Entrepreneur David G. Ekman, Class of 1981, to Address Class of 2015 during Commencement on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the University of Minnesota Crookston

By Elizabeth Tollefson

Entrepreneur David G. Ekman will address the University of Minnesota Crookston Class of 2015 during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Graduates will take part in the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

Ekman (in photo, right), a 1981 graduate of the U of M Crookston, grew up in Argyle, Minn., and has more than 30 years of business experience. During his time at the U of M Crookston, he played college basketball, served as student senate president, and earned his associates degree in agricultural business management. While attending North Dakota State University and majoring in agricultural economics, Ekman started in the computer business by purchasing a ComputerLand franchise at the age of 20. This began a series of business ventures including a technology company, an internet service provider, a travel agency, hotel development and investment, a self-storage business, and various real estate projects.

He recently retired as the CIO of Multiband Corporation, a NASDAQ-listed field services company with more than 3,000 employees which he helped start. He serves on various boards and committees, including the Campus Advisory and Advancement Board for the Crookston campus, and stays active in his many business dealings. Ekman and his wife, Paula, reside in Fargo, N.D., with their three teenage children.

A reception in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, precedes the commencement ceremony from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is welcome to attend both events; no tickets are required. Additionally, a special reception for online graduates will be held at 10 a.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center, and a reception for international student graduates will be held following commencement exercises at 4 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

On Saturday 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, professor and director of the Center for Sustainability on the Crookston campus.

Bringing greetings from the University of Minnesota Board of Regents is the Honorable Peggy Lucas (in photo, left), from Minneapolis, Minn., who will also assist with the conferring of the degrees.

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Upcoming Events

8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. Extended Study Hours

**Monday, May 4, 2015**
Last Day of Classes for Spring Semester 2015
One-time Drop Deadline
8:30 a.m. Merit Scholarship Brunch, Bede Ballroom
8:30 a.m. Candidate for Liberal Arts and Education Department Head Open Forum, Dowell Hall 20
9:00 a.m. Ice Cream and Study Break Social, Evergreen Classroom

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Service-Learning Community Dialogue, Bede Ballroom
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Employee Engagement (E2) Survey Results Session for Staff, Bede Ballroom
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Lions Club Meeting, Prairie Room
6:00 p.m. Zumba Fitness
7:00 p.m. Cru Bible Study, Centennial Classroom
Final Examinations

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. First Wednesday Emergency Systems Test Day
Final Examinations

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**
Final Examinations

**Friday, May 1, 2015**
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cathedral School Track Meet, Ed Widseth Field
1:30 p.m. Our Savior’s School Spring Musical, Kiehle Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Our Savior’s School Spring Musical (Repeat Performance)
9:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Grad Dance, Bede Ballroom
Final Examinations

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Reception for Online Graduates
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Commencement Photos with Graduates, Family, and Friends, Rooms A and B - Bede Ballroom
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pre-Ceremony Reception for the Class of 2015, Sargeant Student Center
2:00 p.m. Commencement Ceremonies for the Class of 2015
5:00 p.m. Campus Residence Halls Close

Concerning Your Student Mail & Packages
If you are a student that is, graduating, transferring, non-returning, or staying on campus for the summer:

Please read the following:

- If you would like your personal mail forwarded to a different address, please come to the UMC Post Office to record your new address.

****The UMC Post Office will forward mail for three months from date of notification.****

- If you have subscriptions to magazines or newspapers, please contact that company to have them forward your subscriptions to your new address.
- Please make sure you have the correct address when you have packages ship to you. The UMC Post Office will not cover the costs to have them forwarded to you.
- Students – must check your mailbox before you leave for the summer.
- Any mail left will be taken to the Crookston Post office and they will deal with it per their policies.
- For the week of April 27th – May 1st a key will not be required to have your mailbox checked! Stop by and we will check the mailbox for you.
- For those students staying on campus over the summer, please notify the UMC Post Office.
- Your mail will be kept in your mailbox and your packages will be picked up at the UMC Post Office.
- It is your responsibility to pay any cost associated with forwarding a package.
- ONLY graduating students, transferring students and non-returning students need to return their key to the Info desk for a return of your deposit.

For returning students returning in the Fall:

- Packages cannot be kept in the UMC Post Office over the summer.
- Please ensure that you use the correct address on your packages.
- Returning students DO NOT return your key to the Info Desk!
- You are able to keep your mailbox key for your entire stay at UMC.
It's the annual
GRAD DANCE

Finals will be complete and students will be graduating....
what better way to celebrate the end of the year!

Friday, May 8, 2015
9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Crookston Eagles
105 South Broadway
Dance to DJ Jesse Adelman of Pubnic Productions

This is an all ages event for graduates, students, faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends.

Cost is $5 per person
FREE for graduates

This event is sponsored by the UMC Alumni Association

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University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA) Board President Lauralee (Nicholas) Tupa ’05 will bring greetings from the UMCAA and welcome the new graduates to the alumni association. The U of M Crookston Community Band under the direction of TJ Chapman, lecturer in the Math, Science, and Technology Department, will perform along with selections during the ceremony by the campus choir under the direction of Associate Professor George French.

Graduating senior Justin Goodroad (in photo, right, below), a horticulture major from Lindstrom, Minn., Crookston Student Association (CSA) president, will speak on behalf of the Class of 2015 and pass the torch of education, a Crookston campus tradition, to the incoming CSA president Goodroad Tareyn Stomberg, a junior double majoring in animal science and agricultural business from Menahga, Minn.

The 2015 commencement exercises mark the 107th graduating class to be recognized on the Crookston campus. A live audio stream of the commencement exercises will be available at www.umcrookston.edu/people/services/mediaservices. For more information, visit the commencement website at www.umcrookston.edu/commencement.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 31 bachelor’s degree programs, 22 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. “Small Campus. Big Degree.” To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

Share Perennials, Sponsor a Garden Bed: Help Grow the Riverside Community Garden in Crookston by Elizabeth Tollefson

Gardening season is almost here and you can help grow the new Riverside Community Garden in Crookston by sharing perennials. Community members with perennials they are dividing may share them for use in the Riverside Community Garden. Collection will be held on Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3. The collection drop-off site is located on the east side of the old park building at 520 Albert Street and available any time of day.

The Riverside Community Garden is located in the 400 block of Riverside Drive near the Crookston Community Pool. The community garden contains 8 raised beds, 2 wheelchair accessible beds, a butterfly garden, perennial garden, corn patch, and more. Sponsorships for raised garden beds are available in the garden for individuals, families, or even clubs.

Sponsoring a raised bed allows you to grow your own produce. Options include reserving a full-sized bed measuring 10 feet x 5 feet or choose a bed half that size. Signs will be located in the garden to recognize the sponsorships.

These raised garden beds are available on a first come first serve basis. Spaces are available to those interested in raising perennials as well. To sponsor a plot, call and leave a message stating your name, interest in sponsoring a garden plot, and phone number where you can be reached. Contact DeAndra O’Connell in the Center for Sustainability at the University of Minnesota Crookston at 218-281-8128.

The Riverside Community Garden project is part of Crookston’s new designation as a Minnesota GreenStep City. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation.
On-Campus Residential Life Students,

We would like to remind you of donation opportunities located in each Residential Life building as we near Hall Closing. As you begin cleaning out your residential living areas, you may want to donate some of your unwanted possessions. Donation opportunities of good/items are located in each 1st floor main area/lobby. Please read the following rules for each donation opportunity:

**Non-Perishable/Non-Expired Food Donation Bin**

Any food Items that are unopened and non-expired food that you would like to donate.

**Used Clean Clothing Donation Bin**

(Clothing that is Good and Clean Condition Please)

**Donation Swap-Shop Table**

"One's persons junk is another's treasure."

Rules of Residential Life Swap-Shop Table:

- These Are Donated Goods
- Once an item/good is placed on this table, it is free for someone else to claim
- Any goods/items worth donating (See Acceptable Swap-Shop Items/Goods On The List Below)
- All unclaimed items will be donated to local care & share by Friday, May 8th

**ACCEPTABLE SWAP-SHOP ITEMS/GOODS MUST ALL BE CLEAN & GOOD CONDITION:**

- Re-Usable Goods That Are In Good Working Condition
- Pots
- Pans
- Utensils
- Curtains
- Rice Cooker
- Coffee Pots
- Clothes Baskets
- Sports Equipment
Brain Teasers

Brian Larson is last week’s winner. He knew last week’s puzzle was “Big Fuss Over Nothing” He can pick up his free movie pass from Meloni in 236 Sargeant Student Center. Brian is the last winner of the Brain Teaser for the academic year.

Classifieds

Help Wanted: Applications are now being accepted for Work Study positions available at the Information Desk for Fall of 2015. Pick up applications at the Information Desk.

Summer Help Wanted: Monday - Thursday 1 - 5 p.m. Answer phones, book appointments, file, light cleaning, etc. Aspen Chiropractic, 116 North Main Street, Crookston, MN 56716 Please stop by for an application.

Help Wanted: Looking to hire about 10 people for the following areas: Cashier rate is 9.40 to start. Deli is 9.60 and I don’t have much info on how remodeling team will work, but they will apply online as any other job interested in, and we will choose motivated people to work through the remodel phase. They want the same people so we are not retraining every shift. Hours are generally anywhere from 7am- thru overnights. Overnight differential is $1.50 more. Apply in person at the employment kiosk or at their website: www.walmart.com/careers.

4-H ATV Safety Curriculum training
Roseau County 4-H is offering a 4-H ATV Safety Curriculum training on Thursday, May 7 - Friday, May 8 in Roseau from 9 a.m. - 4:30 PM. It is FREE of charge. Meals provided. A great certification to add to your resume!

Registration materials can be found at: http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/roseau/4-h

4-H Youth 16+, Adult volunteers (must become screened) and STAFF are encouraged to come. Anyone who goes through the training will be certified to use the equipment for safety training. The equipment includes- 5 ATV’s, trailer, safety equipment, and 4-H curriculum.

Cheer/Dance Team Interest Meeting
There will be an interest meeting on Monday, May 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the Evergreen 1st floor lounge for anyone interested in being on or supporting a Cheer or Dance Team here at UMC. A few students have already shown some interest and they would like to know who else out there have a similar interest.

After the brief meeting, there will be a table set-up in the Evergreen Grill (EGG) during the Ice Cream & Study Break Social. You can also contact Natalye Kobetsky (kobet004@crk.umn.edu) if you are interested but unable to attend the meeting or stop by the table in the EGG.