Information Networking Management (INM) Students Focus on People and Technology

INM students are in a unique position to gain direct experience by offering their technology skills to the campus. In addition to internships, many opportunities exist for INM students to work on a variety of technology-based projects for almost any department on campus. Students have worked with faculty and staff to develop numerous web pages and instructional multimedia projects.

Recent INM graduates have already moved into extremely challenging and well-paying positions across the Midwest. Employers have commented on the quality of preparation the program provides, and they have stated that they look for UMC grads when hiring.

UMC Featured in Microsoft Publication

A recent national Microsoft publication entitled "Microsoft in Higher Education: The Connected Learning Community" features five institutions of higher education: Virginia Tech, Stanford University, College of DuPage, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Chairman and CEO of Microsoft Corporation, Bill Gates introduces the publication with the following quote, "We at Microsoft strongly believe that the single most important use of information technology is to improve education."

Microsoft identifies UMC as "one of the first" colleges to make technology skills a graduation requirement. UMC's introduction of the notebook computer for every student has insured that, "UMC students not only have a degree in a specific academic area, but also an excellent grasp of how to apply technology to their respective careers."

The results of this activity are highlighted in a featured quote from Dave Eaton, President, Rainer Technology, Minneapolis, Minnesota, "When we recruit employees, we look for college graduates who have hands-on experience with technology. The most technologically savvy employees come from schools such as the University of Minnesota at Crookston, where technology is integrated into curriculum and students practice what they learn while working on real projects."
From The Alumni Director

Curt Almlie

Following a two-year hiatus from the University of Minnesota, Crookston, I am very pleased to be back. I am very thankful that the selection committee and the Chancellor placed enough confidence in me to pave the way for my return to UMC. The emphasis of my work will be the continued development of the UMC Alumni Association and the image of the University. Both areas provide interesting challenges along with great opportunities. The success of both areas is greatly influenced by you—the Alumni of UMC.

Helping to make my assignment more successful, is the fact that I am blessed with being a part of a great team made up of Del Roelofs, director of development; Ardis Thompson, development support; Barbara Weiler, public relations officer; and Rose Ulseth, alumni relations, public relations and marketing support.

The scope of duties assigned to each team member has been somewhat revised. I am happy to note that Rose Ulseth, UMC alumnae and board member will assume a closer relationship with the UMC Alumni Association. Her long-standing interest and dedication to the Alumni Association will be a tremendous asset. Watch for some new ideas to be developed and considered in the next several months.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Our next major opportunity to meet is Homecoming, scheduled for the weekend of October 10, when the Golden Eagles will entertain the Valley City State University Vikings. It will be an opportunity for you to see a playoff contention team—the University of Minnesota, Crookston Golden Eagles.

In a recent Alumni board meeting, we discussed what can be done to make it important for the Alumni to return to campus. To help us develop plans for future years, please complete the survey found in this newsletter and return to our office as soon as possible. Your input is greatly appreciated.

--Curt Almlie

Calendar

May 22 .................................................. Commencement
June 7-13 .................................................. Elderhostel at UMC
July 12-18 .................................................. Elderhostel at UMC
July 18 .................................................. UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic
September 10 ................................. Fall Quarter Classes Begin
November 4 ................................. Torch and Shield Banquet

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Curt Almlie Named Director of Institutional Relations

Curt Almlie

Curt Almlie has been appointed director of Institutional Relations. He replaces Allan Larson who served in the role for nine years before retiring the end of 1997. Curt's primary responsibilities will be in marketing UMC. He will also lead, coordinate, evaluate and participate in alumni relations, media and governmental relations, University relations, development, community relations, advertising, and promoting campus programs and activities.

Most recently Curt was the director of the Fargo ND Business Improvement District. He has been employed with the North Dakota State University Extension Service as development director of the North Dakota 4-H Foundation and as executive director of Mayville State University Alumni Foundation. He served in the North Dakota State Legislature from 1987-89 where he was on both the House Transportation Committee and the House Education Committee, and continued his interest as a registered lobbyist in the 1989 session. He also worked at Mayville State University as business administration instructor and assistant football coach.

Curt coordinated UMC's marketing program at UMC for a short time in 1995-96, when he was instrumental in moving UMC onto the World Wide Web.

Curt has a master of science degree from the University of North Dakota, a bachelor of science from Mayville State University and has taken postgraduate work at North Dakota State University.

Institutional Relations New Name and New Responsibilities

For the past several year the alumni newsletters were published through the Office of External Relations in the White House Alumni Center. The external relations office has been replaced by the Office of Institutional Relations. As UMC continues to change to better meet the educational need of students, this seemed an appropriate change.

Here's a look at the new staff arrangement:

Institutional Relations
- Curt Almlie, director and UMC Alumni Association director
- Barbara Weiler, public relations officer and newsletter Editor
- Rose Ulseth, support staff

Development
- Del Roelofs, director and NWSA Alumni Association director
- Ardis Thompson, support staff

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
UMC HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 10, 1998

UMC VS. VALLEY CITY STATE
KICKOFF .......... 1:30 P.M.
Come and Cheer for the
Golden Eagles!!!

—Larry Ronsberg
1997 Outstanding Alum

"UMC is changing with the world, but the quality and dedication of instruction hasn't changed."
From the Development Director

Presidents Club Changes

The University of Minnesota Foundation is making a number of changes in the Presidents Club on July 1, 1998. The Presidents Club as we’ve known it was established in 1983. It is the premier lifetime giving recognition society for University donors. It honors the leaders who have supported the University throughout the years, as well as those who have guided the University to prominence. Traditionally, a gift of $10,000 contributed at a minimum of $1,000 annually for 10 years earned Presidents Club recognition.

On July 1, 1998, the Presidents Club will become the overall umbrella for all of the University’s major gift clubs. The reorganized structure is shown in the following table:

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In addition to updating the Presidents Club, a new giving recognition program will be introduced on July 1, 1998, called the “Maroon & Gold Club”. This club will recognize those special donors who are not Presidents Club members but who extend their generosity to the University every year. This program is intended to encourage annual giving to the University, its colleges and programs. Membership is open to the first in which the gift is made and the structure is illustrated in the following table:

### MAROON & GOLD CLUB

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One of my first questions was why are these changes being made? The answer is that the Presidents Club has not been updated since 1963 when it was created. In fact, the present value of a $10,000 gift in 1963 is equivalent to $56,700 today. Another reason would be that the updates bring the University more in line with its Big 10 peers, all of which have made similar changes in recent years.

Having said all this, I would be remiss if I didn’t let you know that there’s still time to join the Presidents Club and become a charter member before the structure and increase changes go into effect July 1, 1998. Pledges of $1,000 per year for up to 10 years may be made for membership, provided we receive your first $1,000 check by June 30, 1998. Also, during this window of opportunity, you will receive full credit for your life to date giving. If for example, you have given the University (that includes all colleges and programs) $4,000 life to date, you can join the Presidents Club by making a $1,000 gift before July 1, 1998 and annual installments during each of the next five years. All current and incoming members (those joining prior to the cutoff 6-30-98) will be “grandfathered” into the new system and their memberships will not be affected.

If you are interested in joining, have questions or want additional information, please call me at 218-281-8438 or toll free at 1-800-232-6466 extension 8438.

--Del Roelofs

UMC Alumni Use Career Center Services

If you are a UMC grad, or if you ever attended UMC, you can continue to use the Career Center services until the day you put away your business clothes for good.

You are invited to take advantage of the on-campus recruiting activity at UMC. Companies are pleased to meet an experienced candidate. Many of the recruiters are UMC alumni themselves. The only stipulation is that you contact each company beforehand, asking if you can see them when they are at UMC. They may tell you to sign up on their regular interview schedule, or they may make some other arrangement to see you. The names of people to contact at the companies are included in the Recruiting Schedule, and in the weekly recruiting announcements.

You can register with the Career Center through the UMC Career Center’s Homepage. It costs $25 a year for alumni to register with the center.

Check out the UMC Career Center’s Homepage at: http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/CAREER or call The Career Center at 218-281-8586.

We need your help!

This year’s Phonation has been completed. As of May 1, 1998 contributions total $10,333 from 346 donors. Our goal for this year is $12,000, so you can see we need your help and support.

If you have not made your gift to the UMC Annual Fund Drive this year, please send your check to: Development Office, White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston MN 56716.
Alumni Survey

Alumni............we need your input!
Please complete the following survey to let us know what you want from your Alumni Association.

NAME _______________________________ MAIDEN NAME _______________________________

HOME ADDRESS ________________________________

HOME PHONE __________________ BUSINESS PHONE __________________

BUSINESS ADDRESS ________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly) ________________________________

Grad year(s)  19____  Major _______________________________  Major _______________________________

19____  Major _______________________________  Major _______________________________

What activities would you participate in? What activities would bring you back to campus?

____ Homecoming/Reunions  _______ Fundraising Events

____ Outstanding Alumni Recognition Event  _______ Regional Reunion Events

____ Club/Organization Reunions  _______ Alumni Board of Directors

____ Other (please specify) ________________________________

We are looking for ideas to help make this Alumni Association successful. Any comments or suggestions would be greatly appreciated:

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UMC Outstanding Alumni Nomination Form

Deadline to return this form is: June 30, 1998

The UMC "Outstanding Alumni" award is the highest honor bestowed on UMC alumni. The award recognizes exemplary commitment and service to community, church, family and work.

I wish to nominate __________________________________________

Please provide a brief description as to why you believe your nominee deserves to be honored as a UMC "Outstanding Alumni". Use additional sheets if needed.

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Nominator's Signature

Please take time to fill out this nomination form for the UMC Outstanding Alumni by nominating an alum who deserves such an honor. The Outstanding Alumni will be recognized during Homecoming on October 10. The deadline to return the form is June 30. Complete the Nomination form and return it to: White House Alumni Center, 2900 University Avenue, University of Minnesota, Crookston MN 56716 or email your nomination to: rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu
Arizona Social: Fun For All

About 55 UMC alumni, NWSA alumni and friends of the University attended the Arizona Social held this spring in the Superstition Springs Community Room in Mesa. Everyone had a fantastic time and enjoyed a great luncheon.

Alumni Programs for Consideration

The University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association will take under consideration several alumni programs that are working at other Universities and Colleges. Under consideration are:

1. Alumni Speakers Bureau
   This guide, prepared to assist area organizations in planning programs and meetings, list UMC graduates and others who are available for speaking engagements. It would be compiled and distributed on a bi-annual basis.

2. Alumni Career Resource Program
   A program where alumni may volunteer as career counselors to UMC students. A listing of UMC alumni would be made available to students in the Office of Career Services and Placement.

3. Alumni Career Network
   UMC Alumni would be available to assist UMC graduates in securing employment by making it known to them what jobs are available.

4. Alumni-On-Campus Program
   UMC alumni are selected to return to campus to share career and personal experiences with students and faculty.

5. Alumni Student Recruitment Assistance Program
   This would be a network of alumni volunteers who would be a valuable part of the University, by personally visiting with prospective students in their communities. Alumni would be invited to planned admissions receptions and be available to visit with prospective students and parents.

6. Athletic Hall of Fame
   Many Universities and Colleges have started Halls of Fame in recent years. We know that UMC has had much athletic success in the past 30 years with many outstanding student athletes. A ceremony would be held at Homecoming time on an annual basis. The actual Hall of Fame would be located in the UMC Sports Center.

7. Regional Alumni Reunions
   The Alumni Association will hold reunions in areas of strong alumni concentrations. We will come to your area and work with local representatives of the alumni and organize an opportunity for you to renew and build new friendships of the University.

The goal of our effort in establishing other programs is to build participation among our alumni. If you are a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Crookston in some context or have attended the institution, we want to be your Alumni Association of choice. These are only a few of the programs that are being considered. Others will be examined. Stayed tuned for further information.

—Colleen Thompson
1997 Outstanding Alum

“UMC was the turning point in my life.”
UMC Teambackers/NWSA/COMMUNITY GOLF CLASSIC

The eighth annual UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic will be held this summer on Saturday, July 18. Tournament sponsors are being sought with proceeds going to the support of the UMC Scholarship Programs. We have the potential of raising over $5,000 in net income from the tournament. The best part of all is that the tournament offers a super opportunity for a great deal of enjoyment.

All entrants of the tournament receive a token gift to signify their participation. A Hole in One Contest provides a chance to win a new car. In addition, a golf clinic will be held just prior to the beginning of the tournament for those who are interested in helping improve their game.

The tournament will utilize a Texas Scramble format with five golfers on each team. Golfers may set up their own teams, but must use the following criteria:

1. The five member team handicap must equal 80 or more for 18 holes
2. Not more than two members of the team can have 18 hole handicaps of 10 or less.

Individuals who wish to play in the tournament, but are not included in one of the preestablished teams, will be assigned to teams made up by the Golf Committee. Both men and women are invited to participate. If you do not have a handicap, one will be established for you. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The golf clinic will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tournament orientation will start at 10:45 a.m. with the competition to begin at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration cost remains at $60 per golfer. Included in fee are the green fees, tokens, prizes, old fashioned picnic, and contribution to Scholarship Fund. The first 90 golfers who pay their registration fees will be eligible to play. Registration fees must be paid by July 10, 1998.

Following the completion of the tournament, a social and picnic will be held and awards will be presented to the winning team, longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, etc. As of this date, we are hoping that the new clubhouse at the Minakwa Golf Country Club will be ready for use. Start thinking about putting your team together and join us this summer on Saturday, July 18.

If you would like additional tournament information, you may contact Curt Almle at the White House Alumni Center (218-281-8436), Marv Bachmeier, UMC Athletic Department (218-281-8415) or Kyle Pearson, tournament committee member (218-281-1774). A registration form is provided in this newsletter and should be completed and returned to the Golf Committee, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Crookston, MN 56716-5001. Make checks payable to UMC Teambackers. Call 800-232-6466.

UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community
Golf Classic • July 18, 1998

Name _______________________________ Telephone _______________________________

Address ______________________________

University Relationship (circle one):

NWSA Alumni  UMC Alumni Faculty/Staff Donor Friend

9-Hole Handicap______ (optional but helpful—no handicap required)
9-Hole Estimated Score______ (optional but helpful)

I would like to rent a riding golf cart (circle one): Yes  No

Registration Fee -- $60.00. Registration fee includes green fees and dinner but does not include costs associated with cart rental. Fees must be paid by July 10.

The enclosed registration fee(s) is/are for the following golfers:

1. __________________________________  2. __________________________________  3. __________________________________
4. __________________________________  5. __________________________________

Return registration form and check to: The UMC Teambackers/NWSA/Community Golf Classic, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-5001. 218-281-8436.

Quote

"It's nice to see the changes at UMC. Changes are good."

—David Ekman
1997 Outstanding Alum
The 1998-99 Teambackers Calendar is dedicated to Al Larson. Al served as the director of External Relations for the past nine years. He retired in December of 1997. The calendar is one of the major fundraisers for athletic scholarships at UMC. One thousand calendars will be printed and sold for $25 each. The calendar includes information on all UMC sports events and also includes schedules for Crookston High School. The calendars will be available for sale in early June.

As in the past, $20 prizes will be awarded to calendar holders for each weekday from October 1, 1998 through May 28, 1999. A $100 prize will be awarded on the last Friday of each month during the period. In addition, two $500 prizes will be awarded — one at UMC’s Homecoming on October 10, and the other at the UMC Teambackers Fun Nite scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 1999.

You may order a calendar by sending a check to the UMC Development Office. Please make the check payable to the “Teambackers Calendar Fund.”

Commencement

Commencement exercises for the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 22, on the campus mall (or in Lysaker Gymnasium in case of rain).

Baccalaureate, associate in applied science and associate in science degrees will be conferred upon graduates, subject to completion of all curriculum requirements. The ceremonies include not only spring quarter graduates, but also those who plan to complete graduation requirements during the 1998 summer and fall quarters. Students graduating during the past fall and winter quarters may also participate in commencement ceremonies.

Featured speaker at this year’s rites will be the Honorable Robert Bergland, University of Minnesota Regent. The Honorable Julie Bleyhl will bring greetings from the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant and Bleyhl will confer the degrees, while UMC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Douglas Knowlton will present the candidates.

The public is welcome to attend the commencement exercises and the reception in Brown Dining Room following the ceremonies.
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Knowlton Appointed UMC Vice Chancellor

Douglas Knowlton of East Grand Forks is the new vice chancellor of Academic Affairs at UMC. Dr. Knowlton served as interim vice chancellor, and now has been appointed to the official position following a national search.

He was associate professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning at the University of North Dakota. He brings a strong counseling and teaching background to UMC. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Denver in psychology with minors in political science and sociology; master of arts degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in psychology; and a doctorate also from UND in clinical psychology.

“I am very excited and challenged by the opportunity to serve as the vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. It is a very unique place with both a long history and a very new mission and vision. This institution is so vital to Northwestern Minnesota, and I am hoping that I can assist UMC in its ongoing task of growing both in terms of enrollment and academic excellence,” said Doug.

UMC Grad Remembers Former Instructor


UMC grad Chuck Levine ’80 remembers his former instructor as “My teacher/mentor. Bruce was an exceptionally fine horticulturist. When I moved to college in Crookston, I was a 20-year-old married guy, about to begin to study horticulture. Bruce was my advisor. I don’t know how old he was but he was close to retirement. Having just returned from a teacher exchange in England, I think he fashioned himself a bit of the Fine English Gardener of his day. His hair, a bit long, smoking a pipe on occasion. His glasses often slid down his nose as he looked at you. Teaching young people kept him young at thought. He was easy to trust, to talk to.”

Do You Know of a Prospective UMC Student?

Alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Crookston can help tremendously in our recruiting effort by providing us with names of prospective students. Our success in recruiting new students from your area can be enhanced with your assistance. Please take the time to complete this form and mail it to UMC. Thank you for your help and interest.

Student Information (please indicate any special relationship, e.g., child or grandchild)

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
Telephone ____________________________ High School ______________
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Grad Year ’98 ’99 ’00 ____________________________
Your Name ____________________________
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Please return this form to: UMC Admissions Office
4 Hill Hall
University of Minnesota, Crookston
2900 University Avenue
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UMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In 1965, two-year degree programs were initiated. In 1993, four-year baccalaureate degrees were awarded. Graduates of these programs, along with persons who have attained 45 credit hours can claim UMC as their alma mater. Some of the two-year graduates ended their formal education while others went on to other institutions. All are still considered part of the UMC Alumni Association family.

Building a strong Alumni Association requires dedication, loyalty, and the participation of its members. Some things that can be done as an alumni family are (1) share success stories with other alumni through various communication pieces; (2) attend activities that are focused on alumni; (3) keep in touch with the alumni office; and (4) offer your help and ideas. Currently, the UMC Alumni Association sponsors an Outstanding Alumni Award, UMC Alumni Reunions, and publications with alumni news and University news. Other items that are being considered for sponsorship by the UMC Alumni Association are a UMC Athletic Hall of Fame, a UMC Academic Hall of Fame, a UMC Student Alumni Association, Alumni Student Recruitment Network, and an Alumni Career Information Network.

The UMC Alumni Association is governed by a board of directors that is elected at the annual meeting. The by-laws require at least six members and no more than 15 members. Currently, there are 11 members that serve the UMC Alumni Association. They are as follows:

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- **Curt Almilie** Director of Institutional Relations
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Memories from Homecoming 97

Selling tickets for a drawing at last fall's Homecoming were, from left: Rose Ulseth '87, legal and executive and word information processing major; Carl Melbye '77, computer programming major; and Carl's spouse Maribeth.

Greeting guests and taking money at the door are UMCAA Board member Bruce Mjoen and his wife Marlys.

Coach Scott Oliver says a few words at the post-game social.

And how new was President Carl's suit jacket as he MC'd last fall's Outstanding Alumni Brunch? Chancellor Sargeant checked out the tag, which Carl says he forgot to take off.

—Tim Torkelson
1997 Outstanding Alum

"UMC has the most unique people and atmosphere."
Phil Baird, associate professor of natural resources, is a co-author of an article in the International Journal of Wilderness. The title is "Wilderness@Internet: Education a Dispersed Wilderness Audience-Internet Opportunities."

Don Cavalier, director of Counseling and the Career Center, was the recipient of Minnesota College Personnel Association's Innovations in Student Development Award for his "Athletic Community Building Project."

Tom Feiro, ag lab services coordinator, received the Honorary FFA State Degree presented by the Minnesota FFA Association at their annual meeting.

Pam Holsinger-Fuchs, director of Student Activities and Service Learning, and Jennifer Tate, Service Learning volunteer, were featured in "The America Reads Challenge in Minnesota: Resources, Programs & Models," a recently completed booklet featuring 16 America Reads programs. One of the programs featured is UMC's program of placing of tutors in three elementary schools in Crookston. The program is coordinated by Pam and Jen.

Harvey Peterson, associate professor of animal science, was awarded the Distinguished Industry Service Award by the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Assn.

Aziz Rahman, assistant professor of natural resources, is the recipient of one of the $10,000 technology enhancement grants from the U of M.

Donald Sargeant, chancellor, received the National FFA Organization's Honorary American FFA Degree. The degree, the highest honorary award presented by the FFA, recognizes those who are helping advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service.

Dan Svedarsky, professor of natural resources, published an article in the February 1998 "Reporter," a publication of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. His article "When Wild Rice is Cultivated" was co-authored by Jay Huseby and Richard Crawford from the biology department at the University of North Dakota.

Patti Tiedemann, word processing specialist, was named Employee of the Quarter by the United Staff Association.

George Marx, professor of dairy science at the Northwest Experiment Station, received the Distinguished Service Award by the MN Farm Bureau.
Class Notes

Please send items for CLASS NOTES to: Rose Ulseth, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716-50001.
Phone: 218-281-8439, FAX: 218-281-8433. E-mail: rulseth@mail.crk.umn.edu

Rosa Rodriguez ’78
St. Cloud MN
Rosa and her husband have two children. She is currently the vice-president of Student Affairs at St. Cloud Technical College. She is pursuing her Doctorate in Education through the University of Minnesota. Rosa was recognized in "Today’s Traditions...", a column featured in Tech Times which is a column about celebrating cultural diversity.

Glen Wilson ’78
North Richland Hills TX
Have been living here for about 13 years. We have a great school here in Crookston, a beautiful campus and terrific programs. Please maintain the high standard that UMC is known for. It’s great to be a UMC alum!!

Brent Haug ’83
Las Vegas NV
I’m back in school at the University of Nevada and will graduate in the spring of 1999 with a bachelor’s degree in Art Education. I’ll be teaching art in high school. I’m currently working at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas. Geno Mancini, who is a 1982 graduate from UMC, was here visiting me in March. We had a great time talking about “the good old days” and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the show “Mystere” at the Treasure Island Hotel and Casino. Wishing you all the best!

Kevin Kvars ’83
Frazee MN
In May 1994, my wife June and I purchased Sunset Bay Resort on Long Lake near Vergas MN. We have two beautiful children, Mackenzie 3½ and Brekden 2. Between the kids and the resort, our lives are very busy and eventful – but we love it!

Faculty/Staff Recognized

Retirement
Allan Larson, External Relations

35 Year Award
Jim Kaiser, Plant Services

30 Year Awards
Marv Bachmeier, Athletics
Wendell Johnson, Biology
Gladys Lacoursiere, Admissions
Dennis Magsam, Audio Visual
Bill Peterson, Mathematics
Erman Ueland, Ag Business

25 Year Awards
Kent Freberg, Plant Services
Cleon Melsa, Chemistry
Jerry Rude, Gardener
Sharon Stewart, Dietetics
Arlene Vrem, Plant Services
Carol Windels, NWES Plant Pathology

20 Year Awards
Sue Dwyer, Word Processing
Sylvia Hovland, Ag Division
Marv Mattson, Agronomy
Sharon Olson, Plant Services
Harvey Peterson, Animal Science
Barbara Weiler, University Relations
John Wiersma, NWES Small Grains
Gary Willhite, Residential Life

15 Year Awards
Tim Danielson, NWES Mechanic
Owen Williams, Library

10 Year Awards
Anne Marie Burke, NWES Accounting
Eugene Peters, NWES Scientist
Mario Prada, International/Multicultural

In Memory....

UMC Alumni

Darrin Fulton ’93
Warren MN
December 21, 1998

Tracy L. Altringer
(attended ’92-'94)
Crookston MN
February 12, 1998

Mary LaRoche
(attended ’78-'79)
Mentor MN
November 5, 1997

Donald Keith
(Faculty/Staff ’71-'92)
Crookston MN
December 15, 1997

Quote
—Dave Eaton, president
Rainer Technology
Minneapolis, MN

“When we recruit employees, we look for college graduates who have hands-on experience with technology. The most technologically savvy employees come from schools such as the University of Minnesota at Crookston, where technology is integrated into curriculum and students practice what they learn while working on real projects.”
First Equine Award Presented

Stanley D. Sahlstrom (second from left) received the first University of Minnesota, Crookston Equine Award. Sahlstrom, founding provost of UMC, was presented the award at the NW Minnesota Equine Conference held recently on the Crookston Campus. Presenting the award were, from left: Melissa Hower-Moritz, program director and equine industries management assistant professor; Sahlstrom; Barbara Muesing, director of outreach; and Donald Sargeant, UMC chancellor.

Have we heard from you lately?

If you have not been featured in the TORCH Class Notes for a few years, we want to hear from you! Please complete and return this as soon as possible.

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Information/news that you wish to share with your UMC classmates and friends. (New job, retirement, family achievements, hobbies, etc.) PLEASE SEND A PHOTO!

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