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The Board of Regents adopted the Regents’ Seal, shown on the cover, in 1939 as the corporate seal of the University of Minnesota. The Latin motto, “Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus,” means “A common bond for all the arts.” The lamp represents the metaphysical sciences. The telescope represents the physical sciences. The plow represents the industrial arts, and the palette and brush represent the fine arts.
Looking Back, Looking Forward -
Our Tradition of Growth and Change

Today, May 9, 2015, we celebrate the 107th graduating class. The very first was in 1909, when this site was home to the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), a residential high school. While the Crookston campus has a proud legacy of growth and change, two things have remained constant throughout its history: a strong affiliation with the University of Minnesota and the presence of talented, caring faculty and staff.

The NSWA opened its doors in 1906 and provided “training in the technical and practical business of agriculture and the art of homemaking.” In the spring of 1909 the first eight graduates of the NWSA received diplomas from the newly-established agricultural high school. Over its history, 5,433 graduates completed their high school education at the NWSA.

Changing educational needs in the 1960s led to a new role for the campus. In the fall of 1966 classes began for 185 students enrolled at the new University of Minnesota Technical Institute. Associate degrees were offered in three academic divisions: Agriculture, Business, and General Studies. Students of the NWSA and the U of M “Tech” shared the campus for two years.

In 1968 a torch was passed—figuratively and literally—from the 60th and final graduating class of the NWSA to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute, now an official coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1994, associate degrees were granted to 4,693 graduates. The tradition of passing the torch from one class to the next continues to this day as part of commencement ceremonies.

The University of Minnesota Crookston entered the next stages of its evolution in the early 1990s when it earned approval to offer baccalaureate degrees, and it made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with notebook computers to become the first public “Laptop University.” By the end of the academic year in 1994, 20 students had completed bachelor’s degree requirements. They were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremonies. Today also marks the 21st anniversary of the awarding of bachelor’s degrees on this campus.

The U of M Crookston awarded its first online bachelor’s degree in 2001. In some cases, commencement now may be the first time a graduate actually sets foot on the campus, making the event all the more special.

Today, the University of Minnesota Crookston is one of five statewide campuses of the prestigious University of Minnesota system. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduate students from 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere, top-level technology, and a distinctive career-oriented education.

We take pride in our students, faculty, and staff and in their accomplishments in teaching, learning, research, and service. We all are enriched by the education, experiences, and relationships built here. This campus will be a memorable touchstone in our graduates’ lives as they go into the world and make good things happen.
Commencement Program
Chancellor Fred E. Wood presiding

Prelude .................................................................................................................. U of M Crookston Community Band
Conducted by Theodore Chapman, UMC Director of Bands

The audience will rise for the processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.

Processional - “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar........U of M Crookston Community Band
The procession is led by Mace-Bearer William Peterson. The procession includes
Faculty Marshal W. Daniel Svedarsky, PhD, faculty, staff, candidates for degrees, and platform guests.

“The Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key ............... U of M Crookston Community Band
Sung by the audience, led by degree candidate Tyler Lowthian

Everyone may be seated.

“Like an Eagle” by Carl Strommen .......................................................U of M Crookston Choir
Directed by George French, Associate Professor of Music and Theater
Accompanied by Amy Lubarski

Welcome .............................................................................................................. Fred E. Wood, PhD
Chancellor

Greetings from the University of Minnesota
Board of Regents .................................................................The Honorable Peggy Lucas
University of Minnesota Board of Regents

Address .............................................................................................................. David G. Ekman, Class of 1981
Entrepreneur

Entrepreneur David G. Ekman, a 1981 graduate in agricultural business, grew up in Argyle, Minn., and has more than 30 years of business experience. During his time on campus, he played college basketball, served as student senate president, and was named 1981 Man of the Year. Ekman started in the computer business by purchasing a ComputerLand franchise at the age of 20. His business acumen led him to a series of business ventures including a technology company, an internet service provider, a travel agency, hotel development and investment, a self-storage business, and various real estate projects. He recently retired as the CIO of Multiband Corporation, a NASDAQ-listed field services company with more than 3,000 employees which he helped start.
Presentation of Candidates.................................................................Barbara Keinath, PhD
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Introduction of Candidates...................................................................... Lynnette Mullins, MEd
Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Education Department

Conferring of Degrees.............................................................................. The Honorable Peggy Lucas

Congratulations from the Alumni Association.... Lauralee (Nicholas) Tupa, Class of 2005
President, University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association

Speaking for the Student Body............................................................... Justin Goodroad
Crookston Student Association President

Passing of the Torch.............................................................................. Justin Goodroad to Tareyn Stomberg
Crookston Student Association President-Elect

“There’s a Place for Us” by Carrie Underwood........................................ U of M Crookston Choir

Closing Comments .................................................................................. Fred E. Wood, PhD

The audience will rise for the Minnesota Hymn and remain standing for the recessional.

“Hail! Minnesota”................................................. Sung by the audience (words on inside of back cover)
Accompanied by the U of M Crookston Choir

Recessional
“The Minnesota March” by John Philip Sousa......................... U of M Crookston Community Band

The audience is requested to remain in their seats until the recessional has left the gymnasium.

Student Marshals

Timilehin Adeniyi  Casey Cashman  Cassie Hagg
Lee Borgerding  Dakota Grimm  Delaney Kohorst
Bailey Braatz  Kaycie Hagen

Safety and Special Needs

If you have any special needs during today’s event, please contact a university staff person stationed at the exits near the hallway. They can direct you to a variety of university personnel prepared to assist you.

For your safety, please take a brief moment to locate Lysaker Gymnasium’s exits. They are located to either side of the stage which will take you directly outside, and along the west wall which will take you out to the central hallway and then outside.

In the event of an emergency, choose the nearest exit and evacuate the gymnasium quickly and safely. Listen for further instructions from University event staff. Remain outside the building until the “all clear” is given by emergency responders.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Out of respect for all in attendance and for this important ceremony, please turn off or set all cell phones and pagers to silent mode.
Candidates for Graduation

Spring Semester, 2015

Baccalaureate Degrees will be conferred upon those listed below, subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements.

High Distinction

*Allen Jeffrey Ahlbrecht, St. Cloud, MN ............................... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
**Jennie Rose Anderson, Waterville, IA ................................................................. Health Management
*Cayla R. Bendel, Lakeville, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Matthew J. Bjorgo, Crookston, MN ...................................................... Information Technology Management
Matthew G. Borowicz, Stephen, MN ...................................................... Biology; Health Sciences
***Manuela Corinna Brown, Regensburg, Germany .............................. Accounting
*Sean Robert Carter, Elk River, MN ...................................................... Management
William Patrick Christopherson, Stockton, CA ....................................... Communication
Gina Jo Finical, Elk River, MN ................................................................. Health Management
Kathleen G. Grelson, Braham, MN .............................................................. Accounting
*Nicholas Curtis Huso, Casson, MN .............................................................. Health Management
Melissa S. Jabas, Blaine, MN ................................................................. Communication
Jesse Jennings Jr., Robbinsdale, MN .......................................................... Criminal Justice
Saif M. Khan, Bloomington, MN ............................................................... Accounting
Emily Klang, St. Louis Park, MN ............................................................... Accounting
Ashley E. Martell, Somerset, WI ................................................................. Health Sciences
*Nicole Marie Origas, Mankato, MN ............................................................. Management
Stephanie Irene Radel, Prior Lake, MN ........................................................ Management
Cody Alan Schoonover, Coleraine, MN ........................................................ Accounting
Joseph Gordon Stefanik, Lebanon, IN ........................................................ Agricultural Business
**Katrina Tretter, Pierz, MN ................................................................. Management
***Garrett M. Ykema, New Prague, MN ........................................................ Accounting

Distinction

*Angela Bennett, Spring Lake Park, MN ........................................................ Accounting
Heather Jeanne Bruha, Stillwater, MN ........................................................ Communication
Dustin Matthew Cesarek, Burnsville, MN .................................................... Management
***Kenzie Church, Fairmount, ND ............................................................... Management; Marketing
Kaleb P. Dahlgren, Fordville, ND ................................................................. Agricultural Business
Melissa Ann Draeger, West Fargo, ND ...................................................... Information Technology Management
Cortney Mae Ecklor, LaCrosse, WI ............................................................... Marketing
Chad Michael Falkenborg, Richfield, MN .................................................... Management
Scott N. Fricker, Shakopee, MN ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
**Ya Gao, Zhuhai, China ................................................................. Accounting
Matson Philip Gravelle, Eden Prairie, MN .................................................... Golf and Turf Management
***Danelle Faith Klassy, Warren, MN ........................................................ Applied Studies
*Mark Keop, Urbank, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Pavlo O. Kolyesnykov, Minneapolis, MN ...................................................... Health Management
*Kevin J. Lamp, Long Lake, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
***Dalton Christian Larson, Blaine, MN ........................................................ Accounting; Finance
Brittany A. Looker, Rochester, MN .............................................................. Health Sciences
Cynthia Lowry, Holloway, MN ................................................................. Animal Science
Travis Magdzas, Duluth, MN ................................................................. Criminal Justice
*Jay Brian Medin, Grand Forks, ND .............................................................. Communication
Mary Elizabeth Milner, Fort Wayne, IN ........................................................ Accounting
*Riho Nagatsuka, Tokyo, Japan ................................................................. Accounting
Richard Navratil, Blansko, Czech Republic ................................................ Management
John R. Petri, Maple Grove, MN ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
*Penny Jean Poling, Staples, MN ................................................................. Accounting
Kylie Louise Schmitz, Sioux Falls, SD ................................................................. Health Management
Zachary J. Skwira, Opole, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Aimee Michelle Spielman, St. Cloud, MN .................................................. Accounting
*Elizabeth J. Thoreson, Climax, MN ......................................................... Agronomy
*Martin E. Thorne, Virginia, MN ............................................................... Natural Resources
**Tiffany E. Wheeler, Nisswa, MN ............................................................. Accounting
Brian Wolfe, Carver, MN ................................................................. Manufacturing Management; Quality Management

***James Louis Aasen, International Falls, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
*Abdukadir Sheikh Abdi, Shakopee, MN .................................................... Management
Cassandra Jo Adams, Reynolds, ND .............................................................. Animal Science
*Anne Lindsey Ahsanullah, Minnetonka, MN ............................................... Accounting
Rachelle Kristin Alcini, Ann Arbor, MI ............................................................ Health Sciences
Sarah Alizadeh, Mission Viejo, CA ............................................................... Health Management
Amir Ali Amin, St. Paul, MN ................................................................. Quality Management
***Dana Eileen Amiot, Thief River Falls, MN ...................................................... Health Management
Allan Conrad Anderson, International Falls, MN ........................................... Quality Management
Edward Anderson, Virginia, MN ............................................................... Management
*Emily J. Anderson, Riverton, MN ............................................................... Marketing
Karli Marie Anderson, Farmington, MN ........................................................ Animal Science
Morgan Lynn Anderson, Winnebago, MN ..................................................... Health Management
Tor Bjorn Anderson, Savage, MN ............................................................... Marketing
Brennan Nicholas Andreas, Lumsden, SK, Canada ........................................ Marketing; Sport and Recreation Management
Olya V. Apakova, Elk River, MN ................................................................. Finance
Matthew John Archambault, Superior, WI ..................................................... Accounting
Jessica Rae Archer, Montrose, MN .............................................................. Management
Jeffrey Leroy Arneson, Austin, MN .............................................................. Applied Studies
Jacob Arvidson, Eden Prairie, MN ............................................................... Natural Resources
Benjamin Aslesen, Grand Forks, ND ............................................................ Agronomy
*Zachary Scott Audette, Roseau, MN .......................................................... Natural Resources
*Micheal J. Awender, Crookston, MN .......................................................... Criminal Justice
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Angela Lee Ayres, Brandon, MN ............................................................... Accounting

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***Brittany Mercedes Bach, Inver Grove Heights, MN ........................................ Marketing
Gyung Youn Baek, Seoul, South Korea ......................................................... Biology; Health Sciences
Eric John Ball, Ogden, UT ................................................................. Quality Management
**Kaitlyn Nicole Banister, Marinette, WI ....................................................... Communication
**Andrew Olaf Barsness, Detroit Lakes, MN ................................................ Agricultural Systems Management
*Ryan J. Bart, Staples, MN ................................................................. Natural Resources
Dominic J. Becker, Glencoe, MN ............................................................... Agricultural Business; Animal Science
Riley Garth Bell, Laurens, IA ................................................................. Natural Resources
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Alexandria Krisan Bertsch, Kansas City, MO ................................................ Accounting
Eric Richard Best, Orangeville, IL ............................................................... Natural Resources
Randi Bethel, East Bethel, MN ................................................................. Equine Science
Sable Bettencourt, Cloquet, MN ............................................................... Equine Science
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Kayla Ann Blocker, Bancroft, IA ............................................................... Natural Resources
Christiana Atwima Boadu, Twin Cities, MN ................................................ Health Sciences
*Laura Annie Boreen, Detroit Lakes, MN ..................................................... Health Management
Debra Lynn Breemeersch, Ramsey, MN ........................................................ Marketing
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Kari Brock, Shenandoah, IA ................................................................. Accounting
Jayson T. Brooks, Hampton, MN ......................................................... Management
Danne D. Brown, Duluth, MN .............................................................. Manufacturing Management
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*Samra Faheem Hayat, Yorba Linda, CA ................................................. Management
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Crystal Blue Hellekson, East Grand Forks, MN .......................................... Accounting
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***Jessica L. Hood, Owatonna, MN .......................................................... Finance
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**Samuel Alexander Szalay Howell, Seattle, WA ...................................... Sport and Recreation Management
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**Daniel Paul Huso, Broomfield, CO ...................................................... Applied Studies
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Academic Regalia

Academic gowns date back to the 14th century, when they served two functions of nearly equal importance: the distinctive apparel indicated the academic rank of the wearer, and the long gown kept the scholar warm in the drafty stone halls of the academy. Worn on special occasions, today’s academic gowns are a colorful reminder of the heritage of academic communities. The academic hood worn around the neck and down the back is typically black velvet inset with silk in the colors of the institution that granted the wearer’s highest degree. The lining of the hood reflects different disciplines—for example gold for science, maize for agriculture, tan for business, and light blue for education. Dark blue denotes a PhD, whatever the field of study. Traditionally, gowns in the United States have been black. In recent years a number of universities have adopted gowns of distinctive school colors.

The Regents’ Medallion

The five-foot Regents’ Medallion is displayed at commencement and other official events of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. On the face of the medallion is the seal of the Regents. An antique lamp represents the metaphysical sciences; a telescope, the physical sciences; a plow, the industrial arts; and a palette with brushes, the fine arts. The Latin motto, Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus, means “a common bond for all the arts.” The seal is also on the cover of this program.

International Flags

The University of Minnesota Crookston places value on diversity and provides students with many opportunities to gain global and diverse perspectives. Many students travel from other countries to the Crookston campus to earn an education and to share their experiences. A colorful reminder of our global society, the flags on display represent each international graduate’s home country or country of origin.
The Mace

The word “mace” is from Middle English and was originally used to refer to an implement for breaking armor on the battlefield. While that term is still widely known, in this case it has a more peaceful connotation as it refers to the staff carried by a dignitary and signifying authority. As per tradition since the first graduating class of the University of Minnesota Technical College, UMC’s mace is carried by the most senior faculty member. This mace is modeled after the one designed by Philip Morton in 1961 and used at the inauguration of U of M President O. Meredith Wilson. It is made of aluminum and topped with a crystal sphere, which symbolizes the illuminating quality and clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The crystal sphere is topped by a star representing Minnesota, the North Star State.

The Torch

A tradition unique to the Crookston campus is the presence of a stylized torch at special ceremonies. The symbolic light of the torch—the light of knowledge that permits understanding—represents the educational philosophy of the University of Minnesota.

There are three different torches that play a role in campus tradition. The first is the original torch created by the final graduating class of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and passed to the first graduating class of the Technical College in 1968. That torch is on display in the Alumni Room in Kiehle Building.

In 2002, regional artist David Badman designed and handcrafted a new academic torch as a gift to the campus in recognition of its new academic mission as a baccalaureate university. That torch has been present at all commencement ceremonies and other special campus events since that time.

In 2009, Lew Hanson, a former employee of UMC, and DeBoer Industries of Crookston created the “Century Torch” to commemorate the 100th anniversary of graduation ceremonies on the Crookston campus. During commencement ceremonies, the Century Torch is passed to the incoming president of the Crookston Student Association (CSA), maintaining the tradition that began in 1968 and acknowledging the history of the campus from its roots in the NWSA to the present.

The name of the alumni magazine is, appropriately, Torch.
National Anthem
Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

University of Minnesota Hymn
Hail! Minnesota

Minnesota, hail to thee! Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be a beacon bright and clear;
Thy sons and daughters true will proclaim thee near and far;
They will guard thy fame and adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Like the stream that bends to sea, like the pine that seeks the blue,
Minnesota, still for thee, sons and daughters strong and true.
From thy woods and waters fair, from thy prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng with their shout and song,
Hailing thee their Northern Star.
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