



U of M Crookston Sweepstakes Runner-Up 4 year College Division, 2022 NACTA Judging Conference. Congratulations.

LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor



Accolades

Congratulations to our Teacher Education faculty (Soo-Yin Lim; Connie R Camrud, James Foss, Shari Daniels, Danielle Johannesen, Rachel McCoppin and Nathan Purrington) for their hard work in getting our program reviews updated to meet the new approved Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) Institutional/Unit Rule Standards. This is effective July 2022.

The good news for all of those who work so hard in the PELSB area is with a rule change and this high designation we will now follow the new Unit Rule of 3-year cycle program reviews vs. the old 18-month cycle program reviews.

Cambridge Partners on Campus Tuesday

Cambridge Partners, a firm specializing in educational excellence and helping educational organizations to create more equitable outcomes will be on campus tomorrow. The team is visiting all the University of Minnesota campuses to learn about our equity, diversity and belonging work. They will be meeting with groups all day tomorrow during the campus visit. Dr. Michael Goh from the Twin Cities campus will be joining them.

I Know a Person

As many people are aware my spouse and I have an active farm in Iowa. Although he isn't there running it every day, he frequently is called upon to help with managerial "stuff," like do you know someone who can fix this? Or do you know someone who would be qualified to hire for a specific job? Last week our farm manager called and wondered where he could get the roller mill regrooved, followed by a desperate call the next day to try to locate a new feed wagon that had broken down. Our family jokes because my spouse always seems to "know a person," for the most mundane or complicated issue, job or position.

I am reaching out to you to see if "you know a person," who would be qualified for several openings we have listed below. We advertise formally, but also ask people to help provide diversity to our pools by making calls and letting their network know of openings. Just as recruiting students is everyone's job, we ask you to be actively involved in recommending positions to your colleagues and others to let them know about potential employment at the University of Minnesota Crookston. Several of the positions below are

also open to recently graduated students. If you know some qualified students who are sitting in your classes or you see them in the halls please mention these openings to them. There are also many part-time positions open to students and others for summer employment. There will also be some additional postings in the coming weeks for other positions. We are actively hiring.

Spring Thaw

Join us for a faculty and staff Spring Thaw celebration on Friday, April 8 in the Wellness Center from 2:30-4:30. It has been a long winter. Come out of your hibernation and join us.

Until next time.

Chancellor Mary

Available Positions at the University of Minnesota Crookston April 4, 2022

Division Head for Business, Arts and Education:

The Division Head is responsible for the overall operations of the Departments of Business and of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education (HSSE) as well as the campus's Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) and its dual-enrollment programs that annually serve approximately 900 high school students. This is a full-time position reporting to the Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Anthony Kern.

Faculty Position (Tenure Track or P&A Lecturer) - Natural Resources: Forest Ecology, Management, Remote Sensing, GIS:

Develop and deliver high-quality undergraduate instruction in forest ecology, silviculture, and the technological applications used in sustainable forestry management that use remote sensing and GIS technologies. This is a full-time position reporting to the Division Head for MST and Ag/NatR.

Faculty Position (Tenure Track) Ag Education:

Deliver high quality undergraduate instruction to students in the Agricultural Education program. This is a full-time position reporting to the Division Head for MST and Ag/NatR.

Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging:

The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging will articulate a strategic vision for advancing diversity, equity and belonging; assess and determine structures to meet the University's goals while also building relationships and fostering collaboration, serve as a liaison between UMN Crookston's senior leadership and a wide array of internal and external stakeholders. This is a senior-level student affairs position reporting directly to the Chancellor.

Area Coordinator Residential Multicultural Programming:

The Area Coordinator-Residential Multicultural Programming (ACRMP) contributes to creating a vibrant campus community characterized by a strong commitment to equity, inclusion, and belonging for students with diverse identities with special focus to students in UMC's residence hall facilities. This position reports to the Director of Residential Education, Erica Claybrook-Cookman.

Coordinator for Student Programs:

Primary areas of responsibility are to plan and implement special programs (e.g. Constitution Day and Student Awards), support the overall student transition through orientation and academic coaching, and work with Clubs & Organizations. This position reports to the Director of Educational Programming and Transitions, Brooke Novak.

Academic Advisor/First Year Experience Success Coach:

Academic advisors are responsible for assisting students to draw upon cultural, communal, and identity-

based ways of knowing, being, and doing to achieve educational outcomes through developing holistic academic success plans, engaging in course selection and planning, and meeting graduation requirements. This position reports to the Director of Student Success, Jacob Isaacs.

Associate Director of Online & Transfer Recruitment:

The Assistant Director of Online and Transfer Recruitment is responsible for strategic planning and execution of the University's efforts to identify, recruit, evaluate and enroll transfer students. This position reports to the Director of Admissions, Alyson Leas (starts in May).

Admissions Counselors:

A key member of the admissions team, an Admissions Counselor must be enthusiastic, highly motivated, and have the ability to articulate the values and objectives of a hands-on-experiential learning atmosphere, as well as a liberal arts institution to attract, recruit, and admit students to UMN Crookston and UMN Morris. This position reports to the Assistant Director of Recruitment, Amberly Cox.

Application Processing Specialist:

The Application Processing Specialist is responsible for coordinating the entry, coordination and processing of all applications for the Office of Admissions. This position reports to the Director of Admissions, Alyson Leas (starts in May).

Research Analyst:

The Research Analyst provides professional business or system process analysis, design, testing, implementation and reporting expertise. This position reports to the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Sue Erickson.

Fitness and Wellness Coordinator:

The Fitness and Wellness Coordinator manages fitness and wellness student staff, coordinates the planning and implementation of fitness and wellness programs, instructs fitness related classes, manages personal training staff/services, performs wellness workshops and services, and evaluates fitness and wellness related programs. This position reports to the Interim Director of Wellness and Recreation, Kolby Castillo.

Video Conferencing Support Technician/End User Support:

This position's responsibilities are to diagnose, troubleshoot, rectify issues and escalate problems as needed related to video conferencing and end user support. This position reports to the Director of NETS and Media Services, Chris Winter.

Executive Account Specialist:

The Executive Account Specialist is the primary public and inter-department contact person to determine and/or clarify needs/inquiries, explain purchasing policies and monitor compliance, independently resolve problems and questions, and make appropriate recommendations. This position reports to the Finance Professional 3 Supervisor, Renee Mulcahy.

CAMPUS UPDATES

Nomination and Information Civil Service/AFSCME Clerical/Technical/Teamster Distinguished Service Award, deadline April 15

Nominations may be made by University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus administrators, faculty or staff. Individuals nominated, but not selected in prior years, may be re-nominated. To promote and recognize excellence in job performance among civil service/AFSCME Clerical/ Technical and Teamster employees. A minimum of two (2) years of full-time (75 percent or above) employment at the University of Minnesota, Crookston Campus. No individual may receive the award more than one time during their employment. Length of service shall not be a major criteria for selection. Completed award application and two letters of recommendation should be emailed to Ken Mendez mende089@crk.umn.edu.

Nominations are open for the UMC Distinguished P&A Award, deadline April 15

This award is to annually recognize a member of the Professional and Administrative (P&A) staff who has made distinguished contributions to the mission of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. This year's recipient will be recognized at the Staff Recognition event, to be held May 10, and will receive a plaque and a \$250.00 cash award. P & A professionals will be evaluated on the basis of a nomination letter documenting their achievements and contributions on campus. Nominations may come from administrators, faculty, staff, students or student organizations. Self nominations are also permitted.

Please forward a letter of nomination electronically, outlining the nominee's qualifications to Lisa Sparby laleiran@crk.umn.edu by April 15, 2022.

Commencement, in person Saturday, May 7 @ 10 a.m.

Currently there are no guest limitations or mask requirements. The time of ceremony has yet to be determined, contingent on the keynote speaker's travel schedule. Faculty and staff are encouraged to wear Regalia and attend the ceremony as part of the Faculty procession. If you plan on attending, email Chris Winjum at cwinjum@crk.umn.edu. Graduating students in order to successfully plan the necessary details of the Commencement ceremony, need to confirm attendance with the Registrar's Office no later than Monday, April 4. Indicate whether you will or will not be attending by completing the survey emailed to you. If you did not receive an email, please contact Cyndi Wentz at weber434@umn.edu.

University Relations

University and Alumni Relations has a number of used computer monitors (7) and other computer related items available for campus use. If interested contact Angelika at ahuglen@umn.edu or 281-8401.

Human Resources

Welcome New Hires

Alyson Leas, Director of Admissions

Alyson comes to the University of Minnesota Crookston from the University of Jamestown where she was the Director of Admissions. Alyson received her Bachelors of Arts from the University of Jamestown and Masters of Arts from the University of North Dakota. Start date May 9.

Amber Murry, Science Education and Outreach Coordinator

Amber comes to the University of Minnesota Crookston from the Thief River Falls Public School system where she has taught middle school and high school science. Amber has 10 years of teaching experience; 4 years as an agricultural educator and 6 years as a science educator. Start date April 14.

Health Services

Serenity Room, Keihle Hall, room 216, will be open 9 to 9, Monday through Friday starting April 11

This room is intended to provide a calm and tranquil place that welcomes all. A place where students, faculty, and staff can come for meditation, prayer, or simply to be quiet; a place where small groups can connect and gather together, and a place that will bring about a spirit of reverence, peace and harmony to oneself. Amenities include: guest / sign-in Book, meditation cushions, yoga mats, reading lounge chairs, coloring pages and colored pencils, writing paper and pens, printed meditation techniques, soothing indoor water fountain, CD player with meditation music. For more information contact Nan Widseth, Health Services Director, widse024@crk.umn.edu

COVID 19 Testing

Reminder: "Protect the Nest: Test"

- Remember to do a COVID test before coming back from Spring break.
- Follow-up testing 3-5 days after they return to campus.
- If you have COVID symptoms, Test!
- If you don't have symptoms but think you may have been exposed, test.

WELLBEING AT THE U

Wellbeing at the U

Learn more about the [Wellbeing Program](#) opportunities. Use the Virgin Pulse portal, and you can review the Events Calendar under the "Social" tab for upcoming wellbeing programs and classes.

The University of Minnesota is dedicated to supporting all aspects of your wellbeing, including your physical, emotional, financial, and social health. You can earn points by participating in the Wellbeing Program to earn substantial savings on your medical plan rates. Learn more about 2021-2022 program updates, and [download the program brochure](#) for more information. The program year runs from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022. For additional information or questions about the Employee Wellbeing Program contact: Angie Berlinger, Health Coach UMN Morris and Crookston at aberling@morris.umn.edu to help you get started!



Celebration of Achievement, Student Award Ceremony is slated for Thursday, April 28

Does your department have an award or awards with scholarships for acknowledgement? Complete this [Google Form](#) to submit the awards you/your department would like to present. (fill out the form separately for EACH award). Contact Brooke Novak (novak303@umn.edu) with questions.

Office of Student Programming & Transitions

Golden Eagle Move-In Day, Thursday, August 25

Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend is set for Thursday, August 25 through Sunday, August 28. Fall semester begins Monday, August 29. Mark your calendar, more information as the date nears.

- Spring 2022 Research Day, April 7, Research Presentations, 12 to 2 p.m. Bede Ballroom
- Music Theatre Department presents "[who murdered my sweetheart?](#)", April 8 & 9, Kiehle Auditorium
- Friday, April 8, Spring Thaw, Wellness Center, 2:30-4:30, all Faculty and Staff welcome
- Game of the Year; Baseball fields @ 1:30 and 3:30 April 9
- In the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo, April 22 3:30 - 8, Sergeant Student Center
- Pancakes and Ponies, [April 24](#), 10-1pm, University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC)
- UMN Crookston [Commencement](#), May 7
- [Northern Great Plains Youth Institute](#), May 9
- Faculty/Staff Awards Luncheon, Tuesday, May 10, 11:30-1:30, Bede Ballroom
- Rotary Youth Leadership Youth Camp, July 9-16
- CYFAR Youth Immersion Camp, July 25 and 26

Athletics and UMC Teambackers



Game of the year celebration on April 9 and 24

- Baseball: April 9th vs Wayne State (1:30/3:30)
- Softball: April 24th vs Wayne State (12 and 2)

Join Golden Eagle Athletics and UMC Teambackers for a game of the year. All are welcome, so come out and enjoy a fun time. There will be food and a good time! Door prizes will be given away, wear your maroon and gold, and enjoy a UMC Teambacker tailgate!

Location: Golden Eagle Baseball/Softball fields.

Highlights

U of M Crookston recognized by Exercise is Medicine® for Efforts to Create Culture of Wellness on Campus

University of Minnesota - Crookston is one of only 156 universities and colleges around the world to be honored by Exercise is Medicine® for its efforts to create a culture of wellness on campus. A committee made of faculty/staff and students helped promote physical activity on campus. We did this through fitness parties, intramurals, yoga, and group cycling class helped University of Minnesota - Crookston earn Bronze level designation from the Exercise is Medicine® On Campus (EIM-OC) program. For more in this story, click [here](#).
