

News Release

"Rock 'n Roll Goes Hawaiian" at Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Reunion on June 26-27, 2009, at the U of M Crookston

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The Class of 1959 will celebrate fifty years since they graduated from high school during the Northwest School of Agriculture's (NWSA) Alumni Reunion to be held June 26-27, 2009. The theme for this year's event is "Rock 'n Roll Goes Hawaiian" and honors classes from 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, and 1964. The reunion is hosted by the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Registration for the reunion takes place in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Sargeant Student Center beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 26. Highlights of this year's NWSA Alumni Reunion include a fish fry at the Peterson Gazebo on the Campus Mall on Friday evening followed by a social and dance in the Sargeant Student Center Bede Ballroom.

Events for the following day, Saturday, June 27, include tours of campus, a special presentation about the gardens and grounds at the U of M Crookston, a picnic lunch, and special program featuring the music of Fallcreek Quartet. In the evening, the Top Aggie Awards program closes out the reunion weekend. The Top Aggie award recognizes outstanding achievement by alumni over a lifetime and is the highest award given by the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association.

The alumni reunion, first held in 1918, brings back alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture, a residential high school located on what is now the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. The NWSA opened its doors in 1906 and graduated its first class of 8 students in 1909. The campus educated students for 60 years, and during its last two years of operation, the campus transitioned to a two-year technical college, known as the University of Minnesota Crookston Technical Institute. In 1993, the campus transitioned again to offer baccalaureate degrees and became the first-ever laptop university in the nation.

For more information on the upcoming alumni reunion, contact Corby Kemmer, director, Development & Alumni Relations, at 218-281-8434 (ckemmer@umn.edu).

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