

News Release

Senior Vice President Robert Jones to Address Graduates at the U of M Crookston at Commencement Exercises

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The University of Minnesota Crookston is pleased to announce Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration Robert J. Jones as the 2009 commencement speaker. Jones will address graduates during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9, 2009, in Lysaker Gymnasium.

Jones joined the University of Minnesota faculty as a professor of agronomy and plant genetics in 1978. He is an internationally recognized authority on plant physiology, and has published more than 120 scientific papers, manuscripts, and abstracts. He conducts research on stabilizing yields of maize against environmental stresses and has assisted universities in North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

In addition to his worldwide scholarly activities, Jones has held administrative positions at the University for the past 20 years including his current position as the senior vice president responsible for all academic administration and outreach throughout the state and the University system.

His leadership responsibilities include international programs; public engagement and outreach; K-12 and youth programs; urban initiatives; equity and diversity; legislative relations; and Extension and the Agricultural Research and Outreach Centers. Jones also has day-to-day management responsibility for the University campuses in Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Rochester.

The commencement committee at the U of M Crookston, chaired by Laurie Wilson, counselor and assistant education specialist; and Andrew Svec, director of communications, public relations, and marketing, is planning a unique tribute to mark the 101st class to graduate. The campus was formerly home to the Northwest School of Agriculture, a residential high school that graduated eight students in the Class of 1909.

Approximately 150 students are slated to graduate spring semester from the U of M Crookston. Bachelor of science, associate in applied science and associate in science degrees will be conferred upon graduates, subject to completion of all curriculum requirements. For more information on commencement activities visit www.UMCrookston.edu/events/commencement.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers more than 25 applied-science undergraduate degree programs and 50 concentrations, including several online degrees, in agriculture; arts, humanities and social sciences; business; math, science and technology; and natural resources. To learn more, visit www.UMCrookston.edu.



Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration Robert J. Jones

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