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From the Chancellor

Chancellor Casey is traveling abroad this week.

The remarks of his State of the University of Minnesota, Crookston Address from Tuesday, January 17, 2012, are available online.

Featured Events & Activities

Local Foods College Session: Whole Farm Planning, Nutrient Cycling, and Interactions, Tuesday, January 24 – 6 p.m., Dowell 101

W.O.W. (What’s On Wednesday): Learning Abroad Presents “An Australian Adventure,” January 25 – 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center
Video cast: “Designer Drugs: The New Frontier,” Thursday, January 26 – Noon to 1:10 p.m., Dowell Hall 106

Ag Arama, Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28 – Various locations

Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) Dance Theater, Saturday, January 28 – 6 p.m. Dinner in Brown Dining Room, advance tickets required; 7:30 p.m. Performance in Kiehle Auditorium, tickets $5 at the door

Sustainability Supper: “Systems Dynamics” Featuring Speaker Scott Johnson, Tuesday, January 31 – 5 to 7:30 p.m., Brown Dining Room D, Sahlstrom Conference Center

Local Foods College Session: Soils and Composting, Tuesday, January 31 – 6 p.m., Dowell 101

Tenth Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair, Wednesday, February 1 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom

Live Webcast: University of Minnesota 2012 Legislative Briefing, Wednesday, February 1 – 5:30 p.m. Registration and light hors d'oeuvres; 6 p.m. Program, Kiehle 116

Thursday Commons: Speaker "Famous Dave" Anderson, February 2 – Noon to 1:45 p.m., Bede Ballroom

Admissions Hosts Campus Preview Day, Saturday, February 4 – 10 a.m. check-in, Sargeant Student Center

Second Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament on Lake of the Woods, Saturday, February 4 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Zippel Bay Resort, Williams, Minnesota, tickets $25 in advance, $30 at the gate

Speaker Kevin Carroll: “Play Is Serious Business,” Tuesday, February 7 – 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom

Mixed Blood Theatre Performance: “Daughters of Africa,” Tuesday, February 7 – 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

UMC Hosts the 63rd Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, Saturday, February 11 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom

For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what’s happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.umcrookston.edu/today or review our news page at blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news.
Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

During an address to the UMC community on Tuesday, January 17, Chancellor Casey announced that he plans to retire at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. Casey has been chancellor of the Crookston campus since September 2005 and has held other University leadership roles over nearly 35 years. His last day as chancellor will be June 30, 2012. In his remarks he expressed pride in the growth of the campus during his tenure, citing accomplishments including new programs, gains in enrollment and diversity, strategic facility investments, and completion of a comprehensive strategic plan. University Senior Vice President Robert J. Jones, who was present for the address, said plans for a national search for Casey's replacement will be announced soon, with the goal of having a new chancellor on board at Casey's departure. Learn more.

Academic Affairs –

Students, faculty, and staff in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department will host the 37th Annual Ag Arama on Friday and Saturday, January 27-28. The annual event includes fun and activities for the entire family and brings many alumni back to campus. Many of the activities take place on Saturday, January 28, in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC). Learn more.

Dave Anderson, better known as "Famous Dave" and founder of Famous Dave's Legendary Real Pit Barbecue, will speak at a Thursday Commons event, February 2, at Noon in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Sponsored by the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES), Anderson will tell his story about overcoming tremendous odds, adversity, and failure in order to create one of America's best-loved restaurant companies. Learn more.

Student Affairs –

Tony Schnellbach is the U of M, Crookston’s new Minnesota State Veterans Representative. He will be on campus regularly and available to discuss veterans affairs, VA benefits, and other related issues with students on Tuesdays in Hill 15 (downstairs in Hill Hall). Contact him via e-mail at tony.schnellbach@state.mn.us or by phone at 218-208-7544.
The campus will host the **10th Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair**, Wednesday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Approximately 30 employers are expected to take part. Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their résumés. The event is sponsored by Frito Lay, CHS, UMC Career and Counseling Services, and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

**International Programs –**

The Learning Abroad Office will host "**An Australian Adventure,**" Wednesday, January 25, at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Several students have had experiences in Australia, and they will share their pictures and stories. Students who may be interested in learning more about studying abroad will have the opportunity to ask questions about the process.

The **Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) Chinese Dance Theater** will perform on Saturday, January 28, in Kiehle Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. Preceding the dance performance, a Lunar New Year Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Limited seating is available for the dinner. Tickets for the dinner and show combined are $15 for adults and $5 for children/students. Tickets for the performance only, available at the door, are $5 for adults and $1 for children/students. Advanced tickets are available for the dinner and performance through the International Programs Office. Contact Rae French at 218-281-8339. Learn more.

**Facilities and Operations –**

The campus has plans to replace the chairs in a number of classrooms over the summer. **Chair samples from several vendors are now available** in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Each of the chairs comes with multiple options (cloth, vinyl, plastic, arm rests, no arm rests, casters, color, etc.). Campus decision makers are seeking input from students, faculty, and staff. Please stop by the west end of the International Lounge through Friday, January 27, to see and try out these chairs. The chairs are numbered 1 to 14, and individuals will be asked for their top three choices. Voting will take place online. Two laptops will be provided on site each day, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the survey available to receive feedback.

**Development & Alumni Relations –**

The **Second Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament** will be held on Saturday, February 4, at Zippel Bay Resort in Williams, Minn. Entry fee is $25 in advance, $30 at the gate per person and includes road access fee. All proceeds go to UMC athletic
scholarships and the Justin Knebel Endowed Scholarship. Learn more at www.umcrookston.edu/justinknebel.

Alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and the U of M, Crookston, friends, and supporters are cordially invited to the Arizona Social slated for Friday, February 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Terrace Green at ViewPoint Resort in Mesa, Arizona. Lunch will be served for $15 per person. The annual event will be hosted by Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, and will include greetings from Chancellor Charles H. Casey. Please RSVP to Lorraine (Zipoy) Love ’54 at 480-380-1247 or Sue Dwyer in the Development & Alumni Relations Office at 218-281-8401.

University Relations -

U of M President Eric Kaler and Alumni Association President Phil Esten will speak at the 2012 University of Minnesota Legislative Briefing at McNamara Alumni Center, of the Twin Cities Campus on Wednesday, February 1, at 6 p.m. The event will be webcast to viewing sites on the coordinate campuses and online. On the Crookston campus, the briefing will be viewed in 116 Kiehle Building, with light hors d'oeuvres served at 5:30 p.m. Attendees on the Crookston campus are encouraged to register at supporttheumn.edu/register/register-2012LB.html and to identify themselves as affiliated with the Crookston campus. Attendees should enter the address at which they are registered to vote.

Faculty and staff members who wish to have their current résumé or curriculum vitae posted online and linked from the U of M, Crookston directory are encouraged to send the documents to or contact Amber Bailey, e-communications manager.

Athletics –

The Golden Eagle Women’s Softball team will hold a chili feed on Thursday, February 2, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Crookston Eagles Club. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children 10 and under. Additional bowls of chili can be purchased for $2 at the Eagles. The chili feed tickets can be purchased from any Golden Eagle Softball team member or coach. For more information contact Head Softball Coach Mitch Bakken at 218-281-8414.

The Golden Eagle Women's Soccer Team has been named a recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Golden Eagles obtained a 3.17 grade point average. The award is given annually by the NSCAA to men's and women's soccer teams across the country from all divisions who perform at a 3.00 GPA or higher for the entire academic year.
Campus and Community

Local Foods College, a series of seven sessions providing an overview of the basics, from planning, to soils, to fruit and vegetable production, to business planning, starts on Tuesday, January 24, and continues on Tuesday evenings through mid-March. Registration is $10 per session or $50 for the entire series. Attendees will learn from practitioners and educators, and will share their experiences with others who are part of the growing movement to build resilient local food systems. A collaboration between University of Minnesota Extension and the Northwest Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnership, the series is offered via ITV in several locations in northwestern Minnesota. At the University of Minnesota, Crookston the sessions will be held in Dowell Hall, Room 101, with parking in Lot G.

Accolades

The first-ever edition of Top Online Education Program rankings by U.S. News & World Report finds the University of Minnesota, Crookston ranked nationally among the top 40 colleges and universities in two separate categories for its online bachelor's degree programs. The U of M, Crookston earned the #32 spot out of 173 colleges and universities nationally in the Teaching Practices and Student Engagement category and the #40 spot out of 179 schools nationally in the category Student Services and Technology. Learn more.

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