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CAMPUS WEEKLY UPDATE

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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor



Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to all of our heroes who were able to help with sandbagging this weekend. It is greatly appreciated by all. I heard so many comments from Crookston citizens who sang praises for your work and efforts. Please let us know if there are people who need help as we begin the clean-up phase of this long and difficult winter and spring. For those of you who saw the destruction, I hope you always remember the force and power of a raging river. Don't ever take a chance. Perhaps you have heard the phrase I heard this week, "Turn around, don't drown." Good advice.





A big shout out to all of you who have gone above and beyond to help with the many exciting events on campus this past week. I hope you had a chance to participate in some of them. It was a great week with many cultural and fun activities.

We are excited to announce the Honorable Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture will be the featured speaker at our commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. To our knowledge, we have never had a sitting cabinet member of the U.S. President speak at our celebration. Secretary Vilsack served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Obama and now again under the leadership of President Biden. Prior to his federal service, he was Governor of Iowa. While Secretary Vilsack is here for a very brief visit, we will show him the hall that honors our native son, the late Bob Berglund who served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under President Carter. This campus has a long and distinguished history of preparing students in the agricultural and natural resources arena, among the other fields where we help to prepare the next generation of leaders.

With the policy changes on namings systemwide we are instituting a campus “Naming and Honors Committee,” to help us make important decisions regarding the naming of spaces and buildings on our campus. The committee includes the following faculty and staff members: Ken Myers (Associate Professor); Sharon Stewart, Ph.D. (Professor); Kevin Thompson, Ph.D. (Interim Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations); Brandy Chaffee (University Relations and Chief Development Officer) and Stephanie Helgeson (Director of Athletics).

If you have an interest in serving on this or other campus committees, please contact Chris Winjum at cwinjum@crk.umn.edu.

Ken Myers (senior faculty representative); Sharon Stewart (senior faculty representative); Kevin Thompson (Alumni Relations Representative); Brandy Chaffee (University Relations and Chief Development Officer) and Stephanie Helgeson (Athletics / Senior Staff Members).

Let Chris know at cwinjum@crk.umn.edu if you would like to be part of this committee.

Last week the University community was sent an email asking interested individuals to consider service on the Sexual Misconduct Hearing Committee (SMHC). The SMHC is the University’s

systemwide hearing body to consider complaints of sexual misconduct involving students, staff and faculty. Please consider applying. Here are the details

- [SMHC Selection Process and Criteria](#) for more information and apply by [SMHC Application](#). Questions can be directed to smhc@umn.edu.
- Deadline is May 8.

Be well.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

Auxiliary Services celebrates 18th annual Great Service Week; Leanne Butt, Bookstore Manager recognized

Great Service Week provides the opportunity for departments to show appreciation for the great service you and your colleagues provide to the University community. During Great Service Week, employees were encouraged to acknowledge the exceptional service of a colleague by nominating them for an Exceptional Service Award. Forty-three individuals were selected to receive an Exceptional Service Award for consistently going above and beyond in their delivery of great customer service. We were fortunate this year, after a two-year hiatus, to be able to honor these recipients in person at the 15th annual Exceptional Service Award breakfast on April 7, 2022.

You can learn about each of the 2022 Exceptional Service Award recipients in the digital [Great Service Week newsletter](#) where their contributions are recognized.

Academic Affairs

The Faculty Research Engagement Fund (FREF) provides system-level support for faculty research at the Crookston campus. The Office of the Vice President for Research extended funding to the UMN Crookston campus in 2018 providing more than \$120,000 in research. Earlier this spring, we received notice of an additional \$80,770 for the 2022-2024. Twelve proposals totaling \$96,500 were submitted and nine of those proposals with total allocations of \$81,750 were funded. FREF has provided UMN Crookston with significant strategic funding to support faculty scholarly projects that closely align with our mission and that has expanded our capacity to secure external funding for research. The following faculty are involved in this year's recognition:

- **Katy Chapman**, Farming Practices for Improved Soil Health: An evaluation of the impact of No-till with chemical
- **Brian Dingmann**, Comparing toxicant sensitivities within the *Brachionus plicatilis* species complex using ingestion rate as a sublethal endpoint
- **Mohammad Hossain**, Use of pSCRIPT for Better Customer Experience in Online Business
- **Rachel Lundbohm, Rob Proulx and Teresa Spaeth**, Research in Rural Pedagogy and Economic Development
- **Venugopal Mukku**, Chemical and Thermal degradation of picrocrocin to Saffranal. Continued collaboration on medicinal plants of Morocco with Dr. Al Aouad.
- **Ali Saeedi and Anas Al Fattal**, Trust in Cryptocurrency Investment
- **Kristie Walker**, Incorporating Sulfur-Based Fertilizers in Annual Turfgrass Fertility Programs to Increase Nutrient Availability and Suppress Typhula Blight and

Microdochium Patch

- **Sharon Stewart, Katy Chapman, Theodore Chapman, Lacey Anderson, Megan Hruby and Abby Gold**, Barriers and strategies to increase participation of low income families in farmers markets in Polk county
- **Christine Bakke and Anita Gust**, Workplace Ergonomics - Beyond Sit-Stand Desks. A Pilot Study.

Financial Aid

The deadline to submit a request for workstudy funded positions will be Friday, May 6, 2022. Complete [this form](#) in full with detailed job descriptions and duties/responsibilities.

Student Success, Writing & Tutoring Center

[Inspired Art Journal Release Celebration](#) Thursday, April 28 at 3, Business Boardroom

The *Inspired Art Journal* is UMN Crookston's annual publication of creative writing and visual art pieces by students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Issue 9 for the 2021-2022 academic year will be released. A [zoom option](#) is available for online students who aren't able to be present.

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

Human Resources

Wellbeing at the U

The University Wellbeing Program has a variety of upcoming programs for you to participate in. Access your 2021-22 University Wellbeing Program account at: <https://humanresources.umn.edu/wellbeingprogram>

New Hire

Sarah Monson- Assistant Director for Online and Transfer Recruitment

Start Date: 4/25/2022

Prior to joining the University of Minnesota Crookston, Sarah ran her own personal piano studio (Fertile), worked in vocational ministry (Rochester), and has 10+ years of sales experience.

Wellbeing Open House with Angie Berlinger, UMC Health Coach

-Thursday, April 28th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

-Please stop by the Minnesota room to meet with UMN Crookston Health Coach Angie Berlinger and learn more about the University Wellbeing program.

Journeys

Reaching a personal health goal starts with a single step. Journeys® are daily, self-guided courses to help you build healthy habits. Take that first step by starting a Journey today. Want to get a better night's sleep? Exercise more? Reduce your stress? You can use our digital coaching tool to make simple changes to your health and build daily habits, one step at a time. Get a motivation boost, read evidence-based tips—and start experiencing real results. Start now and earn 5 points a day for each Journey step you complete. You can find a variety of Journeys to participate in under the "Health" tab in the Virgin Pulse portal.

Health Services

Serenity Room, Kiehle Hall, room 216, is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday

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

The Fiesta in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo

On behalf of the University of Minnesota Crookston, with support of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging, the planning committee offers thanks for celebrating in community with us at **The Fiesta in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo** celebration this past Friday, April 22, 2022. It was wonderful to affirm the presence of our growing Hispanic community in Northwest Minnesota through celebration of Mexican culture, traditions, and heritage.

Special thanks to The Minnesota Arts Council and the UMN campus community. We are grateful to Anna and Maria from Community Health Services of Crookston for organizing traditional Mexican children's crafts, and to Coca Cola Beverage, Sodexo and "Lucina and Enchilada Crew" for offering a delicious meal. Folk dance performances by Los Alegres Bailadores Dance Troupe delighted the audience. The efforts of all increased a sense of belonging and connectedness in our community, and for that we share our gratitude.

Kindest Regards,

UMN Crookston Cinco Committee



Horticulture Department

48th Annual Bedding Plant Sale, Wednesday April 27-29 9 to 5pm. There is a great selection of flowering annuals, vegetables, strawberries, and herbs. All are welcome, payment accepted includes cash or check.

Music and Theatre

The University of Minnesota Crookston Choir and Chamber String Ensemble will present a spring concert on **Sunday, May 1, at 7 p.m.** in Kiehle Auditorium on the UMN Crookston Campus. Featured will be a variety of choral selections from the choir including "You Raise Me Up" and "Sunny Side of the Street" along with several numbers from the string ensemble that will include music from "Pirates of the Caribbean." The concert is free of charge

Library Services

Celebrate Krista Proulx's retirement, **Thursday, May 12 from 2-4 p.m.** on the second floor of the Library.

Counselor and Counseling Services

Stress Away Week

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the following events as part of Stress Away Week. Energy Psychology: Clear your chakras and strengthen your aura in this simple 30 minute mind and body clearing routine. **Tuesday, April 26 at 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center Multipurpose Room**

Pet Away Stress: Pet away your end of semester stress with a variety of farm and domestic animals. **Wednesday, April 27 from 10 a.m.-Noon in the International Lounge**

[CLICK FOR ALL EVENTS](#)

HIGHLIGHTS



Harouna Maiga, Ph.D., Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources, UMN Crookston, earns Horace T. Morse Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education

This year Harouna Maiga, Ph.D., professor in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department at the University of Minnesota Crookston, is one of the recipients of this prestigious University-wide award. Maiga's expertise is in animal and equine sciences and agriculture education. In his more than a two-decade career at the University of Minnesota Crookston, he has taught generations of students in Crookston and in his home country of Mali. He is most interested in a student's personal and professional growth. More on this award, click [here](#).

