

News Release

Dr. Kari Torkelson Named 2011 Teambacker of the Year by U of M Crookston Teambackers Club

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The UMC Teambackers Club is pleased to announce Kari Torkelson, O.D., as the 2011 Teambacker of the Year. Bill Tyrrell, director of athletic fundraising on the Crookston campus presented Dr. Torkelson with her award during Teambacker Fun Nite held in late April.

Torkelson, a member of the Teambackers board, attended the U of M, Crookston from 1989 to 1991 while the campus was still a two-year technical college. She transferred to North Dakota State University, Fargo, and from there transferred to Indiana University, Bloomington, where she completed her bachelor's degree. She went on to complete her doctorate of optometry at Indiana University as

well.

Dr. Torkelson is currently an optometrist at Lifetime Vision Center in Grand Forks, N.D.

The Teambackers Club is an athletic promotion and fundraising organization for the U of M, Crookston. It operates in conjunction with the development office, athletic department, and the University of Minnesota Foundation. To learn more about UMC Teambackers, contact Tyrrell at 218-281-8436 or visit www.goldeneaglesports.com/teambackers/

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In the photo: Kari Torkelson, O.D. (left), presented with the 2011 Teambacker of the Year award by Director of Athletic Fundraising Bill Tyrrell.

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