

News Release

Alumnus Wemimo Abbey to speak at Northern Great Plains Youth Institute

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Monday, April 23, 2018

Wemimo Abbey, founder of Clean Water for Everyone, to speak at Northern Great Plains Institute on Monday, May 7, 2018, at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The keynote address by Abbey will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

The Northern Great Plains Youth Institute, an official World Food Prize event, is a potentially life-changing experience offering high school students an opportunity to engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Minnesota and around the world.

About Abbey

Wemimo Abbey is the founder of Clean Water for Everyone a social venture providing access to clean water for over 100,000 people in four countries. He also co-founded Esusu, a financial technology company that helps people save, build credit and pave a permanent bridge to financial access and inclusion.

He has gained valuable experience working with Accenture, European Commission, Goldman Sachs and recently at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Mergers & Acquisition practice where he worked on multiple buy-side and sell-side transactions (engagement origination, execution, post-deal integration) valued at over \$50 billion.

A NYU Alum, Abbey is a recipient of the Africa Young African Committed to Excellence award, Sue W. Hancock Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) award, United States Presidential Achievement award and the National Excellence in Leadership award. In 2016 Abbey was selected by Queen Elizabeth II as a Queen Young Leader, and joined the Royal Commonwealth Society in 2017

Abbey graduated in 2013 with distinction and holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in business management from the University of Minnesota Crookston. He is also a graduate of the International Non-Profit Management program at New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, and a Queens Young Leader Leading Change Scholar at Cambridge University.

Additional Background

The World Food Prize was founded by Norman Borlaug, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who saved over a billion people from famine and starvation through advances in crop breeding technologies. Today, The World Food Prize celebrates individuals who significantly improve global food security. The Northern Great Plains Youth Institute was established at the U of M Crookston to engage high school students with local leaders and experts on critical global food security challenges, participate in hands-on learning, explore campus, and formally present their solutions to food security, environmental or social justice issues.

To learn more about the conference, visit <https://www.crk.umn.edu/ngpyouth>.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 35 bachelor's degree programs, 23 minors, and 40 areas of emphasis on campus as well as 16 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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