

News Release

Forty Years of Fun Celebrated during Ag Arama on January 30-31, 2015

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 A campus legacy continues with hosting of the 40th annual Ag Arama at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The weekend of events, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 30-31, 2015, is hosted by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department and includes activities for the entire family. The theme for this year's event is "I Go Back." Dedication of Ag Arama is dedicated to all past royalty and included some 95 past royalty from the event.

On Friday, January 30, the Animal Science Association sponsors a chili feed from 5 to 8 p.m. in UTOC for \$5 per person. Earlier in the day, contests in agronomy, horticulture, natural resources, and agricultural business take place in the Greenhouse and Owen Hall.

Most of the Ag Arama activities take place on Saturday, January 31, in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) located on the north edge of the campus. Everyone is invited to watch the animal science showmanship contests held in the arena in UTOC on Saturday. They serve as an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and skills and have a chance to interact with alumni and faculty members. Alumni Sarah Morris '14 and Katie Wiese '13 will serve as emcees for Ag Arama 2015. Contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, agricultural business, and natural resources begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. is the Round Robin Showmanship contest followed by Alumni Showmanship. Coronation and the presentation of specialty awards begins at 2:30 p.m. in the UTOC arena.

The ag industries show runs from 9 a.m. until noon. Ag Arama is planned and operated by a committee of students advised by Terrill Bradford and Brenda Miller, who both teach in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

Concluding the day is a social at the Crookston Eagles from 5 to 7 p.m., with appetizers served from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Ag Arama dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. also at the Eagles. Admission to the dance is \$10.

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