

## News Release

### UMC Announces Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees

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The annual University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) Outstanding alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held Friday, September 23, in Bede Ballroom in the new student center on the UMC campus. The evening's schedule includes a 6:00 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, and 7:00 p.m. program. Tickets are \$16.50 per person and are can also be reserved by contacting UMC University Relations at 218-281-8439.

The 2005 Outstanding Alumni are Lyle Wick '74, Kristi Becker Ulrich '83, and Herman and Pauli Lill Roerick '84.

Lyle Wick graduated from UMC in 1974 with a degree in light horse management. He went on to the University of Minnesota for his bachelors in agriculture education and then to the University of North Dakota for his master's in vocational education.

Lyle is currently the owner of Hardwood Creek Farm, Inc. in Hugo, Minnesota where he also trains horses and is an instructor. From 1984 until 1994, Lyle was an equine science instructor at UMC. He was an FFA Honorary State Farmer in 2002 and currently serves on the advisory board for Forest Lake High School's Vocational-Agriculture Department.

He provides horses for the state FFA horse-judging contest, and provides practices for various 4-H and FFA teams preparing for contests. Lyle is member of the United Professional Horseman's Association and the American Morgan Horse Association.

Lyle and his wife, Colleen and their two daughters live in Hugo, Minnesota. "I had absolutely no plan to go to college when I graduated from high school," Lyle recalls. "It wasn't until I was twenty-one and saw the Light Horse Management Program at UMC that college intrigued me. UMC was so much like a home away from home with faculty that really cared. My educational experience at UMC really turned my life around."

Kristi Becker Ulrich, a native of Cavalier, North Dakota, received her associate's of applied science in business with degrees in retail management and fashion merchandising from UMC in 1983.

She was an advertising account representative for KVOX, Inc and Midweek Enterprises. Kristi also worked in executive sales and member relations for the Greater North Dakota Association and as a design consultant for Furnishings, Ltd before becoming general manager of the Moorhead Center Mall in 2002.

Kristi serves as vice chair of the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and is a member of the Moorhead Rotary and the Downtown Community Partnership Retail Committee. She served as the 2000 Fargo Moorhead Symphony Ball chairperson. She is actively involved in community service and her church.

Kristi and husband, Chuck, and their two children reside in Fargo, North Dakota. Kristi says, "My years at the University of Minnesota Crookston were most rewarding. The size of the campus and the classroom size was an easy transition from small town, USA to a college setting. The students and faculty that I met and the relationships that were formed are some that I will long remember. In addition to being a part of a great program, being on the basketball team was a wonderful experience for me. From fashion shows in the Kiehle Auditorium to basketball games in Lysaker Gymnasium, those memories are some of the best from UMC."

Herman and Pauli Lill Roerick are the owners and operators of Central Landscape Supply, a wholesale landscaping company in St. Cloud, Minnesota, a business they opened in the spring of 1991.

Pauli, a Colorado native, was a double major at UMC in medical secretarial administration and word information processing. She worked at a medical laboratory and area hospitals for many years before leaving to work for Central Landscape. She is the technology expert at the business keeping computers and printers running and is in charge of the catalog.

Herman majored in natural resources conservation and began working for the U.S. Forest Service in Washburn, Wisconsin following graduation. In 1984, he and Pauli moved to the St. Cloud area where he worked for a retail nursery and landscape business as well as a commercial landscaping business until opening Central Landscape Supply. Today, they have over 3,000 active customers scattered across the United States and Canada.

The Roericks have three children and are very active in the Builders' Nursery Association, St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce, and many other activities. "I was part of a community of friends," Herman says. "They opened their homes and invited us in." Pauli agrees, "It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet so many different kinds of people. I was one of the things that made my UMC experience so wonderful."

Inductees into the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame for 2005 are Coach Lori Ulferts, Mark Linnell '72-'74, and Cory Schreifels '04.

Coach Lori Ulferts is currently head coach of the St. Cloud State University women's basketball team. She grew up in Warren, Minn., and attended the University of North Dakota where she lettered in basketball, volleyball, softball, and field hockey. Ulferts graduated from UND in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

After coaching for one season at the high school level, she became a graduate assistant coach and received her master's degree from Frostburg State University in Maryland. Ulferts then spent a season in London, England, where she coached the West London Institute of Higher Education team to a third place finish in the British College Championships.

Ulferts returned to the states and took over the head basketball coaching position at the University of Minnesota Crookston. She posted four winning seasons, including a 23-4 finish in 1987-88, and an impressive 71-27 overall record. Ulferts and her husband Kyle reside in St. Cloud, along with their son and daughter.

Mark Linnell, a graduate from South Saint Paul, attended UMC from 1972-74. He played on the undefeated 1973 football team under Coach Deryl Ramey, the first team inducted into the UMC Athletic Hall of Fame. An all-conference, All-American center, Linnell was the teams co-captain.

Linnell also played goalie for UMC's hockey team. The team won first in the state and went on to place second in the national tournament in National Junior College Athletic Association in Lake Placid, New York.

Linnell and his wife, Jean, currently reside in Henderson, Nevada.

Cory Schreifels is a 2004 graduate of UMC. He was a two-time first team all-conference(NDCAC) and a two-time first team NAIA All-American. He was named NDCAC defensive player of the week five times in two years and voted the NAIA national player of the week vs. Valley City. He was a captain of the 1997 team and the 1997 senior player of the year in the NDCAC.

Schreifels was a member of 1996 team, the only UMC team to make post-season playoffs as a four year school. He led the team in sacks in 1996 and again in 1997 and is tied with Jim Mages for the record of single game sacks. He also holds the season record for sacks (13 ½).

Schreifels currently lives in Cold Spring, Minnesota.

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