

## News Release

# Helgeson and Schertler Named 2014 Outstanding Alumni by the University of Minnesota Crookston; Recognition takes place during Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 17

*By Itolfe on Wednesday, October 1, 2014* Two Outstanding Alumni have been chosen by the University of Minnesota Crookston to be recognized during the annual Alumni Awards Celebration during homecoming on Friday, October 17, 2014.

Theresa Helgeson '96 and Wayne Schertler '83 will be honored along with the 2014 inductees in to the Athletic Hall of Fame including, '97 Football Team; Bill Tyrrell, who was athletic trainer for the Golden Eagles for 18 years and led athletic fundraising for 8 ½ years; Scott Strohmeier '99 (football); and Karla (Thormodson) Isley '98 (basketball).

For information on the Alumni Awards Celebration and to make reservations, contact Rose Ulseth at 218-281-8439 by October 8. The Outstanding Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed on U of M Crookston alumni by the alumni association. The award recognizes alumni who have displayed exemplary commitment and service to community, church, education, family, or in their occupational field. More than 120 alumni have been honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award since its inception in 1980.

The accomplishments of this year's honorees include:

Theresa Helgeson is a lab services coordinator in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, and has worked at the U of M Crookston for more than 10 years. In 2009, she was recognized with Distinguished Service Award for the Civil Service/Bargaining Unit for her "loyalty, creativity, and productivity on the campus."

Helgeson coordinates the operations of the campus greenhouses, orders supplies for the labs, as well as, supervising 9 to 12 work-study students each year. She coaches the U of M Crookston's highly successful Mid-American Horticultural Society (MACHS) Team and serves as advisor to the Horticulture Club.

She is a member of the Minnesota Horticulture Society, the National Hosta Society, and a certified professional of the Minnesota Nursery Landscape Association.

After graduating with her bachelor's degree in horticulture, Helgeson worked for a major wholesaler perennial grower, Blue Bird Nursery, in Nebraska. While there she was able to do plant tissue culture as a micro-propagationist. Later she moved back to Minnesota and worked with, Shady Oaks Nursery, the largest wholesaler of Hostas, as a micro-propagationist.

Wayne Schertler is a partner with entero, LLC, and provides leadership and advisory services to the company operations.

He has more than 20 years of experience in financial and executive management within the legal services, public accounting and professional consulting industries and an accumulated 20 years of executive-level experience in the legal industry with national law firms.

He has served as chief financial officer for Leonard, Street and Deinard, LLC, director of finance at Faegre and Benson LLP, controller at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, chief financial officer at Doherty, Rumble & Butler and auditor for Deloitte & Touche. He obtained his CPA license from Minnesota in 1990.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration/accounting from Portland State University and an associate degree in business computer systems from the University of Minnesota Crookston.

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