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New Welding Class Offered at UMC

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For the first time since spring semester in 2000, a complete welding class is being offered on the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) campus. Eleven students are enrolled in Agricultural Systems Management (ASM) 2043, "Welding and Manufacturing Processes" including; Kelsey Eidsness, Bocket, ND, Dustin Hardy, Walhalla, ND, Barry Shaw, Ulen, MN, Casey Sondeland, Edenburg, ND, Pat Stansbery, Sheldon, ND, Dustin Steigauf, Bemidji, MN, Nate Tallackson, Grafton, ND, Andy Thompson, Park River, ND, Jason Wentland, Jamestown, ND, Matt Koch, Chanhassen, MN, and Dan Johnson, Wheaton, MN.

Students will develop skills in maintenance welding including Oxy/Acetylene, stick welding, GMAW and GTAW processes. They will also experience metal lathe work and project design and fabrication.

The newly improved welding facilities were a project of ASM Professors; Kent Freberg and Paul Aakre and work-study employees, Adam Koplín and Jade Estling. Larry Altringer owner of Crookston Welding contributed \$1000.00 toward the work. The total cost including purchasing of some new equipment was less than \$8000.

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