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CAMPUS WEEKLY UPDATE

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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

In less than a month we will all be together with our on campus students. As an extrovert I cannot tell you how excited I am to be around

people again. For those who are on 12-month contracts we look forward to seeing you on August 2 or before. As you will recall August 2 is the date we should all be back on campus unless other arrangements have been made with your supervisor.

Please communicate to all those around you the importance of taking the vaccine. As you are aware the Delta variant is very contagious. We need to do what we can to prevent people from contracting COVID. As much as we want it to be behind us, wishing it away isn't going to work. We all need to take an active role in stopping the virus.

I hope you had a chance to see the horticulture display at the Polk County Fair. Marina Wiley, senior in Horticulture, who works with Theresa Helgeson, put together a spectacular display in guiding people how to grow gardens in containers. The story is here:

<https://www.crk.umn.edu/news/marina-wiley> I wonder if the rabbits and deer prefer their garden delicacy in pots as much as they have enjoyed my plants rooted in the soil. The current scenario with my garden is deer (54 plants eaten); smaller rabbits (39 plants eaten) snowshoe rabbit adolescent (12); neighbor's cat digging (8). Then the frost killed about 20 percent and the heat killed another 30 percent of the remaining plants. I am glad I don't have to rely on growing my own food.

August is already filling up with many activities. We are honored that the architect who co-designed UTOC, the remodeling of Kiehle and the Student Center, among other beautiful structures here on our campus, will be with us on August 18 to talk about his work and sign his book, "Rural Design." Dewey Thorbeck was an adjunct professor of architecture and founder of the Center for Rural Design at the University of Minnesota. Raised nearby, he left his hometown of Bagley and went to Yale University to study architecture. He studied and worked around the world but always felt his calling was in designing rural buildings that reflected the culture of the region. You can read more about his upcoming visit [here](#).

You should have received your invitation to attend the Charles H. Casey Arena dedication on Tuesday, August 17, 3 p.m. at the UTOC. It is going to be a busy week with that event along with the retirement recognition, the Ox Cart Ice Cream Social, the Northwest School of Agriculture Reunion (NWSA) and of course, new students will return to campus Friday, August 21. Please put these on your calendar and plan to attend as your schedule permits. You are invited to [all of these events](#).

August 16	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Welcome Back Luncheon	Bede Ballroom
August 17	3 p.m.	Casey Dedication	UTOC
August 18	9:30 a.m.	Retiree Reception	UTOC
August 18	3 p.m.	Ox Cart Ice Cream Social	UTOC
Book Signing	2 p.m.	Dewey Thorbeck, FAIA, FAAR	UTOC
Veterans Ceremony	3 p.m.	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon	UTOC
August 19	4 p.m.	Northwest School of Agriculture Happy Hour	Mall
August 20	4 p.m.	Welcome BBQ for parents and new students	Mall
August 21	7 p.m.		

Ox Cart Lions Torchlight Parade line up at 6:30. (TBD location)
Join us in wearing maroon and gold while walking in the parade.

Rest up – it is going to be a busy August.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Chancellor Mary



EVENTS



Outreach & Engagement

Night to Unite, August 3, 4-7:30 p.m.

[Sign up](#), volunteers needed. This event is on campus.

This year's National Night Out (NNO) Night to Unite is in its 38 year nationally and 18th in Crookston. Nationwide over 40 million people in over 15,000 communities attend the event every year, Don Rasicot noted. Because of the renovations to Crookston's Central Park, [Night to Unite's](#) location will be on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus.

Charles H. Casey Equine Arena Dedication

A [celebration](#) in Chuck's honor will take place Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 3-5:00 p.m. All campus community members are invited with an invitation to follow. For any questions or additional information contact Michelle Christopherson, director of outreach and engagement mchristo@umn.edu or 218-281-8369.

Retiree Recognition, August 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Lot J,
University Teaching and Outreach Center

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., and celebrate our colleagues and their retirement. The event will take place at UTOC, Lot J under tents - in lieu of weather Charles H. Casey Equine Arena. [RSVP today](#).

Ox Cart Days Ice Cream Social, August 18, 3-5:00 p.m., Lot J,
University Teaching and Outreach Center

You scream, I scream and stop out and grab some ice cream during the annual Crookston community festival. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Veterans Ceremony will be held inside the Charles H. Casey Equine Arena along with a book signing by Dewey Thorbeck, UTOC co-architect and author: *Agricultural Landscapes: Seeing Rural Through Design* encourages using design thinking to provide greater meaning and understanding of places where humans live and work with the rural landscape. More Ox Cart Events can be found [here](#).

Ox Cart Days Torchlight Parade, August 21 at 7 p.m.

Join UMN Crookston's student-athletes, Teambackers, faculty, staff, and Regal the Golden Eagle and walk the Ox Cart Days Torchlight parade to greet guests and observers. Sign up [here](#).

Alumni Relations

Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Reunion, Thursday, August 19
<https://www.crk.umn.edu/nwsa-reunion>

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— FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES —

Retiree Recognition, August 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Lot J, University Teaching and Outreach Center, (UTOC), Lot J under tents - in lieu of inclement weather it will be held in the Charles H. Casey Equine Arena.

Retirees include: Greg Benoit, Neal Benoit, Bob Bouvette, Jason Brantner, Debi Chandler, Peggy Chaput, Tim Danielson, Corey Frenz, Marilyn Grave, Stacey Grunewald, Mark Hanson, Les Johnson, Dale Kemble, Tim Menard, Hal Mickelson, Karen Miller, Gail Myers, Rhonda Pahlen, Lucy Payment, Rick Quirk, Dennis Regan, Joan Reitmeier, Jim Schaar, Albert Sims, Hugh Stadem, Barry Stephens, Pam Sullivan, Patti Tiedemann, Elizabeth Tollefson, Terry Tollefson, Val Uttermark, Neal Vraa, Nancy Vraa, Lyle Westrom, and Gary Willhite.

New Hires - Welcome

Gordon Terpstra, Senior Maintenance Electrician, Facilities & Operations July 19

Accolades

Wisconsin Technical College System has awarded Nicolet College President, Richard Nelson, Ph.D, with its prestigious [2021 Eagle Management Leadership Award](#). Nelson, former UMN Crookston Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, has recently cited several advancements at Nicolet during his six-year tenure, several serving as a model for other technical colleges across the state to follow. Upon receipt of this prestigious award, Nelson will retire from Nicolet this summer.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Financial Aid

The University of Minnesota Crookston announced a [scholarship opportunity](#) for high school graduates from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, Goodridge High School, Grygla High School and students from Euclid, Minn. A generous commitment made by a donor with ties to these communities promises to cover the cost of tuition and fees for those pursuing a bachelor's degree from UMN Crookston. In addition, transfer students and those attending UMN Crookston online from these specified high schools are eligible.

Computer Help Desk

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HIGHLIGHTS

Grace Guyette, UMN Crookston natural resource management senior from Osakis, Minn., says she has the best of both worlds.

Guyette, 27, a transfer student who is older than average, says by combining her nursing degree with the knowledge she is gaining in natural resource management at UMN Crookston that the real, hands-on, ready means she will be ready to go when she graduates in December. You can read more about Grace [here](#).

University of Minnesota Crookston video bloggers show what college life is like from 'A Bird's Eye View'.

Bailey Mulcahy and Mercedes Coan, who work as interns in University of Minnesota Crookston University Relations, each week video the two of them exploring life on- and off-campus, and then edit the videos and post them on YouTube. Read more about Mulcahy and Coan [here](#).



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