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Outstanding Alumni Jeff Peterson Honored During Homecoming at the U of M Crookston

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The University of Minnesota Crookston honored three outstanding alumni during the final two days of Homecoming week, which took place September 22-27. Included was Jeff Peterson, a 1996 graduate from the U of M Crookston.

Peterson attended the U of M Crookston in the mid-70s but completed his degree in 1996 when he returned to graduate with a degree in business management.

Peterson has been with Gate City Bank in Grand Forks, N.D., for 25 years and is currently a branch manager and senior vice president. He is responsible for all bank activity and personnel, managing a staff of 40 at two branches in Grand Forks and one in Mayville, N.D.

A member of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, Peterson has also served as a member of the Sertoma Service Club board and as past-president of the Grand Forks Country Club. He serves as an event chair for the North Dakota Special Olympics. Peterson and his wife, Jeanne, have two grown daughters, Kirstin and Nicole.

Homecoming week also included a naming ceremony for the Sargeant Student Center also took place, where the Student Center was officially named after Chancellor Emeritus Donald Sargeant as well as a concert by the band 32 Below, bonfire and pep fest, a homecoming parade and tailgate parties for Teambackers and students. To round out the week the U of M Crookston Golden Eagles defeated the Minnesota State University-Moorhead Dragons 20-16 in a football match-up.

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