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Crookston Campus E-Update

a bi-weekly internal administrative news digest
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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 share 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

We continue to have reason to be proud of our student accomplishments at the University of Minnesota, Crookston with the recent success of sophomore Danika Kent and SIFE team members. Danika placed first in the Intercollegiate Horse Showing Association (IHSA) Western Horsemanship semi-finals competition. SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is Regional Champion again for the eighth consecutive year. Both head to national competitions later this spring. Congratulations to these students for aiming higher and dreaming bigger dreams.

On to legislative news ... There are many plans for funding higher education being discussed at the state level; and separate proposals are moving through the House and Senate. You will likely hear reports and read updates from time to time on campus and in the news, so I encourage you to stay as informed as possible. We will hold a legislative update presentation on Thursday, April 12, on campus to answer questions and discuss how you can help support the University by contacting your legislator and asking them to support the full request of the University of Minnesota. For more event details, read the Featured Events & Activities section below.

In partnership developments, we are very pleased to announce that the campus is partnering with Bemidji State University on a proposal to bring a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to the Northwest region. If approved, a SBDC counselor position will be established in Crookston that will serve individuals or businesses with start-up or expansion issues. This partnership would provide an opportunity for students to be involved in some projects and for faculty to have some consulting contracts if they are interested.

In cooperation with RiverView Health, we are moving forward with the hiring of an executive director for the Northwest Minnesota Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Together we are working to strengthen the healthcare workforce in the region and provide additional educational options.

Last week the Athletic Coaches Search Committee completed their work and offers were extended to three individuals to support the football program and one for a baseball coach/sports information director position. I want to thank Mark Dufner, committee chair, and all the committee members for their work in helping fill these important positions.

A reminder ... Beautiful U Day is April 13. Help spruce up the campus for spring through volunteer work. Details are provided in the Featured Events & Activities notes below.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Legislative Update April 12 – U o f M Network Legislative Grassroots Manager Amy Reasoner and Chancellor Charles H. Casey will talk about advocating for the University and Crookston campus in the Legislature and community. The presentation will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, C, D & E, in the Student Center.

Beautiful U Day April 13 – Volunteer to help with spring cleaning and other beautification projects by donating one to three hours of time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Stop by the Eagle's Nest to get an assignment. For details, visit the Beautiful U [Web page](#).

Campus Assembly April 17 (RESCHEDULED) – Learn more about events and activities being spearheaded by the various campus committees and hear the State of the Campus update. The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom C, D and E.

Students Awards Celebration April 19 – Celebrate the accomplishments of Crookston campus students. A reception begins at 6 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Student Center and the ceremony is at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.

Athletics/Scholarship Fundraisers April 23 to 27 – Head Football Coach Shannon Stassen will spend two nights and three days April 23-25 atop a suspended platform to raise dollars for the Lysaker Endowment. The first-ever Bill Tyrrell Walk-A-Thon will be held at the track on April 26; pledges are being collected with all dollars raised going toward athletic scholarships. The annual Teambackers Fun Nite is April 27 at the Crookston Eagles Club. Tickets are available in the Development & Alumni Relations Office. For more details or to buy tickets, call 218-281-8434 or e-mail ckemmer@umn.edu.

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

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – Online enrollment continues to grow as a result of a targeted marketing plan; and we currently have ten new online admits for summer 2007. A committee is reviewing technology support areas throughout campus to identify where services are provided, what needs exist and best practices for access and delivery. A \$1,500 stipend is still available to units for support in writing grant proposals that will generate more than \$25,000.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – New student registration begins April 24 and continues through May. Contact Student Experience and Parent Coordinator Sara Kaiser at kais0067@umn.edu or 218-281-8527 with any questions. Three summer camps for high school students will be held on campus: Students Today, Leaders Forever from June 10 to 15; GameDesign Camp from June 24 to 30; and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) from July 8 to 14. For more details, visit <http://www.UMCrookston.edu/camps>. If you are considering hosting a camp, contact Student Services to discuss the possibilities. Residential Life is also looking to host family reunions and other groups on campus this summer, and Centennial Hall is available and provides air conditioned space.

Finance & University Services – An office reconfiguration was recently approved for the Instructional Technology Center space in Kiehle 143. This summer the room will be split into two areas with a training space on the south side and office cubicles and workstations on the north side. Preparations for the scheduled demolition of Robertson Hall will begin soon and safety fencing will be installed. Construction is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks on the concession building at the football field.

Development & Alumni Relations – Representatives of the Chowdry and Sather scholarship committees have selected 16 recipients for the 2007-08 academic year. Ten Crookston campus students were selected as recipients of the Chowdry Scholarship: four receiving \$5,000 each, four receiving \$2,500 each and two receiving \$2,000 each. Six students were selected as recipients of the Sather Scholarship: four will receive \$1,400 each and two will receive \$700 each. A host of fundraising events supporting athletics and athletic scholarships are scheduled for April 23 to 27, culminating with the annual Teambacker Fun Nite on Friday, April 27 at the Crookston Eagles Club. For details, see the Featured Events & Activities section above. To support these activities or get involved, contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office at 218-281-8434 or e-mail ckemmer@umn.edu.

University Relations – The Crookston campus was named to the first-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, which recognizes students, faculty and staff for helping build a culture of service and civic engagement. The Honorable Russell A. Anderson, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, will address the Class of 2007 during Commencement on May 5 at 2 p.m. The campus community and public are invited to attend.

Human Resources – U of M Employee Benefits Specialist Barry Melcher will be on campus April 20 to help with retirement planning and answer questions about the UPlan or State Dental coverage. Workshops to discuss the TIAA-CREF retirement changes have been scheduled for April 23 and May 3. For more details, check with Crookston campus Human Resources.

Athletics – Interviews for the assistant athletic trainer position are underway. Fulltime football coaches Dave Hennings and Justin Schreiber and part-time football coach Jim LeClair will be joining the Athletic Department coaching staff. The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference has expanded to a 14-team league beginning 2008-09 with the addition of Minnesota State, Mankato; St. Cloud State University; U of M, Duluth; and Augustana College. Golden Eagle Women's Basketball will be sponsoring Pacesetter camp on April 21. The Equestrian Western team is headed for Nationals in West Springfield, Mass., the first weekend in May.

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