From the Vice Chancellor:

**Historic News! Dr. Tony Schroeder, McKnight**

The University of Minnesota Crookston received word that Dr. Tony Schroeder is a recipient of the prestigious University of Minnesota McKnight Land-Grant Professorship. The 2020-2022 Professorship includes a $25,000 research award in each of the two years of the fellowship and induction on the University of Minnesota “scholars walk” on the Twin Cities campus.

This is historic as Dr. Schroeder is the first faculty member from the University of Minnesota Crookston to receive this award. To place this in further context, only 233 individuals received this award between its inception in 1987 and 2019; of those, only three were faculty members outside the Twin Cities campus (all three at the University of Minnesota Duluth). Keep your eyes posted for information about an upcoming reception to honor Dr. Schroeder’s achievement!

**70th Annual Science Fair**

On Saturday, the University of Minnesota Crookston hosted the 70th annual Western Regional Science Fair. In addition to judging several exceptional behavioral science projects, I had an opportunity to address participants from 10 area counties before distributing awards at the end of the day. Because we held the awards ceremony in Kiehle Auditorium, I asked the students to take a moment to consider the more than 75-year-old murals on each side of the stage. Though painted under the theme of “a useful past,” the contributions of women are absent in these murals and the portrayals of Native Americans.
I then invited the students to consider their various science posters as a new set of murals depicting "a useful future." Within their science projects, these young students explored the contributions of science and technology with a high degree of critical thinking. One of the students I judged was a freshman who examined the dangers of vaping technology and the subtle nature of advertising that promotes vaping as a healthy alternative to smoking. Another was an eighth grader who was interested in cell phone usage, connections to brain chemicals such as cortisol and melatonin, and their potential relationship to brain development. Other students considered topics related to sustainability, climate change, and water quality, to name just a few. I was inspired to see these future college students engage in science and technology with attention to potential cross-impacts and dangerous side effects as well as to opportunity and advancement. It is unfortunate that these young individuals will inherit problems created by prior generations, but it is comforting to see their capacity for creativity and innovation, which will be necessary as they take on future challenges.

In closing, I would like to extend gratitude to two important sets of individuals. First, thank you to the UMN Crookston faculty, staff, and students who volunteered extensive hours to host this important event. While science fairs such as this are disappearing in many parts of the United States, I am proud of the work you do to bring science to life for students in Northwest Minnesota. Second, thank you to the many P-12 teachers in the region who volunteered time to work with their students on these projects. I can see that you that you have been exceptionally well prepared and you are doing exemplary work with your students. Together, you are all doing the hard work necessary to create a useful future for generations to come.

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**POINT OF PRIDE**

We serve the **highest proportion of students from greater Minnesota in the System** (48 percent of all our students this year come from Greater Minnesota)

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**CAMPUS UPDATES**

From Student Activities
the Outstanding Student Achievement Award. Please note that this is a nomination only, and that the student is responsible for submitting an application after being nominated, which the awards committee will send them after they have been screened for eligibility. Nominations are due by the end of the day on Sunday March 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Megan Beck (msbeck@crk.umn.edu) 

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2Sb8gsWdRg9ZqnBbV9JmDvHzTLfpNyPEAILiWNmBRTq5Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

From Athletics

The UMN Crookston Women's/Men's Basketball teams start playoffs Wednesday night as the women travel to Mankato for a 5:30 p.m. tip-off and the men travel to Winona for a 7:30 p.m. start. If the women win on Wednesday evening they would play on Sunday, March 1 at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls at 2:30 p.m. If the men win on Wednesday night they would play on Saturday, February 29th at 8:00 p.m. also at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls, SD. Both games will be live streamed and both will be on KROX am. Midco sports will also be covering all games at the Pentagon.

From the Business Department

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance: It's tax time. The UMN Crookston Business Department is providing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to low-income households in Crookston and the region. The program is also open to college students. The tax preparation service, provided by students enrolled in the ACCT 4420 Income Tax Preparation course, begins Tuesday, February 25, and goes through April 9.

From the Student Success Center

Inspired Art Journal

The new Inspired Art Journal has recently been released!! What is it? It is a publication of creative writing and art from students and staff of the University of Minnesota Crookston. Would you like to be a published author or artist? Consider submitting your creative writing, poetry, photography, or art piece to the next Inspired Art Journal. Submissions can be made here. All submissions must be original. For questions, contact
Academic/Faculty Advisor Meetings

As midterms are approaching, your advisees may not be too happy with where they are at or they may be starting to look ahead to next semester and scheduling advisor meetings to discuss classes. With this in mind, we wanted to provide a reminder for some example questions to ask your advisees to make sure they stay on track. Questions the faculty could ask students:

- How well do you think you are doing this semester?
- How are your study skills helping you be successful?
- What are your goals for the rest of the semester?
- Tell me about the internship opportunities you are considering.
- Are you aware of the resources available on campus? E.g. Counseling Services, tutoring, and study groups.
- How can I support you as you reach your goals?

We are sure that you already ask these questions. However, if there is one you have not, you should give it a try in your next meeting.

From Information Technology

Sharing too much on social media can have an impact not only on your personal and professional life but also on the lives of your family and friends. The February 2020 edition of the “OUCH!” newsletter discusses this issue and covers steps you can take to protect your privacy online.

We encourage you to share OUCH! with your family, friends, and coworkers. IT staff please forward to administrative staff, faculty, and other colleagues in your department.

Update

You should have received notification from the UMN Office of Information Technology that they will be updating all UMN managed Windows 10 computers to version 1909. This update is currently available on an opt-in basis for all users where you can manage the timing; however, it will become mandatory and forced out beginning February 27, 2020.
From International Programs

The U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity. The Institute of International Education has administered the program since its inception in 2001.

Applications for this scholarships are still open, click here to find out more.

NACTA Car Washes

NACTA is holding Spring car washes! All proceeds will fund students' trips to Hays State to compete for the NACTA National Sweepstakes Title!

Car washes will go from January 28 - March 26 and will be every Tuesday from 2 - 5 p.m. and every Thursday from 12 - 5 p.m.

Car washes are $30 and they will detail the inside and outside of the vehicle!

If anyone would like to sign up, please e-mail Mikayla Lacher at lache045@crk.umn.edu or Ryan Greenwaldt at gree2172@crk.umn.edu.

Congratulations, to Dr. Katy Chapman for getting elected for a three year term as one of the counsel or to the Biology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Announcing the 2020 Mestenhauser Student Award Recipients

The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Mestenhauser Student Award for Excellence in Campus Internationalization, named in honor of Dr. Josef Mestenhauser (1925–2015), who was a Distinguished International Emeritus Professor.
From the Business Department

Business students at the University of Minnesota Crookston are currently working to compete in the Harvard Global Case Competition. This year, as this element of UMN Crookston Business Department distinctiveness becomes more and more successful, the business department will be fielding two teams. The two Golden Eagle Teams are each made up of five students, including several business minors from the Math, Science, and Technology department and several members of the Honors Program. Again this year UMN Crookston appears to be the only team from the University of Minnesota system and will be competing against more than 125 teams from other outstanding universities around the world.

The case will be released on the Monday, February 24, and the teams have three weeks to produce their solution. They play the role of a consulting company providing advice to a major company and must produce a professional-grade report and presentation detailing their recommendations to the company. At the end of April, the teams will travel to Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the main event, which not only features the in-person presentation of the top 10 finalists, but also is an excellent educational and networking opportunity for the students. Participation in the case competition helps to showcase the high quality of students and course of study in the UMC Business Department on a global stage. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/harvard-global-case-competition.

Photo Left to Right: Greg Johnson, Bruno Marques, Kenenna Okeke, Ashley Smith, Destiny Chikwen-Stanley, Melida Argueta Canales, Jared Davy, Vinayak Sharma, Emmitt Stevens, Noah Kalway
Venu is starting a grant writing cohort. Let Venu know by **MARCH 6** if you are interested in being part of the cohort. The details are as follows.

**Purpose**: Support each other in writing grants; Meet regularly to write.

**Funding**: VCASA, Dr. John Hoffman, suggested that the cohort could apply for FREF funds in fall.

**Meeting frequency**: To be decided (once a week for one hour may be a good idea)

**Initial meeting**: March 2020 (to identify grants suitable for different subject areas) and to consider FREF application.

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**Events**

**Pet Away Stress**

*Recurring event - click to view more dates.*

We are having Pet Away Stress for students, faculty and staff on Wed and Thursday (Feb. 26th and 27th) this week from 11-2 in the International Lounge. Cuddle...

- **11am**
- **International Lounge**

**First-Gen Empowered**

Come meet your fellow first-generation classmates and enjoy a meal as you get to know each other! Talk about your experiences as a first-generation college...

- **1pm**
- **Prairie Room**

**Sustainability Education Summit**

The third annual Sustainability Education Summit is an online and in-person event that shares tools and stories on teaching sustainability. Participants...

- **8:30am**
- **Bede Ballroom**
Golden Eagle Admit Day is an all-day experience for admitted students and their families to come experience UMN Crookston firsthand. Those attending will...

- **9am**
  - University of Minnesota Crookston

**UMN Job & Internship Fair 2020**

Sign up with Career Services to attend the upcoming UMN Job & Internship Fair 2020. Email: mchristo@umn.edu by February 14th to secure a...

- **10am**
  - Minneapolis Convention Center

**Illuminations An Evening of Art through Ink...**

Join Andy Hall, Trey Everett & Annie Fitzgerald for an artist exhibit, reception & performance at Sweetlight Gallery on February 28th from 4:30 to 9:00pm...

- **4:30pm**
  - Sweetlight Gallery

**Barnyard Kiddie Carnival**

Local children are invited to join the University of Minnesota Crookston and Golden Eagle Entertainment for a fun-filled late afternoon on Friday, February...

- **5pm**
  - Bede Ballroom

**International Dinner Series: Taiwan**

The Discovery of Taiwan: JZ a senior will present on the art of food, pop culture, tourism and animation of Taiwan.

- **6pm**
  - Bede Ballroom

**SEE ALL EVENTS**

**LOOKING FORWARD**
Career Conversations (A Professional Networking Event) - Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25 and 26
UMN Job & Internship Fair - Friday, February 28
Golden Eagle Admit Day - Friday, February 28
Kiddie Barnyard - Friday, February 28
International Dinner Series: Taiwan - Monday, March 2
Equine Science Exploration Days - Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7
Golden Eagle Admit Day - Friday, April 3
Farm to Table Dinner - Thursday, August 13, 2020
  - $100 general public
  - $75 UMN Crookston faculty, staff, and students