



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
CROOKSTON

CAMPUS UPDATE

#IAMCROOKSTON



The Multicultural International Club participated in the annual Chalk It Up art event in downtown Crookston September 10 and won first place in the student art contest sponsored by Crookston Rotary Club. Students earned a \$350 cash prize for their artwork!

International students that participated in the art contest included Hyunwook Cho of Korea, Hinata Horikawa of Japan, Tseten Gurung of Nepal, Tsebaot Getachew of Ethiopia, Madeleine Schneider of Germany, Hermon Yonatan of Ethiopia, Amal Mamo of Ethiopia, Yu Chen Chan of Taiwan, Tianyu Xiong of China, Norden Bista of Nepal, Seohyun Lee of Korea, Nana Ito of Japan, and Samuel Tilahun of Ethiopia.

LEADERSHIP LETTER

Yes! We have again been awarded the #1 Midwest Regional College (public) by U.S. News and World Report in their 2022-2023 rankings. Our ranking, as well as the recent rankings of the other U of M campuses, shows our unified drive to serve Minnesota. Let us know if you have a student in your family that is interested in transferring, furthering their education online or joining us as a new freshman.

And thanks to all of you who are showing up at our events. There were more than 400 people who were at the volleyball match on Friday night, September 16. And what a night it was with giving new meaning to the word volley. My eyes were getting tired watching the event, yet alone the fatigue our players must have had. But at the end of the match, the Golden Eagles Won! Some of our other sports teams are showing amazing successes, too, such as Women's Golf who recently beat the school record for an individual team round, Men's Cross Country who finished 15 of 23 teams at the St. Olaf Invitational, Women's Cross Country who finished 15 of 20 teams, and Women's Soccer who played a tough match at

home on Friday. Our student-athletes appreciate your support and it certainly is a lot more fun to be in a crowd cheering than by yourself.

But it takes a village to put on events, especially when we have Teambackers events. If you and your work group have not volunteered to help out, please contact Michelle Christopherson. (See below)

As many of you are aware we frequently provide updates to the members of the Board of Regents about our campus. On September 8, I provided the Regents information about our enrollment strategy and enrollment for our campus. The URL from the presentation can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEftPdKB-To>

Like many universities our demographics are challenging and will require us to be innovative and targeted to meet our enrollment goals. If you know of students who would be a good fit for the campus please contact Admissions staff.

Another important aspect of enrollment is retention. Right now students are making their decisions to stay or flee. They most likely won't come to you and have that conversation, instead they quietly leave. If you see a student struggling or hear a rumor they are not happy, either tell the appropriate person so they can check in or go to them directly and let them know how much you appreciate their attendance, and let them know you care about their wellbeing. Long gone are the days of too many students showing up. We need to help every student who is here to be successful and feel like they belong on our campus.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our American Indian Advisory Council members Lorna Lague. She was a member of the White Earth Nation. Lorna was instrumental in establishing work with the White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) to provide education first at WETCC and then at the University of Minnesota Crookston for individuals studying and interested in going into early childhood education. The grant which is funded by the federal Head Start program currently has seven students at the University of Minnesota Crookston who are completing their degrees. Several years ago we also had a program with WETCC to educate and supply more elementary teachers for the region.

Congratulations to the 10 participants in this year's UMC Leadership Academy. The new members are Matthew Blair, Ethan Christopherson, Dr. Al Fattel, Betsy Ferwerda, Dr. Mohammad Hossain, Monica Kustritz, Sarah Monson, Dana Perreault, Dr. Morgan Pyles, and Jodi Ramberg. A shout out and thank you to Dr. Kevin Thompson for leading this again for our campus.

Homecoming Week is scheduled for October 3-9, 2022 where a number of celebrations will take place. Our student groups plan to paint the town maroon and gold, mark your calendar to join us in the many festivities. <https://crk.umn.edu/homecoming>

You're invited to be a part of a flag raising event with White Earth Tribal Council on Wednesday, September 22 at 1:30 p.m. in our Sargeant Student Center. The gathering will include a presentation by the White Earth Honor Guard and Leech Lake Honor Guard, plus a drumming ceremony. We treasure

partnerships with our area tribal nations and look forward to more collaboration, both educationally and project-based.

Michelle Christopherson has launched the UMC Teambacker [membership drive campaign](#) that aligns with these efforts to collaborate with the community (Crookston and surrounding areas.) She has created a communication campaign that includes 100% participation at an event - your approach may include Michelle and others meeting briefly with your department (academic/athletic/service) to encourage attendance and offer assistance in planning the promotional activity for a game this fall semester. Contact Michelle for more information, mchristo@umn.edu

Have a great week and enjoy the Fall weather.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

Human Resources

New Hires

Luke Pettinger, Admissions Counselor: Online and Transfer Students, Sept 26

Luke joins the University of Minnesota Crookston with over seven years of customer service experience. Most recently, he was the Front of House Manager/Lead Trainer for Doolittle's Woodfire Grill in Fargo, N.D. Luke received his Bachelor of Art from Minnesota State University in Moorhead, Minn.

Academic Technology Support Services (ATSS)

Dr. Christopher Mechell has recently joined the UMC Academic Technology Support Services team. Mechell has a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Washington Seattle. Chris is looking forward to meeting the academic community.

Office of Admissions

Here is where Admissions will be traveling in the coming days. If you know a student or alum at one of these schools, let them know to come visit our Admissions Counselor! <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12CIPbJLVb7JxhkoXt2Tlpr4JvWbdSoV4PYCB6XsR-X8/edit#gid=0>

Academic Care Team

The Academic Care Team is embarking on its second year. The goal of the Academic Care Team is to provide additional communication and support for students who are academically at-risk. We know our students value the individual academic support that instructors, advisors, mentors, staff, and peers provide to students. We encourage these people to continue working individually with students. However, if faculty, staff, or students would like additional follow-up on a student's academic concerns or feels as though the student is academically at-risk or in academic crisis, they can refer a student to the Academic Care Team. The academic concerns may be related to poor academic performance, a sharp decline in grades, attendance concerns, potential undiagnosed disability, risk of academic dishonesty, and/or a follow up on an initial referral to academic resources (tutoring, Writing Center, organization/time management, peer mentor, academic coaching, etc.)

When a referral is received, the Academic Care Team will gather information from instructors, advisor(s), and other related individuals or departments to first find out what has already been done to try and help

this student. Then, the team will come up with a reasonable course of action or follow-up to connect the student with appropriate resources and, if necessary, provide additional academic interventions. The Academic Care Team is led by the Student Success Center, with representatives from the following departments: Student Engagement and Wellness, Disability Resource Center, Athletics, Registrar, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education; Business; Math, Science, and Technology; and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

To submit a referral to the Academic Care Team and to learn more, visit the [Student Success Center](#) webpage > Academic Care Team.

National Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month Student Spotlight

National Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, UMN Crookston students will be highlighted each week. Follow the features online at <https://crk.umn.edu/news> and on UMN Crookston's social media pages.

Standard Signature Line for Emails

Please take a look at your signature line and change it, if need be, to follow systemwide standards which DO NOT include quotes/sayings or graphics. Best practices include:

- Keep your email signature as simple as possible (4 lines for one unit and 8 lines for two units)
- Personal quotes, logos, images or icons are not recommended
- If you would like to include social media links, we recommend linking text instead of a social media icon

Please see the Chancellor's signature for reference:

Mary Holz-Clause, Ph.D.

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Faculty/Staff Directory

Please go into the faculty and staff directory, <https://crk.umn.edu/faculty-staff-directory-home> and make sure your profile information is up to date with current title, office location, office phone number, email address, etc. Need an update? Contact Amber at albailey@crk.umn.edu Need an updated headshot? Contact Kelsey at petro087@crk.umn.edu

Facilities, Buildings and Grounds

Poster etiquette, internal communication

- Standard posters should be hung on the bulletin boards only
- Oversize posters may be hung on walls, using painters tape so as not to destroy paint when the poster is removed
- Only approved posters are to be hung in the restrooms (sustainability and counseling services)

Posters that do not follow the above criteria will be removed. Questions can be directed to Nell DeBoer, Operations Supervisor, Facilities Management, Kiser Hall debo0035@crk.umn.edu

NOTE: Due to lack of FM staffing, everyone is responsible for taking out their own trash to the dumpster or the hallway/common garbage receptacles. FM will continue to dump those.

Global Programs and International Student Services

A reminder from the GPS Alliance that registration of international travel is required pursuant to per [university policy](#) for all faculty and staff. The University of Minnesota's [International Travel Registry](#) is an important tool in maintaining health and safety standards for faculty and staff traveling abroad. By registering international travel, the University is better-informed and positioned to help travelers in the event of an emergency abroad. The GPS Alliance will be contacting staff and faculty who have submitted international travel-related reimbursements for future travel (but who have not yet registered) to remind them of their obligation to register before their trip. They will also send reminders to non-compliant travelers after their travel. If you have any questions, please contact Sok Leng Tan at tans@crk.umn.edu

University Relations and Brand Standards

A new school year means new faces, new experiences, and new opportunities to showcase our campus and your unit's work through the University brand. Here are some [quick brand reminders](#) that are common topics for this time of year. You can also find our [university colors here](#). Contact Kelsey Engelstad if you have any questions on brand standards.

UMN Sustainable Development Goals Initiative

The UMN Sustainable Development Goals Initiative is pleased to announce another round of the [SDG Research Grants Program](#), which awards grants of up to \$20,000 to faculty and research staff to support SDG-aligned projects. Applications are being accepted through September 30 at 4 p.m.

WELLBEING AT THE U

Health Coaching Presentations

Health Coaching presentations are free, informational sessions that provide wellbeing information on a variety of topics and earn 200 wellbeing points/ session. Follow the link for registration and class information.

<https://boynton.umn.edu/patient-focus/faculty-and-staff/health-coaching/boynton-group-health-coaching>

Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming Health Coaching presentations

September 21 at Noon University Wellbeing Program Review

October 12 at Noon Succulents

October 26 at Noon Forest Bathing

November 10 at Noon Sky Campus Happiness Retreat

November 16 at Noon Acts of Kindness/ Gratitude

The Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing

The Center of Spirituality and Healing has fall webinars for you to participate in and earn 200 wellbeing points/session.

[Ethical Leadership: The Fractal for Equitable Enduring Change with Dr. Monica Sharma](#)

Nov 3, 2022 • Noon - 1:30 p.m.

[Exploring the Role of Spirituality in Enhancing Resilience and Wellbeing](#)

Dec 6, 2022 • Noon - 1 p.m.



Outreach & Engagement

Attend a session with Rob Barron, executive director of Iowa Minnesota Campus Compact (IAMNCC), on October 4 at 10 a.m. in Bede Ballroom. This hour-long conversation will focus on all that IAMNCC offers their members (of which UMN Crookston is) and what opportunities are available for staff/faculty/students/community partners that are connected to their mission. The [IAMNCC](#) represents a continued effort to support a broad range of efforts related to the public purpose of higher education, including community-engaged learning, civic learning and election engagement, dialogue, and ensuring equity. Rob has additional time that day for other meetings if you and your department would find it helpful. Contact Michelle Christopherson mchristo@umn.edu for additional details.

Maroon and Gold Fridays

Show your spirit and wear Maroon and Gold every Friday. Join your peers and take one hour, each Friday from 10-11a.m. and engage with the community. A vehicle has been reserved, and businesses are signing up to show their support for our Golden Eagles and UMN Crookston. [Sign up today](#) and be part of the fun! Have questions, contact Michelle Christopherson, Director of Outreach & Engagement mchristo@umn.edu

Campus and Community Events

Flag Raising Ceremony with White Earth Tribal College September 22

White Earth and Leech Lake tribal nations will join UMN Crookston for a flag raising ceremony on September 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sargeant Student Center which will include a presentation by the White Earth Honor Guard and Leech Lake Honor Guard, plus a drumming ceremony.

Meals on Wheels September 19-23

[Sign up](#) and volunteer to deliver meals, there are only a few slots left.

Minnesota Education Fair

A Minnesota Education Fair for all high school students and their parents will be held at UMN Crookston on September 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. Students can pre-register at www.strivefair.com, print out the barcode and bring it with them to the fair. For more info, contact Eric Morgan at morga365@umn.edu

COVID & Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held September 28 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and again October 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Prairie Lounge.

Blood Drive October 5 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Wellness Center

Sign up for students: Sept 26th - Sept 29 in the Northern Lights Lounge from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Or sign up online at: [Donors.Vitalant.Org](https://donors.vitalant.org) Blood Drive Code: UMC

NOTE: For future Campus Update email newsletters, all campus events must be submitted to the calendar online and only a link to the calendar will be provided to streamline content to one location and help reduce the length of the newsletter. Please save and bookmark the events page for your reference. <https://events.crk.umn.edu/>

Golden Eagle Pride

UMC Teambacker membership drive going on now. Interested in [becoming a Teambacker](#)? Want to contribute financially to your favorite team, click [here](#) and donate today. Mark your calendar for upcoming tailgates:

- October 7 @ 2 p.m. Golden Eagle Soccer - Homecoming Teambacker tailgate sponsored by Hugo's Family Marketplace
- October 8 @ 11:30 a.m. Golden Eagle Baseball Alumni - Homecoming Teambacker tailgate sponsored by RBJ's Restaurant & Spreadable Fruit
- November 11 @ 7 p.m. Golden Eagle Hockey - Teambacker tailgate, location to be determined

UMC Teambacker Pickleball Tournament

[UMN Crookston Wellness Center, November 19 & 20](#)

Learn more about Pickleball and join in the free intro of "how to Pickleball", September 20 @ 7p.m.,

Wellness Center

Free to students, faculty and staff. [Sign up today.](#) Community members \$20.00 per player per match.

UMC Teambackers and Community Curling League

UMN Crookston Wellness Center, January 11 - February 15, 2023.

Six (6) weeks, Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. [Sign up today!](#)

Free to students, faculty and staff. Community members, \$20 per person.