Commencement

University of Minnesota
CROOKSTON

May 5, 2018 • 2 p.m.
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 Legacy of Growth and Change

Today, May 5, 2018, we celebrate the 51st graduating class of the University of Minnesota Crookston as an institution of post-secondary education. Fifty years is a relatively short time in the grand scheme of things, and this campus has seen many changes as well as a significant transformation in that time. In a little over the past decade alone the campus has seen the addition of many new majors on campus as well as the growth of online education. Both are important components of our academic offerings and our role as a twenty-first century land-grant institution. While the Crookston campus has a proud legacy of growth and change, two things have remained constant throughout that history: a strong affiliation with the University of Minnesota and the presence of talented, caring faculty and staff members.

Today we also celebrate the 110th graduating class of this campus. The very first was in 1909, when this site was home to the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), a residential high school. The NSWA opened its doors in 1906 and provided “training in the technical and practical business of agriculture and the art of homemaking.” 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 the spring of 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 a full-fledged system campus of the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1994, 4,693 graduates earned associate degrees. 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. The campus made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with laptop 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, and they were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremonies. Today also marks the 24th 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. At the time it was known as “distance education.” 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 Crookston campus is one of five statewide campuses of the prestigious University of Minnesota system. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere, top-level technology, and a distinctive focus on applied, experiential learning.

We take great pride in our students, faculty, staff, and alumni and in their many accomplishments in teaching, learning, research, and service. We are all 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. Congratulations to one and all!
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 processional is led by Mace-Bearer W. Daniel Svedarsky, PhD. The procession includes
Faculty Marshal Sharon Stewart, 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 candidates Shane Boehne and Heidi Shol

Everyone may be seated.

Recognition of Veterans and Active Service Members ................ Mary Holz-Clause, PhD
Chancellor

“I Am the River” by Amy F. Bernon ........................................... U of M Crookston Graduation Chorale
Directed by George French, Associate Professor of Music and Theater
Accompanied by Henry Soung

Welcome ....................................................................................................... Mary Holz-Clause, PhD

Greetings from the University of Minnesota
Board of Regents ................................................................. The Honorable Richard Beeson
University of Minnesota Board of Regents

Address ........................................................................................................... Peggy (Lee) Hilton
Class of 1968

Peggy (Lee) Hilton is a member of the Class of 1968, the first graduating class from the University of Minnesota Crookston Technical Institute. She currently lives in Seattle with her husband, Jim. Graduating with high distinction, Peggy earned an associate degree in applied science, specializing in legal. She began her 30-year career in Crookston working as a legal secretary/paralegal and went on to work for noteworthy law firms in both the Twin Cities and in Seattle, Washington. In 1998, she retired early in order to hike the 2,660-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada with her husband on his 7-month sabbatical. Peggy has been a competitive runner and has engaged in extensive mountain climbing and hiking adventures.
Presentation of Candidates ................................................................. Barbara Keinath, PhD  
Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Introduction of Candidates ............................................................... Danielle Johannesen, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Education Department

Conferring of Degrees ................................................................. The Honorable Richard Beeson

Congratulatory Remarks from the Alumni Association .................. Eric Morgan, Class of 2012  
President, University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association

Speaking for the Student Body .......................................................... Dalton Javner  
Crookston Student Association President

Passing of the Torch ................................................................. Dalton Javner to Ben Koisti  
Crookston Student Association President-Elect

“In Time of Silver Rain” words by Langston Hughes,  
music by Audrey Snyder ............................................................. U of M Crookston Women’s Ensemble  
Directed by UMC student Christian Moreno Cova

Closing Comments ........................................................................ Mary Holz-Clause, 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 Graduation Chorale

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

Summer Billings
Jacqueline Burke
Tori Hill

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.

Please Silence Your Cell Phones and Devices

Out of respect for all in attendance and for this important ceremony, please turn off or silence cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices.
**Candidates for Graduation**

*Spring Semester, 2018*

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

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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 white for liberal arts. Dark blue denotes a PhD, whatever the field of study. Traditionally, gowns in the United States have been black. In recent years several 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*.
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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