

News Release

Faculty and Staff Recognized for Excellence and Service at Conclusion of 2014-15

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Faculty and Staff Day was held at the conclusion of spring semester at the University of Minnesota Crookston and celebrated excellence and service by members of the faculty and staff. Chancellor Fred Wood and Deb Zak, regional director, U of M Extension, served as hosts for the annual event.

Those recognized with special awards included Margot Rudstrom, instructor in the Agriculture

and Natural Resources Department for Distinguished Teaching; Don Cavalier, director of Career Development and Counseling, as Distinguished Civil Service/Bargaining Unit; and Jason Tangquist, assistant athletic director, as Distinguished P&A. (Photo, right, Cavalier and Rudstrom, Tangquist, not pictured.)

The award for Outstanding Community Service went to Deb Zak, regional director, U of M Extension. The

Access Achievement Award was presented to Nancy Shay, teaching specialist, in the Math, Science & Technology Department. The Builder of Diversity Award was presented to Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, associate professor and interim department head, for the Liberal Arts & Education Department; and the RSVP

Boomerang Award went to Diane Rapacz (In photo, right with Tammy Frohlich), principal office and administrative specialist, in the Center for Adult Learning, for her work as a volunteer with RSVP's Groceries to Go program. (In photo, above left, are Lim-Thompson, Shay, and Zak)

Also recognized were those reaching years of service milestones and retirements, including

Bill Peterson (In photo, bottom, left), professor in the Math, Science, and Technology Department, who was

recognized for his 47 years of service to the University.



For photos and awards, visit the photo gallery. (Note: Not all award recipients were available for photos.)

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 31 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus as well as 14 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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