

News Release

Associate Professor Harouna Maiga Named Distinguished Faculty of the Year at UMC

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CROOKSTON, MN (July 3, 2006) – Associate professor of animal science Harouna Maiga, Ph.D. has been honored with the UMC Distinguished Faculty Award for 2006 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC). A member of the Agriculture Department, Maiga received the annual award that honors a faculty member demonstrating outstanding commitment and dedication to the students and mission of the University.

"I truly think it is a great honor to be recognized as a distinguished teacher. This award symbolizes my small contribution to the fulfillment of the mission of the University of Minnesota," Maiga said. "With this recognition, I am humbled and feel like someone who is making a difference in the best education of our students."

Maiga was nominated by UMC student Austin Aasness, who is majoring in animal industries management. In his nomination, Aasness said, "Dr. Maiga is a great asset to UMC because of his attitude, teaching effectiveness, and willingness to help students. His ability to stimulate students to be successful academically is demonstrated in laboratory techniques and 'hands-on' learning experiences."

Agriculture Department Head Ron Del Vecchio called Maiga, "a very conscientious faculty member who provides a positive learning environment for students to excel. His understanding of theory and application is commendable and his student evaluations are very strong."

Maiga, a fulltime, tenured faculty member, joined UMC in January 2001. He teaches courses in animal science, livestock facilities and environmental systems, applied animal nutrition, dairy production, reproduction, forages, and animal systems management. Prior to coming to UMC, Maiga worked for the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Becker County, and the Pine to Prairie Cluster, Detroit Lakes, Minn. He earned a bachelor of science in animal sciences from Polytechnic Rural Institute of Mali (West Africa); a master's in animal science from University of Maine, Orono; a master's in agriculture economics from South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.; and his doctorate in animal science from South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.

Maiga is involved in many different groups and activities on campus. He has served as an advisor to the UMC Dairy Club, advisor to the Ag-Arama Club, and as an academic advisor to undergraduate students. He makes his home in Crookston, Minn., with his wife and children.

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