BSU launches $35 million campaign
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT R. HANSON

This is a special issue of Bemidji State University Magazine for a very special moment: the launch of our Imagine Tomorrow comprehensive fundraising campaign. Achieving BSU’s $35 million goal to fund scholarships, academic initiatives and learning resources won’t be easy, but we will get there together.

In my three years as president of this great university, I have had the privilege of meeting hundreds of our outstanding alumni here in Bemidji and around the world. Without fail, you tell me what a strong foundation Bemidji State gave you for pursuit of meaningful lives. Mostly from humble roots, you recall the support, the learning, the inspiration and the sense of unlimited possibility you acquired. Several of our many alumni are featured in these pages: individuals who gained so much more than a degree from BSU and who are now giving back—financially, to be sure, but also with their time and committed leadership. No doubt you will recognize yourself in their stories.

The students of today are no different. Many come from the same small towns and rural backgrounds as you did. Many are the first in their families to attend college. They are seeking their education in an era of declining state support and rising tuition, going on to establish successful careers in a rapidly changing and intensely competitive global economy. I am very proud of them, and I know you are, too.

These students and those who will follow them are the “tomorrow” in Imagine Tomorrow. They are filled with hope for their futures and for a world to which they will greatly contribute. They graduate as strong people, confident and capable, thanks to the learning and personal growth they experience at Bemidji State.

Your involvement in the historic Imagine Tomorrow campaign will ensure that our university remains a place where students become their best selves and discover all they can accomplish. Thank you for investing in the kind of tomorrow we all want for them.

Best wishes,

Richard Hanson

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Imagine Tomorrow

THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES

BEMIDJI STATE’S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

Key areas for investment of contributions:

Scholarships – $20 million

• Access and Opportunity – Endowed and annually funded scholarships for financially challenged and first-generation students increase access and help ensure success
• STEM Funds – Support for students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields can help BSU attract students in these fields
• Investing in Potential – Increasing the number of four-year, merit-based scholarships would allow BSU to attract more high-achieving students
• Athletics – Support for endowed scholarships can raise BSU’s level of competition and build its athletic reputation and legacy

Academic Excellence – $8 million

• American Indian Success – Turfian assistance, academic preparedness and degree completion are crucial to the success of American Indian students

International Experiences & Academic Programming Gifts will support exemplary academic programming and international opportunities

• Departmental Endowments – Gifts designated for departmental endowments will provide permanent funding for specific enhancements to academic programs
• Nursing – BSU continues to develop one of the premier nursing programs in the northern United States. Gifts will build visibility and resources for the program
• Leadership Academy – BSU’s proposed leadership academy is an interdisciplinary approach to leadership, including significant real-world experiences

Annual Support – $7 million

• Lakeside Scholarship Program – An annual gift of $5,000 establishes a Lakeside Scholarship for incoming students with demonstrated financial need.
• BSU Lakeside Fund – Undesignated gifts to the Lakeside Fund provide flexible funding to support students, primarily through scholarships.
• Beaver Athletics – Gifts give coaches tools they need to recruit, provide skill and strength training and bolster the university’s athletic reputation.

The university’s annual Honors Gala on Sept. 27 was the occasion for revealing Imagine Tomorrow’s progress to date, which totals $25.4 million in gifts and commitments to open doors for students, further academic excellence and strengthen all aspects of BSU’s educational mission.

Campaign Chair Dave Sorensen ’72 had the honor of announcing the figure to a crowd of 450 in the ballroom of Bemidji’s Sanford Center. He joined with Ballinger and President Richard Hanson in recognizing lead donors who have brought the campaign so far, so fast. Then he led a champagne toast to the continued success of Imagine Tomorrow over the next three years.

“We’re here to share and celebrate with all of you – our closest friends, our supporters, our alumni – that we have embarked on a comprehensive campaign to support this great gem of a university here in northern Minnesota,” Sorensen said.

A call for ‘resilience’

Dr. Steven Rosenberg, who leads the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system as chancellor, used his gala address to vigorously stress how important the campaign is, not only for BSU but also for the entire state.

“I’ve been involved in lots of fundraising activities over the years,” Rosenberg said. “But I’ve got to tell you: I have never, ever seen a more inspiring, more powerful, more visionary statement about what we need to accomplish for this university than I’ve seen in this fundraising drive.

“It’s not just visionary. It’s not just powerful in the lives that it’s going to affect,” he said. “It’s aligned with the most important core values of what this university is all about. “Future graduates of Bemidji State will lead in every dimension of academic excellence – $8 million for scholarships, $3.8 million for academic excellence, and $2 million for annual university support. So far, $15.5 million has been given or pledged for scholarships, $3.8 million has been designated specifically for academics, $5.7 million is directed toward annual support, and another $5.4 million has yet to be designated.

Taken as a whole, Hanson said, the campaign is about giving Bemidji State what he called the resilience to meet many complex challenges facing public higher education, such as vastly diminished state funding, rising tuition, advancing technology and a turbulent economy.

“We have to be resilient as an institution because higher education is changing,” he said. “It’s changing right before our eyes. We have to be resilient because learners are changing, right before our eyes. We have to be resilient because the learning environment is changing, right before our eyes. The campaign is giving us that resilience.”

Woven through the campaign’s priority areas are such goals as fostering greater access for...
Dave Sorensen

Early success builds confidence

Hanson said the university’s enrollment and finances are stable. Its campus continues to evolve, including the prospect of Minnesota Band funding money to complete a renovation of a 75-year-old Memorial Hall as a cutting-edge home for the business and accounting programs. BSU also has a clear path to an outstanding future, he said, thanks in large part to Imagine Tomorrow.

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The fourth of six children, Roberge said his parents didn’t have enough money left to pay for his way to college, but scholarships and other financial aid from BSU made it possible for him to get an education — and an outstanding one.

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“We are fully committed to preserving the capacity to create these transformational learning environments by sharpening our educational focus, shoring up our support for the students, and being highly innovative in the way we continuously improve our university and our society,” Hanson said. “There can be no higher good than that.”

During the campaign’s so-called “quiet phase” over the past two years, Hanson and Bollinger, along with gift officers from the BSU Foundation, have reached out to individual donors across Minnesota, in all parts of the United States and around the world to seek major commitments for all funding areas.

Said Sorensen, a retired General Mills executive from Minneapolis who leads a 15-member volunteer Campaign Steering Committee, “So many people — in the community, at the university and within our existing alumni base — have been so supportive, providing not only their resources and time, but also their ideas and personal connections.

Bollinger said the rapid buy-in of prospective donors who were invited to join Imagine Tomorrow from the beginning has been instrumental in building confidence that the $35 million goal will be reached and possibly exceeded.

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Robin Kelleher enjoys playing the piano in her Burnsville home.

EDUCATION
REPLACES FEAR WITH CONFIDENCE

By Sarah Aug Olsen

If you met Robin Kelleher as a Bemidji State freshman in the late 60s, you might have described her as a quiet, small town girl. The Gullif, Minn., native arrived on campus, clarinet in hand, ready to study music – but not quite sure whether she could thrive in a university setting.

“I was very apprehensive about whether I could succeed in college or not,” said Kelleher '72. “I remember sitting in the orientation meeting scared to death, thinking, ‘I don’t know if I can do this.’”

A quick glance at her resume today will tell you Kelleher not only could succeed, she has. Her impressive list of titles, past and present, include: music educator; real estate developer; past president of the BSU Foundation Board; champion for conservative candidates and causes in Minnesota; employment law attorney, former deputy commissioner of labor and industry; breast cancer survivor and avid supporter of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and world traveler who counts Vietnam, Cuba and China among her favorite destinations.

The list goes on, but the sum is a woman who has embraced life, taken risks and achieved far more than her timid, freshman self could have imagined.

“I always felt there’s this big world out there, and there are so many things we have the opportunity to try,” Kelleher said. “My experiences at BSU provided the foundation for my life and my career and taught me that I really didn’t have to be afraid of everything, that I could accomplish what I wanted to accomplish. But for Bemidji, I probably would not have gone to college, gone out in the world, and had many different careers.”

She chose BSU on the recommendation of her high school band instructor, Betty Masoner. On campus, she found a supportive and thriving community – especially among the faculty – that gave her exactly what she needed at the time.

“They helped me realize I could do well in college and succeed in doing whatever I chose to do in life,” Kelleher said. “At that point in my life I needed some nurturing because I was from a very small town, I was timid, and I needed a little extra support. I felt they gave that to me.”

That support launched her into a successful and rewarding series of careers. Kelleher graduated with a degree in instrumental music and taught elementary school music for six years in Langdon, N.D.

“I enjoyed that immensely, but then I felt like I wanted to learn something new,” she said. After she left teaching, Kelleher moved into the field of real estate. She worked for several years as a realtor with Coldwell Banker and later founded Credit River Developers with her then husband, Tom. Together they developed a 123-lot residential project in Savage, Minn., with great success.

“When that development was over, I thought, ‘I want to do something I’ve always dreamed about doing but really never thought I could before.’ So I went to law school in 1992.”

Kelleher graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1995 and was hired as a labor employment law attorney at the Edina law firm Seaton, Peters and Revnew, where she still works today.

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In October, Raynbird launched her career as a nurse at Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, proving her daughter right — the hard work did pay off. Eventually, she plans to pursue a master’s degree to become a nurse practitioner. “In nursing, there is always more to learn,” said Raynbird, who is grateful for the open door she found at Bemidji State.

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— IRVIN E. ENGBRETSON ’61

Engerbretson worked two jobs to put himself through college — one at a clothing store and a second at a restaurant/grocery hall. He commuted from Fosston, often hitching rides. All the while, he kept his eye on his ultimate goal and put his hard-learned work ethic to use. “Because I was commuting, I didn’t get too involved in any activities in Bemidji,” Engerbretson said. “I would get back early in the afternoon and fill work in one place, then at night I worked in another place, then I would go to bed and get up at 6 a.m. and drive to Bemidji.

Any spare time I had, I studied at various hours between classes. That’s what I did for four years.”

By the end of his time at Bemidji State, Engerbretson earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a minor in...
economics—a deliberate departure from his brother’s path.

“My brother went into teaching,” he said. “I didn’t want to be a teacher because I knew what they were making, and I said, ‘I think I can do more in accounting.’”

Engebretson’s first job out of college was as a buyer in the catalogue division at Montgomery Ward in Minneapolis. He went on to work for Cargill, Inc., and eventually moved to Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he spent the bulk of his career at a computer company, CRAY Research.

He rose through the ranks in the financial department at CRAY, and in 1982 he achieved his goal when his stock exceeded $1 million. Engebretson retired in 1994 at age 55. Five and a half decades after that 10-year-old from Fosston promised himself he’d make a million, he had risen to senior director of finance at CRAY and reached his goal many times over.

Now 75, the avid golfer who enjoys poker and shooting trap is able to use his hard-earned wealth to help others.

As part of his estate plan, Engebretson has earmarked money for the cities of Fosston and Chippewa Falls—and for his alma mater.

“I would like to give some form of credit to the people and part of my life that helped me to get to where I am,” said Engebretson, who has set aside a large sum to benefit Bemidji State’s business and accounting department, mainly for technology upgrades.

“It worked 35 years in the computer business, that’s why I’d like to see the business department have access to good computer equipment. I want them to buy computers or upgrades to help the accounting students learn the most current way of doing things.”

In addition to investing in the people and places that helped him along the way, he has found new ways to give young people a leg up in their chosen fields. This year, he signed on as executive producer of the independent movie “Lost on Purpose.”

The film stars Jane Kaczmarek and Oscar winner Octavia Spencer, along with Chippewa Falls High School graduate Michelle Lang, who also happened to be the daughter of Engebretson’s friend and successor at CRAY. The project is awaiting distribution.

Even before his entry into the film industry, Engebretson rose from humble beginnings to become a successful businessman, and he is happy to be able to give back.

“Working hard and working more than anybody else gets you places,” he said. “I knew I had to go to college because I made a goal when I was 10 years old to want to be a millionaire.

“I never thought I’d get there, but I did. The business department at BSU gave me exactly what I needed to get me started.”

Dr. Leah Carpenter ’85 is an advocate for education, especially for students living on American Indian reservations who sometimes feel a college education is beyond their reach.

“On a personal level, education has been my ticket out of poverty, and I will promote education wherever and whenever I can,” said Carpenter, JHM endowed chair of accounting for Bemidji State University.

“I decided if I was going to give back to the community, I could make a greater contribution by becoming an educator. That’s some of the work that I’m most proud of.”

— DR. LEAH CARPENTER

By Cindy Serratore

She is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Band. She grew up in Bemidji and lived in a three-room shack—no running water, no plumbing—with her mother, grandmother and four older sisters.

Her mother died when Carpenter was 13, leaving her sisters to raise her. Then, as a high school senior, she received A Better Chance scholarship aimed at bridging the academic gap based on race. The scholarship allowed her to attend a prestigious boarding school in western Massachusetts.

“It was quite a cultural shock for me at so many different levels,” Carpenter said. “But the biggest shock was the class difference. My roommate would go skiing on the weekends with the Kennedys. The whole New England
Dr. Leah Carpenter assists students in her accounting course, "Financial Info for Life."

outreach to the Native American community. Drawing on her own experiences, she seeks opportunities to engage her students in the community and with Indian professionals, including plans this fall to form a BSU Chapter of American Indian Business Leaders.

Outside of BSU, she has helped launch a non-profit organization to build a Bemidji Area Indian Center, a gathering place for Indian people.

Overall, Bemidji State enrolls about 150 Native American students. The university’s goal is to more than double that enrollment and increase scholarship funding. The BSU Foundation now offers 12 scholarships specifically for Native students.

Carpenter serves on the BSU Tribal Advisory Council, working with leaders from three local tribes to identify educational needs and opportunities. Through the Tribal College Consortium, administrators and deans from BSU collaborate with local tribal colleges to create a more seamless transition for transfer students.

"Even for those students who transfer from a tribal college, it’s still a big leap," Carpenter said. "Bemidji State may seem like a small place (enrollment about 5,000), but Leech Lake Tribal College has about 200 students, so when they come here it’s a big adjustment."

When asked to serve on the steering committee for BSU’s Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign, Carpenter didn’t hesitate. She also made a gift of her own. "My contribution is the largest contribution I’ve ever made anywhere," she said. "I’m committed to this university because it really did transform my life and the lives of a lot of my students."

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Dr. Stephen Vogt ‘85 arrived at Bemidji State with a clear goal in mind.

"My job was to learn some business and accounting and take over the family business," he said. "Bemidji had a good accounting program. I liked the school. I liked the location and I could play a little basketball."

All was going according to plan until Vogt enrolled in Buzz Johnson’s intro to macroeconomics course during his sophomore year.

"He was a very demanding professor. The story on the street was to avoid him," said Vogt, who opted to take his chances with the tough professor. "I just fell in love with economics. I discovered my passion and I went with it."

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In 1985, she graduated from Bemidji State with degrees in political science, American Indian Studies and business administration. Four years later, she earned a law degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Law, followed by a doctorate in American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona in 2008.

She practiced law for nine years with Indian Legal Services, and then, when working on her dissertation, joined the Leech Lake Tribal College, where she spent seven years, five of them as president.

"I decided if I was going to give back to the community, I could make a greater contribution by becoming an educator," said Carpenter, who guided the tribal college through an accreditation process and the construction of a new college campus. "That’s some of the work that I’m most proud of." Her success inspires students like Donavan Sather, an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, who graduated from Bemidji State in 2010 with a degree in Indian Studies and a minor in Ojibwe.

Carpenter is one of his role models.

"Never in my life did I think I’d go to college," Sather said.

A single parent of three boys, he excelled at the Red Lake College at age 33 and then transferred to BSU. Sather excelled graduating with honors. He and a classmate were named BSU American Indian Students of the Year. "I thought it was too poor to go to school, growing up on the rez," Sather said.

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ANNUAL SUPPORT

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FINDING VALUE IN BALANCE

By Cindy Serratore

For Todd Jones, a senior studying accounting at Bemidji State University, a rigorous major keeps his mind sharp, singing keeps his heart happy, and a scholarship motivates him to succeed.

Raised in Monticello, Jones joined his first choir in fourth grade and has been singing ever since. "Music is a big part of my life—it's my release," he said Jones who, for different reasons, also believes the "university in the pines" played a role in his academic success.

I worked really hard in school, but it was a place where you could work your tail off, but sit at the third floor of the library and look out over Lake Bemidji while you're working on your differential equations class," said Jones. "I can't emphasize enough the interaction between intellectual curiosity, the intellectual development of a young person, and a setting where it's just very conducive to expanding your mind."

As a matter of personal discipline, and to express his gratitude, Vogt has made it a point to give back to BSU since graduating. Now, he and his wife, Lauren, give in a variety of ways, including donating to the Lakeside Fund.

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"I'm also on the Investment Committee for the BSU Foundation and can provide scholarships through the Lakeside Scholarship program and provide flexibility to meet a variety of needs through the Lakeside Fund."

For me, it's as simple as that. It's what I'm called to do," Vogt said."If you're good at what you do, people will notice it and you'll be rewarded."

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"Coming from Monticello, which is about a Bemidji-sized town, this campus just felt better," he said.

Last spring, Jones received the Ben Miller Scholarship for accounting based on his GPA and involvement on campus. The scholarship was funded by Ben Miller, a retired partner of the Miller McDonald Inc. accounting firm in Bemidji.

This is his second year as a peer academic adviser, a residential position to help freshmen transition to college academics. Last year, he monitored foreign exchange students from Germany, Uzbekistan, Canada and South Korea. He has also been the treasurer for the Varisty Singers and the BSU Accounting Club.

"What's impressive about Todd is how he manages to do well in school and still be very involved," said Dave Massaglia, assistant professor of accounting, noting that accounting is a very tough major. "He really does have a great attitude—very pleasant, and he doesn't seem to be bothered by too much of anything."

Jones used his $500 award to pay for books. He puts himself through school with his academic adviser position, student loans and two part-time summer jobs. He appreciates the scholarship.

"To me, it means that someone who hasn't actually met me thinks that I will be able to succeed and cares enough to help me on my way," said Jones, who plans to pay it forward by continuing to do well in school.

When he graduates, he hopes to launch his career in the Twin Cities area so he can continue to sing with the Great Northern Union Chorus. For Jones, a balanced life is a good life.
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It was very disciplined, he said. “Maybe I had some of that drive before, but I think he reinforced it to work hard and make sacrifices. That carried over in my personal life, going on to dental school. You had to stay disciplined and work hard and be focused and have that end goal.”

After attending dental school in Minneapolis and completing a one-year internship, Falk returned to his hometown and back to the farm where he grew up. For several years, he farmed in the summer and practiced dentistry in International Falls, about an hour from Salol, in the winter. When the commute became too much, he opted to set up a practice in his home.

“I was still farming too, I had two part-time jobs,” he said. “We sold the dairy cattle in 2002 but continued to do grain farming until two or three years ago. Now we rent out just about everything.”

Falk still practices dentistry four days a week, with Mary Jo working as his receptionist. The couple has two daughters who both live in Minneapolis. He also continues to play hockey.

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Falk lives a full life with many cherished memories, but looking back it’s the BSU years that stand out as some of his most memorable.

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Falk, who was inducted into the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, still gets together with his former teammates and remains an active supporter of the BSU hockey program. A former alumni board member and current member of the Foundation Board, he donates annually to the hockey program and has designated a substantial planned gift to set up endowed scholarships for the very program that was such an integral part of his college experience.

“I’ve always said Coach Peters has been a very big influence in my life, giving me the opportunity and chance to let me play and develop,” Falk said. “Those first years, he could easily have cut me. He didn’t. He gave me that chance, and hopefully over those years I did prove that I was worth saving. I just like to see it continue, maybe give someone else the chance I had.”

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SUSTAINING A PASSION FOR VOLLEYBALL

Rachel Craig, co-captain of the Bemidji State University volleyball team, had her heart set on BSU even before she was offered a partial athletic scholarship and a chance to compete in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

“I always wanted to go to college close to home because I’m kind of a homebody,” said the junior from Wadena, “so Bemidji was always at the top of my list. For me, volleyball was always a bonus.”

Even so, volleyball has been a defining experience for Craig, a six-foot-tall middle blocker. On June 17, 2010, she was in the middle of a preseason high school game in Bemidji when the Wadena fans started getting calls that a tornado had struck their town. It leveled 20 city blocks, damaging the high school beyond repair, and destroying the home of the Wadena volleyball coach, who had two daughters on the team.

As the community rallied to rebuild, the volleyball team started getting calls that a tornado had struck their town. It leveled 20 city blocks, damaging the high school beyond repair, and destroying the home of the Wadena volleyball coach, who had two daughters on the team. As the community rallied to rebuild, the volleyball team rallied, too, rallying fans with an undefeated season and a Class AA State Championship.

It was amazing, and that was when I really started loving volleyball.”

That spring, Craig and two of her Wadena teammates – Kelsi Crawford and Courtney Volkman – signed with the Beavers, so the threesome continues to play together. As a high school student, Craig received an athletic scholarship plus three BSU Academic scholarships. “Those funds have helped out a lot because I’m not super pressured to get a job during the season,” said Craig, who also works a summer job and gets help from her parents.

She plans to graduate in 2015 with a degree in business administration. So far, she has enjoyed her liberal arts electives as well, including a course in fiction writing and a dance class she took with teammates. This year, she looks forward to a two-week environmental studies program in Hawaii and, of course, the chance to improve her skills on the court.

“She’s just one of the hardest workers on our team,” said Wayne Chadwick, BSU head volleyball coach. “The NSIC is the best conference in the country for volleyball, and she’s proved that she’s more than capable of playing at this level.”

Chadwick said he hopes to increase scholarship funding for volleyball so he can recruit more players like Craig and elevate the team’s competitiveness. BSU carries nearly six volleyball scholarships, while the NSIC limit is eight. Craig finished her sophomore year with a 4.0 GPA and was named the BSU Female Athlete of the Year.

“I’m really happy I’m here,” she said.

By Cindy Serratore
"We’ve got a wonderful institution in a supportive community that many of us have benefitted greatly from."

— DAVE SORENSSEN ’72

What motivates alumni, Sorensen said, is a desire to pass down the Bemidji State experience to future generations of students.

"Most of us who went to Bemidji really resonate with the concept that this is a pretty remarkable university," he said. "If it had not been for the educational and life growth experience, I don’t think many of us would have achieved the level of success we achieved. We have an obligation to return that gift."

Mike Roberge, president of MFS Investment Management in Boston, brings significant experience and know-how to his role as chair of the Imagine Tomorrow National Campaign Committee. He also brings passion.

"A couple of years ago, as we were thinking about the campaign, [BSU] did some focus groups, and I was included," said Roberge, who has been an avid supporter of Bemidji State since graduating in 1990.

"I contacted Rob Bollinger and told him that I wanted to be part of the campaign even before they went live. It was something that I felt was great for the university and just wanted to be part of the early execution of it to ensure it got off the ground the right way."

His enthusiasm for the undertaking stems from the great experiences he had on campus, and the opportunities his college education has afforded him – opportunities he hopes to create for other students by funding scholarships for needs-based students.

"As someone that was needs-based that got the help and support from Bemidji, and for someone that has fortunately been successful from a business perspective," Roberge said, "I felt it was important to me personally to provide that same opportunity to people who, if not given the opportunity, may not have access to what I have access to."

Now, as chair, he also is prepared to give more of his time.

"I’ll be back on campus once a year, so it brings passion. I keep committee members connected and focused."

His business acumen will serve the committee well as he leads the National Campaign Committee, runs meetings and keeps committee members communicating and focused.

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Dr. Anton Treuer, director of BSU’s American Indian Resource Center.

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NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVES STEERING COMMITTEE

From left: Dr. Anton Treuer, director of BSU’s American Indian Resource Center. Holly Cook Macarro of Temecula, Calif., Dr. Richard Hanson, and Lee Cook of Cass Lake. Not pictured: John Lueke of Frazee and David Hill of Onida, Wyo.

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With a champagne toast and a shower of green and white streamers, a jubilant crowd of 450 celebrated Bemidji State University’s progress toward a $35 million fundraising goal at the 2013 Honors Gala on Sept. 27.

The gala attracted a blend of Bemidji-area residents and alumni from across North America, the largest gathering ever for a BSU dinner event at Bemidji’s Sanford Center.

Guests in cocktail and formal attire were greeted with valet parking by BSU athletes and photographed for a souvenir of the evening.

Following a social hour, the program included a plated dinner of shrimp and filet mignon, alumni awards, biographic videos, acceptance speeches and individual donor recognition.

The evening was a combination of appreciation, nostalgia and humor.

Mike Roberge ’90, chair of the National Campaign Committee for Imagine Tomorrow, drew a laugh as he reminisced about his journey from BSU student to the presidency of a large Boston-based investment company.

“I’m living proof that you can spend a significant amount of time at the Corner Bar of a large Boston-based investment company and succeed in life,” Roberge said.

“Tremendous development through a period of tremendous development. The Frost Valley-based business is one of the fastest growing companies in the temperature-controlled packaging industry,” Anderson said. Anderson started his career as a CPA with Arthur Anderson and Company.

His accounting background, hard work and vision have served him well during his more than 30 years of management and financial experience with both large international corporations and early-stage organizations.

He also has served as a board member for several businesses and charitable organizations.

Anderson studied psychology and traveled to several European countries as a student in a Bemidji State University-sponsored foreign study program at Manchester College in Oxford, England. According to Anderson, that experience “made me reach farther and think I could do more.”

His status as an honor student at Bemidji State made him eligible for the international experience. Anderson studied accounting and math at BSU and earned an associate of arts degree. He went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in accounting/business with honors, from the University of Minnesota.

Anderson and his wife, Beth, live in Baxter. They have two grown children, Josh and Kristen.

Keith Johanneson ‘66-69

Keith Johanneson began his career as a clerk working at his family’s neighborhood supermarket. Early in his career, Johanneson worked as a market research analyst for Supervalu, Inc. based in the Twin Cities. In 1992, he started a beer distribution company in his native Bemidji. Shortly thereafter, Johanneson succeeded his father as president of Johanneson’s, Inc., where he serves as CEO/president. More than 1,000 work for the Bemidji-based organization, which his parents, John and Thelma, founded in 1952. Johanneson has been nominated for and received many local, state, regional and national industry awards, including the Thomas K. Zaucha Entrepreneurial Excellence Award presented by Kraft Foods at the 2011 National Grocers Association’s Convention and Supermarket Synergy Showcase in Las Vegas. The annual award recognizes retailers who exemplify vision, creative entrepreneurship and persistence. Johanneson has served on numerous industry councils and continues to serve on several company and industry boards, including, Security Bank USA, Concordia Language Villages’ International Advisory Board and the Minnesota Grocers Association. Johanneson attended Bemidji State University and studied at the University of Minnesota and the University of Oxford (Oxford, England). He and his wife, Nana, live in Bemidji and have four grown children.

Bearings on top: 1. Dr. Jane Foydhan ’70 Young Alumni Award recipient; 2. Professor emeritus Alan How, former Chair; 2015 Hoke; 3. Kiki Bollinger; 4. Bob Adams ’70; Jeff Waltie ’70; Joe Alston ’72; Don Seefeldt; Mayo Outman ’70; 5. Dave Sonnenberg ’72; Fred Balda ’75; President Bobapen; 6. Ameena Cusor, Bemidji Mayor Ryo Aoki ’01; Chancellor Dr. Janice service. Including the 2013 honorees, there are 178 Bemidji State alumni who have received this award.

Pamela Hovland ’83

In 1983, Pamela Hovland graduated magna cum laude and received a bachelor’s degree in graphic design and communications from Bemidji State University. After graduation, the Pelican Rapids native’s summer internship turned into a full-time job at a Minneapolis design studio. In 1986, Hovland moved to New York City, where she focused on projects with national and international visibility at well-known corporate identity and branding firms.

In 1996, Hovland left corporate America for Yale University where she pursued a master of fine arts degree. Upon completing her post-graduate work, the School of Art immediately appointed her to the faculty, and 2 years later she is the Senior Critic in Graphic Design. During those 20 years, she has run Pamela Hovland Design, a studio with offices in New York City and Connecticut.

Hovland’s work has been recognized by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the New York Type Director’s Club and the American Center for Design, Epitaph, Print, and included in many exhibitions and publications.

In 2005, Hovland received the prestigious Rome Prize Fellowship in Design. She lives north of New York City in Wilton, Conn., with her husband, Steven Lawrence, and their teenage son, Henry. She has two grown stepsons, Gregory and Christopher.
YOUNG ALUMNI Award

Created in 2011, the Young Alumni Award recognizes significant professional, volunteer and service accomplishments by alumni age 49 or younger.

**Dr. Jeremy Fogelson ’00**

Fogelson was a 2000 magna cum laude graduate in chemistry. He received a full-tuition scholarship, funded in part by Joe and Janice Luken. The honor student then attended the University of Minnesota Medical School. He did his internship and residency in neurosurgery at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education. He also did a fellowship in Orthopedic Spinal Deformity Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and is a member of several professional associations. Fogelson recently performed a successful surgical procedure on Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton. The Bemidji native has received numerous papers for national and international publication and is a member of several professional associations. Fogelson and his wife, Megan Fogelson-Dahlby, live in Rochester with their three children, Caleb, Darre and Sael.

**Carri Jones ’03**

Education is the key to everything for Carri Jones. While she was a full-time student pursuing degrees in business administration and accounting, she also worked full-time in the accounting office for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. After five years and two summer school sessions, Jones earned degrees in 2013 and advanced at work, becoming the cash management team leader. Five years later, she was promoted to her first supervisory role as controller. Jones made history in 2012, when she was sworn in as the youngest and first female Chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Her duties include leading the five-member Leech Lake Tribal Council, which oversees nine government divisions, as well as law enforcement services, the tribal college and a K-12 school, and acting as CEO for tribal gaming and small businesses. Jones lives in Cass Lake with her son, Brayden, and daughter, Izabella.

**Kay Mack ’86**

Kay Mack gave up full-time studies at Bemidji State University when she accepted a position as Beltrami County deputy county treasurer – launching a 36-year career in public service. She continued her education part-time and earned a business administration degree in 1986 – the same year she was elected county treasurer. When auditor responsibilities were added in 1990, she accepted the dual role and was re-elected for six consecutive terms. She was appointed county administrator in 2013. Her service as a member and officer of the American Legion Auxiliary has been dedicated to veterans and their families. As the Girls State chair for 20 years, she has interviewed count-
less students for selection to this prestigious program. As PEO scholarship chair, she has coordinated the Julie Bierig Memorial Scholarship for nine years. Her work on the Servants of Shelter Steering Committee has offered relief for Bemidji’s homeless. She has contributed years of service on the St. Philip’s school board, parish council and in several other leadership and volunteer roles. Other community contributions include: Bemidji Area United Way Board and Campaign, Lakeland Public Television Board, Junior Achievement Board and 10-year mentor, Relay for Life and numerous other groups. Kay and her husband, Larry, live in Bemidji. They have three grown children, Meghan, James and Robert.

HOMECOMING

Beaver Block Party; 4. Homecoming King Michael Hanson and Queen Dezaray Thoen at the Honors Gala; 5. Alumni honorary captains: Bill Howe (’40), Guy Vena (’70), Rich Schwartz (’81), Brad Belsham (’90), Bruce Stoll (’30/50s), Danny Rozwadowski (’10/10s). 6. 1953 football fans don’t grumble wet weather. 7. Doing a mechanical bull at the Beaver Rally. 8. Football players make their traditional plunge after victory over Southwest Minnesota State.

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U.S. News again ranks BSU in the Midwest’s top tier

U.S. News and World Report magazine in September recognized Bemidji State as one of the best colleges and universities in the Midwest region for a sixth consecutive year.

Bemidji State tied with nine other institutions for 32nd in the region among all colleges and universities, and tied for 32nd among the region’s public institutions. BSU’s overall ranking and ranking among public institutions are both up one position from last year.

The magazine’s America’s Best Colleges identified 110 top-tier schools among all regional universities in its Midwest region, which includes North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

The publication also assembled a list of 10 “Bargain Schools for Out-Of-State Students,” ranking public institutions with the lowest tuition and fees for out-of-state students, based on figures from the 2012-13 academic year. Bemidji State placed third on the list, with tuition and fees for out-of-state students of $8,106.

Chet Anderson Stadium gets new turf, more action

A $1.3 million project to install synthetic turf at Bemidji State’s Chet Anderson stadium was completed in time for the start of the soccer and football seasons, making its debut on Sept. 6 for the soccer home opener.

The project focused on the all-weather FieldTurf playing surface and drainage system, but also included removal of a running track surrounding the field and installation of a new entry plaza.

Not only is the lakeside stadium’s new field home to the BSU football and soccer teams, it also continues as the home field for Bemidji High School football teams and is a potential site for Minnesota State High School League playoff games. This project was funded entirely by private donations.

‘THE GREEN & WHITE’ TO BENEFIT BSU ATHLETICS

As part of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, Bemidji State University is introducing a new major fund-raising event on April 12, 2014 to benefit BSU Athletics scholarships.

The Green & White, a dinner and auction, will be held at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Alumni, athletics, fans of Beaver Athletics, parents, community members and other friends of the university are invited to attend.

An individual ticket price of $100 will include a luxury plated dinner and silent and live auction, all to increase the number and size of scholarships available to Bemidji State student-athletes. BSU now ranks in the lower third of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in the total number of available scholarship opportunities.

“It’s going to be a very fun evening with some spectacular auction items,” said Rob Bollinger, executive director for university advancement. “As a result, we’re going to help make sure our student-athletes can compete at the highest level.”

Details about The Green & White will be going out soon. For information or to suggest an auction item, call (218) 755-2827.

Bemidji State welcomes crowd at big scholarship breakfast

The second Bemidji State University Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast on Oct. 12 recognized scholarship recipients, their families and scholarship donors. A total of 350 people attended the event in Memorial Hall, including 195 students.

President Richard Hanson encouraged recipients to see a scholarship not as a gift, but as “a door opening.” Two student speakers expressed the personal significance of receiving a scholarship, and two donors, Dr. Tom ’64 and Mary Moberg, spoke about their motivation for giving.

Jeff Busse ’88, who is a statistician for the U.S. Geological Survey, traveled from Washington, D.C., to attend the event. Busse is a charter member of the BSU Legacy Society and created the Jeffrey Busse Geography Scholarship in 2002. He met current scholarship recipient Peter Keufler and his parents.

“Meeting the recipient of my scholarship was a wow event for me,” Busse said, “I realized I was impacting someone’s life.”
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Pulliam to direct graduate studies

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Guilliole named academic AVP

Dr. Patrick Guilliole was named Bemidji State’s associate vice president of academic affairs. He has been filling the position on an interim basis since 2009. Guilliole joined the BSU faculty as an assistant professor of biology in 1994, and was biology chair from 2000-07 before moving into administration as BSU’s associate dean of professional education and associate dean of arts and sciences.

Miller to direct graduate studies

Joan Milkes, a native at Bemidji State for more than 25 years, has been named director of the School of Graduate Studies. She previously served as the school’s graduate assistant director, and has 24 years of experience in administration.

BSU hosts exchange students from China

As part of a unique partnership with Bemidji State and CIBT, a Vancouver-based provider of international education opportunities, Bemidji State helped a group of Chinese middle school students participate in a six-day series of workshops, projects and social activities. From there, they went on a sponsored tour and spent two weeks attending classes at Bemidji State.

Global Learning Network connects to the world

Bemidji State now has the ability to hold video-conferencing sessions with a network of similarly equipped Global Learning Network classrooms all over the world.

Norelius is BSU’s alumni director

Caroline Norelius joined the BSU Alumni Association as its new director in May. She brings more than 30 years of alumni relations experience to BSU, having grown programs and services at colleges and universities across the country, including University of North Carolina – Wilmington, Western Connecticut State University, Western State Colorado University, the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse and her undergraduate alma mater, Eastern Oregon University.

Students attend first Ojibwe immersion camp

American Indian students participated in a unique experience at Bemidji State this summer, immersing themselves in the heritage of Minnesota’s first people during BSU’s inaugural Naabish Ojibwe (summer camp) program. The five-day camp, held in July for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who wished to know more about Minnesota’s native people, helped students capture the essence of Ojibwe culture with an intensive language program, book readings, workshops and discussions about language and culture.

Bemidji School of Nursing expands to Centennial College

Beginning this fall, registered nurses can pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing at the Bemidji School of Nursing on the campus of Century College in White Bear Lake, Minn. The partnership was formalized in May.

The program offers registered nurses a combination of on-campus and online courses, allowing them to pursue their bachelor’s degrees. The Bemidji School of Nursing also includes bachelor’s nursing programs at Bemidji State University and two-year nursing degree programs at Northwest Technical College.

Maple Hall demolished in cost-saving move

Bemidji State has torn down Maple Hall in work that began July 19 and was largely completed by the end of September. The 19,000-square-foot residence hall was built in 1967 during a three-year period of growth from 1964-69 that also saw the construction of the A.C. Clark Library, Hobson Memorial Union, Tamarack Hall and Walnut Hall.

Maple has been unused for several years, resulting in extensive maintenance costs. Its demolition is part of a strategic plan for on-campus housing that includes recent renovations of Linden and Birch halls.

Distinguished alumni address graduates

U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Thomas Waldhauser ’76, addressed BSU graduates, family, friends and honored guests during the university’s 94th Commencement in May. Waldhauser gave the commencement address as the 31st recipient of Bemidji State’s Distinguished Minnesotan award.

He was honored in recognition for his decades of service in the field of international finance and his tireless efforts to champion the preservation of the Earth’s environment and natural resources.

Bemidji State invited 1,032 students to participate in the 2013 Commencement ceremony, including 542 bachelor’s degree recipients.

Tech studies receive ATMAE accreditation

Bemidji State’s programs in industrial technology, applied engineering and technology management have received accreditation from the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE).

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“DILL’S LIFE WORK

His dedication to athletics became more evident during his high school years. In a small community, his ability allowed him to make the varsity teams as a freshman. He participated in football, basketball and track and field, and was a summer baseball player. He even added golf to his resume as a senior, balancing two sports during his final spring season.

“My parents weren’t able to attend everything but were very supportive of that lifestyle,” Dill said. “My mom also made the push for me to be active in the arts, so I participated in vocal music, speech and drama as well.”

He learned to multitask early, flashshading the hectic schedule he juggles today.

“My senior year of high school I was involved in a play during the spring and would hit golf balls in the morning, do track practice after school and then go to play practice in the evening,” Dill said. As he began his college years, he was forced to trim his extracurricular participation down to officially only football, although he kept the others on the back burner as hobbies.

“My freshman year at William Penn College I got the opportunity to play quite a bit on the football team, and by the time the season was over, as a running back I was pretty beat up,” Dill said. “So I ended up just getting involved in intramural activities and played some community league basketball as well.”

He began his coaching career as a part of the football staff at William Penn in 1981, and he picked up duties as the school’s track and field coach in 1985, all while balancing sport recruiting duties and serving as an admissions counselor and, later, the school’s intramural director.

“Taking on these new roles really helped me to learn how to prioritize my time,” Dill said.

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19 on NSIC All-Academic Team

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Kalis earns All-America honor

Baseball senior Logan Kalis (18/’09/RHF, Little Falls) became the second BSU softball player in years to earn All-America honors, as he was placed on the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Division II Baseball All-America Third Team as a utility player/pitcher. Kalis, an All-NSIC First Team and Dakotis All-Central Region First Team pick, concluded his senior season with a 2.33 batting average, 156 slugging percentage and 149 on-base percentage. He totaled 57 hits, 34 RBIs and all runs scored. In addition, he had 10 assists with just three errors in the field. Kalis made 11 appearances on the mound, posted a 2.93 record with four starts and tied the team with a 1.63 ERA. The right-hander struck out 42 batters and walked 31.

Hunt signs with Oilers organization

Bemidji State University defenseman Brad Hunt (2008-11) agreed to terms with the National Hockey League’s Edmonton Oilers, making him part of the Oilers organization through the 2014-15 season. Hunt, originally inked to a professional Amateur Tryout Contract (UTC) following his senior season at BSU, signed an offer sheet with the team in late May, served as head coach of Team Canada at the 2014 World Junior Championship through the 2014-15 season. Hunt, who originally inked to a professional Amateur Tryout Contract (UTC) following his senior season at BSU, signed an offer sheet with the team in late May. Hunt was named an alternate captain for the 2014 World Junior Championship through the 2014-15 season.

Spring Sport Recap:

Baseball

BSU opened its 2015 season with a 22-32 record, tied for second in the NSIC Tournament. The Beavers went on to win the NSIC Tournament Championship before falling in the Central Region’s top-ranked team, Minnesota State University Mankato. Head coach Tim Biehn was named NSIC Coach of the Year, while freshman catcher Khalil McCord from Colorado Springs, Colo., were both named first team all-conference. McCord completed the season with eight home runs in 2015 and finished in the top five on all four occasions. First-year coach John Halverson was named First Team All NSIC.”

Women’s Golf

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Individuals, teams to be honored during Athletic Hall of Fame weekend
Bemidji State University will induct six individuals and two outstanding teams into its Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday, Feb. 15, as part of the university’s B-Club Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Sanford Center. BSU’s 2014 honorees include: Steve Bass Jr. (swimming), Joyce Dusie ’69 (cross country and track and field), Mary Gergen ’91 (track and field), John S. Glas Honorary Letter Winner, Sue Sorenson ’77 (head coach Iowa State Alumni Coaching Achievement Award, Duane Hall of Fame; the newest recipient of the Alumni Association is working with Clarius Health, in Virginia. Chris-...
**Beau Lofgren completed his first year in the new classroom of Hawley schools**. Lofgren began his teaching career a decade earlier in Lake Park-Audubon before returning to work in Hawley. Tonya, his wife, is a registered nurse for Sanford Health. The couple has two young sons and lives in Hawley. **Tulip St. Troy** is the Harris Construction manager for Tri County Health Care, which serves on the board of Free2B, a nonprofit car lender that enables attorneys to gain access to legal aid for clients who may be denied services by the large law firms. Hane earned his bachelor’s degree from St. Olaf College and his master’s in policy studies from St. Thomas University. The honor recognized his commitment to social justice and his work in the realm of mental health.
**CLASS NOTES**

**BORASH KEEPS AN EYE ON QUALITY OF LAKES**

Minnesota is known for its lakes, and few know Minnesota lakes as well as Bob Borash, a 1970 BSU graduate. Borash owns RMB Environmental Laboratories, which employs over 20 full-time employees working out of a 32,000-square-foot facility in Detroit Lakes. That’s far more than RMB’s modest start in 1995, when Borash began testing water out of a garage.

“In the first 15 years, we exceeded the industry growth at triple the industry growth every year,” Borash said. His data now encompass more than 1,000 bodies of water in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. A newly renovated facility will further increase its capacity.

The company is the largest supplier of analytical services in the state and offers comprehensive monitoring programs. Its capabilities include monitoring surface water, drinking water, ground water and industrial and municipal wastewater.

Borash’s wife, Tracy, is the chief financial officer for RMB. The couple has four children and lives in Detroit Lakes.

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**ISACSON PURSUES PASSION FOR DENTISTRY**

Dr. Dana Isacson isn’t shy about sinking to the depths of teeth. Part of it, of course, comes from being a dentist in Bloomington, where he has been getting into the mouths of hundreds of patients for 40 years. His toothy experiences have served him well as he evaluates horses, especially the three he owns and that runs at Canterbury Park in the Twin Cities, where his 4-year-old stallion has won two races. “I enjoy the competition,” Isacson said.

He brings his profession and his competitive nature to the track during the racing season by providing free dental care for the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association. Isacson staffs a busy five-chair office at Canterbury, and any person who works with horses is welcomed.

“There is a great need for dental services at the track,” he said. “And there is a sense of community and small-town atmosphere in the racing community, where I have made many friends.”

Isacson, who completed his studies at Bemidji State in the early 1970s before continuing at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, also volunteers with Mission of Mercy, an organization that provides free dental work to underserved populations.

His most recent trip was in June to Bloomington, where his elderly mother still lives. He lives in Bloomington and has two adult children.

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Pequot Lakes. The author of five books, Mejdrich is a science writer for the Grand Rapids Herald Review and formerly worked as a teacher, librarian and summer camp counselor. He and his wife, Darlene (Amato), live in Swatara. Louie Churack has retired as president of a bank in Syracusenion, N.Y., and is planning on spending winter months in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with his wife, Belle (Waite), who is a retired elementary art teacher. The couple lives in Jamesville, N.Y., and has two adult children … the Rev. Gordon Orde is retiring after spending 30 years as pastor at First United Methodist and Emmanuel (Methodist) churches in Worthington. He previously served congregations in Fairbank, Elmore and Wykoff-Fountain. He and his wife, Dorothy, have two adult children and are relocating to Northfield in retirement.

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HELP BSU ‘IMAGINE TOMORROW’

Every student who has attended Bemidji State University (or College) imagined a unique future. Bemidji State was a step toward a dream. After 94 years, the university is undertaking its first comprehensive fundraising campaign to help solidify BSU’s place in future students’ dreams. With $35 million dollars raised, we are off to a positive start toward our $35 million campaign goal.

We are including our annual report in this special “Imagine Tomorrow” campaign issue of BSU Magazine because it is fitting to celebrate gifts and commitments already received. These contributions will help fund scholarships, strengthen academic programming and create opportunities for students and faculty alike. Each gift reflects donors’ unique connections to, and visions for, BSU. Support and commitment from donors and Legacy Society members inspire all who seek to strengthen Bemidji State.

Through the leadership and generosity of individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations, BSU Foundation’s net assets increased from $20,726,640 to $26,375,045 during the 2012-13 fiscal year (July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013). The Imagine Tomorrow campaign is off to a very strong start. BSU President Richard Hanson, foundation and alumni board members, campaign volunteers, administrators, faculty, alumni and staff are all reaching out to alumni, friends, businesses and corporate leaders located around the globe. With each contact, they see the impact the university makes and the enthusiasm and commitment these people are expressing for giving back.

While $35 million may seem a lofty goal, we are confident that with the support and participation from our alumni and friends like yourself, we will achieve that goal and have the resources for transformational change at BSU. Your participation, at any level, will be crucial to the campaign’s success.

We ask you to connect with our Alumni Association and make sure your contact information is current (www.bsualumni.org). Reach out to your fellow alumni and friends and share the importance of this effort for students, for the university and for northern Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Rob Bollinger, Executive Director for University Advancement
The President's Society recognizes the university’s most generous contributors. Members include individuals, families and organizations. The President’s Society is based on lifetime/cumulative giving to the Bemidji State University Foundation.

**Growth of Foundation assets**

- $30,000,000
- $20,000,000
- $15,000,000
- $10,000,000
- $5,000,000
- $3,000,000
- $2,000,000
- $1,000,000
- $700,000
- $500,000
- $250,000
- $100,000
- $50,000
- $25,000
- $10,000
- $5,000
- $2,000
- $1,000
- $500
- $250
- $100
- $50
- $25
- $10
- $5
- $2
- $1

**Heights by gift**

- Achievement
- $12,000,000
- $10,000,000
- $8,000,000
- $6,000,000
- $2,000,000
- $1,000,000
- $500,000
- $250,000
- $100,000
- $700,000
- $500,000
- $250,000
- $100,000
- $25,000
- $10,000
- $5,000
- $2,000
- $1,000
- $500
- $250
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- $50
- $25
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**Custom chargers (as pictured above) are created especially for the President’s Society by visual arts professor and department chair John “Butch” Holden. They are “awards of distinction,” honoring donors with cumulative giving of $50,000 or more.**
BSU Foundation Annual Report

June 30, 2013

Statement of Position

Total Financial Position:

- 2013:
  - Total Net Assets: 25,350,251
  - Net Assets Available for Grantmaking: 5,453,862
  - Unrestricted Net Assets: 5,453,862
  - Total Liabilities: 1,024,794
    - Total Current Liabilities: 112,835
    - Total Long-Term Liabilities: 911,959
  - Total Current Assets: 20,757,822
    - Prepaid Expenses: 2,284
    - Accounts Payable: $60,161
  - Total Other Assets: 5,323,270
    - Contributions Receivable: 5,148,780
  - Remainder Interest in Real Estate: 140,666

- 2012:
  - Total Net Assets: 27,393,045
  - Net Assets Available for Grantmaking: 33,812
  - Unrestricted Net Assets: 5,453,862
  - Total Liabilities: 1,024,794
    - Total Current Liabilities: 112,835
    - Total Long-Term Liabilities: 911,959
  - Total Current Assets: 20,757,822
    - Prepaid Expenses: 2,284
    - Accounts Payable: $60,161
  - Total Other Assets: 5,323,270
    - Contributions Receivable: 5,148,780
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  - Total Net Assets: 25,350,251
  - Net Assets Available for Grantmaking: 5,453,862
  - Unrestricted Net Assets: 5,453,862
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    - Total Current Liabilities: 112,835
    - Total Long-Term Liabilities: 911,959
  - Total Current Assets: 20,757,822
    - Prepaid Expenses: 2,284
    - Accounts Payable: $60,161
  - Total Other Assets: 5,323,270
    - Contributions Receivable: 5,148,780
  - Remainder Interest in Real Estate: 140,666

Assets:

- Current Assets: $107,796
- Investments: $15,811,255
- Accounts Receivable: $17,172
- Contributions Receivable: $2,110,816
- Prepaid Expenses: 2,284

Current Liabilities:

- Accounts Payable: $10,000
- Rent: $10,000

Liabilities and Net Assets:

- Unrestricted Net Assets: $41,668
- Total Net Assets: $29,375,045
- Total Liabilities: $1,024,794

Long-Term Liabilities:

- Total Long-Term Liabilities: $119,825

Total Liabilities: $1,024,794

Net Assets:

- Unrestricted Net Assets: $5,453,862
- Total Net Assets: $27,393,045
- Total Liabilities: $1,024,794
- Permanent Restricted Net Assets: $16,292,253
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: $3,573,137

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- Total Net Assets: $27,393,045
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- Permanent Restricted Net Assets: $16,292,253
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: $3,573,137
The Legacy Society recognizes and honors those alumni and friends who have provided for Bemidji State University in their wills or have exercised one of the several planned giving options available through the BSU Foundation.

Statement of Activities
Year ending June 30, 2013

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Expenses
Program Services
Scholarships     | $837,095                         |                      |                      | $837,095       |
Special Events and Other Services | $1,523,667                        |                      |                      | $1,523,667     |
Total Program Services | $2,360,762                        |                      |                      | $2,360,762     |
Supporting Services
Management & General | $134,977                        |                      |                      | $134,977       |
Fundraising Expenses | $134,977                        |                      |                      | $134,977       |
Total Supporting Services | $269,954                        |                      |                      | $269,954       |
Total Expenses | $2,630,717                        |                      |                      | $2,630,717     |

Change in Net Assets
Net Assets, Beginning of Year | $4,583,662                        | $3,573,137             | $16,323,252             | $25,350,251     |
Net Assets, End of Year | $5,453,862                        | $3,573,137             | $16,323,252             | $25,350,251     |

MARCH
8 BSU Alumni Lunch in Phoenix, Ariz., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., location TBD.
8-10 BSU Winter Rendezvous in Laughlin, Nev., Aquarius Resort.
11 BSU Tucson Alumni Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., location TBD.
22 Volleyball alumni match, time TBD, BSU Gymnasium.

APRIL
12 The Green & White, A Dinner and Auction for BSU Athletics, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., dinner, 8:30 p.m., program & live auction, Sanford Center, Bemidji, (218) 755-4877.

MAY
8 50-Year Reunion - Class of 1964, American Indian Resource Center, BSU.
9 Golden Beaver Society Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., location TBD, Sanford Center, Bemidji.
9 2012 Commencement, 2 p.m., Sanford Center, Bemidji.

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 17-19 BSU HOMECOMING 2014
ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION
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