Greetings!

As the chief executive officer for the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), I would like to encourage you to explore all that UMC has to offer. For example, we are excited about the new student center, which will be open in the fall of 2005 to welcome you, along with our newly renovated fitness center, and the construction of a new residential facility. These are just a few of the latest developments at UMC, but we remain proud of our heritage and in our lifelong connection to the University of Minnesota, one of the most prestigious public universities in the United States.

Along with that, I would like to highlight our curriculum and technology-rich environment—two things for which UMC is known the world over.

- UMC’s curriculum is interactive, infused with technology, and involves collaboration among students, faculty, industry professionals, and employers. Our academic programs balance theory and application, and they promote an understanding and appreciation for lifelong learning that prepares our graduates for the careers of the twenty-first century.
- UMC’s technology-rich environment is responsive to the professional and personal demands of contemporary society. We provide each full-time student with a laptop computer, Internet connectivity, and the knowledge and skills to use these powerful tools. Our students acquire technological savvy and an incredible level of professional and personal connectivity—resulting in an impressive career edge.

Our dedication to quality education with a focus on student learning in a personalized environment make UMC a great choice for you! Please visit us online at www.UMCrookston.edu or call us at 1-800-232-6466 or 1-800-UMC-MINN. We will be happy to answer your questions and help you discover all that UMC has to offer.

Sincerely,

Joe Massey, CEO

Mission Statement—University of Minnesota, Crookston
(Adopted by the Board of Regents, May 2001)

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is integral to the University’s statewide land grant mission. The college provides its unique contribution through polytechnic programs that combine theory, practice, and experimentation in a technologically rich environment. UMC connects its teaching, research, and outreach to serve the public good.

Institutional Purposes
To provide quality teaching and learning by
- committing to excellence in education;
- maintaining a focused curriculum incorporating three core components—communication, critical thinking, and working with others;
- developing lifelong learning skills;
- requiring applied field experiences, laboratory instruction, and internships;
- emphasizing technology experiences for careers in the information-age;
- continually improving student learning through meaningful assessment; and
- providing support services and activities that enhance students’ personal and cultural development.

To promote a strong and diverse community of learners and teachers by
- expecting the highest in personal and professional integrity, civility, and tolerance;
- encouraging teamwork, professional growth, acceptance of responsibility, and recognition for achievement;
- providing a caring environment with personal attention and frequent faculty-student interaction;
- upholding individual rights to freedom of expression and association; and
- valuing shared governance among faculty, administrators, staff and students.

To create an educated citizenry by
- preparing students to be actively engaged responsible citizens and leaders committed to democracy and community;
- providing opportunities for all students to participate in student and campus governance; and
- offering students professional, social, cultural, and civic events that extend the learning environment and lead to a fulfilling life.

To develop civic engagement by
- responding to the changing needs of agriculture, manufacturing, business, health care, and other industries and professions;
- collaborating with business, industry, schools, colleges, and other organizations; and
- seeking to improve the quality of life, the economy, and the environment.
Accreditation

UMC’s associate and bachelor’s degree programs are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Suite 2400, 30 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602. The dietetic technician program is approved by the American Dietetic Association.

The Community

Crookston is located in the Red River Valley, one of the world’s richest agricultural areas. Immigration to the area began when the St. Paul & Pacific announced in 1872 that a railroad route was to extend to the Canadian border and would cross the Red Lake River where the city now stands. In 1879 the existing settlement was incorporated and named Crookston, after Colonel William Crooks, chief engineer of the railroad.

The early economic foundation of the area was based on fur and lumber trade, but quickly changed to farming. Starting as a trail point near a river crossing for the shaky Red River ferries, the young town soon became a center for sodbusters. For 20 years it was also a major timber center. Since World War II, Crookston has prospered from the development of large agricultural products processing plants and manufacturing industries. Among its outstanding industrial enterprises are the largest plant for edible sunflower seed processing in the United States and one of the largest plants for sugar beet processing in the world. Other industries include a fiberglass and injection molding plant, a metal fabrication plant, and a city bus manufacturer.

Crookston offers many health care facilities, including a modern community hospital, an expanded medical clinic, a mental health center, a chemical dependency treatment facility, and several dental clinics.

Crookston’s location provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, and other outdoor activities. The community also has abundant recreational facilities, including a regulation nine-hole golf course, a twelve-lane bowling alley, a movie theater, two indoor skating arenas, an indoor community swimming pool, an outdoor athletic complex with multiple softball diamonds and tennis courts, and an attractive campsite in a city park.

Crookston is only 30 minutes from Grand Forks, North Dakota, which has a population of more than 70,000 and offers additional opportunities for shopping, entertainment, and other services, including the University of North Dakota and the Grand Forks International Airport.

Facilities

College—UMC has a 237-acre campus located on the northern edge of Crookston. The college is situated in one of the richest and most diversified agricultural regions in the United States, the Red River Valley. With 100 years of education behind it, UMC honors the legacy of the past. It began as the Northwest School of Agriculture (1906-1968), then became the University of Minnesota Technical College (1966-1993), and now it proudly looks to the future. UMC, known as the original “ThinkPad University,” provides all full-time students with laptop computers. Classrooms have state of the art technology. Several locations on campus are wireless including the student center, library, dining area, and lounges in the residence halls.

Student Center—In the fall of 2005, the new Student Center will open. This facility is home to meeting rooms and a multi-purpose ballroom for both student activities and outreach programs, the campus bookstore, student health services, offices for international and multicultural programs, and lounges for study, conversation, and relaxation to name just a few. It also has extensive wireless coverage in all public areas.

Kiehle Building—The Kiehle Building houses a beautiful auditorium. Its stage is flanked by a series of murals, which were added in the 1940s as part of the Federal Work Projects Administration (WPA). They have been retained to this day as part of the building’s historical legacy.

Northwest Research and Outreach Center—Serving the prairie and adjacent land area of northwestern Minnesota is the Northwest Research and Outreach Center. Its activities are a part of the total agricultural research program of the University of Minnesota. The experiment station located adjacent to the UMC campus, owns about 1,500 acres. The station provides laboratories, fields, and herds for use by UMC students enrolled in agriculture programs.

Bergland Laboratory—The Bergland Laboratory is actually the result of a collaborative effort among UMC, the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC), and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI). The building serves as a center for teaching, for applied student lab experiences, and for research in the botanical and horticultural sciences.

University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC)—The University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) serves as the center for animal science on campus. The south entrance area features offices and classrooms. The rest of the structure features a riding arena, stables, and a tack room for the Equine Industries Management program. The UTOC Arena regularly serves as a host area for regional riding and horse shows.

Owen Hall Annex—The state headquarters and Northern Regional Office of Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) are located in UMC’s Owen Hall Annex. AURI is a nonprofit corporation created by the state of Minnesota to strengthen its rural economy by developing new uses for Minnesota farm products.

UMC Degrees

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Bachelor in an Applied Field

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Minor

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• Music (page 58)
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Associate in Applied Science

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Certificate Programs

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