

News Release

40th Annual Ag Arama Royalty Crowned at U of M Crookston; Senior Dylan Pratt wins 2015 True Grit Award

By Itollefs on Monday, February 9, 2015 The 40th Annual Ag Arama royalty were named during this longstanding University of

Minnesota Crookston campus tradition on Saturday, January 31, 2015.

Crowned this year were King Justin Goodroad, a senior majoring in horticulture from Lindstrom, Minn.; Queen Emily Caldis, a junior majoring in animal science from St. Paul, Minn.; Princess Ashley Rohr, a junior majoring in animal science from Long Prairie, Minn.; and Prince Keith Yorek, a senior majoring in animal science from Little Falls, Minn. The royalty are selected through a rigorous application process involving the evaluation of student achievements and interviews by a panel of judges to help determine who best reflects the goals and spirit of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. Student votes are also used to decide the winners.



The 2015 True Grit Award was given to Dylan Pratt, a senior majoring in animal science from Clarissa, Minn. The True Grit Award is the highest honor distributed to a student who best demonstrates the hardworking, persistent spirit of Todd Opsahl, a U of M Crookston student in 1973-1974, whose life was cut short by leukemia.

The theme for this year's event was "I Go Back." Ag Arama was dedicated to all past royalty and included some 95 royalty alumni from the event. Each year, students and faculty in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department dedicate Ag Arama to someone who has been influential in agriculture at the U of M Crookston.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 31 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 36 concentrations, including 14 online degrees, 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 20 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.umn-crookston.edu.

In the photos:

At right, Royalty, left to right, are King Justin Goodroad, Queen Emily Caldis, Princess Ashley Rohr and Prince Keith Yorek

At left, True Grit Award: Dylan Pratt

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