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# True Grit Award Winners Named at U of M Crookston's Ag Arama

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (January 29, 2007) – Winners of the True Grit Award were announced at Ag Arama at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007. The award is the most coveted of all awards at the annual competition, and this year, three students were selected for the recognition.



Kelli Pulford, Thor Vettleson, and Gretchen Smeby

Kelli Pulford, Richville, Minn., Thor Vettleson, Trail, Minn., and Gretchen Smeby, Grygla, Minn., were this year's recipients.

The True Grit Award is dedicated to the memory of Todd Opsahl a UMC student in 1973-74. Opsahl was extremely active in campus activities especially in the Ag Division where he studied animal science. Todd's life was cut short by leukemia. In his remembrance, the True Grit award is presented to the student who best demonstrates Todd Opsahl's active participation and encouragement of others.

Ag Arama is an annual winter competition that features contests for students in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, and natural resources. Through these contests the event allows current students to showcase their knowledge and skills in their major area of study and gives them a chance interact with each other, with alumni, and with faculty members. Ag-Arama is planned and operated by a committee of UMC students and advised by UMC faculty members.

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