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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

Several recognition events are an additional reminder that Commencement on May 5 is approaching soon. I encourage all faculty and staff to participate in the Commencement events and for students and U of M, Crookston alumni and friends to attend the associated events as well.

I also encourage everyone to make time in their busy schedules to attend the various recognition events scheduled over the next two weeks. Recognition of student, faculty and staff achievement is important and is a vital part of the culture at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Please check with the UMC Web site at www.UMCrookston.edu for daily events.

On Wednesday, April 18, the [All College Advisory Council](#) held a meeting. Several long-time members of the Advisory Council were recognized for their service to the campus and region. Six new members were welcomed to the council at the same meeting.

On Friday, April 20, my wife and I attended the inauguration of University of Minnesota, Morris Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. Morris faculty, staff, students and community members were well represented at the event. Representatives from other University of Minnesota campuses also attended and celebrated the occasion.

As a board member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, I attended the board meeting on Monday, April 23 in Plymouth, Minn. Conference faculty athletic representatives, athletic directors, senior women administrators and Student Athlete Advisory Committee members met on April 22-23.

Plans are being developed for a campus visit by a team led by U of M Vice President for University Services Kathleen O'Brien on Tuesday, May 8. The team's agenda will focus on a review of current and future facilities projects on campus.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Athletic Awards Ceremony April 24 – Celebrate with the Golden Eagle Athletic Department as they honor student-athletes for their achievements both in the classroom and on the field. The event will be from 6 to 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.

Farewell Gathering for Pam Holsinger-Fuchs April 26 – Join the campus and community in a farewell gathering for Pam from 4 to 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. The farewell event will be a time for community members and UMC faculty and staff to wish Pam well and thank her for her significant contributions and involvement in the Crookston campus, community and region during the last 11 years.

Polaris Graduation Ceremony May 3 – A U of M, Crookston graduation ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. at Polaris Industries in Roseau, Minn. Congratulations to the bachelor of manufacturing management students from Polaris who are graduating with degrees from UMC this spring.

Commencement May 5 – Celebrate with the Class of 2007 during [commencement activities](#): reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center followed by a ceremony at 2 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium. The commencement address will be given by Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Russell A. Anderson. Congratulations UMC Class of 2007.

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 – A group of 15 students from Nan Kai Institute of Technology in Taiwan arrived on Monday and are spending two weeks interacting with students, faculty and community members in northwestern Minnesota. On May 1, President Kuo-Ming Wang of Nan Kai will also visit campus. He will continue discussions on relationships between the universities. This Friday, the campus will host a delegation from Lunghwa University of Science and Technology in Taiwan including the President Wen Fang Yen. They will discuss opportunities for cooperation between the two universities that would include joint research projects as well as faculty and student exchanges. Senior Vice Chancellor Baldwin visited Lunghwa University last October and started the discussion that has led to this visit. Candidates for associate vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management as well as candidates for international program director have visited campus over the last few weeks. A search is underway for business faculty to teach entrepreneurship.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – Join us in welcoming Admissions Director Amber Evans, who assumed her position on April 23. Note that beginning June 1, the soda vending machines on campus will charge \$1.25 per beverage. A portion of the profits from the Coke contract will go to support the funding of the very successful weekend programming efforts now called Regal After Hours (RAH). Congratulations to the Financial Aid Office for receiving a completely clear audit.

Finance & University Services – The Crookston campus Organizational Design Committee will meet April 25 to support the U of M Enterprise Financial System (EFS) Project, which will establish a new and improved system for handling financial processes across the University. EFS personnel from the Twin Cities will also be on campus for orientation. An on-site visit for potential food and beverage vendors responding to the University-wide food service Request For Proposal (RFP) to provide services at various campuses will occur on April 26. U of M auxiliary personnel from the Twin Cities will also be on campus for this visit.

Development & Alumni Relations – A fundraising campaign to raise \$50,000 in 50 days in support of Golden Eagle athletics, which runs through May 10, has netted more than half of the

goal from more than 25 donors. During the campaign, matching funds will be made available. The Northwest School of Agriculture reunion is scheduled for June 29-30. The annual gathering is a time for alumni to celebrate Top Aggie Award honors and support efforts at UMC to serve the northwest region of Minnesota. As of March 31, this year's donations of gifts and dollars have increased over last year by 19 percent and 34 percent, respectively. The deadline for 2007 Torch & Shield Award nominations is July 1. Nominations can be submitted online at <http://www.umcrookston.edu/alumni>.

University Relations – A more robust MyU portal is scheduled to come online this summer at <https://www.myu.umn.edu> – your view of the U. A portal facelift and content expansion project is being carried out system wide in response to student, faculty and staff input. Consultants from Anchor Marketing will be on campus this week to conduct personal interviews with students, faculty and staff as research for a campus-wide marketing plan.

Athletics – UMC Men's Golf Team placed second overall at the Concordia-St. Paul invite held in Lake City, Minn. Steven Busho, a sophomore from Blooming Prairie, Minn., took first place individually. Chris Vito has been named head baseball coach/assistant sports information director and assumes his duties May 28. The Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA) voted to limit membership to NCAA Division III schools exclusively effective July 2009, allowing the Crookston campus a two-year transition period. The UMC hockey program is currently working to develop an independent schedule to address this change and is also looking at some other options.

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