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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. 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).

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From the Chancellor

We celebrated the end of spring semester with graduates, officials, faculty and staff as well as families and friends at Commencement on May 5. More than 120 students took part in the occasion, and we are proud of their accomplishments and wish them continued success in the next stage of their careers. At the same time, our campus community was also saddened by the recent passing of longtime faculty member Larry Huus, Ph.D. Our thoughts continue to be with his family.

Over the past two weeks the campus hosted presidents from two educational institutions in Taiwan. On April 27, President Wen-Fang Yen of Lunghwa University of Science and Technology visited with several groups on campus. On May 1, President Kuo-Ming Wang of Nan Kai Institute of Technology was on campus. Wang joined the Nan Kai student delegation, already on campus for a two-week visit, and visited with several campus groups as well. We signed 2 + 2 agreements with both universities.

Under the 2 + 2 Agreement, students take two years of coursework at their home university in Taiwan and transfer to UMC to take two more years of studies in order to complete their University of Minnesota degree. Both agreements offer the opportunity for faculty and student exchanges and are consistent with our Strategic Positioning priority to offer a global and diverse cultural experience for our students.

Efforts are continuing to update our Operational Continuity Plan. The purpose of this plan is to re-establish and maintain critical operations during an emergency. Although this process has been underway since mid-semester, it has been made more relevant given the tragic event at Virginia Tech University recently. We should have this completed by May 31, 2007.

Last, I want to extend congratulations to Tricia Sanders, assistant to the vice chancellor for finance and University services, on being selected for the [University of Minnesota President's Emerging Leaders Program](#). This is a great recognition for the work Tricia is doing and a wonderful professional development opportunity. Congratulations also go to 1) Charles Hiller, who was named Teambacker of the Year for his dedication and commitment to athletics and fundraising; and 2) six University representatives, who will be graduating from Leadership Crookston on Wednesday, for participating in the program and establishing partnerships with other organizations in the community.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Faculty/Staff In-Service Programs May 7 to 12 – A number of faculty/staff in-service programs are scheduled this week with some continuing into next week. Please refer to details outlined in the forthcoming campus e-mail.

Summer Camps in June and July – UMC is hosting several [camps this summer](#): Students Today, Leaders Forever (STLF) June 10-15; Game Design Camp June 24-30; and Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) July 8-14. Sign up today for a great educational experience.

UMC Insight Airs Saturdays All Summer – Don't forget to listen to KROX 1260 AM on Saturdays just after 8:30 a.m. for UMC Insight, our campus radio broadcast. We are always interested in your suggestions for people and topics to feature. Please contact Asst. Director of Communications Elizabeth Tollefsen (218-281-8432 or ltollefs@umn.edu) with ideas, and listen in as UMC sophomore and Communications Intern Stephanie Onken hosts the program. Insight programs are also [online](#).

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 or review our news page at www.UMCcrookston.edu/umcnews/stories.

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – A group of nine faculty and staff representatives will be leaving for China on May 17 for a three-week international exchange to visit partner universities in Hangzhou. Some faculty will be teaching classes at Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP) while the others will be working on arrangements to teach courses at China's Forestry University. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will go out in mid-May for upgrades to the campus telephone network that will enhance phone services and provide 911 compliance as well as backup systems during power outages. Behind-the-scenes system work will begin next academic year. The change over to the new system is scheduled to be rolled out to faculty and staff during summer 2008. Training sessions will be scheduled and more details provided as we move ahead.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – Admissions has received to date more new high school student admits and applications than anytime since 2004. New student registration days this month are scheduled for May 10, 11, 14 and 18. Faculty and staff participation is integral to the success of these campus activities. Sign up to help staff the Crookston campus booth at county fairs this summer: Polk County July 11 to 15; Pennington County July 11 to 15; and Roseau County July 16 to 20. Contact Admissions Counselor Kelli Barnes at 218-281-8573 or barn0363@umn.edu for details.

Finance & University Services – Window replacement on the second and third floor of Hill Hall began this week and is scheduled to continue for about three weeks. The third floor of Dowell Hall will be closed for floor and ceiling tile replacement the week of May 14. Proposed renderings and site locations for new residence halls will be presented to U of M University Services administration on May 8. A record 240 students, compared with 186 last year, signed residence hall contracts last week for the 2007-08 academic year.

Development & Alumni Relations – From April 23-27, more than \$30,000 was raised for UMC athletic scholarships from three special events. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported and assisted. As of April 30, the \$50,000 in 50 days campaign has generated more than \$30,000 from the support of 42 donors. The final day of the campaign is May 10. The Office of

Development & Alumni Relations staff will be in Minneapolis for professional development opportunities from May 15 to 17. The Women's Project Fund sponsors and friends will attend a May 15 reception hosted by U of M First Lady Susan Hagstrum and Crookston campus First Lady Barbara Muesing at Eastcliff in St. Paul. New maroon and gold signs have been installed above the entrances to the Development & Alumni Relations office; stop by to see them this summer.

University Relations – Goodbye and congratulations go to Communications Intern and UMC Insight Host Deb Altepeter, who graduated on May 5 and is seeking a position in the Fargo/Moorehead area. We welcome Communications Intern and new UMC Insight Host Stephanie Onken as well as Communications Intern Kathryn Webster to the team. U of M Extension received more than 90 applications for the White Earth Reservation Science and Math Summer Program, now in its ninth year. Students in the program will visit the Crookston campus on June 14 and 15 as part of their introduction to campus life.

Athletics – The Athletic Department bids farewell to Head Volleyball Coach Dave Simon on May 27 and to Cathy Behr, assistant athletic director/senior women's administrator, on June 15. The positions will be open for applications this week. Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) members are currently working on scheduling for the 2008-09 season. Committees have been established to discuss two options: 1) setting up north and south divisions within the conference based on location; and 2) scheduling games without divisions for the 14 teams. Discussions are ongoing for the next two months and options will be voted on in July.

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