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Crookston Campus E-Update

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Welcome to the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. On a bi-weekly basis, we will have news from the Chancellor along with some featured events and activities. We'll also talk about what's happening in Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Finance and University Services, Human Resources, University Relations, Development & Alumni Relations and Athletics, on a rotating basis. If you have suggestions or ideas for the *E-Update*, please let us know (urumc@umn.edu).

From the Chancellor

With spring break upon us, the academic semester is more than halfway over. We have much to accomplish in the next few weeks and much to be proud of as we reflect.

I am pleased to announce that the University of Minnesota, Crookston received the "Outstanding Giving" award from the United Way of Crookston for exceeding the campus goal by 56 percent. Congratulations to all who donated to the campaign and helped make it a success this year.

Last Tuesday evening, March 6, I attended an alumni social in Alexandria with Development Director Corby Kemmer and Admissions Counselor Amanda Neubauer. Alumni Board member Cindy Bigger also hosted this gathering. We will be having a similar event on March 22 in Detroit Lakes and other events over the next several months to connect with Crookston campus alumni around the state. Everyone is welcome to participate. Details on the upcoming social can be found in the Featured Events & Activities section below.

Last week, I was in the Twin Cities for Board of Regents' and other administrative meetings. On March 7, we presented the Crookston Campus Compact to Sr. Vice President for System Academic Administration Robert Jones and other central administrative officers. Crookston campus Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Tom Baldwin, Vice Chancellor for Finance and University Services Eric Johnston-Ortiz and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Enrollment Mgt. Pam Holsinger-Fuchs joined me for the meeting. We will continue to be engaged in a dialogue regarding compact and budget issues. Much will depend on how successful the University is in securing funding from the legislature.

Several presentations were made during the Regents' meetings. Highlights included an update on Strategic Positioning by President Robert Bruininks. Provost Tom Sullivan led a presentation on Transforming the Undergraduate Experience: Strategic Positioning Initiative at the meeting of the Educational Policy and Planning Committee. Also, Dr. Frank Cerra (senior vice president for Health Sciences) provided an update on Strategic Positioning: Role of Clinical Sciences.

The coordinate campuses will have the opportunity to provide updates to the Regents at the May meeting.

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– Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

International Dinner Series Features Food and Entertainment from Nepal on March 19 – Nepali students Kirshor Regmi, hotel and restaurant management major; Sanu Lama, business major; and Amit Tajhya, hotel and restaurant management major, will share their cuisine and talents. The event begins at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Contact Rae French at 218-281-8339 or rfrench@umn.edu to reserve seats. [For more details, visit the Web.](#)

Women's Voices in Public Policy March 22 – A panel of women experts, including Maxine Penas, former legislator in the Minnesota House of Representatives; Sharon Bring, Marshall County commissioner; and Sharon Josephson, district staff assistant for Congressman Collin Peterson, will discuss their experiences and perspective. The event is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. It is part of the "Red Tent Celebration" held in honor of Women's History Month. [For more details, visit the Web.](#)

Alumni Social in Detroit Lakes March 22 – Alumni and friends are invited to an informal gathering from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to enjoy complimentary appetizers and a time to reminisce with classmates from the area. More details: www.UMC Crookston.edu/alumni and click on News & Events.

Support the U Day at the State Capital March 28 – Students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and lobby on behalf of the University. A charter bus will be going down to the Capital from campus. If anyone is interested in going along with our students, please contact Counseling and Career Services Director Don Cavalier (cavalier@umn.edu) or Development Director Corby Kemmer (ckemmer@umn.edu).

Maroon & Gold Fridays – Show your U spirit every Friday by donning maroon and gold. Come out and cheer for your Golden Eagles, too.

We look forward to seeing you here. For more details or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.UMC Crookston.edu/umcnews or review our news page at www.UMC Crookston.edu/umcnews/stories.

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – Searches are currently underway for two faculty positions for the Equine Science program, two faculty positions for the Business Department and a horticulture faculty position. Academic program reviews begin in early April. The campus is moving ahead with a central approach to e-mail and calendaring later this spring to leverage resources at the U of M and align more strategically with the system. Computing Services and Technology Support Services staff will be leading this effort.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – Surveys indicate that when future students visit campus we get an edge on the competition. Seventy-one percent of those who visit campus enroll. Encourage individuals to [find their place at the U of M, Crookston](#) and make them feel at home. Campus visitors are posted on the Today page at www.UMC Crookston.edu/umcnews/stories. Assist. Director of Service Learning Lisa Loegering helped secure a \$1,000 Pamida grant to support National Youth Service Day on Saturday, April 21.

Finance & University Services – The first budget meeting of the 2007-08 cycle was held in Minneapolis on March 7; however, the campus budget will not be finalized for a couple of months. Contractors will be on campus this week to fix the railings on second-floor and along the stairway

in the Student Center. Peggy Chaput has been named principal accounts specialist in the Office of Business Affairs. She starts fulltime on March 20.

Development & Alumni Relations – The 12th Annual Teambackers Fun Nite will be held on April 27 at the Crookston Eagles Club. Advance tickets for \$35 can be purchased thru March 31, when ticket prices increase to \$40. Support your Golden Eagles and attend this important and entertaining fundraiser event. Contact Director of Athletic Fundraising Bill Tyrrell for tickets or more details: 218-281-8436 or btyrrell@umn.edu.

University Relations – Web and marketing efforts are getting a boost with Amber Bailey being named e-communications manger. She begins her new duties on March 19.

Human Resources – A financial workshop “Organizing Your Important Papers,” sponsored in conjunction with University of Minnesota Extension, is scheduled for March 14. A supervisors workshop on the roles and responsibilities of supervision and leadership at the U of M, approaches to managing conflict and performance management is being held March 14 and 15.

Athletics – April 11 is the signing date for basketball athletes and all other sports (except football and soccer, which were in February). A large pool of applications has been submitted for the two assistant football coach positions and the head baseball/assistant sports information director position. Phone interviews are scheduled for March 12-16, with on-campus interviews to begin March 22. The goal is to hire individuals by April 1.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this news update, please send them to urumc@umn.edu.