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good bye,
Hagg-Sauer Hall



PRESIDENT FAITH C. HENSRUD

This issue of Bemidji State University magazine recognizes the opportunities and challenges that come with great change and celebrates the remarkable dedication our faculty display every day to share their knowledge with our students.

Fitting for our Centennial celebration, this issue also includes a story featuring some of our oldest alumni. According to BSU Alumni and Foundation records, we have four living alumni who are currently at least 100 years old, and we were fortunate enough to speak with three of them.

In this issue's faculty feature, you'll meet Dr. Misty Wilkie, who in her six short years at Bemidji State has done truly outstanding work to increase opportunities for American Indian and indigenous nursing students. She embodies the values that make Bemidji State such a special place — drive, talent and an unyielding desire to see our students succeed.

You'll also meet three May graduates who are on their way towards remarkable futures — one to a job with a famed accounting firm; one who has used her engineering knowledge to design a groundbreaking drone; and a third who has been a champion for equity and diversity.

Our cover story is a memorial of sorts for Hagg-Sauer Hall, which has anchored the northern edge of BSU's lakeside skyline since 1970. By now, you have heard of our project to demolish and replace Hagg-Sauer with a smaller building and renovate four other buildings on campus. The renovations are well under way and by the time this magazine reaches you, Hagg-Sauer's demolition will be imminent.

Change can be difficult. Saying goodbye to a building where so many memories and relationships have been formed over the decades is difficult.

But change is also necessary. Construction of the new Hagg-Sauer Hall, featuring modern collaborative learning spaces and current technology, begins this fall. It will be a beautiful building in which our faculty will be proud to teach and our students proud to learn. I look forward to celebrating this building with you at groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies as we begin our second century.

Until then, we remember the old Hagg-Sauer Hall and say "thank you" for the role it has played in the stories told by generations of faculty and students.

Go Beavers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faith C. Hensrud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Faith C. Hensrud

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, **HAGG-SAUER**

49-year-old classroom and office building will be demolished in July

By Andy Bartlett

On a cloudy, overcast week following commencement, Hagg-Sauer Hall should have been looking forward to a quiet summer. Instead, it was being readied for the end of its time on campus. Final preparations for Hagg-Sauer Hall's demolition began on May 13, a significant step forward in a years-long project to replace the aging building with a smaller, modern classroom facility.

The signs of impending change were evident even to casual observers. A window adjacent to the building's southwest doors had been replaced by a makeshift exhaust port. Four billowing plastic tubes snaked from a plywood panel through the entryway and down a set of stairs to a blocky, silver air exchanger attached to Hagg-Sauer 100.

By the lakeside entrance ramp, a large truck was being packed with furniture.

Empty recycling bins and shipping containers loaded with boxes of construction supplies blocked the view of Chet Anderson Stadium that once greeted travelers between Hagg-Sauer and Bridgeman halls.

Inside, crews navigated emptied classrooms and dodged piles of equipment that were waiting to be relocated. Some students sat on floors counting DVD players, while others helped shuttle chairs to the trucks waiting outside. Crews surveyed the now-vacant shell of Hagg-Sauer 100, stripped of chairs, carpet, screens and all that might have hinted at its past life as a lecture hall.

A lone paper sign left hanging in a first-floor classroom read simply, "Strongly Disagree."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HAGG-SAUER HALL

Completed during an era of rapid expansion, Bemidji State College's "classroom building," as it was first known, featured 82,478 square feet of classrooms and offices. Its 1970 opening came in the midst of a flurry of construction which saw the college also build Maple, Tamarack and Walnut halls, both C.V. Hobson Memorial Union buildings, the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex, the Harold T. Peters Aquatic Biology Lab and the John S. Glas Fieldhouse, all between 1966-72.





Crews worked in an emptied Hagg-Sauer 100 on May 14 to prepare for asbestos abatement.



Faculty, staff and students worked to clear remaining furniture from the building on May 14.

Three years after it opened, on May 28, 1973, the building was named in honor of best friends and long-time colleagues Dr. Harold T. Hagg and Dr. Philip R. Sauer.

The pair had taught together at the college for nearly 40 years — Hagg arrived in Bemidji in 1936 to join the college’s history faculty, and Sauer joined him a year later as a professor of English. Both were eventually chairs in their respective divisions and as they arrived, so did they depart. Sauer retired in 1975, with Hagg following him a year later.

In its nearly five decades of service to the university, Hagg-Sauer Hall was home to more than a dozen academic programs and more than 750 faculty, staff and graduate assistants.

Throughout the years, departments such as criminal justice, mathematics and computer science, English, geography, history, languages, indigenous and ethnic studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, social work, women’s and gender studies and more were found inside Hagg-Sauer Hall. It also housed seminar rooms, writing centers,

various media centers, program-specific libraries, cartography and computer labs and tutoring rooms. Other organizations such as the Center for Professional Development, Honors Program and Liberal Education Committee have been located there as well.

A NEED FOR CHANGE

Hagg-Sauer Hall’s scenic location near Lake Bemidji also meant its basement and foundation sat perilously close to the water table. For decades, this forced the university and its maintenance crews into consistent battles against water infiltration. The building also presented other challenges, including accessibility problems and difficulties upgrading its technology infrastructure. In all, by 2018 the total cost of Hagg-Sauer’s checklist of backlogged maintenance projects had swelled to \$9.5 million.

By the mid-2000s, the university identified renovations to Hagg-Sauer Hall as its top facilities priority, and turned to the state legislature for help.

A NEW HAGG-SAUER HALL

It took until 2014 for the years-long campaign to take its first significant step forward, when BSU received \$1 million from the Minnesota legislature to plan construction and renovation projects related to the aging building.

It took several more years for construction funds to materialize. Gov. Mark Dayton included the project on his pre-session bonding priorities list in both 2016 and 2017, and the legislature included \$22.512 million for the project in its 2018 bonding bill.



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THE PEOPLE OF HAGG-SAUER HALL

Bemidji State University’s Office of Communications and Marketing compiled a list of more than 750 faculty, staff and graduate assistants who had offices in Hagg-Sauer Hall between 1974 and 2019. Our researcher used the best resources available to us. The list is included with the online version of this story. Please contact the Office of Communications and Marketing with any corrections or additions.



Left: Computers and other equipment being moved out of a classroom. Above: Faculty, students and alumni wrote messages and shared memories of their time in Hagg-Sauer in handwritten murals on many third-floor walls. More photos of these murals are available in the online version of this story.

“The memories you have and the place where those memories were made are forever entwined. But even though the building may change, the memories made inside it are yours to keep forever.”

The new Hagg-Sauer Hall will be a 27,700-square-foot classroom-only facility, significantly smaller than the all-purpose building it is replacing. It will feature a large lecture hall — which will retain the Art Lee Lecture Hall name from Hagg-Sauer 103 — and flexible, modern, active-learning classrooms in an energy-efficient building that will serve as a beacon guiding BSU into its second century.

PREPARING FOR TRANSITION

In addition to construction, the project also includes significant renovations to Bensen and Sattgast halls, the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex and the A.C. Clark Library. Space in those four buildings has been reshuffled to clear a path for renovations, which will create new offices for faculty and staff that have moved out of Hagg-Sauer Hall.

Sattgast Hall will welcome mathematics and computer science, political science, sociology, physics and communication studies into its renovated second floor, with geography, geology and sustainability on the first floor.

Bensen Hall’s entire fourth floor is being reimagined into a large classroom, collaborative spaces and faculty offices for both social work and psychology, while the criminal justice program, language arts and professional education will see its third-floor home refreshed. The humanities program is moving to the second floor.

In Bangsberg, the English department will be moving into renovated space on the first and second floors, while the third floor will be refreshed for the music department.

The third floor of the A.C. Clark Library is being reimagined into a hub for student support services, as renovations will create space for the writing center, math tutoring center and other special programs, with common space for students throughout. The first and second floors also will be refreshed, with a new map library added to the first floor.

Renovation projects began in January and are expected to continue through August.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

While the transition will bring many exciting changes to Bemidji State University and improved facilities for students and faculty alike, Hagg-Sauer Hall has been the source of many fond memories for generations of students and faculty. Recognizing its importance, the university invited faculty and staff to a brief retirement ceremony for the building in April.

Before a gathering of nearly 70 faculty, staff and others, President Hensrud encouraged those with memories of Hagg-Sauer Hall to cherish them through the transition.

“If the transformation of Hagg-Sauer Hall brings you sadness, that is easy to understand,” she said. “The memories you have and the place where those memories were made are forever entwined. But even though the building may change, the memories made inside it are yours to keep forever.”

Demolition of Hagg-Sauer Hall is expected to begin in early July, with a goal of having the new building completed and open for classes in the fall of 2020.

FACULTY MEMORIES

In April, several long-time residents of Hagg-Sauer Hall were interviewed by the Office of Communications and Marketing and asked to share some memories of their time spent in Hagg-Sauer Hall. Visit bemidjistate.edu and search for “Hagg-Sauer memories.”





DR. HAROLD T. HAGG

Dr. Harold T. Hagg joined the Bemidji State faculty in 1936, where he would spend four decades immersed in research on the Northern Minnesota region before he retired in 1976. He wrote prolifically on the history and geography of Bemidji, the Mississippi Headwaters region and the state of Minnesota throughout his career.

Born July 24, 1909, to Theodore and Sigrid (Tenggren) Hagg in Rochelle, Ill., Hagg earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell College in Iowa before teaching at the University of Iowa High School. He went on to earn master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Iowa, in 1933 and 1936, respectively.

He joined the Bemidji State Teachers College faculty as an instructor and later as a professor and division chair for history. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He married Renate Fandrey on June 27, 1940, in Carver, Minn. At the time of his death in 2001 at age 96, Hagg and his wife had two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



DR. PHILIP R. SAUER

Dr. Philip R. Sauer joined the Bemidji State Teachers College faculty in 1937 as a professor of English and rose through the ranks to become division chair of languages and literature before retiring in 1975.

After agreeing to temporarily replace the school's only other foreign-languages faculty member, he enjoyed a position as a professor of German — a temporary assignment he held for 25 years.

A native of Winona, Minn., Sauer taught at Winona High School for three years before earning his doctorate and joining the BSTC faculty. He published numerous articles and books on church history and hymns, education and language, nature study and German culture.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Northwestern College, earned his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin and his doctorate from the University of Freiburg, Germany.

Sauer married Elizabeth "Betty" McLaughlin on July 1, 1936, in Winona, Minn. They lived across from the A.C. Clark Library, next door to the David Park House. The Sauer family donated the house to the university, and since 2004 the Sauer House has been home to the BSU Alumni Association.

At the time of his death in 2001, Sauer and his wife had three sons, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL CENTENARIANS

*Honoring our 100-year-old
alumni during our 100th year*

By Carissa Menefee

Charles Sattgast, Harold Hagg, Philip Sauer, A.C. Clark, Carl O. Thompson... To most people, these resonate as names of buildings on Bemidji State University's campus. But to Harold Shellum, Lillian Mathews and Nita Rose, three of BSU's centenarian alumni, they were real people who impacted their time as college students.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We regret being unable to reach a fourth centenarian alumna, Mildred Y. Goble, for this story.

HAROLD SHELLUM

HAROLD SHELLUM, a 100 year-old 1941 graduate of Bemidji State Teacher's College, remembers his time at BSTC well.

"I remember Dr. Sattgast was the president, a tremendous guy and a great leader. Dr. Hagg taught math, Sauer was English, A.C. Clark was economics and Carl Thompson was vocal music," Shellum said. "They were good people."

As a student, Shellum sang bass in Thompson's choir and recalls daily practices and traveling to other schools for performances. He also did some traveling as a Beaver Football player.

"I got four letters in football. I played quarterback on offense and linebacker on defense. Sometimes I played the whole game, so good thing I was 165 pounds of solid muscle," he joked.

During Shellum's time at BSTC, he also remembers living in a house located at 1410 N. Minnesota Avenue where he paid \$8.50 a month in rent. There was only a women's residence hall on campus, so all men lived in housing off campus. There was also no cafeteria on campus for the students, so many did their own cooking.

After graduation, Shellum taught in West Concord before he was drafted into WWII in 1942. He was accepted into the Army Air Force's aviation meteorology division. He went on to be a second lieutenant monitoring and tracking weather trends and setting up weather stations in Australia, Korea, New Guinea and beyond.

After the war he returned to his parent's home in the Bagley area, where he landed a teaching job and met his wife. He went on to a career with the U.S. Weather Bureau, where he worked until his retirement in 1979. During this time Shellum had two daughters, Cynthia (Cindy) Shellum Wight and Roberta Shellum Dohse, and now has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Wight said that Shellum's long and successful career, as well as his unique experience in the military, is due to his decision to attend BSU.

"The greatest thing my dad did that changed his entire life was attending and graduating from BSU," he said. "His math degree allowed him to enter meteorology in World War II and resulted in his entire career."



LILLIAN MATHEWS



NITA ROSE

One year older than Bemidji State University, 101-year-old **LILLIAN MATHEWS** came to Bemidji State Teacher's College with a clear goal at a time when options for women were limited.

"It seemed that you could either be a teacher or a nurse and ever since first grade, I liked my teacher and knew I wanted to be one," Mathews said. "We didn't have a lot of money, so my brother, Louis Larson, worked and put me through college. He was great and it didn't take much. \$12 was all it cost me to get started."

Tuition and opportunity weren't the only differences between the Bemidji State of the present and the BSTC of the past. Mathews attended from 1936-1938, back when the university was just two buildings — Deputy Hall, where classes were held, and Sanford Hall, the women's dormitory.

Because there was only one dormitory, Mathews found housing near campus where she rented a room from Oline Batchelder — whose family owned Bemidji Woolen Mills — cooked her own meals and spent time with her roommates.

When asked what she liked to do for fun, she pointed to Lake Bemidji.

"My friend had a way of getting to know everybody. I was more shy," she recalled. "She got to know a family along the lakeshore that had a boat. They let us take their boat out onto the lake anytime we wanted. Just the two of us would go out in that boat at night for about a half an hour. Oh, it was fun!"

As a devoted student, Mathews remembers her teachers well and their willingness to help her succeed.

"They all were so dedicated," she said. "If there was something they could do, they would help you out."

Mathews went on to get her first teaching job at a one-room country schoolhouse in Clearbrook that served students in first through eighth grades. She married and had six children, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Throughout her teaching career, Mathews stayed grounded with a philosophy she learned from her BSTC teachers.

"Always think of the child's feelings first," she said, "They will remember how they felt in your classroom."

From singing in the choir to playing basketball with the athletic club, 1941 Bemidji State Teacher's College alumna **NITA ROSE** remembers her college years fondly.

"It wasn't expensive. It was a small college but they had competent personnel working there and they were concerned about the student," 100-year old Rose said.

She also has fond memories of singing in Carl O. Thompson's choir.

"He was very, very nice," she said. "I surprised him. He was teaching a music class and I hit a note and I could tell him what it was. He stopped and said 'I think you have perfect pitch so I'm going to put you in the middle of the choir. When you hear the tenors getting low, just step over that way, just bring them up to speed'."

With the choir, Rose remembers traveling to perform across Minnesota with a fun-loving group of students.

"I stumbled going up the stairs to a performance," she said. "When we got back to the bus, everyone said, 'Nita don't feel bad about missing a step. Thompson missed two when he was coming out.'"

In addition to being a leading alto in the choir, Rose also belonged to the girls athletic club where she was a point guard on the basketball team and also competed in tennis.

"The sports were very comparatively new at that time," she said. "For a long time women weren't allowed to play sports because they thought it would impair their female organs."

As attitudes about women in athletic competition changed, Rose and other athletes found more opportunities to compete. She reflected on trip to a basketball tournament at Mankato State University.

"We were going back to Bemidji and had 18 inches of snow with wind blowing. The road was just a little street with tracks through the middle. In the bus we couldn't see over the snow," Rose said. "There were eight of us and we had 87 cents to eat. So, we took our 87 cents and bought cinnamon rolls for the ride home."

After graduating, Rose went on to teach first and second grades at Northern School in Bemidji, get married and have three children. When recalling her time at BSTC, one thought sticks with her.

"I was happy there."

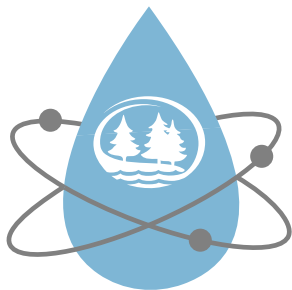


Frederick P. Baker meets with student-athletes following the Feb. 15 dedication ceremony.

Renovated Frederick P. Baker training center gives BSU year-round practice facility

A crowd of nearly 200 student-athletes, staff and friends gathered Feb. 15 in the John S. Glas Fieldhouse to formally unveil the Frederick P. Baker Training Center. The renovation project, funded by a gift from 1961 graduate Frederick Baker,

converted the former home of Beaver Hockey into an artificial turf-covered, multi-sport indoor practice facility. Beaver Athletics now has a year-round practice facility that creates new flexibility for teams and coaches when scheduling practices.



AQUATIC BIOLOGY
HARDWATER LAB
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Aquatic biology unveils Hardwater Ice Lab

Bemidji State University faculty, staff, alumni and donors braved the cold on frozen Lake Bemidji to dedicate the aquatic biology Hardwater Lab on Feb. 15. Built on an ice-fishing house frame, the portable lab gives students the opportunity to conduct field research on Minnesota's water resources year-round. State-of-the-art solar panels and a solar furnace provide energy and heat to the lab without the need for external fuel sources. The Hardwater Lab was made possible by support from Dr. Darby and Geri Nelson, the Minnesota State Leveraged Equipment Grant and corporate partners including Glacier Fish Houses, RREAL, Ardisam, Innovative Office Solutions, MarCum, Ross Lewis Signs and LePier's Shoreline & Outdoors.

2019 TAD Talks challenge students to change their perspectives

The School of Technology, Art & Design's fifth annual TAD Talks featured "America's Got Talent" juggler Charles Peachock, two-time world champion fancy dancer Larry Yazzie, chief marketing officer and co-owner of Steelhead **Rhiannon Anderson** (pictured, right), and other experts in the design field. The student-run TAD Talks presentation series is modeled after the famed TED Talks and brings together presenters representing a broad range of creative disciplines. TAD Talks is meant to help audiences find meaning in technology, art, design, creativity and innovation.



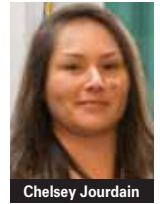
Celebrating excellence, BSU recognizes faculty & staff outstanding achievements

Bemidji State celebrated 66 employees with 755 combined years of service, five faculty members who have been granted emeriti status, five retiring staff members and winners of the university's Awards of Excellence at its annual Employee Recognition Celebration on May 2. BSU's Awards of Excellence include the Spirit of BSU Awards, Outstanding Contribution Award, Excellence in Teaching Award and Distinguished Service Award.



Nitaawichigewag Gikinoo'amaaganag, Congratulations!

Senior Andrea Goodwin was named Outstanding American Indian Student of the Year and 44 graduating Native American students were honored April 18 at BSU's 39th Annual American Indian Students Recognition Banquet. In addition, more than 100 students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement, including a record 29 Native American President's List honorees who posted perfect 4.0 grade-point averages during the spring, summer or fall semesters in 2018.



Other students recognized during the banquet included:

- Earl Nyholm Culture and Language Award winner Serena Graves, a sophomore indigenous studies major from Redby,
- Jacqueline Allen, a freshman nursing major from Flandreau, S.D., who won the AIRC Community Leadership Award, and
- Chelsey Jourdain, a junior elementary education major from Bemidji, who received the Roger Aitken Leadership Award.

Wind ensemble debuts centennial fanfare at 2019 MMEA Mid-winter clinic

In celebration of the university's 100-year anniversary, the Wind Ensemble debuted "**Ningabii'anose,**" a fanfare composed by Robert Thurston, at the 2019 Minnesota Music Educators Association's Midwinter Clinic. It was the group's first performance at the clinic since 2005.

Scott Guidry, assistant professor of music and BSU's director of bands, commissioned Thurston to compose the piece, originally titled "Bemidji State University Centennial Fanfare," after receiving the invitation to perform. While rehearsing the piece, Wind Ensemble students told Guidry it reminded them of ice crystals in mid-air. Guidry worked with Dr. Anton Treuer, BSU professor of indigenous studies, and the American Indian Resource Center to translate "icicles in mid-air" into the Ojibwe language — giving the piece its name.

The Steinway is here

The Department of Music welcomed a new Steinway Model B grand piano into the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex on Feb. 27. The seven-foot grand, donated by Marilyn Vogel '71 and Leland Wilkinson, replaced an aging Model L which had served the Bangsberg Main Theatre for six decades.

Dr. Stephen Carlson, professor of music and chair of the BSU music department, said the Model B will create new opportunities for BSU's Main Theater to host chamber and vocal recitals and will dramatically improve the quality of the department's regular performances.

The piano made its public debut at a March 29 recital.



BSU, NTC students share financial aid experience with U.S. Senator Tina Smith

BSU and Northwest Technical College students, faculty and administrators share stories about their own experiences with the cost of higher education with U.S. Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) during a Feb. 22 roundtable conversation at the American Indian Resource Center (pictured, below). Smith, a member of the Senate Education Committee, said her goal

at the roundtable, one of several stops on a tour of Northern Minnesota, was to learn more about the challenges students face when paying for their educations. Students from both campuses spoke to the financial challenges that go hand-in-hand with the pursuit of a college education, and the obstacles they each have overcome to remain in school.



BSU ranked among nation's best universities for non-traditional students and online programs



Bemidji State was named one of the nation's best schools for non-traditional students in a 2019 report by College Factual, an online college data analytics and insights service. Non-traditional students are any who fall outside the typical first-time, full-time student under the age of 25. College Factual ranked BSU 164th on its list of 1,159 colleges and universities that provide quality education to non-traditional students.

This spring, BSU is also ranked 2nd on the list "Best Online Elementary Education Programs 2018-2019" by AC Online, 49th on the list "Best Online Masters in Special Education Programs" by Online Masters and 31st on the list "Best Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice 2019" by Best Value Schools.

"World's Largest Hockey Stick Salute" draws 100 people in honor of Hockey Day Minnesota

Exactly 100 people braved sub-zero temperatures to gather under Bemidji State's Alumni Arch and show their Hockey Day Minnesota pride Jan. 18 for an event the university called the "World's Largest Hockey Stick Salute." During the salute, participants raised hockey sticks in the air and tapped them to the ground in support and celebration of the three-day Hockey Day Minnesota event.

See a photo of the salute on Page 42.

Minnesota State extends contract for Chancellor Malhotra

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend its employment agreement with Chancellor Devinder Malhotra until July 31, 2023, a two-year extension of his current contract. Michael Vekich, chair of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees, said "Devinder has proven himself in this role as a gifted, inspirational and effective leader."



NEW ADMINISTRATORS



Marilyn D. Yoder

Marilyn Yoder, dean of business, mathematics & science

Dr. Marilyn D. Yoder was named dean of the College of Business, Mathematics & Science in May. Yoder comes to BSU from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she was an associate professor and head of the Division of Cellular Biology. She joined the faculty there in 1994 as an assistant professor in its Division of Cell Biology & Biophysics.



Andy Bartlett

Andy Bartlett, executive director of communications & marketing

Andy Bartlett was named executive director of communications and marketing for BSU and NTC in December. He has been at BSU since 2001, first as sports information director and since 2007 as associate director of communications and marketing. Before coming to Bemidji, he held several roles in the sports information office at Kansas State University.



Allen Bedford

Allen Bedford, associate vice president of academic affairs

Dr. Allen Bedford was named associate vice president of academic affairs in May. Bedford comes to BSU from Bryn Athyn College in Bryn Athyn, Pa., where he was dean of academics & chief academic officer. His other roles there included chair of mathematics and science, director of institutional outcomes and assessment, associate dean of academic affairs and director of institutional effectiveness.



Ye "Solar" Hong

Dr. Ye "Solar" Hong, coordinator of the Center for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Dr. Ye "Solar" Hong was named coordinator of the Center for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in January. Hong previously served as coordinator for graduate students and international students at Ohio University. She also served in the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, helping Chinese students transition to campus life in the U.S.



Patrick Liu

Patrick Liu, director of international recruiting and the International Program Center

Patrick Liu was named director of international recruiting and the International Program Center in January. Liu has previous experience at Lakeland University, the University of North Texas and Castleton University. He has more than 20 years of experience in international recruitment and admissions and has established university partnerships in multiple countries.

BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



Dr. Andy Arsham, assistant professor of biology, traveled with seven undergraduate students from BSU and North Hennepin Community College to the Genetics Society of America's annual Drosophila Research Conference, held in March in Dallas. Drosophila is a fruit fly commonly used in genetics and evolutionary research. Arsham and the students presented on the unique biology/theater partnership that has launched at North Hennepin Community College, and students participated in a workshop on equity in the research community.

Dr. Stephen Carlson, professor of music and chair of the Department of Music, and **Dr. Cory Renbarger**, associate professor of music, traveled to Arizona for a March 24 performance of Schubert's "Winterreise" at the Dove of Peace Lutheran Church in Tucson, Ariz. "Winterreise," based on 24 poems by German poet Wilhelm Müller, explores death and love through the metaphor of winter.

Dr. Jessica Durgan, associate professor of English, published her first academic book entitled "Art, Race, and Fantastic Color Change in the Victorian Novel." It explores the use of color in characterizations of Victorian-era characters, such as purple madwoman Bertha Mason in Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre."



Dr. Season Ellison, assistant professor of history, was lead producer and one of three directors for BSU's inaugural "Voices of the Earth" play festival in April. Co-hosted by Bemidji State and Red Lake Nation College, the festival featured readings of short plays written by national and local playwrights on topics ranging from sustainability to indigenous legends. It drew submissions from playwrights across the country, including four written by Red Lake Nation College students.

Dr. Eric Forsyth, professor of human performance, sport and health, co-wrote a peer-reviewed article entitled "Parents and Interscholastic Sport: A Mixed-Method Approach to Identify Salient Issues." The article aimed to provide a research-backed review of issues related to parents that are of greatest interest to current athletics administrators. It appeared in the March 2019 edition of the international journal *Managing Sport and Leisure*.

Dr. Todd Frauenholtz, professor of mathematics, and **Dr. Jenna O'Dell**, assistant professor of mathematics, traveled to the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference, held in Duluth in April. There, they joined BSU grad student Kylie Higgins to present research on the development of students' abilities to generalize solutions to unsolved math problems as they progress from 4th through 8th grades. O'Dell also presented with three graduate students on work done to incorporate mathematics visualization software called The Geometer's Sketchpad into high school mathematics curricula.



Dr. Debbie Gueda, professor of biology, and **Dr. Jill Stackhouse**, associate professor of geography, presented at the 2019 Gateway Course Experience Conference held in Atlanta in March. They discussed how a partnership with the Gardner Institute and its Gateways to Completion program led to changes in several BSU courses, including five — two in biology and one each in geography, history and accounting — which were redesigned to include additional evidence-based learning techniques.

Study on Walleyes in the Tamarac River, Minnesota" in the April 2019 issue of *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*. The paper shared results of Graham's research into the impact of American White Pelicans on Tamarac River walleye populations done for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



Dr. Andy Hafz, associate professor of biology, and former BSU grad student Jake Graham published "Does a Bioenergetics Model Accurately Predict Fish Consumption by American White Pelicans? A Case

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Chuck MacLean, assistant professor of criminal justice, spent part of February 2019 as a guest instructor at the University of Tennessee's National Forensic Academy in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The academy trains top law enforcement officers from across the United States in a 10-week residential program focusing on forensic practice and courtroom testimony.



Dr. Donna Pawlowski, professor of communication studies, was recently featured in two national publications. Her article, "From The Classroom to the Community: Best Practices in Service-Learning,"

appeared in the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Communication Pedagogy*, a peer-reviewed open-access journal sponsored in part by the Central States Communication Association. She also authored a chapter in "Examining Millennials Reshaping Organizational Cultures: From Theory to Practice" entitled "Embracing Millennials in Higher Education: Examining Dialectics and Creating Pedagogical Strategies for Teaching Millennials."

Dr. Carol Ann Russell, professor of English, performed at the Headwaters Open-Mic Coffeehouse in April in recognition of National Poetry Month. The coffeehouse is a volunteer-driven community event where artists and authors celebrate the arts and share their work in a welcoming community setting. Events are held on the first Friday of most months at Bemidji's Headwaters Music & Arts.

Dr. Larry Swain, assistant professor of English, read his paper, "Aelfric of Eynsham," at the Texas Medieval Association conference in October 2018. The paper analyzes political views during the reign of Aethelred II. Aelfric, one of the most prolific writers in Old English to survive the modern period, gave insight to the late Anglo-Saxon period between the 10th and 11th centuries. Swain's paper sought to demonstrate writer's thoughts on contemporary politics.



Dr. Gabriel Warren, assistant professor of business administration, **Dr. Valerie Wallingford**, professor of business administration, and **Dr. Mary DuBois**, adjunct instructor in accountancy, presented

their research, "The Importance of Ethical Leadership in Business" at the International Academic Conference on Social Sciences, held in Sydney, Australia, in December.

DR. MISTY WILKIE TAKES CARE OF THEM

BSU's Niganawenimaanaanig program helps indigenous nursing students thrive

By Andy Bartlett

As a person who will be the first to admit she's uncomfortable being the center of attention, Dr. Misty Wilkie has spent most of the last two years firmly in the spotlight at Bemidji State University.

An associate professor in the Department of Nursing, Wilkie has not only carried her teaching load of advanced health assessment and nursing research courses, but also launched a transformative grant-funded program for indigenous nursing students at BSU.

Her tireless work comes from a singular focus: to increase opportunities for Native American and indigenous nursing students, and to open the same doors for them that were once opened for her.

FINDING HER PATH

Wilkie's path toward a career in nursing started from a deeply personal and traumatic place — as an 18-year-old single mom watching her five-month-old son recover from a stroke in a hospital far from home.

"It was a foreign experience for me," she said. "I had only ever lived on the reservation — very small, rural communities — and now all of a sudden I'm in Minneapolis by myself. It was lonely, isolating and stressful."

She found solace in her son's primary care nurse, who not only took care of his physical needs, but her emotional needs as well.

"She would interpret everything the doctors had talked to me about and tell me what the treatment plan was for that

day," Wilkie said. "She would reassure me that I was doing everything I could."

The experience was a turning point for Wilkie. When she left the hospital with her son, her mind was set on a future in nursing. She returned home and took an anatomy and physiology course, which led her to the nursing program at Hibbing Community College and, eventually, to Bemidji State's degree-completion program for registered nurses seeking bachelor's degrees.

While at BSU, she learned a remarkable fact — nationwide, the number of American Indians with nursing doctorates was 12.

"After reading that, I made it my mission that I would become one of these nurses with a Ph.D.," she said. "I knew I wanted to become part of this elite group."

In 2009, she did just that — defending her thesis while 37 weeks pregnant with her daughter to complete her doctorate from the University of Minnesota, increasing the size of her elite group to "about 16," she said.

TAKING CARE OF THEM

When Wilkie joined the BSU nursing faculty in 2013, she explored ways to bring the same support to BSU's indigenous students that she had experienced as part of the Recruiting and Retaining American Indian Nurses program at the University of North Dakota, where she earned her master's degree.

"I have dreamed of having a program like that here at BSU," she said. "I knew we were an ideal location for this — I just needed money to get it developed."

That funding came in September 2016, when Wilkie and a team of BSU faculty and administrators applied for — and won — a Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The four-year, \$2 million grant helped BSU launch Niganawenimaanaanig



BSU's 2018-19 Niganawenimaanaanig Program students and faculty.



WILKIE'S WORK GARNERS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Over the past two years, Dr. Misty Wilkie has been doing much more than teach at BSU and direct the Niganawenimaanaanig program. She also has received national attention for her work to reinvigorate a national organization for Native American nurses, and was named the 2018 Minnesota Indian Education Association Outstanding Educator and a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing

Her work to help re-establish the National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association was featured by Indian Country Media Network in May 2017. She served as the association's president from 2015-17, helping resurrect it after a brief hiatus due to leadership changes and membership declines.

Wilkie was a member of the association as a graduate student and credits it with helping her network with other American Indian nurses with doctoral degrees.

"I found mentors and I was inspired by the work that they were doing," Wilkie said. "I looked up to these men and women, and they made me realize that anything was possible."

In November 2018, she was inducted into the Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing in Washington D.C. Wilkie was selected for this prestigious group after a competitive and rigorous application process. The 2018 inductees brought membership in the organization to more than 2,500 nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy and research. Nominees provide evidence of their contributions to the improvement of nursing and health care and are sponsored by two current fellowship members.

"It's difficult to put into words what being inducted into the American Academy of Nursing means to me," she said. "To have achieved this goal and to be recognized for receiving the highest honor in nursing is truly humbling."

Wilkie also was named the Minnesota Indian Education Association's Post-Secondary Educator of the Year for 2018 and has made numerous appearances as a conference keynote speaker, panel presenter and guest speaker.



"It's empowering to see so many indigenous nurses going through the program and being supportive of one another."

– NAOMI CONLEY, NURSING MAJOR

(nee-gah-nah-WAY-nih-mah-na-nig), a program for indigenous nurses named for an Ojibwe phrase which means "we take care of them."

The program's original goal was to provide up to a dozen American Indian nursing students with significant scholarships and other support including mandatory meetings with tutors and student mentors, opportunities to network with elders and other cultural activities.

So far, the program is succeeding beyond expectations. In 2016, the year before Niganawenimaanaanig launched, BSU had six documented indigenous nursing students. This past academic year BSU had 36 American Indian students who had declared nursing as their major, with 23 supported by the program — nearly double its original goal.

Naomi Conley, a nursing major from Barnum who has completed her first year in Niganawenimaanaanig after transferring to BSU from Leech Lake Tribal College, says the support she's received from the program has been crucial to her success. She is on track to graduate in May 2020.

"It has been amazing," she said. "Knowing others in the program has been really helpful. As an indigenous person, you're going to college and are one of only a few brown faces. It's empowering to see so many indigenous nurses going through the program and being supportive of one another."



YUICHI TANAKA

Yuichi Tanaka's first job after graduation from Bemidji State University will take him straight from his accountancy courses in Memorial Hall to an office in New York City's Rockefeller Tower.

He starts in June as a tax consultant with Deloitte, one of the world's four most prestigious accounting firms. Once he earns his CPA, he will work with Japanese companies doing business in America.

"I still cannot believe that I'm going to leave to work in New York City," said Tanaka, who applied for jobs last fall through a Boston career forum for Japanese students. He interviewed with two of the Big Four accounting firms before accepting a position with Deloitte.

Tanaka worked for three different companies in Japan, including his father's telecommunications firm, before he realized that he enjoyed accounting. With the bachelor's degree in German he earned in 2007 from Japan's Dokkyo University in hand, his singular goal over the next decade was to earn an accounting degree in America.

"After my first job, I started to think I should go. So, I started saving," he said.

In 2016, Tanaka completed a six-month English prep program at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, where he researched potential colleges. He chose Bemidji State for its reputable accounting program and affordability, and at 31 years old he made the move to northern Minnesota.

"He's the kind of student who is not afraid to ask the questions needed to do well," said his adviser Dr. David Massaglia, assistant professor of accountancy. "He has a very independent spirit, smart, easy going and self-directed. The fact that he ended up with a position at Deloitte speaks to that."

Tanaka lived on campus, took summer courses, tutored other accounting students online and finished his degree in three years.

"I like numbers and problem solving," he said. "Accounting is like solving puzzles. I like the process and how each number fits perfectly. When I can fit each number perfectly, it's a good feeling."

Sam Galatz writes to give voice to people whose perspectives often go unheard and whose experiences often go unnoticed in the shadow of dominant social norms.

"Inclusivity is important to me," said Galatz, whose writing focuses on issues of mental illness, low-income families and the LGBT community. "The majority of writers don't consider those points of view."

The Hector native graduated with honors from Bemidji State University in May. They* stayed a fifth year to complete a triple major in English, Spanish and creative & professional writing, along with a minor in studio arts.

Following a mental health crisis in high school, Galatz accepted admission to BSU in a moment of apathy without setting foot on campus.

"I planned to transfer but then I fell in love with it," Galatz said. "It was just the people I met. I felt really heard and welcomed in my classes. It sounds cliché, but I found my second family at BSU."

Through writing, Galatz explored mental health themes by creating Jeremy, a fictional character who experiences a mental breakdown. They compiled that writing into a multi-genre senior thesis featuring fiction, poetry and self-reflective nonfiction and shared excerpts as a presenter at the Upper Midwest Honors Conference in April.

"I really want to illustrate what it's like to live with mental illness," Galatz said. "I want

SAM GALATZ



others with mental illness to feel that they are not alone."

What struck Galatz's honors adviser, Dr. Season Ellison, assistant professor of history, was the "imagery and sensations" portrayed in the writing.

"It was really well received," she said. "People commented on Sam's bravery in sharing those experiences."

At BSU, Galatz has worked with residential life, the Honors Program, the Phoenix — BSU's LGBT+ student organization — student affairs, the search committee to hire a diversity center coordinator, as a teaching assistant and with the Office of Admissions.

"I thought I wanted to be a writer, but now I want to work in higher education," Galatz said. "I've seen the whole process and I kind of enjoy it."

Eventually Galatz plans to attend graduate school, and Ellison notes that they will be a good candidate.

"Sam has been a joy to work with and cares deeply about people," she said.

Always an advocate, Galatz speaks highly of BSU, its professors, the "crisp air" and the views.

"Just look out the window," they said. "It's beautiful."

* For greater inclusivity, Galatz prefers gender-neutral pronouns — they, them, their instead of he, she, his, hers. This story reflects that preference.



CASEY DEN OUDEN

Casey Den Ouden grew up in Asheville, N.C., and vacationed in Minnesota where she would spend hours watching the fish at her grandparent's cabin.

"I've always been fascinated by fish," she said.

That Minnesota connection brought her to Bemidji State University where her older brother, Zane '17, was studying wildlife and aquatic biology. Her mother, Michele Maertens '86, also studied biology at BSU.

Den Ouden planned to study engineering technology with a minor in history for a career in historic preservation. But then she started hanging out with her brother in an ichthyology lab taught by Dr. Andy Hafs, associate professor of biology.

"Andy let me sit in on a few lectures, and I thought, 'I could really get into this,'" she said. "So, I added another major."

She graduated in May with an unusual combination of degrees: a double major in engineering technology and aquatic biology with a minor in sustainability.

Last summer, Den Ouden interned at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, where she designed and built an amphibious drone capable of testing water chemistry in aquaculture ponds.

Her colleagues there were so impressed that they offered her a full doctoral scholarship. She starts in July.

"I mass applied to internships," she said. "I never expected to actually get one,

especially coming from a smaller university. My electrical work at BSU made me stand out."

Her drone has the potential to transform water sampling in the aquaculture industry. It can fly, land, and take off from water and can also drive on land. As a doctoral candidate, she will redesign the model for improved efficiency.

Her BSU biology adviser, Dr. Debbie Guelda, professor of biology, remembers getting the news.

"She came to my office and said that she had built a drone," said Guelda, who needed a moment to let that sink in. "She's quiet, unassuming, does her work. Then you hear what she is doing and it knocks your socks off."

Transitioning directly to a doctoral program is like jumping from the "frying pan to the fire," adds Guelda. "But she's ready. She's wise beyond her years."

Eventually, Den Ouden hopes to be a civilian consultant for the United States Navy working on projects related to ocean restoration, climate change and defense.

She is grateful to her BSU professors who supported her "fervor for learning" especially Hafs, Guelda and her engineering technology adviser, Dr. Michael Lund, assistant professor of technology, art and design.

One of her favorite classes at BSU: "Ichthyology," she said. "I saved it for last because I really wanted to enjoy it."





SAFETY ON THE BRAIN

Beaver Football tests connected mouthguard

By CJ Baumgartner

In a time when concern for brain health is at the forefront of most conversations in the world of athletics, the Bemidji State University football team used its spring workouts to test a revolutionary mouthguard that could help safeguard the health of its student-athletes.

Beaver Football partnered with Edina-based Prevent Biometrics to test the Prevent Impact Monitor Mouthguard. Its embedded digital sensors and accelerometers can evaluate collisions in real time and provide immediate information to sideline athletic training staff.

BSU is one of a number of football programs, which range from Pop Warner programs for to the NCAA Division I level, that are helping Prevent Biometrics test the system.

"Any time you can put your kids in a safer situation and gather the data that way, why wouldn't you?"

— HEAD COACH BRENT BOLTE

Eric Sand, BSU's head athletic trainer, said the mouthguards could play an important role in the program's efforts to further protect its student-athletes from injury.

"We know that head injuries in football are a constant threat," he said. "This is a way for us to try and monitor how many impacts players are getting on a day-to-day basis."

While other connected mouthguards can detect linear forces from head impacts, Prevent Biometrics says its technology is unique in that it also senses rotational forces. Impact data is

then distributed to an iPad app using a Bluetooth connection to trainers on the sidelines. The app relays immediate information on the location of and forces associated with the impact, as well as the total number of impacts sustained by that particular player during the game.

Sand says this data can help trainers better assess whether players have sustained concussions or need to come out of the game for further treatment or analysis.

Brent Bolte, BSU head football coach, said there was never a question about whether BSU would be willing to participate in the test, as the technology ultimately should help make the game safer for student-athletes.

"It was a no-brainer from our end," he said. "Any time you can put your kids in a safer situation and gather the data that way, why wouldn't you?"

More than two dozen Beaver Football student-athletes wore the mouthguards during the team's spring practice season, and the team's feedback will help Prevent Biometrics continue to refine and improve the system.





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Baudry and Norton named BSU Student-Athletes of the year

Beaver Athletics capped its 2018-19 competition season at its traditional Beaver Nation Celebration banquet, April 25. Graduated seniors **Rachel Norton** and **Justin Baudry** were named BSU's Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year, respectively. Norton won a pair of All-America honors and was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Offensive Player of the Year while helping Beaver Soccer to the most successful season in its history. Baudry led the men's hockey program in scoring and was named Second-Team All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association. In addition, **Megan Dahl** (soccer) and **Ian Mackenzie-Olson** (golf) were named the 2018-19 Female and Male Newcomers of the Year.



Left to right: Ian Mackenzie-Olson, Megan Dahl, Rachel Norton and Justin Baudry.

Olszewski makes New England Patriots' 90-man spring roster



Gunner Olszewski was invited to the May 10-11 minicamp held by the defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and earned a spot on the team's 90-man spring roster. The undrafted rookie will participate in the

team's offseason organized team activities and training camp. Olszewski also joined former Beaver teammates **Landon Jones** and **John Voegler** at the Minnesota Vikings rookie minicamp, May 3-4.

29 Beavers make NSIC academic list

Bemidji State landed 29 student-athletes on the 2019 spring Academic All-NSIC Team, which recognizes student-athletes who have maintained a 3.20 GPA and meet other eligibility requirements. Softball and outdoor track and field led the way for BSU with nine honorees each. In total, 171 BSU student-athletes received academic honors from the NSIC, WCHA or other organizations this year.



Burlingame named All-NSIC

Jessica Burlingame was named second-team All-NSIC after a record-breaking season for the BSU softball program. The senior led the team in nine offensive categories, setting school single-season records in hits, at-bats, runs, triples and stolen bases in the process. She ended her BSU career as the program's all-time leader in at-bats, hits, triples and runs scored.



Gomez takes the reigns for Beaver Softball

Brittany Gomez was named interim head coach for Beaver Softball in May. It will be her first head coaching role after an award-winning collegiate and professional playing career. A record-setting hitter at Iowa State, Gomez was the first-ever Cyclone to win four All-Big 12 honors and is the program's career leader in hits, batting average, stolen bases and runs scored. After graduation she played professionally in the National Pro Fastpitch Softball league and was on the gold-medal winning U.S. Women's Baseball National Team at the 2015 Pan-Am Games. She was an assistant coach at BSU for the 2019 season after two years in the same role at the University of Montana.



Lindgren and Lopez-Simo lead tennis to third consecutive 10-win season

Zoë Lindgren and **Ariadna Lopez-Simo** earned All-NSIC honors and helped guide the BSU women's tennis program to its third consecutive 10-win season and an NSIC Tournament berth. Lindgren finished her senior season with an 8-7 record as BSU's top singles player en route to Third-Team All-NSIC laurels, while Lopez-Simo, a junior from Barcelona, Spain, finished 10-4 at No. 2 singles despite missing three matches with an injury. The duo also formed BSU's top doubles team for most of the season, finishing with a 6-5 record and earning Third-Team All-NSIC honors.



Benson completes BSU track and field career with All-NSIC honors

Senior **Christa Benson** finished her 2019 outdoor track and field season with a second-place finish in the heptathlon and a third-place finish in the 400m hurdles at the NSIC championships in May, setting school records in both events in the process. Her performance helped cap a season that saw school records fall in five other events as well — sophomore **Venice Stewart** set BSU standards in both the 100m and 200m dashes; freshman **Kylie Monson** set the school triple-jump mark; junior **Gena Baklund** broke the school's hammer throw record; and BSU's 4x100 relay team posted its best-ever time as well.





GRADE A

GRAD

By Eric Sorenson

FROM AN UNASSUMING LOG BUILDING ON BEMIDJI'S PAUL BUNYAN DRIVE, MYCHAL STITTSWORTH IS REVOLUTIONIZING THE REGIONAL MEAT INDUSTRY.

The logo features a red circular emblem with a star at the top and two evergreen trees at the bottom. The words "GRADE A" are written in a serif font above the emblem, and "GRAD" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font across a red banner that overlaps the emblem.

STITTSWORTH MEATS began in 1993 when his father and uncle purchased a small grocery store in Nymore. Then only 12 years old, he was immediately put to work to help the fledgling business take off.

The company got its start by selling brats at local community events throughout the summer, including the annual Bemidji Jaycee's Home Sport and Travel Show. Stittsworth was often behind the grill at these events, and credits them with helping get the company off the ground.

"A lot of people in the Bemidji area were first exposed to our company through our brats at those events, and we began to get more recognized in the community as time went on."

Working in the family business as a kid wasn't always easy, and he was responsible for cleaning the entire store each evening after school.

"My dad's a pretty particular guy," he said. "If I missed one single thing while cleaning the store, I'd have to redo everything in the whole place."

He said those experiences taught him to pay attention to detail and the importance of putting his best foot forward in everything he does.

Stittsworth joined the U.S. Air Force as a jet mechanic after graduating from Bemidji High School in 1999. After four years he left active duty for the Minnesota Air National Guard, and later moved home to attend Bemidji State University. He graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering with an emphasis in manufacturing management.

Bobcat Company, the well-known manufacturer of heavy construction equipment, came calling in 2007. He accepted a temporary engineer position helping build the company's moving assembly lines. Within months his temporary job became full time, and soon afterward he was offered a position as a vice president of worldwide product flow.

He not only made a difficult decision to decline the promotion, he resigned from his promising career. He wanted to rejoin the family business and use his engineering background to help usher in a new era for Stittsworth Meats. In 2010, he purchased the business and moved the store from Nymore to its current location on Paul Bunyan Drive.

Over the last nine years, he has helped grow Stittsworth Meats from a neighborhood butcher into a regional supplier with product on shelves in eight Midwest states.

In 2017, Stittsworth Meats received a \$1.86 million state grant to expand its business and develop a Mobile Slaughter Unit, the first of its kind in the nation.

Rather than transporting animals great distances from farms to traditional slaughterhouses, the mobile unit allows Stittsworth to take a slaughterhouse directly to a farm, where animals are purchased, harvested, processed and USDA inspected on site. Meat is then sold in Stittsworth's retail store and at wholesale to local and regional grocers.

"With our mobile unit, we get a lot of benefits that add to the quality of the meat. There's very little stress put on the animal during the process and no adrenaline in the animal's meat from moving it in a trailer," he said. "Since all the meat is coming from a 50-mile radius of Bemidji, I'm able to tell you everything about the farm, the animals and the farmer who raised them."

Though his work to build Stittsworth Meats has kept him busy, Stittsworth also has maintained strong ties to his alma mater. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Dr. Willie Stittsworth — a professor emeritus of education at BSU who was a fixture at the university from 1967-89 — he taught a pre-engineering course as an adjunct instructor in 2011.

He also is a regular participant in BSU's Galen Nagle and Gordy Skaar memorial golf tournaments to support BSU men's hockey and golf, respectively.

His wife, Danielle (Dahle) '09, earned her early childhood education degree at BSU and now works as a pre-k teacher for Bemidji Area Schools. The couple lives in Bemidji with their two children, Sophie and Willie.

Given the work he's done to grow the family business over the last decade, it would be hard to fault Stittsworth for wanting to take a break. But he's not one to rest on his laurels. He has set his sights on one goal — to share the Stittsworth Meats brand with customers nationwide.

"I want to be able to run with companies like Johnsonville and Jack Links someday," he said.

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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS





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- 1 Colleen Deel and Mary Overlie examine artifacts following Deel's Honors Council Lecture on the university archives ...
- 2 The Hardwater Ice Lab was dedicated at a frigid Feb. 15 ceremony ...
- 3 Winona LaDuke spoke at the AIRC in February ...
- 4 Frederick P. Baker at the dedication ceremony for the training center bearing his name ...
- 5 Scott Guidry directs the BSU Wind Ensemble ...
- 6 Ribbon-cutting ceremony for BSU's Tiny House ...
- 7 A student presents her poster during April's Student Achievement Conference ...
- 8 U.S. Senator Tina Smith met with BSU and NTC students, faculty and staff in February ...
- 9 Students in this year's opera theater production, "Doctor Miracle" ...
- 10 Students sing at the 50th Festival of Nations ...
- 11 BSU's Make It OK panel in February aimed to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness ...
- 12 Marketing students present their ideas at an April mock trade show in downtown Bemidji ...
- 13 Serena Graves (center), received the Earl Nyholm Culture and Language Award at the AIRC Awards Banquet in April.



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ALUMNI EVENTS





ALUMNINEWS

BSU alumni chapters welcome new students

Bemidji State's Twin Cities and Brainerd-area Alumni Chapters invite incoming BSU students and their parents to one of three sendoff picnics in August — you can even bring a friend.



Two events will be held Aug. 1 – at Elm Creek Park Reserve (Bluebird Picnic Area) in Maple Grove and at Pizza Ranch in Baxter — with the third on Aug. 9 at Blackhawk Park in Eagan. All three events are from 6–8 p.m.; a meal will be provided and attendees can win a variety of door prizes.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet current and other incoming BSU students as well as admissions staff to learn more about life on campus and what to expect during move-in weekend. Students should RSVP by July 26 at bsualumni.org/bsubound or by contacting the Alumni office at (218) 755-2762 or alumni@bemidjistate.edu.

Grab your clubs for Beaver Pride golf events

Seven dates are planned for the Beaver Pride golf tour beginning June 21, including a brand-new tournament supporting the BSU football team and, after a 19-year hiatus, the reboot of a popular tournament benefiting women's athletics. Participation increases support for Bemidji State Athletics.

June 21 — 41st Annual Gordy Skaar Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by Sanford Health. Bemidji Town & Country Club; register by June 11.

July 12 — 22nd Annual Galen Nagle Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by Sanford Health. Bemidji Town & Country Club; register by July 2.

July 20 — 8th Annual Jeff "Bird" McBride Memorial Golf Tournament, Oak Marsh Golf Course, Oakdale; register by July 10.

Aug. 3 — Inaugural BSU Football Two-Person Golf Scramble, Whitetail Run Golf Course, Wadena; register by July 24.

Aug. 23 — Howe-Welle Women's Athletics Golf and Cornhole Tournament, sponsored by First National Bank Bemidji; register by Aug. 9.

Aug. 25 — 12th Annual Ed Sauer Memorial Golf Tournament, Tianna Country Club, Walker; register by Aug. 14.

Sept. 7 — 4th Annual BSU Baseball Golf Outing, Castle Highlands Golf Course, Bemidji; register by Aug. 28.

To register, visit bsualumni.org/BeaverPrideGolf or call (218) 755-3989.





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Alumni who have changed jobs or their names and those who have multiple or seasonal addresses are asked to update their contact information by visiting bsualumni.org or calling (218) 755-3989 so you can stay up-to-date on news and events.

Golden Beaver Day honors class of 1969 and earlier

The Bemidji State University Alumni & Foundation will honor all Bemidji State alumni from the Class of 1969 and earlier at its first-ever Golden Beaver Day, September 12. BSU graduates from the era will be inducted into the Golden Beaver Society and honored with a special medallion. The on-campus event will include a special luncheon, guided campus tours and more.

For more information, contact the BSU Alumni & Foundation office at (218) 755-2599 or alumni@bemidjistate.edu.



David Park House hosts seniors at annual sendoff event

The BSU Alumni & Foundation welcomed more than 300 graduating Bemidji State seniors to a special sendoff celebration May 1 at the David Park House. Graduating seniors enjoyed a meal of Jimmy John's sandwiches, chips and cookies at the sendoff, which BSU Alumni & Foundation holds annually to say goodbye to graduating seniors and welcome them into the Alumni Association.

Students braved rainy weather to line the sidewalk outside the Park House to receive their meal and a special BSU pint glass and take photos with friends.



Alumni gather at Olde Brick House for St. Cloud alumni event

More than 30 BSU alumni and friends representing each decade since the 1960s attended an alumni social May 9 at the Olde Brick House in St. Cloud. Organized by St. Cloud-area alumni Meghan (Burzette) Dingmann '05, Kara Tomazin '93 and Dawn (Mercil) Koeniguer '99, the event was full of socializing and fun. More alumni events in the St. Cloud area are being planned and will be announced in the near future.



Foundation awards \$43,000 in alumni relative scholarships

The BSU Alumni & Foundation awarded 43 scholarships of \$1,000 each to Bemidji State students who are relatives of contributing alumni for the 2019-20 school year.

The program provides \$1,000 scholarships each to a limited number of students attending who are relatives of alumni that have contributed \$50 or more to BSU by February 1.

For information on how to apply for an Alumni Relative Scholarship, visit bsualumni.org/AlumniRelativeScholarship or call the Alumni Office at (218) 755-2762.

Community Appreciation Day scheduled for Aug. 29

Bemidji State University will open its doors Aug. 29 for its 14th Annual Community Appreciation Day, inviting all in the Bemidji community to campus as a thank you for its ongoing support of the university. This summertime tradition will have a new home this fall — as a result of the Hagg-Sauer Hall construction project, this year's

event will move to the courtyard between Tamarack Hall and the BSU Gymnasium. The free event includes food samples from local restaurants, games and activities for kids, photos with Bucky, live music and more. Complete information and a schedule of activities will be available later this summer.



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Towns are in Minnesota unless noted. Alumni names appear in bold. Send information to alumni@bemidjistate.edu or call toll free: (877) 278-2586.

'18 **Alex Fenson**, along with his younger brother and current BSU student, Graem, represented the U.S. curling team at the 2019 Winter World University Games in Siberia, Russia. Fenson, whose family has a long history of success in curling at the national and international level, lives in Bemidji.



Alex Fenson



LJ Laudert

L.J. Laudert is a certified personal trainer at Anytime Fitness in Duluth and Cloquet. Laudert lives in Duluth.

'17 **Jacob Beach** has been hired as a police officer in Hibbing. The Grand Rapids native previously served as a part-time officer in Bovey and Coleraine. He lives in Bovey.



Jacob Beach

Jake Peterson was hired by Wanzek Construction as a field engineer working on renewable energy projects. He lives in Lubbock, Texas.



Jake Peterson

Josh Van Valkenburg-Gernert was hired as Sports Information Director at Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kan. Valkenburg-Gerner was formerly a promotions intern for the St. Paul Saints and athletic director for Laporte High School. He is married to **Sarah (Theis) Valkenburg-Gerner '16** and the couple lives in Dodge City, Kan.

Spencer Peter joined the North American Bear Center in Ely as a biologist. He is responsible for education programming at the center, which houses interactive exhibits about bears and other northern Minnesota wildlife. Peter lives in Ely.



Spencer Peterson

'16 **Eli Dotts**, a special education teacher and coach at West Central Area school in Barrett, was the 2019 commencement speaker at Vermillion Community College in Ely. Dotts earned his associate's degree at Vermillion Community College before graduating from BSU with his elementary education degree. He is engaged to **Megan McDonald '16**, a sixth grade teacher at West Central Secondary. The couple lives in Alexandria.



Eli Dotts

MahRyan Ronquist was hired as marketing consultant with the West Central Tribune in Willmar. He previously worked for Tradehome Shoes as a general manager. Ronquist lives in Willmar with his fiancé, **Anna Rausch '16**, who works as a staff accountant for Westberg Eischens PLLP.

'15 **Ryan Carrow** is working toward his master's degree in forestry and environmental management at the University of New Brunswick. His thesis is on the migration of Atlantic salmon in the region. He lives in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.



Ryan Carrow



Sam King

Sam King joined the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks football program as wide receivers coach. He previously spent

two years as the running backs coach for the University of Minnesota Duluth. King lives in Grand Forks with his wife, **Chelsea (Carlson) '14**, and their daughter.

Tamara (Benson) Lowney began a new role as president of the Itasca Economic Development Corporation, where she oversees the promotion of business and economic development in Itasca County. She lives in Hill City with her husband, Merrill, and their daughter.



Tamara Lowney

Kristine Gustafson teaches sixth grade and coaches junior high girl's basketball and volleyball at Northome School. She previously taught and coached in Park Rapids and Red Lake. She lives in Blackduck.



Kristine Gustafson

Rachel Bukowski owns and operates Buko Designs and More in Middle River. The company offers custom framing, design work and photography services. Bukowski also sells her own art and photography at the store. She lives in Middle River.



Rachel Bukowski

'12 **Neil Sample** has been named vice president of commercial lending at Members Cooperative Credit Union in Duluth. He previously served as a business services officer and business services assistant for the credit union. Sample lives in Duluth with his wife, Brittany.



Neil Sample

'11 BSU alumna **Melissa Henderson** became engaged to fiancé Dan Farrell. Their wedding is planned for September 2019. The couple lives in Minneapolis.



Melissa Henderson



Jake Grages joined the Quality Deer Management Association as a wildlife management cooperative specialist based in southern Missouri. He previously worked as a hunting operations manager for a hunting outfitter in South Dakota. He lives in Missouri.



Jake Grages

Brad Hunt was traded to the Minnesota Wild by the Las Vegas Golden Knights in January, along with a sixth-round NHL Entry Draft pick, in exchange for Minnesota's 2019 fifth-round pick. Hunt played 29 of the Wild's final 33 games, scoring 3-2=5 points. On March 2, Hunt and **Matt Read '11** made history as the first pair of former Beavers to play as teammates in the National Hockey League. Hunt and his wife, Katie, live in the metro with their son, Colby.

'10 Josiah Hoagland was promoted to the rank of captain in the Minnesota Army National Guard, where he serves as a chaplain. He is married to **Lisa (Julin) '14**. The couple has three children and lives in Fosston.

Krystle (Elsner) Glad was named chief executive officer of the Range Center in Chisholm, a private nonprofit organization providing services to individuals with disabilities across the Iron Range. She has worked in a variety of roles for the Range Center over the past 15 years, starting as a part-time care provider. She lives in Pengilly with her husband, Tyler, and their two children.



Krystle Glad

'09 Cedrique Flemming was hired as the assistant athletics director for communications at Florida Gulf Coast University. He serves as the primary media and public relations contact for the university's men's basketball and men's golf teams. He lives in Fort Myers, Fla.



Cedrique Flemming

Kelly Schultz was named color commentator for radio broadcasts for the Minnesota Vixen, a professional tackle football team that competes in the Women's Football Alliance. Schultz, who is the play-by-play voice of BSU women's hockey, also is play-by-play announcer for the Minnesota Whitecaps National Women's Hockey League franchise. In January, Schultz received the Minnesota Coalition of Women in Athletic Leadership's 2019 Kwame McDonald Media Award, given to members of the media who have supported and promoted girls and women's sports. Schultz and her husband, Brian, live in Bemidji.



Kelly Schultz

'08 André Bell was hired as an assistant coach for the Tennessee Technological University men's basketball program. Bell, a former BSU men's basketball player, was previously an assistant coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, and Moberly Area Community College in Moberly, Mo. He lives in Moberly with his two sons.



André Bell

'07 Jo Ann (Schmidt) Flansburg teaches preschool at Indus School in Birchdale. She lives on a small hobby farm in International Falls with her husband, Jerry.



Jo Ann Flansburg

'06 Mike Block is the founder of Bemidji's Elite Additive, a 3D printing company that provides custom production services to the medical, aerospace, consumer, energy and automotive industries. He lives in Bemidji with his wife, Calie, and their three children.



Mike Block

Chuck Syverson is a dean and assistant football coach at Franklin County School in Eastpoint, Fla. He was previously a head football coach in Wyoming. He lives in Eastpoint, Fla.



Chuck Syverson

Rachel (Becker) Renken was hired by Corning Incorporated as manager of corporate events. In this role, she manages an executive events team and oversees corporate events strategy. She and her husband, Andrew, live in Corning, N.Y., with their toddler.



Rachel Renken

'05 Carrie Carstens teaches high school Spanish at Cherry School in Cherry and at North Woods School in Cook. She lives in Virginia.

Nicole (Joy) Eck was hired as Regional Low Incidence Facilitator for Regions 1 & 2 in December. Eck previously taught special education for 13 years at Blackduck, Clearbrook-Gonvick and Red Lake schools. She and her husband, Mike, live in Bemidji with their two children.

Beth (Brown) Davies has joined All American Title Company's Hibbing office as a closer. She previously worked for the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency as a housing rehabilitation manager. Davies lives in Hibbing with her husband, Steve, and their two children.



Beth Davies

Emily (Storarr) Ludwig, a math and business education teacher at Braham Area High School, was named the school's 2018-19 Teacher of the Year and received a Leadership in Educational Excellence award for her commitment to her students. Ludwig lives in Isanti with her husband, Jacob, and their daughter.



Emily Ludwig

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BARTZES RECOUNT THEIR LIVING TINY EXPERIENCE

In April, university officials debuted a “tiny house” designed and built by students in Bemidji State’s School of Technology, Art & Design and its marketing and sustainability programs. But it was not the first tiny house with a BSU connection.

That honor goes to a project featured on FYI Network’s “Tiny House Nation” program in 2016 owned by BSU alumni Cody ‘11 and Ashleigh (Buck) Bartz ‘08 of Key West, Fla.

Cody, a graphic designer, and Ashleigh, an elementary school teacher, got the idea for a tiny house after realizing they found the most happiness in their love for adventure, minimalism and financial freedom – not in their physical possessions.

Beginning in June 2016, Cody and Ashleigh constructed a 330-square-foot home while “Tiny House Nation” cameras rolled. In each episode, the show’s hosts John Weisbarth and Zach Giffin traveled the country helping families build their own dream tiny homes. They were featured in the second episode of Season 5 of “Tiny House Nation” in January 2017.

“We found we had a lot of stuff we weren’t actually using, so we were fine moving into such a small space,” Cody said.

The couple placed their finished house at a hobby farm in Hokah, Wis., and lived in it while they worked full-time in La Crosse, Wis.

Their tiny house adventure came to an end in summer 2018 when Ashleigh was hired at a Montessori school in Key West. The couple sold the tiny house and moved to Florida, where they now live in an average sized home with infant twins.

“It is nice to be in a full-sized home now. The extra room is great now with kids,” Cody said.

Cody and Ashleigh wouldn’t trade their tiny house experience and are not ruling out another tiny house in the future.

“Overall, we’re happy we did it,” Cody said. “We learned we can be totally fine with fewer possessions and still be happy.”

A trailer for the Bartzes’ episode of “Tiny House Nation” is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1H1kVsfCs8>

’04 Jason Swanson

was named executive director of the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging in April. He previously served as regional director of operations for Tealwood Senior Living. He lives in Walnut Grove with his wife, Devon, and their two children.



Jason Swanson

Jeff Lorenson is the athletic director at Davis High School in Davis, Calif., a position he’s held since 2014. The former Beavers men’s basketball guard lives in Sacramento with his wife, Christi (Goodhart) ’04, and their two children.



Jeff Lorenson

Nick Heisserer, director of admissions and registration at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, earned the Strategic Enrollment Management Endorsement from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He is one of only 24 individuals nationally to have earned this endorsement – and the first from Minnesota. Heisserer is married to Kassie (LaPorte) ’06, who is the executive director of Bridges of Hope. The couple lives in Pillager with their two children.



Nick Heisserer

Crystal (Jones)

Bessler was named Nevis Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Bessler teaches physical education to students in kindergarten through sixth grade in addition to coaching seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball and softball. She lives in Lake George with her husband, Justin, and three children.



Crystal Bessler

Tom Kish was announced as head football coach at Anoka High School in April. Kish previously taught and coached at Zimmerman High School, where he was named district coach of the year three times. He lives in Zimmerman.

’03 Chris Olson was hired as principal at Lake Ripley Elementary and assumes his new role in June. Olson currently teaches English at Litchfield Middle School and is the Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato varsity boys hockey head coach. He lives in Litchfield with his wife, Cindy, and their three children.

Tim Stokka was promoted to assistant vice president, business banker at Gate City Bank, a mutual community bank with 38 locations across North Dakota and west-central Minnesota. Stokka has been with the bank since 2016. He lives in Fargo, N.D.

Kurt Knott of RiverWood Bank was promoted to president of Bemidji branches, overseeing daily operations at both of the bank’s Bemidji locations. Kurt lives in Bemidji with his wife, Jodi, and their four children.



Kurt Knott

Julie (Goos) Urness was awarded Teacher of the Year honors for her dedication to her third grade class at Roseau Elementary School. She has taught for 26 years, all but one teaching third grade. Urness lives in Roseau with her husband, Dan, and their two children.



Julie Urness

’02 John Merseth Sr. was installed as pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Crookston. He also serves the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Audubon. Merseth and his wife, Lorena (Palmer) ’96, live in Audubon.

Jessica (Jaeger) Johnson will serve as principal at Dodgeland Middle and High School in Juneau, Wis. for the 2019-20 school year, following an 11-year stint as principal at Dodgeland Elementary School. The former 2014 Wisconsin Elementary School Principal of the Year is also an author, keynote speaker, and offers workshop sessions for schools around the country. She lives in Juneau, Wis. with her husband, Ryan ’01, and their two sons.



Julie Urness

'01 **Donavon Daiker** was hired as the head softball coach for Aitkin High School. Daiker lives in Brainerd with his wife, Christina, and their daughter, Emily.



Donavon Daiker

Michael Norland was hired as chief deputy for the Polk County Sheriff's Office in January. Norland, an 19-year veteran of the department, has served as a patrol deputy and investigations supervisor since 2000. He lives in Fosston with his wife, Karen, and their son.



Michael Norland

'00 **Jeremy Fogelson**, a neurosurgeon at Mayo Clinic, received a hand-painted portrait of himself from patient Jennifer Hunter after performing surgery that eliminated the chronic, debilitating neck, shoulder and back pain Hunter had dealt with for nearly 20 years. Fogelson lives in Rochester with his wife and three children.



Jeremy Fogelson

'99 **Jody (Diemer) Madsen** was named the 2019 Teacher of the Year in the Worthington school district in March. Madsen has worked for the district in special education and sixth grade teaching roles since 2000. She lives in Okabena with her husband, Gary, and their three sons.



Jody Madsen

'98 **Jonathon Olson** was named chief financial officer for Alexandria-based manufacturer Alexandria Industries. He previously spent nearly 20 years as a tax principal for CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. Olson lives in Alexandria.



Jonathon Olson

'94 **Jane (Johnson) Scherf** teaches second grade at North Woods School in Cook. Her husband **Jon '94, '04** also works at Northwood School as a middle and high school social studies teacher. The couple live in Britt with their two children.



Jane Scherf

'93 **Patrick Furlong**, who works as a private wealth advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services in Hibbing, earned his behavioral advisor professional designation from Kaplan University. The designation emphasizes the relationships between financial decisions, and psychology and neuroscience. Furlong lives in Hibbing with his wife, **Kristen (Riipinen) '93**.



Patrick Furlong

KariLee (Babin) Pietz was hired by Cayuna Regional Medical Center as a social worker in the emergency department and outpatient setting. Pietz previously worked for Wadena County Human Services and the Office of Children's Services for the state of Alaska. She lives in Deerwood with her husband, Nathan. The couple has two children.



KariLee Pietz

'92 **Bob Borash**, president and founder of RMB Environmental Laboratories, opened the company's fifth lab in Hibbing. RMB Environmental Laboratories provides water testing, consulting and data management for a wide range of clients including private landowners, municipalities, industrial companies and government agencies. Borash lives in Detroit Lakes with his wife, Tracy.



Bob Borash



DESIGN ALUMNA SPENDS A YEAR EXPLORING THE WORLD

Design technology alumna Danika Stelton spent 12 months traveling the world with the Remote Year program, a curated travel experience which helps professionals explore the world without having to quit their jobs.

A 2013 graduate, Stelton currently works in the corporate accounts team for the Minneapolis branch of GES, where she designs exhibits, events, trade shows and corporate interiors.

She learned about Remote Year from an Instagram ad.

"I had never heard of it, so I clicked on their ad and read through the website," she said. "It seemed too good to be true, so I took a shot in the dark and signed up."

Within a few weeks she learned she'd been accepted for the program. She presented the opportunity to her boss, and he agreed to allow her to participate.

"For them to be able to trust me to do this and still be able to do my job was remarkable," she said. "It showed just how much they valued me as an employee and what this opportunity could spark creatively for the company."

Stelton's adventure began in October 2017 in Split, Croatia, which gave her an immediate opportunity to indulge one of her other passions — "Game of Thrones" — and explore the shooting location for Kings Landing in Dubrovnik.

"Dubrovnik is known for its distinctive Old Town, encircled with massive 16th-century stone walls," she said. "I took a two-hour tour around all of the areas that filming took place with the GoT theme song playing in my head the entire day."

During the year-long experience, Stelton spent one month each in a dozen cities in 10 countries. After leaving Croatia, she visited the Czech Republic, Portugal, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Argentina, Peru, Colombia and Mexico.

"The experience opened my eyes and made me less naïve to all the different cultures and traditions around the world," she said. "It helped me gain global perspective and also gave me true appreciation for just how good we have it here in our own backyards. We shouldn't take that for granted."

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KRAMERS THANKFUL FOR BSU EXPERIENCE

Norman "Norm" Kramer '58 came from humble beginnings, growing up on a small farm a stone's throw from Grant Creek in Wilton.

Always interested in the sciences, Kramer graduated from Bemidji State with degrees in chemistry and mathematics. He worked a part-time job on campus to pay for his education.

"I worked as a lab assistant for the science department. I got paid about fifty cents an hour, which was enough to pay for my tuition and books," he said with a chuckle.

He taught high school chemistry, math and physics in Morris, Mountain Iron, Plummer and Brainerd after graduating from BSU. It was while teaching in Brainerd he met his wife, Ginger. They were married in 1962.

Kramer returned to school in 1965 – this time to the University of Minnesota – and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

In 1967, the Kramers relocated to Idaho Falls, Idaho, when Norm was hired as a contractor for the Idaho National Laboratory. In 1972 he accepted a position at the Argonne National Laboratory, also in Idaho Falls. The lab, established in the early 1950s to conduct nuclear power research, tasked him with safety testing fuel rods for nuclear reactors.

"I was in charge of testing the breaking limits of the mechanisms inside the reactors and improving them."

He spent 23 years at Argonne National Laboratory before retiring in 1995.

Kramer is thankful for his experience at BSU and where his education led him.

"If I had not had the opportunity to attend BSU, I do not know where I would have ended up," he said. "My BSU education gave me a fantastic basis for what I did in my career."

In 2018, the Kramers paid their gratitude forward by establishing two scholarships for BSU students studying chemistry and physics, and funding an aquatic biology scholarship named after Norm's late brother, Robert '54.

'90 **Rhonda (Flinck) Peña** was selected as the 2019 Elementary Teacher of the Year for the state of Texas. She has taught at Bryan Elementary in Mission, Texas for the past 25 years. She lives in Mission with her husband and son.



Rhonda Peña

Jeff Stollenwerk was named the Duluth Seaway Port Authority's director of government and environmental affairs. He and his wife, Stefanie, live in Duluth.



Jeff Stollenwerk

Kathleen (Maley) Gustafson is the principal at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Anchorage, Alaska. Previously, she worked as principal in the Anchorage School District. Gustafson lives in Anchorage with her husband, Sven. The couple has two children currently in college.

'89 **Denise Parson** teaches third grade and serves as community education coordinator for North Woods School in Cook. Parson earned her degree in K-6 elementary education and has taught for 29 years. She and her husband, Chris, live in Orr and have two children.

Paul Cyr was inducted into the Minnesota chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in recognition for his successful coaching and officiating career. Cyr retired from the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools in 2013 after 27 years of coaching, teaching and serving as middle and high school principal. He lives in Oklee.



Paul Cyr

'87 **Tom Serratore**, head coach of the Bemidji State men's hockey team, faced off against the U.S. Air Force Academy, coached by his older brother Frank ('82), Dec. 29-30 in Colorado Springs, Colo. The series marked the first



Tom Serratore

time since 2009 that teams coached by the Serratore brothers met on the ice. Tom lives in Bemidji with his wife, Cindy. Frank and his wife, Carol, and live in Colorado Springs.

Shelley (Sjoberg) Baumgartner works as a fourth grade teacher at Lindbergh Elementary School in Little Falls. She and her husband, Todd, live in Little Falls.



Shelley Baumgartner

Mike Henke provides training and consulting services to business owners and managers seeking strategic solutions to issues facing their organizations, including leadership training, sales programs and human resources consulting. Henke and his wife, Michele, live in Doniphen, Neb.

'86 **Tim Buckley** was one of three new assistant men's basketball coaches hired at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in April. Buckley previously spent two years as a scout with the Minnesota Timberwolves and was an assistant coach and associate head coach under Tom Crean at the University of Indiana.



Tim Buckley

'85 **Barb Schlichting's** eighth book, a murder-mystery titled "The Broken Circle," is scheduled to be published in July. Schlichting lives in Bemidji with her husband, **Bob '69**, who is retired. Their son, **Tim '01**, is an industrial technology teacher at Pine City High School in Pine City, where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children.



Barb Schlichting

'84 **Richard Holz** was named provost at Colorado School of Mines and begins his new role in June. He previously served as dean of the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Holz lives in Pewaukee, Wis.



Richard Holz

'83 Gregg Waldon joined security and home automation developer Alula as the company's chief financial officer. He brings more than 25 years of experience to the position, previously working for a number of software organizations in the health care industry. Waldon lives in Eden Prairie with his wife, **Karen (Brom) '87**, who serves in an advisory role for UpSpring Baby.

'81 Karen (Gustafson) Linné was installed as an associate pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cloquet. She previously served congregations in Mahtowa and Pike Lake and as chaplain at Essentia St. Mary's Hospital and Augustana Health Care Center in Moose Lake. Linné is married to **Mark ('80)**, who works for the Carlton County Highway Department. The couple lives in Duluth.



Karen Linné

'80 Jerry Ness, superintendent of the Fergus Falls Public Schools, was recognized by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators with the 2019 MASA Polaris Leadership Award for exemplary school leadership and achievement in education. He planned to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Ness lives with his wife **Karen (Krieger) '79** in Pelican Rapids.



Jerry Ness

'79 Wes Tessman, former Minnewaska wrestling coach, was inducted into the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tessman earned his social studies education degree while wrestling for BSU Hall of Fame coach Chet Anderson before going on to teach and coach until his retirement in 2016. He and his wife, Toni, live in Glenwood.

'78 Laurie (Bottem) Kelly retired as head volleyball coach after a 40-year coaching career at both the high school and college levels, most recently at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont. Kelly was inducted in the BSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000 as a three-year member of the school's field hockey team. She and her husband, Chuck, live in Billings, Mont.



Laurie Kelly

Mark Elliott received the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants' Public Service Award for his service to the Bemidji community, including youth athletics, the United Way of Bemidji Area and membership on the board of Churches United, which provides emergency short-term assistance for people in need. He owns and operates Elliott Accounting & Consulting in Bemidji, where he lives with his wife, **Susie (Olson) '93**.

'74 Ann (Dobie) Cassidy works as a paraprofessional at Belgrade-Brooten-Elerosa Elementary School. She is married to Robert and has two kids. The couple lives in Belgrade.



Ann Cassidy

'73 Vance Balstad retired after a 45-year career with Beaver Athletics as an equipment manager and well-known Zamboni driver. He lives in Bemidji with his wife **Susie (Wright) '74**.

'72 Rich Morris is enjoying retirement in Las Vegas, Nev., after serving as an Air Force historian for 42 years. He spent 30 years on active duty retiring as a chief master sergeant in 2002. After his military service, he spent 12 years working in civil service before retiring for a second time in 2015. He is married to **Susan (Olson Gorski) '72**.



Rich Morris

'69 Mary Rollheiser was named Minnesota Substitute Teacher of the Year by Teachers on Call, a staffing organization that supplies schools across Minnesota and Wisconsin with substitute teachers. Rollheiser spent 34 years teaching at Bemidji Area Schools before beginning her substitute teaching career. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, Brian Israelson '77.



Mary Rollheiser

'59 Jan (Evenson) Henrickson, owner of Northern Exposure gift shop in Walker, celebrated the store's 25th anniversary in December. She lives in Walker.



Jan Henrickson

Corcoran (Kline), Anna '44, Bemidji
Gjertson (Kortuem), Millie '45, Brainerd
Paul, Kenneth '50, Eden Prairie
Kalmer (Burke), Angeline '52, Bemidji
Liapis, John '52, Bemidji
Carlson (Risch), Mary '55, Hastings
Weston, Herbert '57, Roseau
McDowell, Barbara '58, International Falls
O'Rourke, John '58, Bend, Ore.
Golden, Lawrence "Larry" '59, Bemidji
Graf (Gordon), Kathryn '59, Arnold, M.D.
Marken (Leaders), Lenore '60, Avon Lake, Ohio
Levorson, Jerome '61, Albert Lea
Komidor, Jess '61, '78, Chisholm
Thompson, Betty '61, Bemidji
Tjosvold, Dave '61, '66, Sun Lakes, Ariz.
VanQuekelberg, Alvin '62, Waite Park
Meier, Myron '63, Austin
Piccolo (Lajambe), Elizabeth '64, Becker
Gunderson, Robert '65, Truth or Consequences, N.M.
Vaadeland, Oscar '65, Park Rapids
Abele (Manunula), Marie '66, Plymouth
Hemphill (Kreps), Irene '66, Fosston
Cronk, Roger '67, Houston, Texas
Kern (Dougherty), Margaret '67, Bluegrass
Gilman, William '68, Missoula, Mont.
Torrell, David '68, Eveleth
Turk, JaLayne '68, St. Cloud
Johnson, Jeff '69, Leominster, Mass.
Matasich, Milan '69, Cannon Falls
Wilson, Scott '69, Oak Creek, Wis.
Lundsten, Bruce '70, Williams
Mejdrich (Amato), Darlene '70, Swatara
Riggles (Gervais), Judith '70, Saratoga, Wyo.
Schmitz, Terence '70, Marcell
Scheitel, David '70, Redwood Falls
Boe, Steven '71, Bemidji
Engebretson, David '71, Clearbrook
Rynders (Grand), Paula Rae '71, Forest Falls, Calif.
Edwards (Shaeffer), Laura '72, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Brown, Ralph '73, Duluth
Drobnick, Dennis '73, Pengilly
Faver (Rundell), Edith "Betty" '73, Bemidji
Weiss (Ellis), Gertrude '73, Pine River
Padelford, Robert '75, Sandpoint, Idaho
Tino (Blackmer), Debra '75, Bellingham, Wash.
Morken, Roger '76, Dayton, Texas
Lundquist (Grefthen), Marion '77, Wannaska
Freij, Kevin '78, Red Wing
Rowe (Funk), Rae '78, Solvang, Calif.
Sunberg, Marcia '78, Winter Park, Fla.
Hartman, Brian '80-'82, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Sherman, Elizabeth "Sandy" '83, Cass Lake
Blodgett, Ned '84, Thief River Falls
Ferrante, Gerhard '84, Miami, Fla.
Lindemann (Joyce), Dorothy '85, Mapleton
Hennes (Marion), Julie '87, Walker
Ponath, Bruce '88, Belle Plaine
Watson (Shurtz), Sharon '89, Waubun
Coltom (Sundblad), Carol '93, Strathcona
Sperber, Katherine McClellan '94, Green Bay, Wis.
Peterson, Lucinda '97, Menahga
Bridgman, Gurnee '98, Fargo, N.D.
Seaward (Firth), Kelli '99, Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island, Canada
Paulson, Mary '02, Bagley
Flovik, Susan '09, Bemidji

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with an eye firmly on the future

By Carissa Menefee

As part of the ongoing recognition of Bemidji State University's centennial, BSU's Sustainability Office celebrated 10 years of leadership, stewardship, education and advocacy for our environment.

Jordan Lutz, sustainability project manager, said the Sustainability Office has been an inevitable evolution for a campus where environmental responsibility is a deep-rooted value.

"Though the Sustainability Office is celebrating its 10th year on campus, sustainability efforts precede the office itself by many years," he said. "To me, 10 years of sustainability signifies the continuation of foundational work completed by many individuals who established a legacy of higher environmental standards at Bemidji State."

Created in 2008, the Sustainability Office began with funds from a student-driven Green Fee, a \$5-per-semester fee charged to all students that funds sustainability projects on campus. Shortly after, Erika Bailey-Johnson was hired as the university's first sustainability coordinator. She started the office as its lone employee with one student worker, a team that has grown to now include two full-time staff members and more than 10 student workers. BSU students also voted to increase the Green Fee to \$7.50 in 2015.

Bailey-Johnson says BSU students are drawn to the university's sustainability projects as a result of the office's student-directed agenda.

"I feel strongly about doing what the students want to see on campus," she said. "I am always impressed by our students' strength. They have a passion and are engaged with outdoor recreation and our environmental behaviors and knowledge."



President Faith Hensrud signs Second Nature's Climate Commitment while Jordan Lutz, sustainability project manager, Connor Newby, Student Senate president, Corrie Stockman, Student Senate vice president, Anna Hayes, student senator and Sustainability Office employee, and Erika Bailey-Johnson, sustainability coordinator, look on.

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As the Sustainability Office looks forward to its next 10 years, its priorities will include a university carbon-neutrality plan, investments in sustainable landscaping and community garden spaces, energy efficiency upgrades and potential alternative energy sources for the campus, improvements at BSU's Hobson Forest, and supporting the university's environmental studies programs.

In particular, the Sustainability Office will continue its work to develop Niiizhoo-gwayakochigewin, an academic program which will demonstrate western concepts of sustainability and environmental responsibility through a traditional lens of indigenous knowledge. The program, named for an Ojibwe phrase meaning "two ways of making things right," will offer opportunities for students to earn a degree or pursue a minor in indigenous sustainability studies.

Bailey-Johnson, who co-directs Niiizhoo-gwayakochigewin in addition to her role as director of sustainability, says the academic program and Sustainability Office initiatives illustrate the broad vision that Bemidji State University has for sustainability.

"I'd like to show others that sustainability is more than just facilities, more than turning off the lights and saving energy," she said. "It's about how we understand, honor and take care of the Earth. I'm excited about all the ways we are connecting indigenous studies to sustainability issues on campus."

Bemidji State reinforced its ongoing commitment to climate leadership in April, when President Faith C. Hensrud signed the Second Nature Climate Commitment during the Sustainability Office's annual Feast of Green celebration. The commitment builds on the organization's Carbon Commitment, a pledge by colleges and universities nationwide to be carbon-neutral by 2050 which was signed by former BSU President Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard in 2008 and reaffirmed by Hensrud in 2017. As a Climate Commitment signatory, the university will integrate its carbon-neutrality initiatives with activities that emphasize climate resilience and community engagement.

"The exciting thing about the Climate Commitment is that we, as an institution, have already made great progress toward the Carbon Commitment," Hensrud said. "I also appreciated the community connection aspect of the resiliency component. When I looked at everything the Climate Commitment entails it was easy to say, 'this is a program in which Bemidji State University can be a nationwide leader.'"

Lutz says the Climate Commitment provides a solid springboard to help the BSU Sustainability Office begin its second decade of service to the campus and greater Bemidji region. The office will also pursue answers to climate-related questions that will be of increasing importance in the coming years.

"Resilience planning is a holistic endeavor," he said. "It requires collaboration with community partners to identify vulnerabilities in the face of a changing climate — and to find proactive solutions for those vulnerabilities. As a Sustainability Office and as a university, we will be working hard to identify our strengths and priorities moving forward."



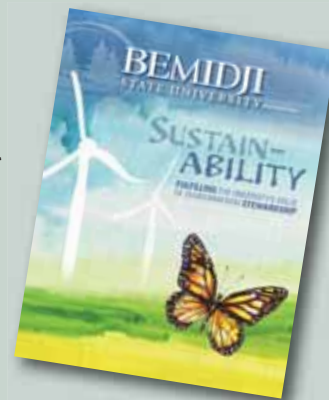
Among the Sustainability Office's plans for the future is an expansion of its on-campus community garden.

Students at BSU's Hobson Forest work to improve the trails.

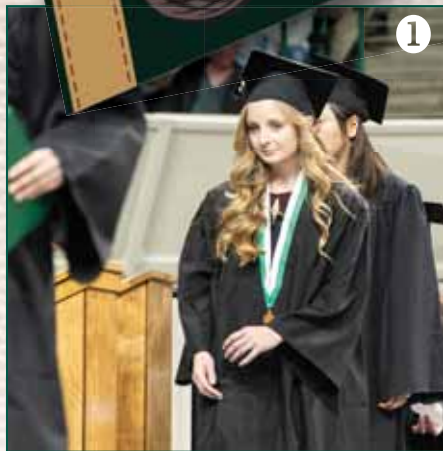


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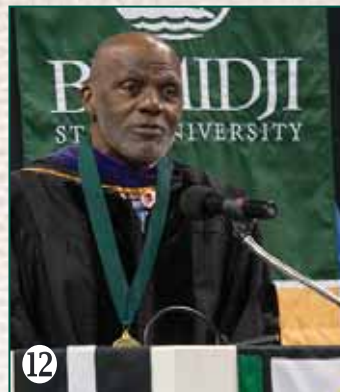
BSU's decades-long commitment to protecting the environment was featured as the cover story for the Fall/Winter 2017 edition of Bemidji State University magazine. That story, which includes a timeline of significant sustainability achievements and initiatives at BSU, is available on our website. To read this story, visit bemidjistate.edu and search for "indispensable stewards."



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COMMENCEMENT 2019



1 Allison Hoeft receives her undergraduate degree ...
2 This year's Distinguished Minnesotan, the Honorable Alan C. Page (center), with Minnesota State trustee George Soule (left) and President Hensrud ... **3** Graduates pose for a photo before the Commencement march ... **4** Student speaker Elizabeth Thurlow ... **5** President Hensrud leads the recessional following Commencement ... **6** The Ogidaaki Singers provided a welcome song prior to the ceremony ... **7** Trying to catch a falling cap during a back-stage selfie ... **8** One of this year's many customized caps ... **9** A student gets ready for Commencement in the Sanford Center's conference area ... **10** Patrick Liu and Dr. Ye "Solar" Hong ... **11** One last shot with friends before graduation ... **12** Alan Page delivers the 2019 Commencement address ... **13** Ashley Locklear receives her master's degree ... **14** The processional ... **TOP:** Dr. Tony Peffer, BSU provost & vice president for academic & student affairs, speaks during the ceremony.

BACK TO BEMIDJI STATE

APRIL 4, 2019



Future Opportunities
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THANK YOU to all who helped to make BSU Alumni & Foundation's first-ever campus-wide Day of Giving a resounding success. In all, 438 donors from 19 states collectively raised \$101,714 to support BSU students.

The April 4 event, called "Back to Bemidji State," saw the university's supporters contribute to student scholarships, emergency financial support, athletics, the American Indian Resource Center or other funds

of their choosing. The campaign's 24-hour, \$100,000 fundraising goal celebrated BSU's centennial year and the impact BSU alumni, faculty, staff and supporters have had on the university during the past 100 years. Donors were able to make their gifts online, via text message or by phone, and several local restaurants donated a portion of their proceeds to the campaign during the days leading up to the Day of Giving.





HOME *for the* 100TH

BSU HOMECOMING 2019

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

Lighting of the Homecoming hearth

A new Homecoming tradition takes place at 7 p.m. as the fireplace along Lake Bemidji near the Lower Hobson Memorial Union will be ignited and kept burning throughout Homecoming weekend by student organizations and BSU faculty and staff. The ceremonial flame will be extinguished following Sunday's Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

Welcome home

Start your weekend off right by attending Friday night's Honors Gala at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. BSU will recognize four distinguished alumni and induct an outstanding alumni educator into BSU's Professional Education Hall of Fame. You'll also help honor the some of the university's most generous donors and hear inspiring remarks from President Faith Hensrud. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and program to follow at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Formal invitations to follow.

Alumni Leaders in the Classroom:

Distinguished Alumni award recipients and other alumni will share their professional experience with students. Individual panels runs 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., campus locations TBD.

Education Hall of Fame unveiling:

An unveiling and open house of the newly renovated Education Hall of Fame wall in Bensen Hall will celebrate the BSU alumni who have been honored for outstanding contributions to education. Time TBD.

Women's hockey:

The BSU women's hockey team will face Lindenwood at the Sanford Center beginning at 6:07 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Hobson Memorial Union pancake feed

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are invited to attend a pancake breakfast in Hobson Memorial Union's Beaux Arts Ballroom beginning at 9:30 a.m., prior to the homecoming parade on Birchmont Drive. Free will donation.

Parade on Birchmont Drive

For the first time in many years, the annual BSU Homecoming Parade is coming back to campus. All are invited to watch the parade beginning at 11 a.m. as it travels down Birchmont Drive in front of Memorial Hall, the library, and Benson Hall. Parade will feature distinguished alumni, President Faith Hensrud, BSU athletics team, the Pep Band, student organizations and community groups, plus candy for the kids.

Football, reunions and hockey

After the parade, head to Diamond Point Park for the Beaver Bash Pre-Game Tailgating, starting at noon. New this year, lunch will be available for purchase from on-site food trucks. Following the Beavers' 2 p.m. game against Augustana at Chet Anderson Stadium, alumni are invited to attend the BSU football reunion at the Tavern on South Shore or Greek Reunion (location TBD). Women's hockey faces Lindenwood at the Sanford Center beginning at 3:07 p.m.

Street dance with the Front Fenders

Dance the night away and reconnect with friends at the Beaver Block Party & Street Dance from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. between Third and Fourth streets on Beltrami Avenue. The popular cover band The Front Fenders will perform classic hits from a wide range of eras. Presented by the Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter (must be 21 or older to attend).

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert

The Thompson Recital Hall in the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex will be alive beginning at 3 p.m. for the annual Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert. The event features BSU's performing ensembles, as well as the instrumental and vocal Carl O. Thompson Scholarship recipients. Come early and check out the impressive History Walk banners in the theater lobby, highlighting events from every decade of the Bemidji State century.

HOMECOMING 2019 INFORMATION

More Homecoming information, including discounted Bemidji-area lodging, will be shared over the summer via mail, website, and in the Alumni & Foundation e-newsletter.

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The eyes of all Minnesota hockey fans were on Bemidji, Jan. 18-19, as the city hosted FOX Sports North's 13th annual Hockey Day Minnesota on the frozen shores of Lake Bemidji. For the first time in the event's history, the schedule was extended to three days and featured five outdoor games on a rink constructed adjacent to the Sanford Center's parking lot. In addition to three high school games, BSU's men's and women's teams each played one game outdoors as part of their weekend WCHA home series. The men's team used a power-play goal with less than two minutes remaining in overtime to topple Michigan Tech, 4-3, in the event's Jan. 18 evening game, braving temperatures that dipped as low as 15 below zero — the coldest outdoor game in college hockey's modern era. The BSU women's team fell 2-1 to Minnesota State on Jan. 19, in temperatures as low as 5 degrees below zero at the game's opening faceoff.



2019 CALENDAR

JUNE

- 13 Cheers to 100 Years! Alumni & Friends Social**
5-7 p.m. Social gathering with fellow alumni and friends; Roundhouse Brewery in Brainerd.
- 15 Beaver Football "War on the Shore" Fishing Tournament**
8:15 a.m. rules meeting at Chet Anderson Stadium; tournament begins at 9 a.m. Catch-and-release tournament to benefit Beaver Football. Learn more and register at bsualumni.org/warontheshore
- 21 41st Annual Gordy Skaar Memorial Golf Tournament**
7 & 11 a.m. registration times for 7:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. tee times; Bemidji Town & Country Club. Sponsored by Sanford Health. Learn more and register at bsualumni.org/2019skaar

JULY

- 12 22nd Annual Galen Nagle Memorial Golf Tournament**
7 & 11 a.m. registration times for 7:35 a.m. & 12:35 p.m. tee times; Bemidji Town & Country Club. Sponsored by Sanford Health. Learn more and register at bsualumni.org/2019nagle
- 20 8th Annual Jeff "Bird" McBride Memorial Golf Tournament**
Noon start, Oak Marsh Golf Course, Oakdale. Learn more and register at: wpgolf.com/oakmarsh/mcbride_memorial.aspx

AUGUST

- 1 "BSU Bound" new student sendoff event**
6 p.m., Elm Creek Park Reserve, Bluebird Picnic Area, Maple Grove. RSVP to BSU Alumni office by July 26 at alumni@bemidjistate.edu or bsualumni.org/bsubound
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6 p.m., Pizza Ranch, Baxter. RSVP to BSU Alumni office by July 26 at alumni@bemidjistate.edu or www.bsualumni.org/bsubound
- 3 Inaugural Beaver Football Two-Person Golf Scramble**
12:30 p.m. registration for 1 p.m. tee time; Whitetail Run Golf Course, Wadena. Learn more and register at bsualumni.org/2019footballscramble
- 4 Alumni, Friends & Family Night at the Minnesota United**
3 p.m., Allianz Field, St. Paul. Join other BSU alumni, friends and family as the Minnesota United take on the Portland Timbers. Limited tickets available; purchase at bsualumni.org/mnunited

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6 p.m., Blackhawk Park, Blackhawk Park Pavilion, Eagan. RSVP to BSU Alumni office by July 26 at alumni@bemidjistate.edu or bsualumni.org/bsubound
- 23 Howe-Welle Women's Athletics Golf Scramble and Cornhole Tournament**
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oak Hall. Volunteers needed to provide directions and information to parents and new students. Call the BSU Alumni Office at (218) 755-2762 to volunteer.
- 23 BSU student move-in day**
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oak Hall. Volunteers needed to provide directions and information to parents and new students. Call the BSU Alumni Office at (218) 755-2762 to volunteer.

- 23-25 50th Anniversary of Women's Athletics Celebration Weekend**
Bemidji State women alumnae athletes, coaches, family and friends are invited back to campus on August 23-25 to celebrate 50 years of women's athletics at BSU. Learn more at bsualumni.org/womens50celebration
- 24 12th Annual Ed Sauer Golf Tournament**
10 a.m. registration for 11 a.m. tee time; Tianna Country Club, Walker. Learn more and register at bsualumni.org/2019sauer
- 29 BSU Community Appreciation Day**
4:30 p.m.; courtyard between Tamarack Hall and BSU Gymnasium, BSU campus.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 4th Annual BSU Baseball Golf Outing**
9 a.m. registration for 10 a.m. tee time; Castle Highlands Golf Course, Bemidji. Learn more and register at bsualumni.org/2019baseballgolfouting
- 29 Golden Beaver Day**
Honoring Bemidji State alumni from the class of 1969 and earlier. Event includes luncheon, campus tours and more. Contact BSU Alumni Office at (218) 755-2762 for more information.

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CENTENNIAL POSTERS FOR PURCHASE

An original illustration that presents a fanciful version of Bemidji State's journey across the decades is available for purchase by alumni and others. It was featured on the cover of a previous edition of Bemidji State University magazine.

The work by design graduate Hope Wall '17 is printed on high-quality, 18-by-24-inch felt paper that is suitable for framing and ideal for home or office display.

Each unframed poster comes protected by a cellophane sleeve and is packaged in a mailing tube. The purchase price is \$15, including postage, per poster.

To order one or more posters, send a check to BSU Poster, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601-2699 or visit bsualumni.org/posters to order online. Email andy.bartlett@bemidjistate.edu or call (218) 755-2041 with questions.



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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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