

News Release

U of M Crookston Junior Amanda Fickes to Intern at National Association of Agriculture Educators

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Amanda Fickes

CROOKSTON, Minn. (April 30, 2007) – Agricultural education major at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), Amanda Fickes will serve as the communications intern for the National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE), the professional association for school-based agricultural educators. Fickes, a junior from Sebeka, Minn., will work for eight weeks at NAAE headquarters in Lexington, Ken.

For the NAAE communications intern, the primary assignment will be writing award citations, news releases, presentation scripts and newsletter entries for 2006-07 NAAE award winners, contacting award winners for photographs and creating a web site to recognize these award recipients.

Lyle Westrom, associate professor of agricultural education, serves as advisor for Fickes. He is excited about the internship and recognizes the strengths and skills Fickes will bring to the position.

"Professionally, this is a wonderful opportunity for Amanda's future. She will grow immensely and meet some of the top agriculture educators from across the nation," Westrom said. "It is an honor for Amanda to have been selected for this position, and we are proud of her accomplishment."

The NAAE looks for interns with strong communication skills and Web site development skills. Fickes has experience with the oversight of the local foods network (<http://localfoods.umn.edu>), an initiative to connect farmers, growers and producers with consumers of high quality produce. She has tutored a number of courses at UMC, and serves as teaching assistant in the physics laboratory.

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