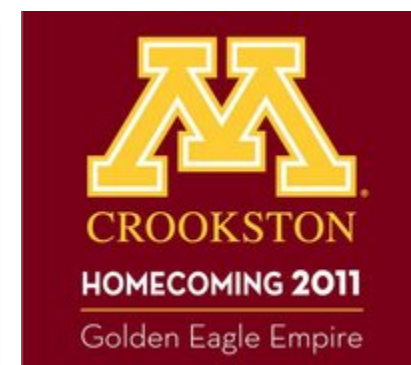


## News Release

# Outstanding Alumni for 2011 Announced by U of M Crookston Recognition to take place during Homecoming on Friday, September 30, 2011

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The University of Minnesota Crookston has announced its Outstanding Alumni for 2011. This year's honorees include Ann Bailey '79, Larimore, N.D.; Kevin Fee '80, Grand Forks, N.D.; and Eric Klindt ex. '99, Campbell, Minn. Recognition of these three exceptional alumni will be held during homecoming on Friday evening, September 30, 2011, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Reservations are required for the recognition and banquet and may be secured by contacting the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 218-281-8439.



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:

**Ann Bailey** graduated in 1979, when the Crookston campus was a two-year technical college, with a degree in animal science. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in English from the University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks, and has worked for 27 years for the news media. Bailey is currently a features writer and editor at the Grand Forks Herald. She is a member of the North Dakota Newspaper Association where she has been recognized with a number of awards for her writing including several for first-place. Active in the community of Larimore, N.D., where she lives with her husband, Brian Gregoire, and their three children, Bailey serves on the Larimore School Board. She is involved at St. Stephen's Catholic Church where served as Altar Society president and taught Sunday school and is currently a reader and lay Eucharistic minister. Bailey is a part of the Relay for Life, volunteers at her children's school, for the Children's Miracle Network, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Make-A-Wish® Foundation of North Dakota.

**Kevin Fee** majored in rural communications graduating in 1980 from the U of M Crookston when it was a two-year technical college. He went on to UND and for 12 years worked at the Grand Forks Herald as a sports writer. During that time he won several awards from the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) and in 1998, won a Top-10 APSE award for his feature writing. He started the Jason Stadstad Hockey Classic in Grand Forks, and for several years was responsible for lining up teams and sponsors along with managing the tournament. He is a member of G&T Communicators and Toastmasters. Along with those professional organizations, he is a past-president of the Minnesota Associated Press Sports Association and a former member of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He is currently a communications supervisor for Minnkota Power Cooperative providing communications for 11 cooperatives and 12 municipals. He and his wife, Renee, live with their three children in Grand Forks.

**Eric Klindt** ex:'99 majored in agricultural aviation while he was a student on the Crookston campus. He is currently a pilot for Wilbur-Ellis, a marketer and distributor of agricultural products, animal feed, and specialty chemicals. He works out of Whapeton, N.D., where he is an aerial applicator of crop protection products and aerial seeding. Since 1999, he has owned and operated Luxury Limo Bus. Klindt is a member of the Minnesota Agriculture Aircraft Association and is on the board of directors for the National Agriculture Aviation Association, serving as secretary in 2008. He has presented annually since 2006 at the Professional Aerial Applicators Support System program, and in 2007 was a recipient of the Opal and Bill Binnion Memorial award, for his contributions related to educating the public about aerial application. His has been a member of the Wilkin County Sheriff Posse and served as captain for two years. He is also a Campbell (Minn.) Lions Club member, and he and his wife, Shanna, were chosen to be ambassadors for the 2010-11 Emerging Leaders of the Red River Valley. The father of two children, he and Shanna live in Campbell, Minn.

For more information on the award, and to view past recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award, online.

The Crookston campus opened its doors in 1906 as the Northwest School of Agriculture educating high-school students for 60 years until 1968. During its last two years of operation, the campus transitioned to a two-year technical college, known as the University of Minnesota Crookston Technical Institute. In 1993, the campus transitioned again to offer baccalaureate degrees and became the first-ever laptop university in the nation.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,450 undergraduates from more than 25 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.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

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