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Rob Golembiewski to Lead Golf and Turf Program at the University of Minnesota Crookston

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CROOKSTON, MN (July 13, 2006) – Assistant Professor Rob Golembiewski, Ph.D., will lead the golf and turf management program at the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) as of Aug. 1, 2006. Golembiewski has his doctorate in agronomy, specializing in turfgrass science, from Ohio State University and a master's and bachelor's from Michigan State University. For the last five years, he has been president of Paramount Landscaping and Maintenance in Tempe, Ariz. Previously, Golembiewski established and taught in the golf and turf program at Montana State University and was the eastern U.S. research specialist for Dow AgroSciences, where he evaluated pesticides for the turf and ornamentals markets.



"We are simply delighted to have a person of Dr. Golembiewski's talents and interests," says Dan Svedarsky, head of UMC's Natural Resources Department where the golf and turf program is housed. "He's loaded with enthusiasm, an experienced teacher, knows the golf and turf industry, and is committed to guiding UMC's golf and turf program to prominence as one of the premier programs in the Upper Midwest and Northern Great Plains. I'm really happy for our students as they will be well prepared to work in the golf and turf industry." Golembiewski will also teach plant pathology and importantly contribute to UMC's newly reorganized horticulture program, which now includes tracks in production horticulture and environmental landscaping.

Golembiewski takes over for Alex Ellram, who established UMC's golf and turf program and has accepted a similar position at the State University of New York at Cobleskill. "Alex has done an exemplary job at UMC for the last six years, and he will be missed," Svedarsky said. "He put our program on the map and is a dedicated teacher and student mentor."

Golembiewski is in the process of moving with his family from Arizona.

For more information about UMC's programs in the Natural Resources Department, visit our website or call Svedarsky at 218-281-8129 or Senior Administrative Specialist Judy Baatz at 218-281-8128.

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