



UMN Crookston Campus Weekly

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Tuesday Motivation:

UMN Crookston Points of Pride

- **The UMN Crookston provides hands-on learning for its students and experiential opportunities.** All the on-campus students for every major are required to have either an internship or a research project
- **UMN Crookston was the first university in the U.S. to offer laptops to all students starting in fall 1993.** Since that time, all on-campus students receive a laptop computer to use during their academic career.
- **On campus students have access to a significantly larger number of full time faculty because of our online programs**

Happy Tuesday!

Join us to Color the Courtyard!



Image from CTV News Northern Ontario

Join us to **Color the Courtyard** on **Sunday, March 24, starting at 2 p.m. in the Evergreen Grill!** We will be painting the snow to welcome the students back from spring break! Let's surprise them with a bright, colorful, and springlike courtyard! The event is open to the public. Refreshments and painting supplies will be provided.

Looking Forward to this Week

NACTA Car Wash Fundraiser: NACTA is once again holding car washes as a fundraiser on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons January 15 - April 4. All proceeds will go to fund student trips to Murray Kentucky to compete in NACTA competitions for the National Sweepstakes Title!

The Buzz Around Campus

Test-Optional Admissions Practice: An in-depth analysis of graduation rates for students at the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMN Crookston) has shown high school grades as a strong predictor of student success. As part of a new holistic admissions review, UMN Crookston will place significantly greater emphasis on high school grades and the rigor of high school coursework when making admissions decisions. At the same time, students will choose whether or

not they submit an entrance exam score making UMN Crookston one of the first in the region to become test optional. For the full story, click [here](#).

Commencement

Announcement: The commencement address will be given by **Alumnus Lloyd Mayes** 1970 a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Lloyd Mayes came to the University of Minnesota, Crookston in 1968 and led the school to two consecutive conference titles. Mayes was recruited from Washington, DC, by head men's basketball coach, Marv Bachmeier and he immediately made an impact on the basketball program. His 1968-69 season is recognized as one of most outstanding performances ever given at the University of Minnesota Crookston.



VITA: As of Wednesday, March 13, 31 individuals or families have walked in to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) office on campus. Our students were able to assist 25 of them. Of those, 11 returns have been filed and accepted by the IRS; the other 14 are still in process. The VITA program offers free tax preparation for people who need it (who may have no other option) and gives amazing hands-on learning experience for students. Thank you to Barry Stephens and Kara Bowen for making it happen and to Jana Brekken and Department Head Kevin Thompson for their support.

Disposing of Your Mobile Device: You have a tremendous amount of highly sensitive and personal information on your mobile device(s). Who might gain access when you get rid of your device? The [March 2019 edition of the "OUCH!"](#) newsletter covers covers how to securely wipe your mobile device before disposing of it.

Check out our [printable brochure \(PDF\)](#) for information on how to secure your mobile device.

We encourage you to share OUCH! with your family, friends and coworkers.

Accolades

Awards: Professor **Rachel McCoppin** is the recipient to receive the 2019-20 Imagine Fund Annual Award. Her research proposal is on "Women as Representations of Nature in Germanic and Norse Mythology." Congratulations Professor McCoppin and we wish you all the best on your continuing research in world mythology.

Recognition: The University of Minnesota Crookston held their third annual "Honoring Our Own" reception in the Prairie Room Tuesday with theme "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence" during March's Women's History Month.

Honorees included UMN Crookston faculty member **Sharon Stewart** and staff member **Krista Proulx**.

Speakers at the reception included Polk County Judge Tamara Yon and mistress-of-ceremonies Marsha Odom.

Job Fairs

Law Enforcement Opportunities Job Fair - Brooklyn Park

The Career Fair is being held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Education Center located in Brooklyn Park, MN. **Free roundtrip transportation for those who sign up by April 11.**

To register click [here](#).

Job Fairs for Education Students:

Tri College Education Job Fair - April 4, 2019

Sign up [here](#).

MN Education Job Fair - April 10

Sign up [here](#).

Transportation to Job Fairs

Free transportation will be provided pending number of attendees.

Deadline to sign up for transportation is March 22.

In the coming weeks...

International Dinner: UMN Crookston students **Kimie Shiozawa** will present during the third international dinner featuring Japan. The theme is "Heritage+Culture=Heriture." This dinner will take place on Monday, March 25, starting at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom of the Sargeant Student Center. For more information, click [here](#).

Women's History Month: Mentoring Women of Color (webinar) on Wednesday, March 27, from 1 - 3 p.m. in Dowell 208. For more information, click [here](#).

Final International Dinner: UMN Crookston proudly presents the International Dinner Finale on Monday, April 1, starting at 5 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).

Carlson School of Management:

Associate Director of Admissions, Larissa Lavrov will be on campus April 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Representatives will be on campus to speak with students about the [MBA in Two program](#). It is geared towards undergraduate students who know they would like to pursue an MBA. Additional information regarding undergraduate [specialty masters degrees](#) will also be available.

Summer 2019

- Youth Day Horseback Riding Camp
 - June 12, 2019

- July 15, 2019
- August 5, 2019
 - Ages 8-17 years old
 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - UMN Crookston Stables
- Adult Riding Clinic
 - May 29, 2019
 - June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2019
 - 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 - UMN Crookston Stables
- Youth Intermediate Riding Clinic
 - May 30, 2019
 - June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019
 - 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 - UMN Crookston Stables

Save the Dates

- Business Challenge Day – March 27, 2019
- Institute for Advanced Study Community Discussion Forum – March 29, 2019
- UMN Crookston hosts Natural Resources Exploration Days – March 29 and 30, 2019
- University of Minnesota Employee Benefits Counselor at UMN Crookston – March 29, 2019
- Basic/beginner riding clinic with Polk County 4-H at UTOC Arena from 6 - 8 p.m. – April 2, 2019
- Grad Fest – April 3, 2019
- Carlson School of Management – April 9, 2019
- Athletic Banquet and President Kaler's last visit – April 25, 2019
- Junior Campus Preview Day – April 26, 2019
- Paddock Party – MinnTucky Social May 4, 2019
- Northern Great Plains Youth Institute – May 6, 2019
- Farm to Table – August 9, 2019

Weekly Activities

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

[Dr. Balaraman on campus](#)

Thursday, March 21, 2019

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