

News Release

Erik Kanten, M.D., 2008 Physician of the Year is part of Health Services at the U of M Crookston

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Crookston, Minn. (March 28, 2008) – In an effort to offer students exceptional service, the University of Minnesota, Crookston is especially proud to have Erik Kanten, M.D., as part of its Health Services. Kanten was recently chosen by the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) as the 2008 Family Physician of the Year.

Dr. Kanten is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School and practices at the RiverView Clinic in Crookston. He has been a family physician in the community for 20 years. He also sees patients at clinics in Fertile and Red Lake Falls. During the academic year, Dr. Kanten is available to students every Wednesday at a regularly scheduled time in an effort to offer students professional health care services right on campus.

"We are so fortunate to have Dr. Kanten available to our students," says Stacey Grunewald, R.N., student health services coordinator at the U of M, Crookston. "We have access to the best in health care from a physician who cares about our students and exemplifies what a doctor should be."

Those who nominated Dr. Kanten say he is a remarkable role model for his patients and the community. When describing his career in family medicine, Dr. Kanten said, "Family medicine has given me a rewarding career that no other specialty could provide. My current practice is possible because of the wonderful people I work with and the wonderful community I live in."

The Family Physician of the Year award is presented annually to a family physician who represents the highest ideals of the specialty of family medicine, including caring, comprehensive medical service, community involvement and service as a role model. Twenty-seven family physicians from across the state were nominated for the award by community members, co-workers and patients.

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