

News Release

The Wildlife Society's North Central Section to Present the Student Chapter of the Year award to University of Minnesota Crookston Student Chapter

By Itolfe on Friday, August 30, 2013 The Wildlife Society's North Central Section recently selected the Student Chapter of the

Year award to the University of Minnesota Crookston Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS). The Student Chapter is advised by John Loegering, associate professor in natural resources in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department at the U of M Crookston. A travel grant of up to \$1,000 is awarded to the Section's Student Chapter of the Year. The award will be presented at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.



The North Central Section presents the Student Chapter of the Year award to an outstanding student chapter each year for its exemplary contributions to the Society's mission and goals. The goal of the award is to encourage and recognize exceptional achievements by Section student chapters. "It is truly a great accomplishment and a testament to the dedication of your members and the organization and leadership of your officers" said Rochelle Renken, president of the North Central Section. "The selection committee was impressed with your activities and the level of organizational achievement. In particular I was impressed by your service activities and public outreach efforts. Keep doing good work to prepare your members for professional roles and to engage the public in conservation education."

Emily Trappe, Student Chapter president, was pleased with the recognition. "This award recognizes the activity and work of our club and their passion for natural resources and wildlife," she said.

John Loegering echoed Trappe's sentiment, "I am extremely proud of the engagement of the students in the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society on the Crookston campus. They are leaders in their own right and this achievement reflects their dedication and effort. It is an honor to be recognized out of more than 25 chapters of the organization in the North Central Section and gratifying to work with students who are as committed as these students are."

Student chapters strengthen the Society's membership recruitment and retention efforts by providing opportunities for member involvement in Society activities. The Student Chapter of the Year award pays tribute to this important unit of The Wildlife Society. (For more, visit <http://wildlife.org/ncs/awards>)

Background

The Wildlife Society is an international, non-profit scientific and educational organization serving and representing wildlife professionals in all areas of wildlife conservation and resource management. The goal of the student chapter on the Crookston campus is to promote excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education.

Students in the organization are involved in a number of projects including duck banding at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Wood Duck Box Monitoring at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, American Woodcock monitoring at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, black bear den monitoring, several environmental education programs at local schools, Prairie Chicken booming ground surveys, prairie seed cleaning, and youth deer hunts at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge as part of their community service. They also hosted speakers on deer management and stream and ditch restoration that were educational for students and well attended by the public. This past year the group also won wildlife quiz bowls at both the Minnesota and Midwest conclaves, competing against other universities through the Midwest.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 28 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 11 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In the photo is Senior Jenny DuBay during a duck banding trip with the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

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