A CALL TO LEAD

Jones blazes trail as tribal chair
President’s Message

With pride in our University and with gratitude to our alumni and friends, we bring you another issue of Horizons magazine. So much is happening at Bemidji State University and in the work of our Alumni & Foundation that it’s vital we share these regular updates with you. It is also an opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of our students and faculty and the contributions we are making in northern Minnesota and far beyond.

In these pages, you will get to know Carri Jones, the newly elected chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, learn about a successful Neilson Foundation internship program with great promise for the future, and hear directly from Dr. Martin Tadlock, our new provost and vice president for academic affairs, among many other articles. We’ve included more photos of campus events and highlighted the success of our wonderful alumni. This edition of Horizons includes the annual report of the Alumni & Foundation, which features profiles of exemplary donors, lists our major contributors and provides a financial summary of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

We also have news to share about the magazine itself. After many years under the Horizons name, we are giving this publication a new name beginning with the next issue: Bemidji State University. The renaming reflects a determination to make sure we showcase all aspects of BSU and its tremendous impact in the world, through students, faculty, alumni and other supporters. Watch for our spring/summer issue in mid-April 2013 and then again next October. We also expect to offer the magazine in an online format within the next year, giving you more ways to read it.

Thank you so much for being a part of Bemidji State. As our new tag line says, we think you made the “Best Decision Ever” to attend and support BSU. With your help, we will continue to uphold that promise to all our students.

Best wishes,

Richard Hanson

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Leech Lake’s first woman leader is also its youngest

By Cindy Serratore

As an undergraduate at Bemidji State University, Carri Jones once failed a test in the middle of a difficult semester. Discouraged, the high school honors student thought about quitting. But her mother urged her to stick with it. She did, graduating in 2003 with a double major in accounting and business administration.

That perseverance, along with the knowledge she gained at Bemidji State, has helped Jones advance her career through a series of promotions as a financial officer with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – starting as a file clerk and culminating as the chief financial officer of the multimillion-dollar organization. She thought she could do more. So last year, she ran for secretary-treasurer, the band’s second-highest elected office. She lost, but her supporters encouraged her to run again, this time for the top spot.

In a series of firsts, the 32-year-old was elected chairwoman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe on June 12, becoming the first woman and youngest person ever to be involved in leadership, she defeated the incumbent by seven votes. She is also the youngest chair among the six bands that comprise the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, which for the first time has four seated chairwomen, including Melanie Benjamin, another BSU graduate, who leads the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe – starting as a file clerk and culminating as the chief financial officer of the Leech Lake Band.

Jones already is in contact with her fellow women leaders, and she hopes the foursome will help the boards work more closely together. While at BSU, Jones interned with the Mille Lacs Band and later became gaming controller for the Black Bear Casino with the Fond du Lac Band in Cloquet. The different bands “can learn from one another,” she said.

The youngest of three daughters, Jones grew up on the reservation in a working-class neighborhood on the outskirts of Cass Lake. Her father, a native, owned a business crafting dentures. Her mother, a non-native, worked as a home health aide. Although Jones straddled two cultures, she never saw it that way. The reservation was home, and she identified with her native roots. Her father organized pow wows in Cass Lake and brought his daughters to events from Wisconsin to Montana and north to Canada so they could learn about different Indian cultures.

Part of her upbringing was an appreciation of American Indian spirituality and her own religion, Jones said. “Even though we are Christian, our parents and grandparents wanted us to understand where we came from and the teachings,” she said.

Jones graduated in 1998 from Cass Lake-Bena High School, where she excelled in math, played volleyball, worked on the yearbook, and was a standout softball player. Her parents encouraged her to be involved. Perhaps that experience with extending herself beyond what was required is what drove her to seek new responsibilities with the tribe, in addition to being a single mom with two young children.

TAKING IT ALL ON

Following her election in June, Jones relinquished her position as chief financial officer to take on her new responsibilities as chair. She heads the five-member Leech Lake Tribal Council, which oversees all the divisions of tribal government – including the tribal college and a K-12 school – in addition to three small businesses and gaming operations.

Combined, the two divisions employ 2,100 people to serve the 9,600 band members. The chair is a full-time, hands-on position as chief executive officer, gaming commissioner and political leader all rolled into one.

“I could never do what she’s attempting to do here,” said Steve Howard, a long-time colleague of Jones and the band’s current interim executive director. “We have limited resources here, so it’s really hard to decide how to distribute those resources. You want to help everyone, but you have to keep an eye on the bottom line.”

Jones said she knows it won’t be easy, but she wants to break the stagnation of recent years when there was a lack of new tribal programs, no improved services and no fresh economic development. In her first month in office, she spent a week in Washington, meeting U.S. senators and

Alumna Carri Jones makes history as the first woman to be elected chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
other officials and reigniting discussions about land resolutions, timber sales and the Nelson Act, which concerns a $20 million land settlement. She also is lobbying for funding to improve or replace an aging Indian Health Services facility in Cass Lake.

“I’ll be going down to the state capital and lobbying there, as well,” Jones said, “to make sure that we’re being heard on all levels.”

In pursuit of economic development, she said, the tribe is analyzing the rural demographics of the reservation to see if it would be feasible to own a lumber mill or attract a mid-size manufacturing plant to create jobs beyond the casinos.

A PREMIUM ON EDUCATION

Another major area of focus for Jones is better access to education. Leech Lake Tribal College is seeking to partner with Bemidji State or other institutions and expand its degree offerings. Already in progress are plans to establish a work training center and to engage non-native businesses to support scholarships for native students. Jones said education has always been a defining experience in her life, and she appreciates the support she got from her parents and her alma mater.

“People see Carri as my dad’s daughter, and he was a well-respected elder,” Tara Jones said. “He cared about the people of Leech Lake and so does Carri. It’s really incredible what she’s doing. We’re all very proud.”

One of Jones’ biggest strengths, said Dan Erickson, tribal gaming controller, “is that he was a well-respected elder,” Tara Jones said. “He cared about the people of Leech Lake and so does Carri. It’s really incredible what she’s doing. We’re all very proud.”

Inspired by her own childhood, Jones said she wants to pursue policies and practices that help more children have a good life on the reservation and beyond.

“I’m passionate about what happens with our kids and with our elders,” she said, noting that too many members of the Leech Lake Band live in poverty. “I want to do what’s right by them … try to restructure our budget to put more money into education and look at ways to provide for economic development.”

Cindy Serratore is a Bemidji-based freelance writer.
AARON CARTER enjoys the science of nursing—the pathology and pharmacology— but what really motivates him is the potential nurses have to give patients comfort.

Now in his fourth year of nursing at Bemidji State University, with plans to graduate in 2013, Carter has worked extensively in the intensive care unit and emergency room settings.

“When people come in, there’s really an opportunity to reach out,” he said. “You’re on the front line, really doing patient care. It’s not just the pathology that matters.”

Carter, a 2007 graduate of Bemidji High School, grew up playing hockey and became a personal trainer at a local club.

He eventually managed a health club in Kansas. His experience working with clients of all ages and abilities led to an interest in holistic and preventive care.

“I loved the health aspects of training,” he said.

On his own initiative, he spent last summer in Oaxaca, Mexico, where he was immersed in the Spanish language and worked in triage for a medical clinic with a seven-bed hospital in one of the country’s poorest regions.

“We performed a lot of amputations as a result of complications from diabetes,” Carter said. “I was impressed with how much they were able to do with so little. It’s so humbling.”

While attending BSU, he works as phlebotomist at Sanford Health in addition to completing Bemidji Nursing rotations in everything from surgery to mental health.

“BSU leads the way for opportunities,” Carter said, noting the diverse career paths available to BSU graduates.

Dr. Jeanine Gangeness, dean of the Bemidji School of Nursing, said Carter has outstanding potential in the field.

“His ability to evaluate information, develop team support and implement a plan is what it will take to improve health care delivery,” she said.

Carter especially enjoys the fast-paced hospital setting and working with under-served populations. He plans to continue his education to become a nurse practitioner, perhaps working with Indian Health Services.

He draws correlations between the poverty he saw in Mexico and the poverty on northern Minnesota’s reservations. In impoverished communities, he said, “Preventative health care is one of the biggest shortcomings.”

While Carter is interested in public health and policy, he said his heart is with his patients and hands-on care. “I want to be working directly with people—providing care and comfort and building confidence in their future.”

LAURA LEE grew up in Becker, where she played soccer and softball, taught swim lessons and followed the Minnesota Twins. Those passions ultimately shaped her choice of studies at Bemidji State University, where Lee has immersed herself in learning everything she can about how to help people embrace fitness and healthful living through sports.

After student teaching, she will graduate from BSU in 2013 with a double major in k-12 physical education and sports management, a coaching specialty and a minor in mass communication.

She once aspired to work for the Twins, but knew now she wants to teach and coach.

“I was undecided when I got to BSU, but I knew I wanted to coach—I like kids and I like athletics—so I started with physical education and then added sports management,” said Lee, who has also considered becoming an athletic director.

She discovered she was good at teaching when she was 16. She had signed up for a life-guarding course, which turned out to be a course on teaching swim lessons, so she gave it a try. She’s been teaching ever since. This year, she also ventured into coaching as head coach of the Bemidji Middle School girls soccer team.

“Athletic club sports have always worked, and often gone to school, too. In addition, she advocates for youth, most recently helping Red Lake students through the YouthBuild/AmeriCorps program.

“She was a strong advocate in that capacity and truly demonstrated her believe in the power of education to change lives,” said Dr. Leah Carpenter, assistant professor of accounting, who met Graves as an online student.

“Soccer is really my thing,” said Lee, who started playing as a 7-year-old and still plays intramural soccer. “I really like working with middle schoolers. I know that I will coach no matter what else I do in life.”

She also is intrigued with ideas on how to curb national obesity trends, including in-school fitness programs for faculty, staff and students. “That’s something that would like to pursue,” she said. “I want to help kids and families be healthier.”

While at BSU, Lee has interned with Bemidji Community Education, led a club for physical education majors and completed a sports management practicum with the BSU Athletic Media Relations. She writes a blog for the men’s hockey program. This summer, she also adopted more healthful eating habits herself and completed her first triathlon.

“One of the things that really amazes me about Laura is the diversity of experiences she’s created for herself,” said Dr. Donna Palavec, chair of Human Performance, Sport and Health. “She takes charge of any opportunity that is afforded to her.”

No matter where Lee starts her career, she believes Bemidji State has prepared her well. “I’ve just had so many opportunities here,” she said. “I feel connected. I’ve had a really good experience. It’s been everything I hoped for.”
For some time, Sanford Health has been scouting Bemidji as a potential home for its third Sanford POWER athletic performance center. When the health care giant ran a pilot project at Bemidji High School this past summer, an internship program sponsored by the George W. Neilson Foundation allowed Bemidji State students to play crucial roles in the experiment.

“Bemidji High School has run an off-season conditioning program in the past that meshed well with Sanford POWER principles,” said Brad Nieis, a physical therapy coordinator with Sanford Health in Bemidji. “With their program, our protocols and the extra staffing from the internship program, this was a great fit.”

BSU interns Kendra Cobb, a senior exercise science major from Nashwauk, and Brian Leonhardt, a senior in business administration from Blaine, worked the summer camps with around 250 middle and high school athletes. They started as early as 7 a.m. on daily 90-minute training regimens covering all aspects of conditioning and training.

“We designed, implemented and operated an eight-week program, with sessions that lasted an hour and a half a day,” said Cobb, who said she gained much from the internship. “They’re hoping my work will help them develop a broader client base and have a better advertising campaign.”

Bemidji State originally approached the foundation with a request to provide funding for 10 internships, but high employer demand led to 14 positions being created at 10 businesses. Now plans are being made to renew the program next summer, possibly with even more students.

Another Bemidji Business that took advantage of the Neilson program in 2012 was Karvakko Engineering. With only 12 summer interns, the program was a natural fit for the Bemidji-based civil engineering specialists.

The company tapped computer science major Santipab Tipperach, a senior from Thailand, for its internship. Tipperach helped Karvakko with 3D rendering projects and landscape rendering to help homeowners visualize what completed landscaping projects would look like.

Sanford was just one of a dozen area businesses to hire interns through the summer program. Interns were available to businesses within 30 miles of Bemidji, with the Neilson Foundation paying half of each intern’s hourly salary, up to $2,500. Internships could pertain to any major or program offered by the university.

The president took action that needed the president to be taken. The budget had to be balanced, and painful decisions had to be made. After those kinds of decisions are made, then you start thinking about where you are going to go and what direction the university is going to take so we don’t go through that again. That’s the opportunity in coming here now – for people to really be engaged and deciding where we’re going as a university. We can’t go back to the way we were, or we’ll end up in the same out-of-balance mess we were before. Now it’s time to decide where we’re going to go as an institution. I found that to be a real opportunity, coming here to be involved with those decisions. That’s exciting.
Now it’s time to decide.

With the reality of changing finances, do you see BSU continuing to re-examine its mix of academic offerings?

Recalibration is not over. It’s in process. Part of that examination is the creation of a new university strategic plan and a new academic program plan. We also have to rethink our budget model. Those have to occur over the next year. Right now, we need to plan, and we’ve got to be aggressive. I was here five years, I do not consider BSU to be very aggressive as an institution, and I think that needs to change.

What are some ways BSU can be creative as it seeks new ways to finance itself?

One thing we have to grow is our endowment. We have to be more like a private university in that respect. We’ve also got to be more like a for-profit in terms of program revenue generation. We have to set up a budgeting model that allows academic programs to invest and grow so they can provide access for new students who would not have normally come here.

What do you think is the biggest opportunity for BSU to take advantage of this year?

The planning process – deciding where we’re going as an institution, deciding what our priorities are. We’re not a big institution, but that doesn’t mean we can’t think big and we can’t do big things. Tinkering around the edges, doing small things, over time led us to a budget situation that was unsustainable. Tinkering doesn’t work any more. How do we get people to start thinking bigger? How do we get people to start taking those big, bold steps? Rethinking our financial model, rethinking our array of programs, rethinking our student mix, rethinking our partnerships so we can become sustainable are all big steps that have to be taken. That’s the message I’m trying to get out. That’s what we were doing in Northeastern, and that’s what we were doing at Oskosh before that. And it was working.

Education-Arts Building renamed to honor Jim Bensen

Bemidji State University’s Education-Arts Building has been renamed Bensen Hall in honor of its eighth president, Dr. M. James “Jim” Bensen. Bensen accepted the honor from President Richard Hanson during a Sept. 28 ceremony in front of the building, which was built in 1950 and renovated in 1986. Bensen served from 1994-2001 and is the only BSU alumnus to serve as president. The recruitment fair visit is one of several events BSU has planned to grow the international student population on campus. It is part of a renewed focus on the university’s global and multicultural understanding signature theme. More details about these initiatives will be forthcoming as plans are finalized in the months ahead.

360° receives $3 million NSF grant

In June, the 360° Center of Excellence housed in Bensen Hall at BSU received a $3 million advanced technological education grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will allow the center to create a regional center for technical education, with goals of enhancing educational pipelines for manufacturing-related careers, retaining industry driven educational curricula and assessing student learning. The grant award also meant a name change for the center, which now be known as the 360° Manufacturing and Applied Engineering Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence.

Rec Center elliptical machines being used to generate electricity

The Gillett Recreation-Fitness Center now has Renewable Energy Revolution devices on seven of its nine elliptical exercise machines, enabling them to draw energy from riders to generate electricity. The project, completed in June, was devised by students in BSU’s People for the Environment course. Those students requested and received funding from BSU’s Green Fee to jump-start the project, which took nearly two years of planning. Each elliptical machine equipped with a Reflex device can generate about one kilowatt-hour of electricity every two days, which is enough to power a laptop for 24 hours.

Griggs named VP for innovation and extended learning

Bob Griggs has joined President Hanson’s cabinet as the University’s vice president for innovation and extended learning. In this role, Griggs will guide efforts to seek out new and effective approaches to deliver coursework to students and expand summer programming and other initiatives to help BSU deliver innovative education. He will oversee the Center for Extended Learning, Optimization, Information Technology, summer programming and sponsored research. Griggs has been with the University in a variety of administrative roles for 12 years, most recently as interim vice president for academic affairs. He has a bachelor’s degree in political science and a juris doctorate, both from the University of North Dakota. He is a member of the state bar associations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

International Program Center Seeks students in China

In October, representatives from BSU’s International Program Center traveled to China to participate in a college recruitment fair in Beijing. The recruitment fair visit is one of several initiatives BSU is planning to grow the international student population on campus. It is part of a renewed focus on the university’s global and multicultural understanding signature theme. More details about these initiatives will be forthcoming as plans are finalized in the months ahead.
Seven faculty earn emeritus status

Seven faculty members with a combined 201 years of service to BSU were named professors or directors emeriti during the University’s 93rd commencement exercise in May. Faculty who retire from the university with at least 15 years of service are eligible for emeritus status. The 2012 emeriti were: Dr. Munir Galman, professor emeritus of human performance, sport and health, 37 years at BSU; Dale Ladig, director emeritus of the Department of Residential and Student Life, 35 years; Dr. Russell Bennett, professor emeritus of psychology, 34 years; Satish Dwag, professor emeritus of geography, 26 years; Dr. Hal Gritzmer, professor emeritus of professional education, 25 years; Louise Mangelschots, professor emerita of mass communication, 23 years; and Sharon Gritzmer, professor emerita of TRiO/Student Support Services, 20 years.

Campus weathered thunderstorm

In July, the Bemidji area was slammed by severe thunderstorms. The worst was a July 2 storm of historic proportions during which winds of 70 to 80 mph downed thousands of trees, including several large ones on the BSU campus.

Birchmont Drive was blocked by trees that remain on the wall of Birch Hall, and another effort to clear the trees in Diamond Point Park were lost. BSU lost a pantoon boat that was moored at the Outdoor Program Center boathouse at Diamond Point, athletic fences were knocked over, and a tree fell against the west wall of Deputy Hall, but the campus suffered no severe damage.

Mahmoud Al-Odah, assistant professor of technology, art and design, presented three research papers at an international conference in Orlando. His presentations covered data management, the life cycles, economic analysis of a tracking system at Indiana State University, and an examination of the current supply chain management and technology structure at Al-Hussein Industrial Estate in Jordan.

Dr. Draguljib Bilanovic, professor of environmental, earth and space studies, presented a research poster titled “Project on Microalgae at a Conference in Italy. This is a collaborative project between Bilanovic, Dr. Tim Kroeger, professor of environmental, earth and space studies, Dr. Mark Holland of Salisbury University and Dr. Robert Armon of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. It is funded in part through the Minnesota Space Grant.

Anne Conaway, assistant professor of technology studies, co-authored “Scholastic Journalism Teacher Use of Digital Devices and Social Networking Tools,” with Dr. Bruce Foppler from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The paper received the Lawrence Campbell Research Award for top faculty paper in the Scholarly Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications’s annual meeting.

Dr. Mike Morgan, professor of English, had an article on religion accepted at writingcommon.org, and also participated in MOOC MOOC, a week-long course that was open online course.

Dr. Mark Fulton, professor of biology, attended the 97th meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Portland, Ore. With BSU graduate student Trista Little, he presented a poster titled “Physiological and Environmental Differences Between the Top and Bottom of a Pinus Strobus Canopy During Cold Hardening” He also presented a single-author poster titled “Predictability of Fine Scale Dynamics in a Mixed Forest Stand: The Effect of Abundance Measures.”

Lawrence Hanus, assistant professor of counseling services, was one of five participants on a panel presentation entitled, “Creating Respectful and Inclusive WellBeing Communities: A Workshop Addressing Physical and Mental Health of LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults.” The panel was moderated by Dr. Angela Fournier, associate professor of psychology.

Natalia Himmiraka, associate professor of visual arts, participated in a pair of juried international art competitions and had work in a group show in Russia. She was invited to participate in the first competition International Gravurag Print IMPRIMA 2012 in Brazil, she had two prints accepted for the Second July International Print Exhibition in Fushan, China, and her work was displayed in a group show in Moscow.

Dr. Tim Kroeger, professor of geology in the Center for Environmental, Earth and Space Studies, presented a research poster entitled “Baseline contribution to seasonal hypoxia, Clearwater River, Clearwater County, Minnesota” at the 57th Midwest Regional Groundwater Conference in Minneapolis. The poster was co-authored by Dr. Draguljib Bilanovic, professor of environmental, earth and space studies, and Ruth Wasson; a BSU graduate in environmental studies who used this project as her undergraduate thesis. They focused on the group’s 2008 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency-funded effort to determine the cause of seasonal dissolved oxygen impairment of the headwaters reach of the Clearwater River near Bemidji.

Dr. Mark Lawrence, professor of geography, spent the 2011-12 academic year on sabbatical. He spent the fall studying the environmental history of eight villages in Kenya, then gave a presentation on service learning at a conference in Romania. For the first half of 2012, Lawrence was a visiting professor at the University of Applied Sciences in Erfurt, Germany, and gave presentations in Austria, Germany, Croatia and Spain.

Dr. Colleen Livingston, professor of mathematics and computer science, participated in a conference on game theory at Winona State University sponsored by a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence housed at Rutgers University.

Dr. Janet Moen, adjunct instructor in sociology, presented “Civil Relations in Contemporary Society. Perceptions and Reality” at the Sociologists of Minnesota meeting. Dr. Debbie Peterson, professor of sociology, also participated in the meeting. Her presentation was entitled “The Process of Understanding Campus Climate.”

William “Bill” Scheela, professor of business administration, has made presentations about economic policy, investing and venture capital at conferences in the United Kingdom, Malaysia and in Boston.

Anton “Tony” Treuer, professor of languages and ethnic studies, in June won an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History for his book, “The Assassination of Hole in the Day,” a book that explores the 1868 murder of the Cheif Cheepe, Hal in the Day, who was killed by a group which made national news and inspired a variety of theories and potential conspiracies that survive to this day. It was named Minnesota’s Best Read by the library of Congress in 2010.

Dr. Marty Wolf, professor of mathematics and manology in science, was one of three authors of presentations on machine ethics and morality given at a conference in the United Kingdom. He also wrote a chapter in the book “Luscani Fland’s Philosopshy of Technology: Critical Reflections” and had an article on the processing of instructional information published in “Philosophy and Technology.”
Boschee inks extension to remain with BSU football team through 2017

Boschee becomes BSU’s first NCAA Division II Baseball All-America selection

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By Brad Folkestad

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The internship, which he hustled up in his hometown of Brainerd just to make certain he really wanted to be an accountant, forged a link that would later prove vital. “I said I’d work for free. You don’t even have to pay me. I just want the experience,” Anderson recalled.

During his year at England’s Manchester College, part of Oxford University, Anderson studied mathematics and sociology and was a novice member of the school’s boxing team. He’s convinced that opportunity — gained through BSU — helped distinguish his resume.

Anderson told a story of how at an industry conference, an Army medic made a point of visiting Minnesota Thermal’s booth. “He came over to say, ‘We use that product, and it saves lives,’” Anderson recalled. “Damn, that felt good.”

In addition to his professional success, Anderson has been active in volunteer board service and leadership around the Brainerd Lakes area. He enjoys action-packed visits to Minnesota Thermal Science’s booth at trade shows. “It’s amazing,” he said. “I try to tell my kids: ‘You make connections like that, and you never know where it’s going to come back and touch you again.’”

A 1968 graduate of Washington High School in Brainerd, where he lettered in four sports, Anderson headed to Bemidji State as the first in his family to attend college. He set his sights on accounting back in junior high when a career interest survey suggested it would suit him.

“I read about it, and I was like, ‘OK, I am going to be an accountant,’” Anderson said. “I just put my mind that that was what I was going to be doing.”

But after his first year at BSU, living in Maple Hall, he said, “I wanted to know what accountants really do.” So he scouted four accounting firms around Brainerd and was hired by Darrell Johns, then a sole practitioner. Johns made room for his new assistant by moving a chair into a supply closet.

After his year abroad, Anderson completed an associate degree from BSU in 1970 and went on to earn a bachelor’s in accounting from the hometown of Brainerd, where he lettered in four sports, attended Bemidji State as the first in his family to attend college. He’d set his sights on accounting back in junior high when a career interest survey suggested it would suit him.

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Anderson finds destiny in decisions...
John "Terry" Bergum ‘72

When a family friend asked John "Terry" Bergum to visit the Bemidji State University campus, he never imagined he would also be enrolling in classes and finding a place to live for the coming year that day. Initially, he thought he would complete his first two years at BSU and finish his engineering degree at the University of Minnesota. But, he decided he liked where he was and chose to complete his studies through the Industrial Technology program.

After graduating in 1972, Bergum moved to Minneapolis and worked for National Polymer and Taro Company until spring of 1973. He then moved back to Bemidji to pursue a teaching degree. During his student teaching, he realized education was not a good fit. Instead, he worked at General Electric and Electroless in Hibbing for the next 17 years. In 1992, he worked as a sales engineer for Minnesota Milk and move to Minnesota Twist Drill in 1994. Bergum and several business partners purchased the company in 2003.

Currently vice-president of sales and marketing/twin of Industrial Technology, Bergum has been recognized for his business contributions to the northeast Minnesota economy. In 2008, the Northeast Minnesota Business Development Center presented him with the Jiil Lobitz Award for Emerging Entrepreneurs. Terry and Gail, his wife of 33 years, have two grown sons, Matthew and Joseph.
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Alyssa Thorson of Bagley has joined the laboratory staff at Essentia Health in Fosston after passing the American Society for Clinical Pathology exam. Montana Vicherek has been named one of three recipients of a $15,000 Western College of Agriculture Association post-graduate scholarship. From Moose Lake, Vicherek captained the BSU women’s team this fall, her third year as a starting player. The past year and a half proved to be a real challenge as she balancing a full-time college student and full-time weekend student athlete. "During the fall season, I’m at the school two or three days a week, but I am at home rest of the time," she said. "I have a really good support system back home that helps me be successful at my chosen path.”

Note: Towns are listed in bold. Alumni names appear in blue. The raw textual content is not provided.
9 Robert Enger has assumed the president of the Minnesota State Bar Association, an organization of 36,000 members, that provides legal educational and public service opportunities for lawyers. Enger is an attorney at the Legal Services Organization of Minnesota, which provides legal services to low-income Minnesotans. He is also president of the Law Foundation of Minnesota, which provides legal education and public service opportunities for lawyers. Enger is an attorney at the Legal Services Organization of Minnesota, which provides legal services to low-income Minnesotans. He is also president of the Law Foundation of Minnesota, which provides legal education and public service opportunities for lawyers. Enger is an attorney at the Legal Services Organization of Minnesota, which provides legal services to low-income Minnesotans. He is also president of the Law Foundation of Minnesota, which provides legal education and public service opportunities for lawyers. Enger is an attorney at the Legal Services Organization of Minnesota, which provides legal services to low-income Minne
75 Jim (Hoss) Ellsworth has retired after teaching English and French for 37 years, all but two of them in Redwood Falls, where he lives with his wife, Richard. (Richard ‘76) Mike Lein has been a faculty member at Cloquet College in recognition of his long record of volunteering with many organizations, strong community roots and promotion of civic responsibility. A teacher in a country school near Argyle early in her career, she later taught children with special learning and behavior problems in Nyahoga. She and her husband, Neil, have four daughters. Dave Tukey received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Central Regional Science Fair. The award noted Tukey’s dedication in preparing students for science, technology, engineering and mathematics projects for presentation on the regional and state level. Dave Tukey has served since 2002 as an eighth-grade teacher at Jackson Middle School in Champlin. The Anoka education system’s specialty school for science and math. He and his wife, Lori, (Lei, ‘73), live in Ramsey. Tim Ballard is retiring after serving the Waubun-Douglas-West Eren Earth District for 36 years. He started as a third-grade teacher and worked in many other capacities before ending his career in a special education classroom for fifth- and sixth-graders. He has two daughters and lives in Detroit Lakes. (Connie (Nelson) Backes decided to leave the classroom after teaching 39 years in Paynesville/ area elementary schools. Her assignments included kindergarten as well as first, third and fourth grades. She also had administered the Accelerated Reader Program in the schools. And her husband, Roger, lives in Richmond and have two daughters.

76 Yvonne Burbank was the first supervisor and emergency management director for Beltrami County. In her job, she oversees the 911 Dispatch Center and works with other organizations on preparedness, training, and implementing emergency plans. She and her husband, Myron, have two daughters and two grandchildren. She lives in Baudette. Peter Niola is writer, musician and traveler who drew from his life experiences to create a publishable comic book, “Financial Man,” for his Tramp series of comics, first published by Phantom Comics in 1994. He also published the Tramp Game and has a radio show broadcast on 1,000 stations across 26 states. He lives in Red Wing.

77 Sandy (Laplante) Tilton has added the pastor duties at the Chisholm United Methodist Church to the ones he holds as pastor of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Hibbing, where he resides with his wife, Cheryl. The couple has two grown children.

78 Nancy (Fullam) and Richard Weis ‘66 were featured in the exhibit “Shaded Visions” at the Jackson Gallery in the Town Hall Theater in Middleton, VT. The couple has been creating art for about 30 years. Their most recent show, “Landscape of Rapture,” was shown in Vermont. He lives in Brattleboro and Coventry, VT, where he enjoys emeritus status. They maintain studios in both buildings and Coventry, where they have family. Donald Martin works at the Big Aggies showing off his natural historical and agricultural tours. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Kingsville, Texas.

79 Dan Kassube is honored at the Alaska high school basketball tournament for his 34 years of officiating basketball games and monitoring hundreds of aspiring officials through such organizations as the Alaska Basketball Officials Association, which he served as president for 14 years. In Alaska, Kassube was selected to officiate region and state tournaments 28 times, and is one of only two officials from the state nominated to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. He lives in Anchorage. Dan Kassube was inducted in the Northern Interscholastic Conference Hall of Fame. Neilan retired in 2008 after coaching the Bemidji State men’s golf team for 15 years. During his tenure, the Beavers won their conference team titles, six times and the NIAA individual championship, three times. The League’s Coach of the Year four times. He and his wife, Janet, live in Bemidji.

80 Al Spray is a potter at the West Lake Modern Life Center in Garvey. Spray is retired from teaching at Bjugham High School for 27 years. He and his wife, Mary (’59), live in Garvey.

81 Beryl Wernberg has a degree in creative non-fiction for magazines. He lives in New York City.


83 Helen (Rasmussen) Tangen was the recipient of a 2010 Top Ivy Award, the highest honor presented by the Northwestern School of Agricultural at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Tangen taught for 31 years in schools across Minnesota and North Dakota while also working with prospective teachers at the University of Wisconsin, Superior. She lives in Bemidji.

84 Mike Harris, 71, of Lake Fork, left to pursue his passion for art. He moved to Reno to open a studio, where he works with encaustic painting. Also educators, she has taught on the adjunct level at Castleton (VT) State College and the Community College of Vermont system and he at Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT, where he enjoys emeritus status. They maintain studios in both Poultney and Castleton, where they have a family.

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Summer and fall are always busy at Bemidji State University, and 2012 has been no exception. (Top row, from left) Children enjoy music at Community Appreciation Day on Aug. 28. A girl prepares her robotic car to compete during the VEX Robotics Camp in July. Native American students take part in the Indians into Medicine program in June. Freshmen participate in Convocation on Aug. 26. (Middle row, from left) Women's basketball players share a smile at Community Appreciation Day. BSU's staff and faculty team “Beaver Fever” wins a silver medal in Bemidji's Dragon Boat Festival on Aug. 4. (Bottom row, from left) Revelers enjoy the BSU Homecoming Street Dance in downtown Bemidji on Sept. 29. President Richard Hanson congratulates Outstanding Alum Dr. Jim Karner '94 on Sept. 29. (From left) Mary Jo Falk, Dr. Bruce Falk '71, Outstanding Alum Terry Bergum '72, Gail Bergum, Paula Wallestad at the pre-game tailgate in Diamond Point Park on Sept. 29. Jodi Tower (left) and Kelly Schultz '09 get into the spirit of the Honors Gala on Sept. 28. (Below and right) The Beavers celebrate their Homecoming victory with a traditional lake plunge. Runners lead the Bemidji State/Sara Labraaten Insurance Run/Walk for Women on Sept. 29. Alumni and fans tailgate on Sept. 29.
President’s Society

The President’s Society recognizes the cumulative giving of $50,000 or more. Organizations are identified as donors of distinction,” honoring donors with Custom chargers (pictured below). They are “awards given to organizations. Members are recognized in annual reports of the University. Known is providing financial support for students to enroll at Bemidji State University.

“Vision” calls to mind images of what can be – the important goals toward which we are constantly making strides, thanks to help from generous alumni, friends, faculty, staff, businesses and organizations. Everyone is donation is uniquely inspired and helps make up the mosaic of this great north woods institution.

During the past 12 months, we restructured the BSU Alumni & Foundation. We brought on additional staff and developed new programs to connect alumni to one another and to the campus, to engage the historical identity of our university, and to help donors accomplish their charitable goals. Our development officers serve specific regions of the country, and they now are joined by Twin Cities-based development officer Greg DesLauriers. Another new hire, Kev Johnson, specializes in planned giving and is happy to share his expertise. Both are ready to impact BSU today and build for BSU’s tomorrow. In addition, Maria Patriots added a new role as chief development officer. And Molly Atken-Jaulen was selected as director of alumni relations. The real staff addition was Maryheleen Chadwick, who will serve as our communications and marketing specialist. We have built an outstanding staff of dedicated professionals to more effectively and efficiently enhance the engagement and support systems for the University.

Sincerely,
Rob Bollinger
Executive Director for University Advancement

Combining Impact and Vision

The word “impact” is immediate, and it well describes the positive effect donors have on Bemidji State University every day. This past year, $766,423 in scholarships gave students the support they needed to focus on their academic pursuits. Knowing there is financial support for their educational endeavors also encourages prospective students to enroll at Bemidji State University.

The Bemidji State University Foundation is the University’s most generous contributors. Based on lifetime cumulative giving to Bemidji State University, membership includes individuals, families and organizations. Members are recognized for gifts and pledges at the levels listed on the next few pages. Custom chargers (pictured below) are created especially for the University by visual arts professor John “Butch” Holden. They are “awards of distinction,” honoring donors with cumulative giving of $50,000 or more.
Demonstrating the power of love and friendship, a scholarship fund in memory of Bemidji State University student Jeff McBride has generated more than $750,000 since his death last January at age 24.

For Jeff’s parents, Gary and Ruth McBride of Oakdale, the outpouring of support in tribute to their late son has been both overwhelming and comforting in the face of their enormous grief.

“It’s a way of keeping his memory alive, a way of keeping him going,” Gary McBride said. “People will be benefiting through him. That has really helped our family out.”

Soon after Jeff’s passing, Gary’s business partners in RJ Ahmann Company, an insurance agency, and family friends launched a memorial scholarship fund that raised $50,000 within months. This past summer, the sold-out inaugural Jeff McBride Memorial Golf Tournament added almost $52,800 more.

Items donated for the golf tournament included game jerseys signed by BSU Star Matt Read of the Philadelphia Flyers, Ryan Carter of the New Jersey Devils and Neal Broten and Buzzy Schneider, both former University of Minnesota Gophers. Country singer Easton Corbin donated a signed guitar. Members of the Minnesota Vikings cheered loud squads made an appearance, as well.

“IT was so amazing what people did,” McBride said. “They want to know, ‘How doing you? They want to make sure we’re OK.’”

Known by the nickname “Bird,” Jeff graduated from BSU in 2010 with a bachelor’s degree in sports management and a minor in economics. He was preparing to begin a promising job with 3M when he was struck with a rare form of heart attack. He had been a member of the BSU golf team, a goalie for the school’s club hockey team and buddies with the Broncos hockey squad.

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“He loved the town, he loved the school,” said his father, a 1960 alum. “He did not want to leave Bemidji, and when I graduated, I felt the same way.”

“The McBride Memorial Scholarship will be an ongoing tribute to Jeff’s athleticism in hockey and golf, beginning next fall.

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In particular, Henriques remembers the words of her German immigrant grandparents: “They always said to me, ‘Kid, get an education. It’s the only thing that cannot be taken away from you.’”

Taking that lesson to heart, she became the only one among her siblings and cousins to go to college, where she discovered her abilities as a teacher. “I was so lucky that I happened to hit on the thing that I loved, and I was good at it,” she said.

Henriques began teaching in a country school in rural Moorhead while taking courses at night and during the summer to complete her undergraduate degree in teaching at Moorhead State.

“I just kept on going to school,” she said. Henriques moved to Bemidji with her husband, a California native and Oxford University graduate who taught at BSU for 42 years, from 1965 to 1989. In addition to his commitment to teaching the classics of English literature, such as Chaucer, Milton and Shakespeare, Ken Henriques had a passion for travel that they both shared. He pioneered study abroad at BSU, including the Eurospan program, and also guided area teachers on countless continuing education trips, which he enriched through his own knowledge of history and culture.

“He was always ahead of his time – always ahead of his time,” Henriques said. “He just lived his life the way he wanted it.”

One legacy of his 40 years of travel was a collection of hundreds of antiquarian and rare books dating from 1943 to 1939. She donated 250 volumes to the A. C. Clark Library at Bemidji State, where a room bears the couple’s name.

She has continued her studies at BSU, where she received a master’s in education in 1974. She particularly enjoys history, art history and literature. “I like the classroom,” she said. Henriques said she has been welcomed by her fellow University students, and she gives high marks to her instructors.

“Every teacher I’ve had there is way above average in my estimation,” she said, “and I think I’m a pretty good judge. They are excellent.”

Her support for BSU, both through annual giving and a planned gift, is something she knows her late husband would approve of, even though they never specifically discussed it before his death in 2000.

“Sometimes it’s just an understanding,” Henriques said. “You don’t have to talk about it. You’re on the same wavelength.”

— Scott Faust

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Planned Giving

Delphine and Jack Jacobsen say their best decisions were first to attend Bemidji State University and second to return to the Bemidji area, where Jack worked on the BSU financial aid staff and taught school.

Even as they enjoy a northern Minnesota retirement filled with travel, hunting and fishing, and longtime friendships, the couple has stayed close to the University as alumni, athletic boosters and donors.

“Our story is just one of the many hundreds that could be told by alumni and friends of BSU,” Jack said. “We are proud to be among the donors who are helping BSU be an outstanding institution.”

The Jacobsens’ financial support includes annual gifts and an endowment that has laid the groundwork for a planned gift through the BSU Legacy Society.

“I think we just felt we needed to give back,” Delphine said. “We got a lot from our education there and having people care about us.”

Both grew up near Bemidji – he in Laporte and she in Navy – and they met in Hubbard County 4-H. As the first in their families to attend college, they both chose BSU mostly because it was affordable and close to home. Delphine studied education, and Jack chose business administration.

“It was a good fit,” Delphine said. “It worked out really well. I had some great instructors, and I never thought about other schools once I was enrolled at Bemidji.”

After graduation in 1964, Jack was drafted and spent two years in the Army at the start of the Vietnam War. The couple married in 1967. Delphine began her teaching career in the Bloomington schools. Then Jack found a job with the University of Minnesota, Grand Rapids, and she took a postion in nearby Coleman. After learning that a financial aid job had opened up at Bemidji State, they decided to come back “home” in 1969.

Jack spent 26 years with BSU until he retired in 1999 as assistant director of financial aid. Delphine taught in the Bemidji School District until she retired in 1998. She continued to work at BSU as a student teaching supervisor and served two terms on the alumni board of directors. Both also continued their studies at BSU, with her earning a master’s in education and he completing a master’s in counseling.

While Delphine saw the potential and aspirations of her students, Jack saw in his financial aid work what a difference even a modest scholarship could mean for BSU students and their families, both in terms of dollars and recognition.

“For many of them, starting a career in face of the student and for mom and dad when they found a scholarship was in the offering,” he said. “Sometimes a $500 or $400 scholarship does a lot more than you might think.

Jack also recalls times when BSU staff and faculty would pitch in to help students, particularly working mothers and other non-traditional students, whose situation didn’t quite match up with any formal program of student aid.

“For many of them, starting a career in education was a huge undertaking, and they appreciated any encouragement given by faculty and staff,” he said.

In their own giving, the Jacobsens make a point of providing funds for scholarships in a variety of majors, believing it is best for the University to direct the money ‘where the need is greatest.’

“They know a lot more where the need is than I do 15 years after being retired,” Jack said.

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Jacobsen Legacy

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Beaver Pride Hardwater Classic, Lake Bemidji, Jan. 26, hardwaterclassic.org
Athletic Alumni Reception, Sanford Center, Feb. 1
Athletic Alumni Reunions, men’s hockey and men’s and women’s basketball, Feb. 1-2
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, Sanford Center, Feb. 2
Beaver Pride Bonspiel, Bemidji Curling Club, Feb. 8 – Feb. 9
Alumni & Friends Gathering, Southern California, March 23
Alumni & Friends Gathering, Fountain Hills, Ariz., March 27
Professional Education Hall of Fame Banquet, AIRC, April 19
Class of 1963 50-Year Reunion, Hobson Memorial Union, May 9
Golden Beaver Society Luncheon, AIRC, May 10

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