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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](mailto:urumc@umn.edu)).

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### **From the Chancellor**

This year we have worked to regularly recognize and celebrate achievements and milestones throughout the campus community. In light of that, we are very pleased to announce that **Associate Vice Chancellor Pam Holsinger-Fuchs is a recipient of the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising** for the University of Minnesota system. Pam's dedication and concern for students is well known on campus, and we congratulate Pam on this recent accomplishment.

Moving ahead with strategic positioning objectives, I have forwarded the recommendations for a **change in the Crookston campus mission statement** to Sr. Vice President Robert Jones and Provost Thomas Sullivan. I am seeking Board of Regents approval at the May meeting. Thanks to Sr. Vice Chancellor Tom Baldwin and the committee for gathering campus input and coordinating the effort.

The **Crookston campus Strategic Positioning Report** is now scheduled to be presented to the Regents at their meeting in October, which will be held at the Morris campus. The coordinate campus reports were originally scheduled for the May board meeting.

Please join me for the next **Campus Assembly meeting on April 3, at 4 p.m. in Dowell 225**. The campus community is invited to learn more about events and activities that are being spearheaded by the various committees and hear the State of the Campus update. Also, please note that **President Bruininks State of the University address** is rescheduled for April 5, at 4 p.m. via ITV in Dowell 100. More details are outlined in the Featured Events & Activities section below.

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

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### **Featured Events & Activities**

**Support the U Day March 28** – U of M supporters will fill the Rotunda of the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul to urge legislators to support the U of M's legislative requests. You are invited to attend this annual event, joining hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni and volunteers from across the state. The rally begins at noon in the Capitol Rotunda. [For more details, visit the Web.](#)

**Grad Fest 2007 April 4** – Graduate candidates will discover how best to get ready for Commencement 2007. Stop by the Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to rent a cap and gown and purchase announcements/diploma frames; check graduation status; pick up student financial aid exit information; and explore Career Services registration details and UMC Alumni Association information.

**State of the U address April 5** – U of M President Robert Bruininks will deliver the State of the University address at 4 p.m. in Minneapolis. It will be broadcast on campus via interactive television (ITV) in Dowell 100 and online at <http://www1.umn.edu/pres/stateoftheu.html>. Bruininks' speech will focus on the achievements that have been made with the University's strategic positioning initiatives and the need to reset its goals for the future to meet new challenges.

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

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## Around Campus

**Academic Affairs** – The Agriculture Dept. recently signed articulation agreements with both Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne, Wyo., and Black Hawk College (BHC) in Kewanee, Ill., to facilitate completion of bachelor's degrees in equine science on campus. The Natural Resources Dept. signed a similar agreement with Robeson Community College in Lumberton, N.C., earlier this year to support bachelor's degrees in law enforcement aviation. Regarding the campus toll-free telephone number, please use only 1-800-862-6466 (UMC-MINN) on all correspondence and communications from this point forward.

**Student Affairs and Enrollment** – First Year Experience/Parent Coordinator Sara Kaiser and AVC Pam Holsinger-Fuchs will be part of a system-wide retention committee that will exchange campus and unit best practices and prepare for a retention summit later this year. The U of M is committed to a working environment free of bias, discrimination and harassment. To learn more about campus procedures for reporting and responding to such incidents visit [www.UMCcrookston.edu/info/policies/bias.htm](http://www.UMCcrookston.edu/info/policies/bias.htm). Wal-Mart will be renting space on campus to use in recruiting and training their 200-plus new employees. The store is scheduled to open in mid-August.

**Finance & University Services** – Hill Hall Room 4 assignments have been finalized: the area will house an English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom and offices for international program staff. The ATM from Bremer Bank is now open for business in the Student Center near the Information Desk.

**Development & Alumni Relations** – A newly created *Almost Alumni* publication will help graduate candidates prepare for Commencement festivities and assist with the details in transitioning from student to alumni status. Look for the spring combined issue of the *Torch & Aggie* alumni publications to arrive in the mail soon. This edition includes the 2006 Donor Report.

**University Relations** – A campus planning committee is coordinating participation at county fairs for Polk, Pennington and Roseau scheduled for mid and late July 2007. We are surveying prospective students and high school and community college counselors and administrators in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin to gather awareness and perception data regarding the Crookston campus.

**Human Resources** – Effective July 1, 2007, the University will no longer accept retirement plan contributions for investment at TIAA-CREF. This decision was made after years of feedback from

participants about recordkeeping and customer service problems. We are currently working to arrange for a workshop or training session before the end of the academic year to help with this transition and provide information regarding options and forms.

**Athletics** – The Golden Eagle Athletic Awards ceremony is scheduled for April 24 at 6 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Several Professional & Administrative (P&A) athletic staff members are scheduled for their comprehensive review this spring: Gary Warren, Chris Przemieniecki, Mark Dufner, Scott Butt and Mitch Bakken. The review process is an important means of evaluating and strengthening the role of administrators within the University. Campus interviews were held last week for the assistant football positions and head baseball/SID position. We are looking to bring these positions onboard by April 1.

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