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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 11, 2013, we celebrate the 105th 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. 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.

In the spring of 1909 the first eight graduates of the NWSA received diplomas from the newly-established agricultural 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 the next 62 years 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 as it earned approval to offer baccalaureate degrees and as it made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with notebook computers to become the first “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.

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 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 what they accomplish here: 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 out into the world and make good things happen.
Commencement Program
Chancellor Fred E. Wood presiding

Prelude ................................................................................................................................. A Touch of Brass

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

Processional - “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar .................. A Touch of Brass
   The processional is led by the Mace-Bearer, William Peterson, MS. The procession includes
   Faculty Marshal W. Daniel Svedarsky, PhD, the faculty, staff, candidates for degrees, and platform guests.

“The Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key .................................................. A Touch of Brass
   Sung by the audience, led by degree candidate Brooke Hamilton

Everyone may be seated.

“100 Years” by John Ondrasik ................................................................. 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 Administration.................. Arlene Carney, PhD
   Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota System

Greetings from the University of Minnesota
Board of Regents ................................................................. The Honorable John Frobenius
   University of Minnesota Board of Regents

Address ................................................................. Kevin J. Kopischke, EdD, Class of 1972
   President, Alexandria Technical and Community College

Presentation of Candidates ................................................................. Thomas Baldwin, EdD
   Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Introduction of Candidates ................................................................................ Lynnette Mullins, MEd  
   Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Education Department

Conferring of Degrees ............................................................................. The Honorable John Frobenius

Congratulatory Remarks from the Alumni Association ........ Karl Syverson, Class of 2011  
   President, University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association

Speaking for the Student Body ................................................................... Adam Switzer  
   Crookston Student Association President

Passing of the Torch ...................................................................................... Adam Switzer to Alexmai Addo  
   Crookston Student Association President-Elect

“If We Hold On Together” by James Horner and Will Jennings ...... 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)

Recessional ...................................................................................................... A Touch of Brass  
   The audience is requested to remain in their seats until the recessional has left the gymnasium.

Student Marshals

Members of Alpha Lambda Delta – First Year Honor Society, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and other student leadership groups

Levi Atinda          Ashley Hoffman          Brant Moore
Toynell Delaney     Mark Jackson           Brooke Vatthauer
Mikala Guidinger    Shaolei Jin

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, 2013

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

High Distinction

*Yuko Babbish, Edgewater, NJ ................................................................. Quality Management
*Roy Blakey Jr., Hudson, WI ................................................................. Manufacturing Management
Alexandra W. Buscher, Merrifield, MN ....................................................... Business Management
Paul Gehrls, Thief River Falls, MN ............................................................. Business Management
Matthew Douglas Green, Greenbush, MN ................................................ Agricultural Business;
                                                                                                                                                                   Agricultural Systems Management; Agronomy

**Yue Gu, Huzhou, China .......................................................................... Software Engineering
*Yangchen Dolker Gurung, Mustang, Nepal ................................................ Business Management
Wenjun Hu, Hangzhou, China ................................................................. Business Management
Guogang Hua, Hangzhou, China .............................................................. Agricultural Business
Joshua Aaron James, Bismarck, ND ........................................................ Natural Resources
Krista A. Kenyon, Sanford, MB, Canada .................................................... Natural Resources
Dae Yeul Lee, Seoul, South Korea ............................................................ Accounting
Siyuan Liu, Hangzhou, China ................................................................. Business Management
***John Scholten, Culpeper, VA ............................................................... Quality Management
*Jeremy L. Sibert, Verndale, MN ............................................................. Criminal Justice
***Amy L. Van Treeck, Sheboygan Falls, WI ........................................... Elementary Education
***Connie Sue Vandermay, New York Mills, MN ...................................... Communication
Leonard Thomas Will, Tulelake, CA ......................................................... Agricultural Systems Management
Yahna K. Zastrow, Easton, MN ............................................................... Equine Science
Samantha Ann Zuck, Jamestown, ND ...................................................... Animal Science

Distinction

Wemimo S. Abbey, Lagos, Nigeria ............................................................. Business Management
*Paul Adelman, Bellingham, MN ............................................................. Sport and Recreation Management
Melissa Ann Ball-Warriner, Paynesville, MN ................................................ Applied Studies
Christopher J. Bargsten, Lake City, MN .................................................... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
*Brett Duane Brooks, Chaska, MN ........................................................... Business Management; Manufacturing Management
Karen M. Carpenedo, Bessemer, MI ........................................................ Equine Science
Feng Chang, Zhoushan, China ................................................................. Software Engineering
Jessica L. Charles, Belgrade Lakes, ME ................................................... Animal Science
Xihao Chen, Hangzhou, China ............................................................... Agricultural Business
***Olufemi Coker, Apple Valley, MN ....................................................... Manufacturing Management
Xianfeng Fu, Yueqing, China ................................................................. Software Engineering
Maria Cheryl Funk, Sebeka, MN ............................................................ Agricultural Education
*Jacob William Granfors, Kettle River, MN ................................................ Natural Resources
***Tashi Wongdi Gurung, Kathmandu, Nepal ........................................... Environmental Sciences
Alisha Marie Hillstrom, Plymouth, MN .................................................... Business Management
**Eun Ki Jung, Guri, South Korea ............................................................ Business Management
Andrew Lee Kahara, Sauk Rapids, MN ................................................... Accounting
Kelsey Sue Kaiser, Streeter, ND ............................................................. Natural Resources
Megan Nicole Kankelfritz, Westminster, CO ............................................ Applied Studies
Kari A. Klages, Fairfax, MN ................................................................. Accounting
Amanda Kristine Krueger, Aberdeen, SD ................................................ Agricultural Business; Equine Science
Shuhang Li, Hangzhou, China ............................................................... Software Engineering
Yang Lu, Hangzhou, China ................................................................. Software Engineering
***Zhou Lu, Hangzhou, China ................................................................. Software Engineering
John Curtis Macy III, Glenwood, MN ......................................................... Marketing
Trista L. Pepper, Pillager, MN .............................................................. Business Management
*Christopher D. Roberts, Kasson, MN .................................................... Applied Studies
*Ashley Megan Roder, Alexandria, MN .................................................... Sport and Recreation Management
Hye Won Shin, Incheon, South Korea ...................................................... Business Management
Shane A. Stolp, Duluth, MN ................................................................. Accounting
Danielle Lynn Wavra, Crookston, MN ..................................................... Biology; Health Sciences
Yaowen Weng, Huzhou, China ............................................................... Agricultural Business
Benjamin Rex Williams, Excelsior, MN ................................................... Natural Resources
Xiaowei Zhou, Chongqing, China ........................................................... Accounting

A

Kazeem A. Adelekan, Coon Rapids, MN .................................................. Business Management
**Dega Abdullahi Ahmed, Minneapolis, MN ............................................ Applied Studies
*Bill Casey Alleman, Littlefork, MN ...................................................... Natural Resources
Mitchell Chase Allore, Mankato, MN .................................................... Golf and Turf Management
Caitlin Leigh Altendorf, Grand Forks, ND ............................................... Health Management
**Abdissa J. Ambrass, Oromia, Ethiopia .................................................. Applied Studies
*Christopher Anderson, Becker, MN ..................................................... Natural Resources
*David Thomas Anderson, Winnipeg, MB, Canada ..................................... Business Management
*Dominique Nicole Anderson, Elk River, MN .......................................... Applied Health
**Corey Charles Andrews, Virginia, MN ................................................ Natural Resources
*Casey Jean Arndt, Ortonville, MN ......................................................... Agricultural Business
*Chelsi Marie Arnspiger, Lee, MA ............................................................ Criminal Justice
Marcus Vinicius Arvellos, Hopkins, MN .................................................. Business Management
***Wendy Karla Ashland, Chanhassen, MN ............................................. Applied Studies
Ashley Kaye Ayres, Brandon, MN ......................................................... Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management

B

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Timothy Michael Baker, Biwabik, MN ..................................................... Natural Resources
***Kelly Marie Bakken, Windom, MN ..................................................... Marketing
Rachelle Balfanz, Buffalo, MN ............................................................. Accounting
Eric Barnett, Mount Airy, NC ............................................................... Accounting
***Michelle Lee Barta, Philadelphia, PA ................................................... Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management
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Samantha J. Benoy, Marine on Saint Croix, MN ....................................... Natural Resources
Sean Andrew Berens, Forest Lake, MN ................................................... Natural Resources
***Amye C. Berg, White Bear Lake, MN ................................................ Health Sciences
Judy Bernat, Fisher, MN ................................................................. Applied Health
*Lisa Blackwood, Greenville, WI ............................................................ Communication
Christina Marie Blair, Brainerd, MN ..................................................... Animal Science; Biology
*Joann Cathy Blom, Thief River Falls, MN .............................................. Marketing
Kari Lea Bodine, Babbitt, MN ............................................................... Sport and Recreation Management
Karen Denise Boeddeker, Garfield, MN .................................................. Animal Science
*Jeremy Carl Braaten, Wannaska, MN .................................................... Manufacturing Management
Trenton Gene Brenny, Becker, MN ........................................................ Natural Resources
*Kevin Gordon Broas, Excelsior, MN ....................................................... Applied Studies
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Kevin Charles Brown, Alexandria, MN ................................................ Natural Resources
Anissa John Bruggman .......................................................... Natural Resources
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*Karissa M. Buse, Isanti, MN ................................................................. Equine Science

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Jenna Mae Cardinal, Red Lake Falls, MN ................................................ Agricultural Education
***Breanna Jean Carlson, Duluth, MN .................................................... Applied Health
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*Craig Patrick Lorenz, Grand Forks, ND ........................................................ Sport and Recreation Management
**John E. Lovins, Oakdale, MN .................................................................... Business Management; Quality Management
Travis J. Lund, Brandon, MN .......................................................................... Agronomy
Walter Thomas Lunsford, Upatoi, GA ............................................................ Criminal Justice
Sheila Lynch, Inver Grove Heights, MN .......................................................... Business Management
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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 commencements 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 Heritage 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, an 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.
**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.
Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers more than 25 bachelor’s degree programs, including several online degrees. 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 that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree.

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