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UMC Hosts Alumni from the Northwest School of Agriculture

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) was host to one of the largest reunion crowds in recent history on June 24 and 25. Close to 300 alumni of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) visited the campus over the two-day event, which also served as the kick off for UMC's centennial celebration. Highlights from the reunion included the dedication of Bede ballroom followed by dancing to Dick King and Classic Swing Band on Friday evening and the dedication of the Memorial Park and a program featuring a video honoring campus history and the class of 1955 along with music by the Fallcreek Quartet on Saturday.

The reunion concluded with a banquet on Saturday evening during which the NWSA Alumni Association honored seven alumni with the Top Aggie award. Recipients were Dennis Driscoll '50, Lyle Kasprick '50, Merlin Skretvedt '54, Keith Chisholm '55, Glen and Marlys (Love) Finkenbinder '55, and Arnie Skeie '55. The outstanding service award was presented to Harlene Hagen '55 for her dedicated service to the alumni association. The Top Aggie award and the outstanding service award are the highest honors bestowed on alumni of the NWSA.

Upcoming centennial events include the dedication of the new student center on September 16 and UMC's homecoming scheduled for the 23 and 24 of September. A yearlong calendar of special events is planned to celebrate the 100 years of education, research, and outreach provided by the campus.

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