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Agriculture and Natural Resources Day continues Legacy at the U of M Crookston; Day of competition in more than 20 contests to be held on Friday, December 2, 2011

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Agriculture and Natural Resources Activities Day brings high school students from some 40 high schools to the University of Minnesota Crookston on Friday, December 2, 2011. The annual event, which involves the students competing in more than 20 contests, has been held on the campus since 1969.

Ranging from horticulture and forestry to ag mechanics, livestock and sales, the day is fraught with excitement and culminates in an awards ceremony. The contests are overseen by U of M Crookston Agriculture and Natural Resources Department faculty. The day begins early with registration for the equine contests beginning at 7:15 a.m. All activities conclude with the awards ceremony at 1:15 p.m. in Lysaker Gymnasium.

Scholarships, plaques and certificates are awarded to school teams and individuals for each contest. Over \$32,000 in scholarships are available to award-winning students. Last year, \$750 UMC scholarships were awarded for the high individual in each contest, \$600 UMC scholarships were awarded for the second place individual, and \$450 UMC scholarships were awarded for the third place individual.

More information regarding Ag and Natural Resources Activities Day is available by contacting Leah Stroot at 218-281-8101 or visit www.umcrookston.edu/agnatrday.

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