



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

COMMENCEMENT

THE SIXTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE



CLASS OF 2023



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LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD - OUR LEGACY LIVES IN OUR ALUMNI

Today, we celebrate the 56th graduating class of the University of Minnesota Crookston as an institution of post-secondary education. This campus has seen many changes including a significant transformation over its history. In the past decade alone, the campus has seen the addition of many new majors as well as the growth of online education. Both are important components of our academic offerings and our role as a 21st century land-grant institution. While the Crookston campus has a proud legacy of growth and change, two things remain constant: a strong affiliation with the University of Minnesota, and the presence of talented, caring faculty and staff members.

On this day, we also celebrate the 115th graduating class of our campus. The very first graduation ceremony was in 1909 when this site was home to the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), a residential high school. The NWSA opened its doors in 1906 and provided training in the technical and practical business of agriculture, and the art of homemaking. Over its history, 5,433 graduates completed their high school education at the NWSA.

Changing educational needs in the 1960s led to a new role for the campus. In the fall of 1966, classes began for 185 students enrolled at the new University of Minnesota Technical Institute. Associate degrees were offered in three academic divisions: Agriculture, Business, and General Studies. Students of the NWSA and the U of M "Tech" shared the campus for two years.

In the spring of 1968, a torch was passed, figuratively and literally, from the 60th and final graduating class of the NWSA to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute, now a full-fledged System campus of the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1994, 4,693 graduates earned associate degrees. The tradition of passing the torch from one class to the next continues to this day as part of commencement ceremonies.

The University of Minnesota Crookston entered the next stages of its evolution in the early 1990s when it earned approval

to offer baccalaureate degrees. The campus made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with laptop computers to become the first public "Laptop University." By the end of the academic year in 1994, 20 students had completed bachelor's degree requirements, and they were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremonies.

UMN Crookston awarded its first online bachelor's degree in 2001. At the time, it was known as "distance education." In some cases, commencement now may be the first time a graduate actually sets foot on the campus, making the event all the more special.

The Crookston campus is one of five statewide campuses of the prestigious University of Minnesota System. With an enrollment of approximately 1,500 undergraduates from more than 39 states and 24 countries, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere, top-level technology, and a distinctive focus on applied, experiential learning.

We take great pride in our students, faculty, staff, and alumni and in their many accomplishments in teaching, learning, research, and service. We are all enriched by the education, experiences, and relationships built here while acknowledging our campus legacy indeed lives in our alumni. This campus will be a memorable touchstone in our graduates' lives as they go into the world and make good things happen.

Congratulations to one and all!

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM 2023

Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause presiding

Prelude and Processional

The audience will rise if able for the processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar.....UMN Crookston Community Band

The processional is led by Mace-Bearer Sharon Stewart, Ph.D.

The procession includes Faculty Marshal Kenneth Myers, M.S., faculty, staff, candidates for degrees, and platform guests.

“The Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key.....UMN Crookston Community Band
UMN Crookston Graduation Choir

Welcome.....Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Land Acknowledgment Statement.....Rosemary Johnsen, Ph.D.
Professor and Business, Arts, and Education Division Head

Greetings from the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.....The Honorable Regent Doug Huebsch
Vice Chair, Regent of the University of Minnesota

Keynote Address.....Donald Sargeant, Ph.D.
Chancellor Emeritus

Presentation of Candidates.....Anthony Kern, Ph.D.
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Introduction of Candidates.....Dani Johannesen, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English

Conferring of Degrees.....The Honorable Regent Doug Huebsch
Vice Chair, Regent of the University of Minnesota

“If We Hold On Together” by James Horner and Will Jennings.....UMN Crookston Graduation Choir

Congratulatory Remarks from the Alumni Association.....Alisha (Aasness) Asleson
Class of 2012, UMN Crookston Alumni Association President

Speaking for the Student Body.....Madison Elijah
UMN Crookston Student Association President

Passing of the Torch.....Madison Elijah
Returning 2023-24 UMN Crookston Student Association President

Closing Comments.....Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D.
Chancellor

“Minnesota Rouser” by Floyd Hutsell.....UMN Crookston Graduation Choir
and all attendees

Recessional and Postlude.....George French, Ed.D.
Associate Professor of Music and Theater

The audience is asked to remain in their seats until the recessional has left the gymnasium.

Congratulations Graduates!

STUDENT MARSHALS

Melissa Hammer, Braden Letourneau, Emily McHugo, and Evelyn Stuck

COMMENCEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Brenda Bozyk, Michelle Christopherson, Chris Ehrhart, Kirby Folkers, Brian Follette,
George French, Kim Jenkins, Corey Klatt, Rachel Meany, Eric Morgan, John Normandin,
Jason Tangquist, Nan Thurston, Rose Ulseth, Cyndi Wentz, Chris Winjum

Safety and Special Needs

If you have any special needs during today’s event, please contact a University staff person stationed at the exits near the hallway. They can direct you to a variety of University personnel prepared to assist you.

For your safety, please take a brief moment to locate Lysaker Gymnasium’s exits. They are located to either side of the stage which will take you directly outside, and along the west wall which will take you out to the central hallway and then outside.

In the event of an emergency, choose the nearest exit and evacuate the gymnasium quickly and safely. Listen for further instructions from University event staff. Remain outside the building until the “all clear” is given by emergency responders.

Please silence your cell phones and devices

Out of respect for all in attendance and for this important ceremony, please turn off or silence all cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices.

* Fall Semester 2022, graduate | ** Summer Session 2023, candidate | *** Fall Semester 2023, candidate

Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.90 graduate “with high distinction.”

Students who complete a degree program with a minimum grade point average of 3.75 graduate “with distinction.”

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Candidates for Graduation

Spring Semester, 2023

Baccalaureate Degrees will be conferred upon those listed below,
subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements.

HIGH DISTINCTION

NAME

Christine Alpers
Cory Baker
*Brooke Benson
Gabby Blomdahl
Syd Bly
Anne Marie Boyum
Allisyn Rose Bresina
Janice Aileen Carney
Zoe Elizabeth Christensen
*TJ Clark
*Isabel Cornelisse
*Alex Crittenden
Madison Leigh Culler
Shelby De Jarnett
Kojilembay Mishine Derra
Emily Dufault
*Ally Eblen
Kelley Lee Evangelist
Laurie Ann Cooper Everitt
*Anne Faroni
*Lindsay Faroni
Kaitlyn Fedewa
Bren Fox
Jose Martin Gonzalez
Cassie Happe
*Claire Johnson
John Andrew Jonas
*Desiree Jordan
***Angela Karjala
Nathan Kerr
Lauren D Klein
Madi Klimek
Elaina Knott
Anna Rose Kochevar
Alex Koep
Shelby Anne Krebs
Abigail Maunu
Katy McCabe-Schaller
Katherine Marie McLaughlin
*Sarah Meredith

HOMETOWN

Saint Paul, MN
Belgrade, MT
Monroe, WA
Duluth, MN
Waubun, MN
Andover, MN
Altoona, WI
Cheyenne, WY
New Richmond, WI
Maplewood, MN
Bloomington, MN
Cranston, RI
Farmington, MN

Burkina Faso, West Africa
Fertile, MN
Belgrade, MN
Saint Cloud, MN
Verona, WI
Escondido, CA
Escondido, CA
Isanti, MN
Norwood Young America, MN
Andover, MN
Elko, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Edina, MN

Anoka, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Hallock, MN
Oakdale, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Cannon Falls, MN
Parkers Prairie, MN
Little Falls, MN
Glencoe, MN
Rochester, MN
Saint Paul, MN
Maysville, NC

MAJOR

Accounting; Management
Finance
Biology; Health Sciences
Elementary Education
Elementary Education
Communication; Honors
Communication
Health Management
Management
Finance
Communication
Management
Communication
Marketing
Information Technology Management
Early Childhood Education; Elem Education
Equine Business Management
English
Applied Studies
Information Technology Management
Finance
Equine Science
Biology; Health Sciences; Honors
Information Technology Management
Communication; English
Communication
Information Technology Management
Health Management
Information Technology Management
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Communication
Exercise Science and Wellness
Agricultural Education
Marketing
Natural Resources
Agricultural Business
Agricultural Education; Honors
Information Technology Management
Applied Studies
Accounting

NAME

Luke William Meyer
 *Virginia Mezzatesta
 Liz Murphy
 ***Mike Nelsen
 Kelly Nelson
 Carlee Oberlin
 ***Hailey Olson
 ***Alyssa Pavlacic
 *Kylie Post
 *Jamie Provost
 Humberto Esteban Rodriguez Gallegos
 ***Peyton Rude
 *Emily Schneider
 *Andrea Schochow
 Kim Schultz
 Cj Sobolewski
 Jordan David Stanley
 *Johanna Stelljes
 *Alyssa Stillman
 Brianne Thicke
 **Matthew Thielen
 Sara Thompson
 Shannon Jaqualine Urban
 *Pao Vue
 *Jennifer Weyer

HOMETOWN

Iowa Falls, IA
 Chaska, MN
 Columbia Heights, MN
 Elkton, MN
 Clear Lake, WI
 Glencoe, MN
 Albertville, MN
 Saint Charles, MO
 Corcoran, MN
 Bloomington, MN
 Shakopee, MN
 Buffalo, MN
 Fountain, MN
 Blaine, MN
 Grand Rapids, MN
 New Ulm, MN
 Hortonville, WI
 Stewartville, MN
 Wheaton, MN
 Minneapolis, MN
 Sunburg, MN
 Green Bay, WI
 Lake City, MN

MAJOR

Accounting
 Accounting; International Business
 Accounting
 Manufacturing Management
 Agricultural Business
 Animal Science; Equine Science; Honors
 Natural Resources
 Accounting; Finance; International Business
 Elementary Education
 Entrepreneurship
 Marketing
 Health Management
 Health Management
 Health Management
 Accounting
 Agricultural Business
 Information Technology Management
 Horticulture
 Health Sciences
 Accounting
 Finance
 Health Management
 English
 Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
 Manufacturing Management

DISTINCTION

NAME

Tasha Achermann
*Leanna Anderson-Speiker
Faith Anez-Robinson
Lynsay Leilani Benson
Abigail Blank
Trace Brayton
*Mary Burke
*Rebecca Cowles
Katlyn Marie Crooke
Waylyn Davis
Jack Meloy Eide
Chase Steven Froehlig
Megan Gomez
*Ashley Gunderson
*Jordan Haugen
*Erica Kerin
Anastasia Kersten
***Elise Klepetka
Eric Klimek
Anna Christine Kolker
Lilliana Rose Lafontaine
Kristine Marie Luce
Michael Francis Manganello
Elena Marian
Timothy Craig Mclaughlin
Camdin Miller
Allison Moreland
Annjelica Moreno-Englebrecht
*Madeline Murphy
Katie Orth
Hattie Overbo
Matthew Thomas Peterson
*Kylea Praska
*Shawn Reinholdt
*Tristan Robbins
*Rena Sakai
Paige Sannes
Abigail Schelonka
*Caden Sedo
*Theo Stonemeyer
Kayla Marie Wainionpaa
Thomas Joseph Wertman
Seyoung Yoon
Dana Zarn

HOMETOWN

Motley, MN
Faribault, MN
Long Prairie, MN
Kauai, HI
Alexandria, MN
Ogema, WI
Virginia, MN
Lakeville, MN
Farmington, MN
Sheyenne, ND
Eden Prairie, MN
Ham Lake, MN
Greenwood, IN
Fosston, MN
Milaca, MN
Port Orange, FL
Isanti, MN
Alexandria, MN
Parkers Prairie, MN
Saint Michael, MN
Little Canada, MN
Shakopee, MN
Apex, NC
Chişinău, Moldova
Minneapolis, MN
Williston, ND
Kalona, IA
Oceanside, CA
Burnsville, MN
Randall, MN
Harwood, ND
Lakeville, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Saint Louis Park, MN
Muskegon, MI
Bemidji, MN
East Grand Forks, MN
Randall, MN
Golden Valley, MN
Beaverton, OR
Buhl, MN

Crookston, MN
Winnipeg, MB, Canada

MAJOR

Management; Honors
Information Technology Management
Health Management
Exercise Science and Wellness
Marketing
Golf and Sports Turf Management
Early Childhood Education; Elem Education
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Finance
Animal Science
Marketing
Finance
Health Management
English
Communication
Accounting
Accounting
English
Natural Resources
Communication
Health Management
Communication
Communication
International Business
Marketing
Agricultural Systems Management
Finance
Management; Marketing
Information Technology Management
Agricultural Business; Animal Science; Equine Science
Accounting; Marketing
Marketing
Early Childhood Education; Elem Education
International Business
Management
Software Engineering
Medical Laboratory Science
Early Childhood Education; Elem Education
Accounting
Management
Agricultural Business
Accounting
Information Technology Management
Exercise Science and Wellness

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

NAME

HOMETOWN

MAJOR

A

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| *Luke Aanstad | Hampden, ND | Agricultural Systems Management |
| Lul Abdullahi | Portland, OR | Information Technology Management |
| Athan Achtor | Hayward, WI | Finance |
| *Abdirahman Ali | Eden Prairie, MN | Information Technology Management |
| *Dhool Ali | Minneapolis, MN | Information Technology Management |
| Matthew Allman | London, England | Applied Studies |
| Courtney Ammerman | Mora, MN | Finance |
| Brooke Amber Anderson | Goodridge, MN | Animal Science |
| Isaac Anderson | Eden Prairie, MN | Accounting |
| Liv Ester Anderson | Fergus Falls, MN | Criminal Justice |
| Madi Andring | Hawley, MN | Exercise Science and Wellness |
| ***Lindsey Arnold | Cottage Grove, MN | English |
| Alina Avalos | Riverside, CA | Marketing |

B

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ranpreet Badyal | Crookston, MN | Applied Studies |
| Makoyo Bagaka | Nyamache, Kisii, Kenya | Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt |
| Cassidy Hennen Bartlett | Winnebago, MN | Agricultural Business |
| Olivia Becker | Deer Park, WI | Animal Science; Biology |
| Brian David Bekkala | Livonia, MI | Golf and Sports Turf Management |
| Zachary Benson | Oklee, MN | Sport and Recreation Management |
| *Mckenzee Berg-Johnson | Karlstad, MN | Natural Resources |
| *Rachel Bisset | | Finance |
| Heather Bohling | Colorado Springs, CO | Applied Studies |
| Jackson Steven Braaten | Portland, ND | Agricultural Business; Agronomy |
| ***Kathryn Brainerd | Corcoran, MN | Natural Resources |
| *Cassandra Brose | Saint Paul, MN | Finance |
| *Nick Bruesewitz | Aitkin, MN | Natural Resources |
| Joby Buchholz | Fosston, MN | Natural Resources |
| Josiah Bullivant | Dassel, MN | Sport and Recreation Management |
| Shaola Natalia Burch | Crookston, MN | Criminal Justice |
| *John Burnett | Fenton, MI | Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt |
| Morgan Burrell | Rotonda West, FL | Health Management |
| *Christopher Busche | Mahnomen, MN | Agronomy |
| Maria Bustos | Colombia | Elementary Education |
| Amarah Sophia Byakweli | Minneapolis, MN | Marketing |

C

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
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| *Jack Camrud | Buxton, ND | Agricultural Systems Management |
| Mady Carlson | Thief River Falls, MN | Elementary Education |
| *Angela Cason | Elk Grove, CA | Applied Health |
| Arica Caughey | Brainerd, MN | Agricultural Education |
| Sara Chapman | Wetumpka, AL | Accounting |
| *Hyunwook Cho | Auburn, AL | Communication |
| ***Ashley Chomyn | Winnipeg, MB, Canada | Communication |
| Zachary Allen Christian | New Hope, MN | Communication |
| ***Mah Cisse | Saint Cloud, MN | International Business |

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Alessandro Crocco

HOMETOWN

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Cadillac, MI
Northfield, MN
Frazee, MN
Boone, IA
Acri, Cosenza, Italy

MAJOR

Animal Science; Equine Science
Natural Resources
Applied Studies
Applied Health
English
Accounting
International Business

D

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Mounds View, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Maple Grove, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Rosemount, MN

Minnesota

Thief River Falls, MN
Wadena, MN

Accounting
Manufacturing Management
Management
Quality Management
Manufacturing Management
Health Management
International Business
Health Management
Management
Accounting

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Sydney Engel
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Rosemount, MN
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Saint Paul, MN
Reedsburg, WI
Jim Falls, WI

Accounting
Equine Business Mgmt; Equine Science
Information Technology Management
Health Management
Accounting

F

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Conner Fonger
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Grand Forks, ND
Minneapolis, MN
Traverse City, MI
Minneapolis, MN
Superior, WI
Crystal, MN
Warroad, MN
Duluth, MN

Information Technology Management
Agronomy
Management
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Finance
Marketing
Accounting
Animal Science
Health Management

G

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Frank Carl Gilbertson
Benjamin B Goelz
Mandi Gordon
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Joey Greco
Jacob Weeden Griebel
Kelsey K Grunewald

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East Grand Forks, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Woodbury, MN
Maple Lake, MN
Prior Lake, MN
Cologne, MN
Cameron Park, CA
Sterling, CO
Crookston, MN

Exercise Science and Wellness
Elementary Education
International Business
English; Health Management
Management
Applied Studies
Natural Resources
Exercise Science and Wellness
Agronomy
Accounting

H

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Hudson, WI
Henry, SD
Saint Cloud, MN

Accounting
Health Management
Management

NAME

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Shelton George Hall
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Halver Halverson
Luther Halvorson
Brett Hamre
**Benjamin Hanssen
**Joseph Harris
Zeke Garrett Hass
Justin Michael Haworth
Kristine Michelle Hay
Sydney Hedin
Courtney Hendrix
*Peyton Hennen
**Heather Herbaugh-Abourezk
Brianna Hinman
Justin Hoard
***Emma Holt
Matt Holtberg
***Derek Hook
Andrew Hoskins
***Caleigh Howe
Evan Huebner
***Brett Hulliberger

HOMETOWN

Atlanta, GA
Clifton Park, NY
Crookston, MN
Hinckley, MN
Golden Valley, MN
Saint Cloud, MN
Andover, MN
Chanhassen, MN
Eaton, CO
Lafayette, IN
Crookston, MN
Duluth, MN
Rochester, MN
Morris, MN
Rapid City, SD
Verndale, MN
Rosemount, MN
Center City, MN
Dilworth, MN
Bay Harbor Islands, FL
Douglasville, GA
Big Lake, MN
Alexandria, MN
Belding, MI

MAJOR

Finance
Manufacturing Management
Communication; Criminal Justice
Accounting
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Natural Resources
Management
Finance
Exercise Science and Wellness
Quality Management
Agricultural Business
Natural Resources
Accounting
Management
English
Accounting; Finance; Management
English
Health Management
Information Technology Management
International Business
Marketing
Natural Resources
Sport and Recreation Management
Finance

J

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*Brian Johnson
*Zachery Johnson
Camryn Lynn Joki
Nolan Juelson

Ramsey, MN
Redwood Falls, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Prior Lake, MN
Duluth, MN
Hines, MN

Health Management
Health Management
Health Management
Sport and Recreation Management
Communication
Equine Science; Honors

K

*Casey Kallock
*Alyssa Kasprick
Ashley Kerkvliet
*Nao Kim
Amanda Joy Kingsley
Dakota Kjos
*Tonya Klinkner
*Natalie Koke
*Chelanne Kostrzewski
Ciera Kotaska
***Tiffany Kozojed
***Brielle Krossman

Alvarado, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Hutchinson, MN
Brooklyn Center, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Mahnomen, MN
Madelia, MN
Racine, WI
Greenbush, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Hillsboro, ND
New London, MN

Agronomy
Agricultural Business; Agronomy
Animal Science; Equine Science
International Business
English
Animal Science; Equine Science
Accounting
Communication
Agricultural Business
Agricultural Business; Agronomy
Sport and Recreation Management
Early Childhood Education; Elem Education

L

Kelsey Landman
Charlotte Marie Langanki
*Adam Lange
Morgan Laplante
Taylor Marie Larsen

Red Lake Falls, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Deer Creek, MN
De Soto, KS
Grand Rapids, MN

Early Childhood Education; Elem Education
Agricultural Business
Agronomy
Exercise Science and Wellness
Accounting

NAME

*Scarlett Lausten
Abigail Marie Leach
*Chee Lee
Choua Lee
***Kayla Leibel
Ryan Rachel J Lemon
*Jordon Lewis
*Kathy Lidberg
*Sophia Linder
*Marcell Locust
Samuel Lofquist
*Jackie Lowe
***Devin Loyo
Robert Ludovissie
*Anthony Lupa
**Samuel Ly
***Molly Lybeck

HOMETOWN

Menahga, MN
Wyoming, MN
Saint Paul, MN
Milwaukee, WI
Cambridge, MN

Ramsey, MN
Siren, WI
Plummer, MN
Minneapolis, MN

Inver Grove Heights, MN
Robbinsdale, MN
Wadena, MN
Crookston, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Brainerd, MN

MAJOR

Management
Exercise Science and Wellness
Accounting
Communication
Natural Resources
Communication
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Entrepreneurship
Marketing
Sport and Recreation Management
Applied Studies
Management
Information Technology Management
Accounting
Management
Accounting
Agricultural Business

M

Avery Jean Maddox
***Brady Madsen
*Mohamed Mahmoud
Tiara Malakowsky
*Brennan Malone
Sarah Markus
***John Masanzi
*Haley Massmann
Lance Mathiason
Nelson Matthew
*Anthony Matthies
***Autumn Mattson
Ashley May
*Jaeden McCleary
Kal McDonough
Britton Marina McGregor
*Nathan McRoberts
Rachel Meany
Stephanie Dawn Melby
***Grace Meyers
Ryan Matthew Miller
**Amal Mohamed
*Shuaib Mohamud
*Ellie Morlan
*Matt Moroz
Rachel Grace Mosca
Mark Andrew Moscatelli
*Isra Muhidine
Joe Duke Mulbah
***Stephen Murray
Joshua Myhre

Woonsocket, RI
Hill City, MN
Eagan, MN
Freeborn, MN
Bangor, ME
Hopkins, MN
Pittsburgh, PA
Fertile, MN
Fridley, MN
Afton, MN
Red Wing, MN
Elk River, MN
Dell Rapids, SD
Enderlin, ND
Waconia, MN
Fertile, MN
Littlefork, MN
Rose Creek, MN
Beltrami, MN
Sherburn, MN
Prior Lake, MN
Burnsville, MN
Fridley, MN
Crookston, MN
Edmonton, AB, Canada
Minneapolis, MN
Byron, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Plymouth, MN
Karlstad, MN
Minneota, MN

Accounting
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Health Management
Agricultural Education
Information Technology Management
Information Technology Management
Software Engineering
Applied Health
Finance
Accounting
Information Technology Management
Horticulture
Equine Business Mgmt; Equine Science
Agronomy
Finance
Agricultural Education
Criminal Justice
Agricultural Communication
Agronomy
Animal Science; Equine Science
Communication
Health Management
Accounting
Equine Business Management
Management
English
Finance
Accounting
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Agronomy
Natural Resources

NAME

N

Gabby Nankin
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Courtney Nash
Dan Nelson
**Mishka Nobel
*Alice Nobles
*Bethany Nolt
Tom Norman
***Alexa Norvell
*Vanessa Nyberg-Golyer

HOMETOWN

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Prior Lake, MN
Maple Grove, MN
Hinckley, MN
Forest Ranch, CA
Minneapolis, MN
Rochester, MN
Virginia, MN
Kirkland, IL
Blaine, MN

MAJOR

Management; Marketing
Management
Applied Studies
Accounting
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Entrepreneurship
Applied Health
Accounting
Management
Communication

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Warren, MN
Crookston, MN
Grand Forks, ND
Cloquet, MN
Apple Valley, MN

Information Technology Management
Agricultural Systems Mgmt; Agronomy
Marketing
Manufacturing Management
Information Technology Management
Sport and Recreation Management

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Crookston, MN
Mentor, MN
Omaha, NE
North Branch, MN
Grand Forks, ND
West Fargo, ND
Sacramento, CA
Raleigh, NC
East Grand Forks, MN
Mentor, MN
Stewart, MN
Red Wing, MN
Tucson, AZ
Maple Grove, MN
Greenville, KY
Esko, MN
Coon Rapids, MN
Esko, MN

Natural Resources
Criminal Justice
English
Communication
Accounting
Agronomy
Applied Studies
Management
Criminal Justice
Elementary Education
Marketing
Management
Marketing
Health Management
Manufacturing Management
Finance
Information Technology Management
Equine Business Management

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Grand Forks, ND
Byron, MN
Winston Salem, NC
Prosper, TX
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Management; Marketing
Agricultural Business
Health Management
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Sport and Recreation Management
Marketing
Accounting
Accounting
Management

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HOMETOWN

Boise, ID
Crookston, MN
Maple Grove, MN
Lakeville, MN
Stacy, MN
Blaine, MN
Parkers Prairie, MN
Greenfield, IN
Hamilton, ND
Bemidji, MN
Cambridge, MN
Woodbury, MN
Rochester, MN
Maple Grove, MN
La Grange, IL
Spring Lake Park, MN
Alexandria, VA
Lafayette, MN
Detroit Lakes, MN
Saint Paul, MN
Champlin, MN
Marshalltown, IA
Madison, MN
Grantsburg, WI

Perham, MN

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Information Technology Management
Applied Studies
Sport and Recreation Management
Information Technology Management
Agricultural Education
Accounting
Agronomy
Natural Resources
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Accounting
Accounting
Applied Studies
Management
English
Finance
Animal Science; Equine Science
Marketing
Management
Finance
Biology
Exercise Science and Wellness
Accounting
Manufacturing Mgmt; Quality Mgmt
Natural Resources

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Management
Communication
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Agricultural Business
Natural Resources

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Health Management

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Esko, MN
Newtown, CT
Glencoe, MN

English
Agronomy
Health Management
Manufacturing Management
Animal Science

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***Reeve Wermus
***Kylee Wesbrook

Greenbush, MN
Sartell, MN
Park Rapids, MN
Somerset, WI

Wyoming, MN

Animal Science
Communication; Criminal Justice
Agricultural Business
Health Management
Marketing
Natural Resources

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Ashton Wold
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HOMETOWN

Rochester, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Abbotsford, BC, Canada
Mims, FL
Saint James, MN
Freeport, MN
Rochester, MN
Devils Lake, ND
Manvel, TX

MAJOR

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Criminal Justice
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Animal Science; Equine Science
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San Clemente, CA
Minneapolis, MN

International Business
Information Technology Management

Y

Chiwfue Yang
Sawa Yang

Maplewood, MN
Centerville/Hugo, MN

Manufacturing Management
Health Management

Z

Savea Zimmerman-Cameron

Little Falls, MN

Equine Science

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Anthony Kern, Ph.D., Interim Vice Chancellor

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Brenda Chaplinski, M.Eng., Lecturer
Terrill Giannonatti-Bradford, M.Ed., Instructor
Sarah Kazmierczak, M.S., Lecturer
Anthony Kern, Ph.D., Professor, Interim Vice Chancellor
Charles Lariviere, M.B.A., Instructor
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John Loegering, Ph.D., Professor
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Morgan Pyles, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
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Matthew Simmons, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Kristina Walker, Ph.D., Associate Professor,
Interim Division Head

Business Department

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Macey Buker, Ph.D., Lecturer, Program Director
Anas Al Fattal, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
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Craig Miller, D.B.A., Lecturer
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Ali Saeedi, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Eddie Walker, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Oxana Wieland, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

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Mohammad Hossain, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
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Venu Mukku, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Beth Reeves, M.A., Lecturer
Anthony Schroeder, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Joseph Shostell, Ph.D., Professor
Sharon Stewart, Ph.D., Associate Professor,
Department Chair

The Faculty Assembly consists of: (a) tenured faculty, (b) tenure track faculty, and (c) faculty and other professional staff who work at least 50% time in credit teaching and 66% time in teaching, research, and service.

MEET THE PLATFORM GUESTS

Alisha (Aasness) Asleson is the president of the University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association. She earned a master of education from the University of Minnesota Duluth and a bachelor of science degree in horticulture from UMN Crookston in 2012. Asleson works for BFG Supply Company as the sales manager of their plant division, which serves the green industry including professional growers, lawn and garden centers, landscapers, and indoor growing stores. She is a Minnesota Landscape and Nursery Association (MNLA) certified professional and a University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener. Asleson is the owner of Seeded Designs, a floral design business specializing in full service wedding florals and hands-on educational floral design classes. She is also a teaching specialist and teaches horticulture for the UMN Crookston campus. She resides in Wendell, Minn. with her husband and son.

Chancellor Emeritus Charles H. Casey, DVM, served as chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston from 2005–2012. During his tenure, he was instrumental in growing campus and online enrollment to their largest numbers in campus history. Two residence halls were built during his time on campus (Evergreen Hall and Heritage Hall.) Other significant work included growing degree programs and increasing support for campus Division II athletics. Prior to his time at UMN Crookston, Casey served as dean and director for University of Minnesota Extension. He also served two terms on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, serving as the chair for two years. Before his service to the University, he had a distinguished career as a veterinarian and as an administrator with a strong rural background. He earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Minnesota.

Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D., began her role as chancellor at the University of Minnesota Crookston in June 2017. During her time at UMN Crookston, she has worked on systemwide enrollment, diversity, inclusion and campus culture, research and outreach, and expanding academic and athletic programs among other initiatives. In 2021, the University of Minnesota expanded Holz-Clause's position to cover two campuses as acting executive chancellor for both the experiential and online presence of Crookston and a more traditional liberal arts campus at Morris. She served in that dual role for one year. Holz-Clause earned a Ph.D. in agriculture education and technology transfer, a master of public administration, and a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business, all from Iowa State University.

Madison Elijah came to the University of Minnesota Crookston in Fall 2021 from Hebron, Indiana. She is majoring in animal science with a pre-veterinarian emphasis and an agricultural business minor. While on campus, Madison has been involved as a Residential Life community advisor, as president of the Crookston Student Association, cross country team captain, Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative, and working at the Info Desk and barns on campus. She has enjoyed the small campus of Crookston, where she feels she knows all the other students and faculty/staff.

The Honorable Doug Huebsch serves on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents representing Congressional District 7. He is president of Goose Group, a company that owns and operates several destination retail stores, and is an owner and partner in New Life Farms located in Perham, Minn. Regent Huebsch has extensive volunteer experience, both past and present, in numerous regional, state, and national boards, organizations and entities. He served as chair of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association board of directors and on the presidential search advisory committee for the University's 17th president, Joan T.A. Gabel, and received the University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award in 2020. From 2013-2014, Huebsch chaired the USDA National Committee on agricultural statistics that provided guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture. He earned a bachelor of science degree in applied economics from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Danielle ‘Dani’ Johannesen, Ph.D., began working at the University of Minnesota Crookston in Fall 2012 and teaches English, Writing, and First Year Experience courses. Her scholarly interests include rhetorical studies, rural and Great Plains literature, popular culture, and creative writing. Johannesen has mentored several undergraduate student research projects, and her students have presented their work at national conferences. Johannesen earned a Ph.D. in english from the University of South Dakota, a master of arts in english from Northern Arizona University, and a bachelor of arts in english from South Dakota State University.

Anthony Kern, Ph.D., has served as the interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Minnesota Crookston since 2022. Prior to that, he served as division head for the Math, Science, and Technology Department and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. Kern coordinates all academic matters at the institution, including several new curricular engagements for cross-campus degree programs with other University of Minnesota campuses. Kern holds his doctorate in plant genetics and a master of science in agronomy, both from Montana State University, and a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of South Dakota.

Chancellor Emeritus Donald Sargeant, Ph.D., served as professor of agriculture and chair of the agriculture division from 1970 to 1973, vice chancellor of academic affairs from 1973 to 1985, chancellor from 1985 to 2003, and director of international programs from 2004 to 2006 at the University of Minnesota Crookston. During his tenure, he was involved in creating many academic programs, planning and construction of numerous campus buildings, transitioning the college from a two-year to a four-year university including the athletic programs and institutional accreditation. The implementation of laptop computers for all faculty and students in higher education including UMN Crookston was initiated under his leadership. Sargeant is a graduate of the educational management program from Harvard, earned a Ph.D. in agriculture education from Pennsylvania State University, masters of education and bachelor of science in agriculture education from the University of Illinois.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic gowns date back to the 14th century, when they served two functions of nearly equal importance: the distinctive apparel indicated the academic rank of the wearer, and the long gown kept the scholar warm in the drafty stone halls of the academy. Worn on special occasions, today's academic gowns are a colorful reminder of the heritage of academic communities. The academic hood worn around the neck and down the back is typically black velvet inset with silk in the colors of the institution that granted the wearer's highest degree. The lining of the hood reflects different disciplines - for example gold for science, maize for agriculture, tan for business, and white for liberal arts. Dark blue denotes a Ph.D., whatever the field of study. Traditionally, gowns in the United States have been black. In recent years, a number of universities have adopted gowns of distinctive school colors.

THE REGENTS' MEDALLION

The five-foot Regents' Medallion is displayed at commencement and other official events of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. On the face of the medallion is the seal of the Regents. An antique lamp represents the metaphysical sciences; a telescope, the physical sciences; a plow, the industrial arts; and a palette with brushes, the fine arts. The Latin motto, *Omnibus artibus commune vinculum*, means "a common bond for all the arts." The seal is also on the inside cover of this program.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

The University of Minnesota Crookston places value on diversity and provides students with many opportunities to gain global and diverse perspectives. Many students travel from other countries to the Crookston campus to earn an education and to share their experiences. A colorful reminder of our global society, the flags on display represent each international graduate's home country or country of origin.

THE MACE

The word "mace" is from Middle English and was originally used to refer to an implement for breaking armor on the battlefield. While that term is still widely known, in this case it has a more peaceful connotation as it refers to the staff carried by a dignitary and signifying authority. As per tradition, since the first graduating class of the University of Minnesota Technical College, UMN Crookston's mace is carried by the most senior faculty member. This mace is modeled after the one designed by Philip Morton in 1961 and used at the inauguration of University of Minnesota President O. Meredith Wilson. It is made of aluminum and topped with a crystal sphere, which symbolizes the illuminating quality and clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The crystal sphere is topped by a star representing Minnesota, the North Star State.

THE TORCH

A tradition unique to the Crookston campus is the presence of a stylized torch at special ceremonies. The symbolic light of the torch, the light of knowledge that permits understanding, represents the educational philosophy of the University of Minnesota. There are three different torches that play a role in campus tradition. The first is the original torch created by the final graduating class of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and passed to the first graduating class of the Technical College in 1968. That torch is on display in the Alumni Room in Kiehle Building.

In 2002, regional artist David Badman designed and handcrafted a new academic torch as a gift to the campus in recognition of its new academic mission as a baccalaureate university. That torch has been present at all commencement ceremonies and other special campus events since that time.

In 2009, Lew Hanson, a former employee, and employee of DeBoer Industries of Crookston created the "Century Torch" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of graduation ceremonies on the Crookston campus. During commencement ceremonies, the Century Torch is passed to the incoming president of the Crookston Student Association (CSA), maintaining the tradition that began in 1968 and acknowledging the history of the campus from its roots in the NWSA to the present. The name of the alumni magazine is, appropriately, *Torch*.

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

Minnesota Rouser

Minnesota, hats off to thee!
To thy colors true we shall ever be,
Firm and strong, united are we.
Rah, rah, rah, for Ski-U-Mah,
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah for the U of M.

Minnesota, hats off to thee!
To thy colors true we shall ever be,
Firm and strong, united are we.
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One of five campuses that comprise the University of Minnesota System, the University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 37 bachelor's degree programs and 33 minors on campus as well as 19 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,500 undergraduates from more than 39 states and 24 countries, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree.



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