the Eagle’s Eye FREE of charge to students, faculty and staff. Off campus ads will be charged $5 per ad. Ads will be included on a first come first served basis. Ads will run for two weeks if space allows. We reserve the right to reject any ads.