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[www.UMCrookston.edu/events/commencement](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/events/commencement)



U of M, Crookston's 2008 *Almost Alumni* handbook is a resource for seniors to guide them through graduation and also a tool for recent graduates, highlighting services available to U of M, Crookston graduates. Printed copies are available at Grad Fest, the Registrar's Office or the Office of Development & Alumni Relations.

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## Greetings from the Chancellor



Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

The diligence and perseverance that have brought you to this point will serve you well as you embark on the next stage of your life. I hope that the new ideas, new skills and new ways of looking at the world that you have learned through your studies have prepared you to realize your most cherished dreams.

On behalf of the entire University community, I congratulate you on achieving this important milestone in your life and offer you my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Casey  
Chancellor

## Welcome to the Alumni Association



Congratulations, UMC graduates! It is my privilege to welcome each of you as new members of the UMC Alumni Association (UMCAA). As alumni, you will be receiving the *Torch* alumni magazine which will keep you current on happenings at the University of Minnesota, Crookston as well as updates on friends, professors, athletics, events and more. I encourage all alumni to stay involved and support your alma mater!

Stay in touch and feel free to contact me anytime.

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Sincerely,

Corby Kemmer  
Director of Development & Alumni Relations

## Getting Ready to Graduate

### Graduation Requirements

1. To be eligible for a University of Minnesota undergraduate degree, a student must present at least 30 semester credits awarded by the University of Minnesota campus from which he or she is seeking to graduate.
2. Students must complete at least half of upper division course work on the campus from which they are seeking to graduate.
3. At least 15 credits of the last 30 credits earned prior to the awarding of a University degree must be awarded by the University of Minnesota campus from which a student is seeking to graduate.
4. For students who seek an academic minor, to be eligible for record of a minor on the University of Minnesota transcript, students must take at least three (3) upper division credits in the minor field at the campus from which they will receive their degree.

To qualify for the associate in applied science or the associate in science degree, the candidate must complete a minimum of 64 credits with a GPA of 2.00 (C). To qualify for the bachelor of science degree, the candidate must complete a minimum of 120 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.00 (C). The faculty reserve the right to change requirements for the various curricula. However, the credits required for the degree will not exceed the total specified at the time the student enrolled.



### Graduation Procedure

All degree candidates must complete an electronic application for degree ([www.onestop.UMCrookston.edu/registration/graduation\\_requirements.htm](http://www.onestop.UMCrookston.edu/registration/graduation_requirements.htm)) by the end of the second week of the term/semester in which degree requirements will be met.

## Honors

Candidates for the associate or bachelor's degree who earn a 3.75 GPA graduate with *distinction*; those with a 3.90 GPA graduate with *high distinction*. The honor is recorded on the student's academic record and diploma.

## Diplomas

The University of Minnesota diploma indicates a student's name (as submitted on the eDegree Application), the degree earned and any honors earned.



A University of Minnesota diploma **does not** indicate a student's major; majors are indicated on the transcript only. Diplomas are mailed approximately two months after graduation. If you have not received your diploma after two months, please contact the Registrar's Office at (218)

281-8547. NOTE: It is your responsibility to review your record for holds. Any student who has an outstanding financial debt to the University will not be allowed to graduate until the debt has been cleared. When you satisfy your financial obligation to the University, and your holds are released, notify the Registrar's Office.

## Transcripts and Directory Suppression

If you are in need of a transcript reflecting your degree, you may request that a transcript be sent once the degree is recorded. If you have requested directory suppression, please be aware that your name will not appear in the commencement program nor will it be released to newspapers. Also, we will not be able to confirm your degree to employers or others without your specific request in writing. If you have questions or concerns regarding this policy, please call the Registrar's Office at (218) 281-8547.

## Graduation Checklist Are You Ready to Graduate?

- Meet with your advisor to make sure your program requirements are met.
- Any "Incomplete" grades must be resolved.
- Apply for graduation.  
([www.onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/registration/graduation\\_requirements.htm](http://www.onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/registration/graduation_requirements.htm))



- Attend Grad Fest.
  - Purchase cap and gown
  - Purchase graduation announcements/diploma frames
  - Check graduation status
  - Receive student financial aid exit information
  - Meet with UMC alumni office representative
  - Career Services registration
- Complete exit loan counseling before you graduate or leave if you have ever received a federal student loan.
- To ensure that you receive your diploma, please make sure your permanent address is correct on your eDegree Application.
- Keep in touch with other University alumni through the UMC Alumni Association at [www.UMC Crookston.edu/alumni](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/alumni).

## Commencement Ceremony

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Commencement is held once yearly at the end of spring semester. Attendance at the commencement ceremony is optional. Fall semester graduates, spring semester candidates, summer session candidates and upcoming fall semester candidates (who have 16 or less credits to complete) may participate.

### 2008 Commencement Saturday, May 3

**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Pre-Commencement Reception  
Northern Lights Lounge, Student Center

*All friends and family are invited to both the reception and ceremony.*

**2:00 p.m.**

Commencement  
Speaker - Patricia Simmons, Chair of the Board of Regents, University of Minnesota  
Lysaker Gymnasium

To view or print campus maps, go to [www.UMCrookston.edu/info/tours/tourhome.htm](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/info/tours/tourhome.htm).



## Commencement Regalia

Academic apparel is a commencement tradition at the University of Minnesota. The UMC Bookstore is your official campus graduation source; visit [www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/grad.htm](http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/grad.htm). All candidates for graduation are responsible for securing the following items:

Candidates for associate degrees wear:

- the silver associate gown
- the traditional mortarboard cap
- the appropriate tassel color



Candidates for bachelor degrees wear:

- the black bachelor gown
- the traditional mortarboard cap
- the appropriate tassel color

In keeping with the guidelines outlined in the internationally accepted Academic Costume Code, nothing else should be worn on the academic gown. For further information about academic regalia, go to [www.UMCrookston.edu/events/commencement/2008Commencement/academiccostume.htm](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/events/commencement/2008Commencement/academiccostume.htm).

**Tassels.** Undergraduate candidates wear the tassel on the right side of the cap.

Associate degree tassel colors:

Agriculture .....	Maize
Business .....	Drab
Math, Science & Technology .....	Yellow Gold

Bachelor degree tassel colors:

Agriculture .....	Maize
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences .....	White
Business .....	Drab
Math, Science & Technology .....	Yellow Gold
Natural Resources .....	Maize

**Honor Medals.** Official University of Minnesota honor medals denoting graduation with Distinction and High Distinction, distributed through the Registrar's Office, are the only enhancements to the traditional regalia that have been approved by the University for commencement ceremonies.

## Your Graduation Day



Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center. A reception honoring the graduates will be held before the commencement ceremony from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Student Center. All friends and family are invited to the reception and ceremony.

Commencement is a ceremonial event which includes the wearing of the traditional academic cap and gown by graduates and faculty.

The cap is to be worn with the top parallel to the floor. The tassel is worn over the right temple. No decorations should appear on the cap or gown. Honor medals denoting graduation with Distinction and High Distinction are the only adornments allowed. All students who participate in commencement are expected to dress in a manner that is in keeping with the occasion (no tennis shoes, shorts, etc.). Anyone under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies.

Candidates will be marching and standing a good part of the time; thus, low-heeled, comfortable dress shoes are recommended. Since there are no secure areas to leave personal belongings, it is recommended that jackets, purses and other personal items be left with family members.



## The Assembly Process

Degree candidates should report to the Eagle's Nest in the Sahlstrom Conference Center (in case of rain, report directly to the Sports Center) no later than 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, where you will receive an index card from the student marshal. This index



card will include your name (write phonetic spelling on card), along with a number in the lower right hand corner. The number on the card represents your place in the procession. Do not lose this card. As you cross the stage during the ceremony, you will hand your name card

to the reader at the top of the stairs who will announce your name.

Degree candidates will line up in front of the UMC Bookstore in the hallway toward the Eagle's Nest. After you are lined up, please await the direction of the marshals to join the procession. Since the time is limited and the procession must start moving by 1:55 p.m., it is important that you arrive early.

The procession will be formed in ranks of two in the following order: Faculty; Associate Degree Candidates; Baccalaureate Degree Candidates; Platform Guests.

## The Order of Events

The order of the general commencement ceremony is:

- Prelude
- Processional
- Presentation of Colors
- National Anthem
- Welcome from Chancellor Charles H. Casey
- Greetings from University Board of Regents
- Commencement Address
- Presentation of Candidates
- Conferring of Degrees
- Congratulatory Remarks from Alumni Association
- Speaking for the Class
- Passing the Torch
- Singing of *Hail! Minnesota*
- Recessional

These events are open to the public and no tickets are required. There is no limit to the number of guests that each graduate may have. The doors will open at approximately 1:00 p.m.

### The Ceremony - Conferring of Degrees

A diploma is presented to each candidate participating in the ceremony. Official diplomas will be mailed approximately two months after commencement to the address you provided on your eDegree Application.



### Instructions for Receiving Your Diploma

As you march to the stage to receive your diploma, hand your name card (which you received from the student marshal before the ceremony) to the reader at the top of the stairs. Do not bunch up on the stage. As your name is being read, proceed slowly across the stage to receive your diploma. After receiving the diploma, all candidates will return via the middle aisle to the same row they were originally seated in. Remain standing. After all degrees have been conferred, it will be announced that the graduates may move their tassel from the right to the left side of their cap.



### After the Ceremony

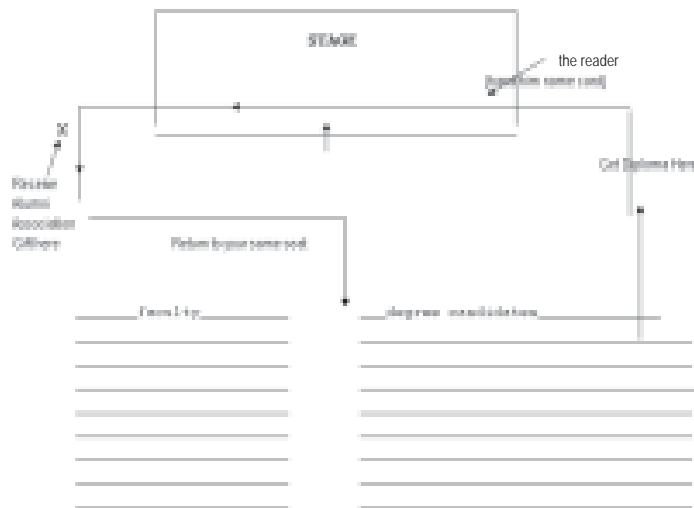
For the recessional, please follow the student marshal out the north door of the building to be congratulated by faculty/staff. Your families will join you outside. Please do not stop and gather in the gym hallway as it becomes too congested.



## Items to Remember

1. Degree candidates must remain standing until after the National Anthem.
2. Male degree candidates must remove caps for the Presentation of Colors and National Anthem. Watch the platform guests to see when to remove your cap and when to put it on again.
3. All degree candidates will receive a name card from the student marshal before the ceremony which will be handed to the reader (on stage) when you go to receive your diploma. Do not walk across the stage until your name has been read.
4. For the recessional, follow the student marshal out the north door of the gym.
5. Accommodations will be provided for students with disabilities. Please call Disability Services at (218) 281-8587 to request accommodations no later than April 16.

PLEASE NOTE CEREMONY MAP BELOW



To receive diploma, graduates should approach the stage via the right, outside aisle and return to their seats via the middle aisle. Remain standing until told to be seated.

## General Information

**Disability Accommodations and Accessible Seating for Candidates and Guests.** Please contact Disability Services at (218) 281-8587 at least two weeks prior to the ceremony to request the program in alternate format or other accommodations.

**Parking for Graduates and Guests.** Commencement parking is free to guests and students. Ample parking is available in Lot A, near the Student Center; Lot G, behind Kiehle Building and the Library; Lot C, Lysaker Gymnasium; or around the Campus Mall.

**Guest Seating.** Guest seating areas are located in the bleachers on both sides of the gymnasium and in chairs on the floor behind the faculty and degree candidates. Guest seating areas will be open 60 minutes before the start of the ceremony.

**Commencement Etiquette.** University commencement ceremonies are special events for all involved. If you choose to participate, graduates are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. ***Leaving the ceremony early will not be allowed.***

**Electronic Devices.** As a courtesy to those around you and to our graduating students, please turn off pagers and cellular phones during the ceremony. We also ask that you refrain from using noisemakers.

**Degree Information.** Expect the University to mail you your diploma about two months after you complete your degree requirements, unless you have a hold which prevents them from doing so. Check for holds on your record at [onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/registration/clear\\_holds.htm](http://onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/registration/clear_holds.htm). Notify the Registrar's Office (contact information below) when you clear a hold in order to receive your diploma.

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## UMC Bookstore

Academic apparel is a commencement tradition at the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota Bookstore is your official campus graduation source to help you celebrate your graduation in style.



### Associate Degree Academic

**Apparel.** Candidates for associate degrees wear the silver associate gown, the traditional mortarboard cap and the appropriate tassel color. Associate candidates may purchase caps and gowns at the UMC Bookstore in the Student Center, or online. Visit

[www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/aa.htm](http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/aa.htm) for more information. Associate degree tassel colors are: Agriculture – Maize; Business – Drab; Math, Science & Technology – Yellow Gold.

**Bachelor Degree Academic Apparel.** Candidates for bachelor degrees wear the black bachelor gown, the traditional mortarboard cap and the appropriate tassel color. Bachelor candidates may purchase caps and gowns at the UMC Bookstore in the Student Center, or online. Visit [www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/ba.htm](http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/ba.htm) for more information. Bachelor degree tassel colors are: Agriculture – Maize; Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences – White; Business – Drab; Math, Science & Technology – Yellow Gold; Natural Resources – Maize.

**Graduation Announcements.** Personalized graduation announcements may be ordered online at [orders.nrpgrad.com](http://orders.nrpgrad.com). Contact the UMC Bookstore with questions or for more information.

**Diploma Frames.** Hardwood frames with a variety of unique features and sizes are available to showcase your diploma in style. Visit [www.bookstore.umn.edu](http://www.bookstore.umn.edu) for the complete collection.



**College Rings.** Celebrate your achievement with a hand-crafted University of Minnesota college ring – *where tradition meets today*. Visit [www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/rings.htm](http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston/rings.htm) for more information.

**Contact Us.** UMC Bookstore, 125 Student Center, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716; phone (218) 281-8335; e-mail [buttx005@umn.edu](mailto:buttx005@umn.edu).

[www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston](http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston)



**Free Alumni E-mail Account.** Your e-mail inbox will remain active for a minimum of three semesters after the last term in which you were registered. During this time, the University will use your e-mail address for official communications to you, so you should check your e-mail regularly or have it forwarded to an address which you actively monitor. Your inbox MAY remain active for up to five years after your last registration. To keep it active after the initial three-semester period outlined above, you must access it at least once every six months. If your account lapses, you will have the option to pay to reopen it. Note that if you set forwarding, it will remain in effect for two semesters even if you don't have an active inbox.

## University of Minnesota Graduate School

The University of Minnesota has one of the country's largest and most wide-ranging graduate schools with over 10,000 graduate students, of whom 26 percent are international students, and admits about 2,300 new students each year. The breadth of faculty expertise, spanning more than 180 graduate programs, provides opportunity for an enormous range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary studies. The U of M has one of the best university libraries in the country and is a pioneer in Internet access. The Twin Cities, one of the most attractive and lively metropolitan areas in the United States, provides many cultural and recreational opportunities that complement those offered by the University.



For information about applying to The Graduate School, graduate programs and program profiles, visit their Web site at [www.grad.umn.edu](http://www.grad.umn.edu) or call (612) 625-2809.



### Alumni Online Career Services

UMC's Career Services Office empowers you with the tools, resources and services, in cooperation with UMC's Alumni Association, to manage your career growth and potential.

**Expanded Access to UMC Career Services for UMC Alumni Members.** Register for Career Services at: [www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs/career/GoldPASS.htm](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs/career/GoldPASS.htm) to enhance your job search and career management activities throughout your career.

FREE to UMC members who have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree.



- Networking contacts through the UMC online directory
- Job listings on the Career Services Web page
- Access to employer links
- Access to UMC's Virtual Career Center, open 24/7 with information

and resources on the process of searching for a job and managing a career

**Register with Career Services.** You'll have access to resources and support at no cost including:

- Professional development workshops
- Online Webinars at [www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs)  
Click on "more" at the bottom of the page
- Interview Stream at [www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs/career/index.htm](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs/career/index.htm)
- Post your resume
- UMC's distance learning opportunities
- Online job fair information
- Job interviews
- Career advising
- University of Minnesota system-wide employment opportunities through the GoldPASS System

Alumni are welcome to visit the Career Services Office at Suite 245 in the Student Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We look forward to seeing you! Contact us at (218) 281-8586 or (218) 281-8585 or at [www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs).

Join our UMC Alumni Career Network and become involved with UMC. Access the registration form at: [www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs/alumni](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/ccs/alumni). Click on Alumni Registration Form, complete and send to the UMC Career Services Office.

## The UMC Alumni Association

Your 2008 UMC Alumni Association Board of Directors welcome you to the UMC Alumni Association (UMCAA).

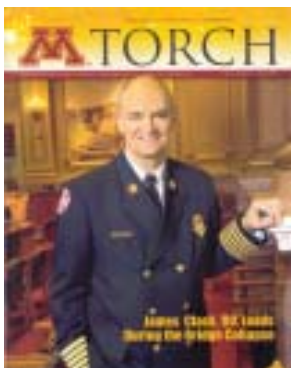


Congratulations on earning your degree from the University of Minnesota. You have a great future ahead of you! We hope that future includes staying in touch with your alma mater and all the friends and colleagues you met during your time on campus. You can also make an impact by telling others about your UMC experience.

### [www.UMCcrookston.edu/alumni](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/alumni)

Surf the Alumni Association Web site for all the latest news and events. Check out the recent edition of the alumni magazine, nominate outstanding alumni, access the online directory and much more. Stay connected no matter where you are.

**Torch Magazine.** The *Torch* is a magazine for alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The magazine will keep you current on happenings at UMC as well as updates on friends, professors, athletics, events and more. The *Torch* is mailed twice a year, free of charge. Keep in touch, share news about you – updated mailing address, new job or career, family announcements, achievements. Simply fill out the form at [www.UMCcrookston.edu/alumni/keepintouch.html](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/alumni/keepintouch.html) and watch for your news in the next issue of the *Torch*.



**Homecoming.** Homecoming is all about alumni. The games, the dinners and socials – it's all for you. Homecoming 2008 will be held **September 26 & 27**. Plan now to attend the Athletic Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumni Banquet, ride the UMCAA float in



the Homecoming parade, attend the pre-game tailgate event hosted by UMC Teambackers, cheer on the Golden Eagles football

team and attend the post-game social. It's a great opportunity to renew friendships and remember fun times.

### **Invest in the University of Minnesota, Crookston.**

*Small Campus. Big Degree.* As time goes by, we know you'll look back on your alma mater with pride and nostalgia. We hope you'll be able to help keep UMC flourishing for generations to come. The UMC Office of Development & Alumni Relations, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Foundation, has countless opportunities for you to show your support for student scholarships, faculty support, ongoing college and program support. *Please consider a \$25 or \$50 pledge and/or gift immediately following graduation and continue giving on a regular basis.*

**Giving Online.** There are many ways to plan your gift to the University; it just depends on your goals for giving. Giving online is easy, secure and more convenient than ever. *Give online today at* [www.UMCcrookston.edu/alumni/giving.html](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/alumni/giving.html).

**Other Ways of Giving.** Other ways of giving include donations to Teambackers and the University of Minnesota Foundation. After you leave UMC, you can still support UMC's athletic programs as alumni.

Stay connected by joining UMC Teambackers and/or by attending games. The greatest benefit of your Teambacker membership is the satisfaction and pride you will receive in providing the opportunity for our student athletes to have an exciting and successful experience at UMC.



For more information about Teambackers, visit [www.goldeneaglesports.com/teambackers](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/teambackers).

The University of Minnesota Foundation was established in 1962 by 21 alumni and friends. The Foundation advances the University's mission of teaching, research and outreach to the community by raising and managing private dollars for scholarships, world-class faculty, leading-edge research, new facilities and academic programs on all four campuses of the University of Minnesota.

**Preserve History, Build a Lasting Tribute.** The bricks in the Centennial Park Memorial Wall, located on the Campus Mall, recognize alumni, faculty, staff and other significant persons and events. The price of an inscribed brick is \$150, but students can purchase a brick at the reduced price of \$100 for one year from the time of their graduation. Contact the alumni office to order a brick inscribed with your name, or a person you wish to recognize. Leave your mark!

*To learn how your gift or pledge can meet your needs as well as benefit UMC, contact us today:*

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## Your College Connection

The departments, faculty and staff of UMC invite you to attend local and regional events and stay connected by visiting [www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews) for up-to-date event calendars, announcements and headlines.

### Campus Department Directory:

[www.UMCrookston.edu/campusdirectory.aspx](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/campusdirectory.aspx)

Academic Affairs: (218) 281-8341

Admissions: (218) 281-8569 or (800) 862-6466  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/visit](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/visit)

Agriculture Department: (218) 281-8101  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/agri](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/agri)

Alumni Relations—UMC/NWSA: (218) 281-8439, 281-8434 or  
(800) 862-6466  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/alumni](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/alumni)

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Department: (218) 281-8256  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/AHSS](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/AHSS)

Athletics: (218) 281-8414, 281-8422  
[www.goldeneaglesports.com](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com)

Bookstore: (218) 281-8335  
[www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston](http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston)

Business Department: (218) 281-8176  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/bus](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/academics/bus)

Business Office: (218) 281-8331  
[onestop.UMCrookston.edu/tuition\\_billing/office.htm](http://onestop.UMCrookston.edu/tuition_billing/office.htm)

Career and Counseling Department: (218) 281-8586  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/ccs/alumni](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/ccs/alumni)

Center for Adult Learning: (218) 281-8681  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/cal](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/cal)

Chancellor's Office: (218) 281-8343  
[www.UMCrookston.edu/chancellors-office](http://www.UMCrookston.edu/chancellors-office)

Disability Services: (218) 281-8587  
[www.UMC Crookston.edu/ccs/disability](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/ccs/disability)

Financial Aid: (218) 281-8563  
[onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/financial\\_aid](http://onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/financial_aid)

Human Resources: (218) 281-8346  
[hr.UMC Crookston.edu](http://hr.UMC Crookston.edu)

Library: (218) 281-8399  
[library.UMC Crookston.edu](http://library.UMC Crookston.edu)

Math, Science and Technology Department: (218) 281-8380  
[www.UMC Crookston.edu/academics/MST](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/academics/MST)

Media Services: (218) 281-8392, 281-8400  
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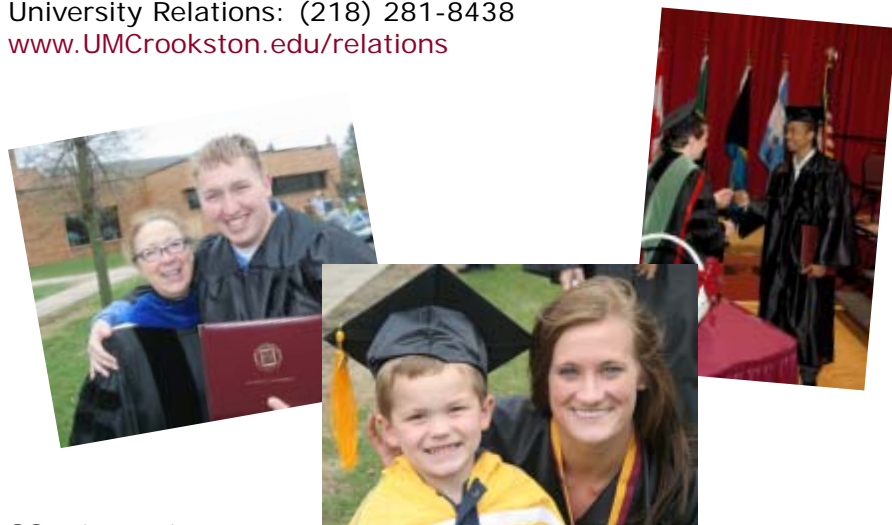
Natural Resources Department: (218) 281-8128  
[www.UMC Crookston.edu/academics/NatR](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/academics/NatR)

Northwest Research and Outreach Center: (218) 281-8604  
[nwroc.crk.umn.edu](http://nwroc.crk.umn.edu)

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[onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/registration/registrar\\_office.htm](http://onestop.UMC Crookston.edu/registration/registrar_office.htm)

Student Activities: (218) 281-8507  
[www.UMC Crookston.edu/services/studentactivities](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/services/studentactivities)

University Relations: (218) 281-8438  
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## Commencement Photos

A professional photographer has been contracted to take individual photos of graduates before and during the May 2008 commencement ceremony. All graduates are encouraged to have an optional posed photograph taken in Sahlstrom Conference Center prior to the commencement ceremony in Lysaker Gymnasium. The photographer will also take a photo of each candidate as he or she receives the diploma folder from the Chancellor at the ceremony. A few weeks after the ceremony, a proof of these photos and an order form will be mailed to each graduate. At that time, you may order photos from the photographer. *Please note: audience members should avoid crowding the stage or aisle ways throughout the ceremony.*

Other photos taken during the 2008 commencement ceremony by University Relations will be posted after the event in an online photo album. Visit the site often to remember your academic achievements and relive the celebration. The album and link to the professional photos can be viewed at: [www.UMC Crookston.edu/events/commencement/2008Commencement/photoalbum.htm](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/events/commencement/2008Commencement/photoalbum.htm).

## Web Media Streaming

The 2008 commencement ceremony will be streamed live for those who cannot attend. Information can be found at [www.UMC Crookston.edu/people/services/MediaServ/stream.htm](http://www.UMC Crookston.edu/people/services/MediaServ/stream.htm).



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## Notes



## Graduation Planner

Helping students to choose, plan and succeed

Launched in August 2007, Graduation Planner is a dynamic new Web-based interactive planning tool for University of Minnesota students and their advisers on all campuses. Use Graduation Planner to:

- Explore the requirements for majors and minors
- Discover what courses you need to take and when you should take them
- Work with your advisor to stay on track; advisers can view and comment on the plans of their advisees

Check it out at [plan.umn.edu](http://plan.umn.edu).



## Discover More – Campus Profile

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) delivers more than 25 applied-science undergraduate degree programs and 50 concentrations, including several online degrees, in five academic areas: agriculture; arts, humanities and social sciences; business; math, science and technology; and natural resources. A coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota, the Crookston campus offers prestigious U of M degrees in an affordable, scenic private campus setting. Students have access to system-wide resources and are encouraged to “invent yourself” through unique career-oriented learning and research and top-level technology.

As a four-year, public university with an enrollment of nearly 1,200 degree-seeking students, the Crookston campus proudly carries on a 100-year tradition of educational service to northwestern Minnesota. Since its establishment as an institution of higher learning in 1965 and its transition to offering baccalaureate degree programs in 1993, the campus equips all students and faculty with laptop computers, provides individual attention that leads to success and offers a hands-on approach that puts students ahead of the competition. The Crookston campus boasts a 97 percent job placement rate for graduates and has been ranked a *U.S. News & World Report* best public comprehensive college for ten consecutive years.

UMC is a transfer-friendly, fully accredited university focused on teaching, research and outreach. Our land-grant charge dates back to 1905 when the campus was home to the Northwest School of Agriculture, a residential high school established as part of the University of Minnesota research farm on land donated by railroad magnate James J. Hill.

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