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CAMPUS UPDATE

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LEADERSHIP LETTER



Approximately 150 Region I FFA leaders ascended on campus for a variety of leadership activities including their annual conference. More information and photos can be found at: www.facebook.com/MnRegion1FFA

Leadership Letter

In just one week, we welcome back everyone. What an exciting time. We have many new faces even before all the students arrive. Please remember to greet everyone in the halls and put your name tags on so people will get to know one another more quickly.

Summer Events

Thank you to all who worked so hard on our events this summer. Among the many things that have happened on campus this summer are youth summer camps including Crookston Parks and Rec's Club Kid, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo's Kid Spot, East Grand Forks' Summer Adventure, UMN Extension, 4-H, a robotics camp, prospective student tours and a handful of campus and garden tours. Region I FFA Leadership Conference and Night to Unite, Coming up soon is the Ox Cart Days Ice Cream Social and the Ox Cart Days Torchlight Parade.

COVID Protocol

Several of you have asked about COVID protocol for the upcoming years. Masks are optional and you are more than welcome to wear one if you so choose.

All the details and information on COVID can be found here:

<https://protectthenest.crk.umn.edu/health-safety/get-vax-20>

All on-campus students and employees are required to complete the COVID-19 Immunization Form through [MyU](#)

- The [medical exemption](#) must be completed and signed by a licensed healthcare professional.
- The [religious exemption](#) should be completed by you and notarized.

UMN Crookston has NO VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR [ONLINE STUDENTS](#) (which includes COVID-19).

Leadership Opportunity

Please consider being part of the UMN Crookston 2022 Leadership Academy. Dr. Kevin Thompson who developed and delivered with others a leadership academy in previous years will be providing this opportunity again. The dates and topics are listed below. If you are interested in being part of the cohort for this year please contact your supervisor first and then if you

receive their approval, let Chris Winjum (cwinjum@umn.edu) know of your interest by September 8.

UMC Leadership Academy 2022 – 2023			
Core Leadership Training Session	Dates	Time	Location
(1) Self Understanding Yourself as a Leader	Friday, October 14	8:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Bede
(2) Others Understanding How to Lead Others	Friday, December 9	8:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Bede
(3) Tools Using Tools to Lead Others	Friday, February 10	8:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Bede
(4) Integration Combining Self, Others, and Tools to Lead	Friday, April 14	8:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Bede

Please note:

- The four Core sessions are scheduled for the second Friday of the four designated months.
- All Bede Ballroom sections are reserved. The reservations will be adjusted for the sections that best fit the number of members in the cohort (and the remaining sections will be unreserved).

Welcome Week

The complete schedule for welcome week can be found [here](#). We look forward to welcoming you with lunch on Monday, August 22 from 11:30 to 1:30. Many activities are planned for you and join when and where you can.

Have a great week and welcome back.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

Human Resources

Bret Cariveau, Interim Assistant Volleyball Coach, August 10
 Bret joins the University of Minnesota Crookston with over 7 years of coaching youth volleyball in Kentucky.

Timothy Lubke, Assistant Coach for MBB, August 15
 Tim has been promoted to the full-time Assistant Coach for Men’s Basketball. Tim was previously a part-time coach for the Men’s Basketball team.

Kenny Perez, Food Service Worker, August 15
 Kenny joins the University of Minnesota Crookston with over 4 years of experience in food service work and was most recently a cook at Applebees. Kenny obtained his Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Minnesota Crookston in 2017.

Haley Pembroke, Assistant Coach- Equestrian, August 15
 Prior to joining the University of Minnesota Crookston, Haley has served as a Volunteer Assistant Coach with the University of Nebraska, Lincoln IHSA Equestrian Team. Haley was a member of the Auburn University Equestrian team from 2016-2020 and currently serves on the Appaloosa Horse Club. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Business at Auburn University and her Masters of Arts in Business from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Kurtis Proulx, Lab Services Coordinator, August 15
 Kurtis Proulx has been promoted from Junior Lab Tech to Lab Services Coordinator in the Math, Science, and Technology department.

Ashley Helgeson, Library Assistant 3, August 15
 Ashley is a 2021 graduate of the University of Minnesota Crookston Early Childhood Development program where she also worked as a student teacher and a substitute teacher upon graduation. Ashley was also a student worker in the Library at UMC when she was a student.

Denise Affeldt, Head Child Development Teacher, August 22
 Denise joins the University of Minnesota Crookston with over 17 years of experience working with children (and adults) from infants through post high school while working at Crookston Public Schools, St. Mary’s ECC and Preschool, Grace Lutheran Church and Preschool, Crookston Head Start, and Mt. View Lutheran Church.

Abbey Lindstad, Area Coordinator, August 25
 Abbey graduated this past May from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelors of Arts in Communication Studies-Event Planning and Promotions. During her undergradu

time at MSUM Abbey worked as a campus tour guide, student orientation counselor, and office assistant for the Admissions department.

Chris Mechell, Technology Support Specialist, September 1

Chris joins the University of Minnesota with 7+ years of technology support experience while working at Indiana University and Winona State University. Chris has his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees in Musical arts and has been an adjunct instructor at various Universities. Chris has also taught private piano lessons for over 8 years.

Staff Professional Development Program

We have reinstated the Staff Professional Development Program for fiscal year 2023. Eligible employees may apply for funds to facilitate, promote, and encourage learning and experiences that assist in achieving UMC's goals/objectives and strategic priorities. Please see the program details and application [here](#).

WELLBEING AT THE U

The 2022-23 University Wellbeing Program year will begin September 1st! You can earn points by participating in the Wellbeing Program to earn savings on your medical plan rates. The University Wellbeing Program has a variety of upcoming programs for you to participate in. Learn more about these opportunities through the link provided! Also, within the Virgin Pulse portal you can review the Events Calendar under the "Social" tab for upcoming wellbeing programs and classes. Access your University Wellbeing Program account at: <https://humanresources.umn.edu/wellbeingprogram>

Biometric Health Screening

Gain a better understanding of your health and earn 1000 points for the 2022-23 University Wellbeing Program by scheduling an appointment for the upcoming onsite Biometric Health Screening. The Biometric Health Screening is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th from 8:00-11:00am in Bede Ballroom. Use the following link to set up an appointment! <https://z.umn.edu/biometrichealthscreening>

EVENTS

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.



Golden Eagle Pride

Join UMC Teambackers and Golden Eagle Athletics and participate in the 2022-2023 Golden Eagle Sports season for free! [Golden Eagle Athletics](#), Student Affairs and [Outreach and Engagement](#) have organized a series of events and activities to accompany this year's home athletic games. Chances to win door prizes and concessions is just a little part of the fun. Our first home game, while Exhibition, is slated for August 16 at 1 p.m. where UMN Crookston Golden Eagle Soccer takes on the University of Jamestown. Stop by the Golden Eagle Soccer game and start the season off right and enjoy every athletic game free by using your U of M UCard. To engage more visitors and spectators we are welcoming, free admission, for all faculty and staff including family members. Just bring your UCard and check in at the Admission table. To plan your calendar, feel free to go to goldeneaglesports.com and click on "schedule". You can add each sport's game schedule to your calendar and not miss a game.

UMC Teambackers

The [UMC Teambackers](#) and the [Athletic Support Fund](#) encompasses several core giving programs within intercollegiate athletics at the University of Minnesota Crookston. Each year hundreds of donors show their support through an annual cash gift. Consider becoming a [UMC Teambacker](#) and contact Michelle Christopherson mchristo@umn.edu today.

Ox Cart Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 17 Gazebo, 3-5 p.m.

Stop out to the campus mall and enjoy music, ice cream and good Ox Cart conversation.

[Sign up to serve here](#).

Ninth District Legion Band Concert, August 17 in the Kiehle Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the UMN Crookston Theater-Music Department playing marches, showtunes, and patriotic selections. Free and open to the public.

Ox Cart Day Lion's Torchlight Parade walk through

Saturday, August 20 at 6:30-6:45 p.m., line up at North Broadway and wear maroon and gold.

Opening Week Activities August 22-26

Mark your [calendar](#) for the week and all the activities.

Meals on Wheels, September 19-23

[Sign up](#) and volunteer to deliver meals.