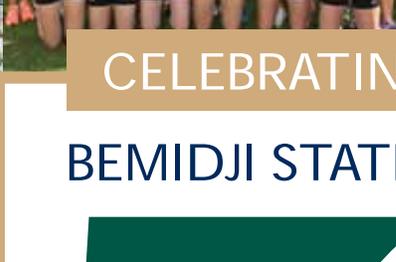


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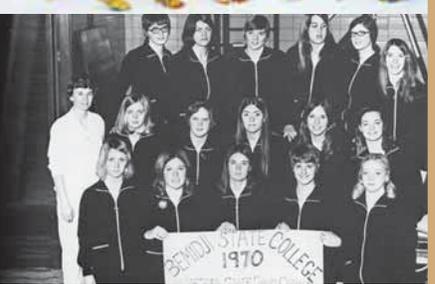
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# PRESIDENT FAITH C. HENSRUD

**A**s we celebrate A Bemidji State Century and the 100th birthday of our “university in the pines,” we also find ourselves looking back to 1969 — BSU’s 50th anniversary year — and discover that year as a remarkable turning point in our history as well.

We experienced three significant events in 1969 that helped define our second half-century: the first year of intercollegiate women’s athletics, the opening of the Hobson Memorial Union, and the founding of the Madrigal Dinners.

I invite you to explore this month’s cover story, which recaps the remarkable 50-year history of intercollegiate women’s athletics at Bemidji State. We launched a year-long celebration of this anniversary during Homecoming by recognizing the tireless efforts of four remarkable women. Their work founded a program that helped women’s athletics grow from its roots as a non-competitive, mostly social activity into today’s well-rounded, successful NCAA Division I and II athletics program.

We also reflect on a record-setting season by the BSU women’s soccer program. I could not have been more proud as head coach Jim Stone’s team completed an unbeaten regular season en route to our first-ever NCAA Tournament victory.

As we recognize these milestones, it’s easy to find the stories that will define Bemidji State University for our next 50 years and beyond. These stories are being told through our students — in the real-world research experience being offered to a group of biology graduate students in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; in our undergraduates who balance responsibilities for family and extracurricular activities against rigorous academic work; and in the fresh perspectives of our newest students. Each of these stories remind us that while the years may tick by, our mission to guide our students toward inspired lives will never change.

As an alumnus, you have your own stories to share and your own place in Bemidji State University’s rich history. The impact you make on your career and community guides our current students toward their own successful futures.

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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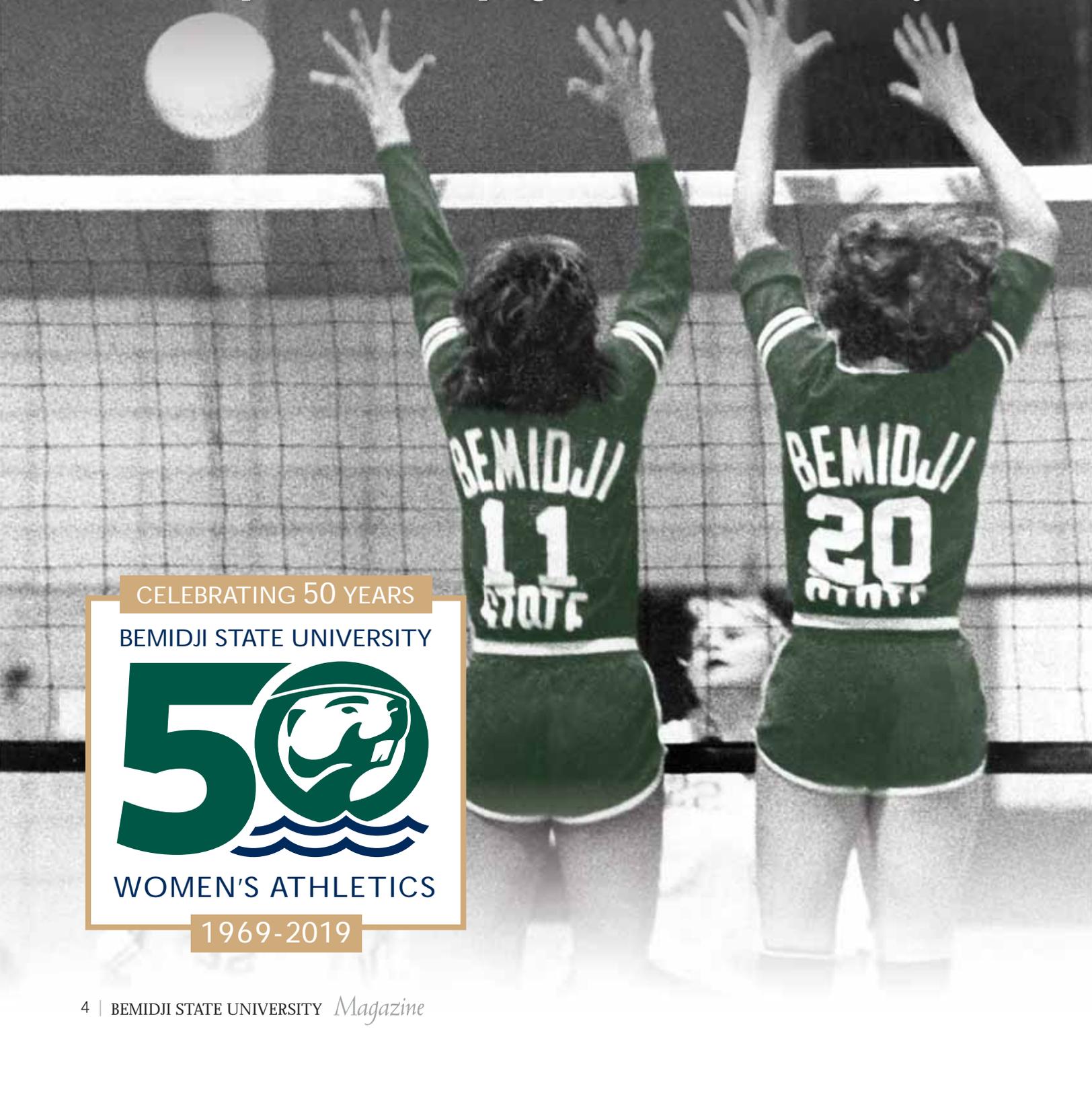
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# FIGHTING FOR THEIR PLACE ON THE FIELD

*Pioneers recall early hardships in their campaign to create a competitive athletic program for women at Bemidji State*



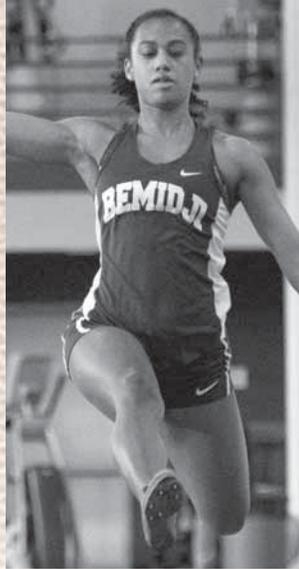
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By Scott Faust

In 1966, when Betsy McDowell first took her field hockey team on the road for extramural competition, the brakes went out on their Bemidji State College van.

She managed to stop only after banging into the bumper of a van ahead of her.

"I said, 'I'm not getting back into that car until I have a mechanic fix these brakes,'" recalled McDowell, who retired as a coach and professor of physical education in 1989. "If we have to cancel the game, we will."

Crowded and chilly vans, cars and station wagons – driven through white-knuckle weather by coaches and students who had to get out and play a game – were a fact of life for women's teams well into the 1980s.

And in the earliest years of women's intercollegiate athletics at Bemidji State, players were required to travel in skirts and dresses, even when it was 40 below.

Meanwhile, the Beaver men's teams, at least some of them, cruised in chartered buses.

"I remember the long trips where the coach was in the front wagon with a number of girls and a senior was driving, following behind. I mean, really?" said Deb (Limond) Hegquist '76, who in 2004 was inducted into the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame for her success in gymnastics and track and field.

"And going from Bemidji in the winter season, I can't tell you how many snowstorms we drove through. There are crazy things we did because there was no other way; there was no money."

The women's meal allowance was meager, and teams such as volleyball and basketball

had to share uniforms, often laundered at home by players and coaches between games. Off-campus recruiting was nonexistent, scholarships for women athletes had yet to emerge and women's coaches often had to fight for practice time in facilities they shared with the men.

Despite such hardships, athletes from across the decades say their appreciation for their experience has deepened over time.

"That's the way the culture was," said Angie (Nelson) Severson '01, who played volleyball throughout her years at BSU. "I don't want to say we accepted that as women we were kind of second rate, but it felt like we were a constant underdog. We loved what we did, and whether or not there were people in the seats, we just played because we played."

Severson, an art and fitness teacher and former graphic designer who has coached volleyball at Lourdes High School in Rochester, brought her three daughters to the 50th anniversary kickoff celebration during Homecoming on Oct. 6.

"I want them to know where things start – and somebody had to start them," she said.

During that event in the American Indian Resource Center, the university and its athletic alumnae recognized three founders of women's intercollegiate athletics at Bemidji State. In addition to McDowell, they were former coach and physical education professor Dr. Ruth Howe, hired in 1957, and Dr. Marjory "Mardy" Beck, who was hired in 1964 and became BSC's first women's athletic coordinator, retiring in 1989. Also honored was women's athletic director and

professor Dr. Pat Rosenbrock, hired in 1969, who coached gymnastics, track and field and volleyball and has done the most to preserve the school's rich history of women's athletics. She retired in 2006.

Six years after arriving in Bemidji, Beck joined with female counterparts in 1969 to organize a competitive women's league for five schools in Minnesota and North Dakota. The founding programs in the resulting Minn-Kota Conference, one of the first for women in the country, were Bemidji State, Concordia-Moorhead, Minnesota State-Moorhead, North Dakota State and the University of North Dakota.

Beck was president of the conference when it began in 1969-70 with basketball, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis and volleyball. Golf and track and field were soon added. Today, BSU women compete in eight sports in NCAA Division II and a ninth, hockey, at the Division I level.

Before women's intercollegiate athletics and Minn-Kota, the university's women students played intramurals and in friendly extramural competition, complete with post-game socials.

Amid accelerating social change following World War II, women majoring in physical





education at Bemidji State and elsewhere began to demand more intense competition. Faculty responded, and administrators such as Vic Weber, BSU athletic director from 1964 to 1980, cleared the way with financial support, albeit limited.

"The need for a program to challenge the better skilled girl became increasingly obvious," Beck wrote in 1970. "If we did not meet that challenge as part of our college program, using educational principles as our guidelines, other organizations – less concerned about the college woman and her welfare and her special activity needs – would do the job for us."

Howe, who coached varsity basketball (1964-75) and tennis (1977-86) at Bemidji State, said women came out by the score for the founding teams, making up in enthusiasm what they lacked in technical knowledge.

"They stuck with something when they started it," she said. "They also were open-minded, and they learned skills well. I just had the highest regard for the students I had as basketball and tennis players – and as students, period."

That is the sort of history Severson wants her girls – ages 11, 10 and 6 – to contemplate.

While driving the family to Bemidji in October, she used her mother's experience to illustrate the revolution spurred by leaders

at Bemidji State and fortified by Title IX, a federal law that in 1972 began requiring schools and universities to provide equal opportunities for male and female athletes.

"My mom, she was a cheerleader because they didn't have sports in high school," Severson said. "That was the closest she could get to sports. And then right after she graduated, they started having women's sports. I mentioned that to my daughters, and they were like, 'What ...?'"

Women's athletics — at BSU and elsewhere — has not advanced along a steady arc, and sporadic gains have frequently required a determined push.

Laurie (Peterson) Gross '13, who was inducted into the university's Hall of Fame in 2013 for her basketball performance from 1982-86, points to her coach, Joan (Campbell) Anderson, as someone who sped progress – particularly through recruiting.

"I feel like she was getting us updated as quick as she could," Gross said. "She's the coach that turned the program around. She's a Bemidji alumna and got hired to go there and coach. When I was a senior in high school, they only won two games. And by the time I was done and she was done, we were nationally ranked. So she did a great job in four years."

*"I did not know their humble beginning, and as a student at BSU, at that point in my life, I didn't realize what a good physical and health education I had received."*

— ELIZABETH MULVIHILL '88

Campbell '76 majored in physical education and coached basketball at Big Lake High School before becoming a second assistant to women's coaching innovator Ellen Mosher Hanson at the University of Minnesota. She joined the BSU Hall of Fame in 2011 as coach of the 1985-86 NAIA State Championship team.

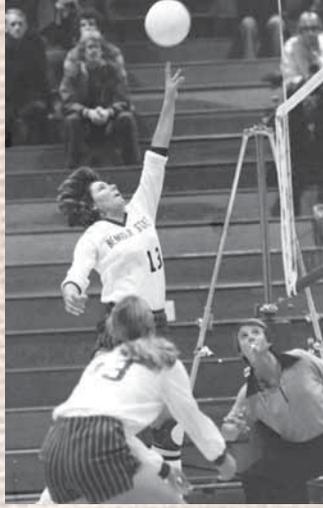
She said her work with Mosher Hanson while earning her master's prepared her to elevate the Beavers' skill level and insist on greater parity with men's basketball.

"I came to the table and demanded a few things," said Campbell, who played for Howe in her own days wearing green and white. "I wanted the female athletes to have practice uniforms, I wanted their laundry done for them and we had to have practice time equal to the men. All of that was pretty much easily agreed to."

Outlining her strategy for identifying talent, she said, "I always recruited the person first. When I would go out and scout them, I would have to see that they were coachable, were respectful of themselves, their teammates and their coaches and that they played hard all the time."

Hall of Fame head coach Donna Palivec (below) guided the BSU volleyball program to 119 wins and two second-place finishes in the NSIC between 1994-2001.





Despite their intermittent gains, women athletes continued to see more room for progress.

Dr. Abby (Stritesky) Meyer '01, a 2016 Young Alumni Award honoree who found success in both volleyball and softball, recalls traveling in vans while the baseball team went via charter. She also remembers washing uniforms in a laundromat on the road. But what bugged her and her teammates most was the university's lack of softball dugouts, which left the team exposed to the elements and sitting on a bench more suited to a youth league. Dugouts were installed in 2011.

"It drove us nuts," said Meyer, who came to BSU on a full-tuition academic scholarship and is now a pediatric ear, nose and throat surgeon with Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. "It almost became a joke."

Nonetheless, she maintains a glass-half-full view of her athletic experience. Meyer quickly tallied its wealth of benefits, not the least of which being a lifelong bond with coaches and teammates:

"Time management, it's a huge thing - multitasking, that whole skill set; working with a team, getting along with others, being able to relate to people from all different places and walks of life, problem-solving, how to be a leader, having a goal and working hard towards it. Also, knowing you can get better — and wanting to get better."

Recognizing the value of collegiate athletics and acknowledging progress does not mean ignoring need for further improvement, said another BSU Hall of Famer, Elizabeth Mulvihill '88. She was a basketball co-captain for Anderson who, in track and field, became BSU's first NAIA indoor champion in the shot put.

Mulvihill brought her 14-year-old daughter with her to the Oct. 6 kickoff and said she came away with "deep respect for the founding women."

"I did not know their story," she said. "I did not know their humble beginning, and as a student at BSU, at that point in my life, I didn't realize what a good physical and health education I had received. I had never reflected like I have after listening to their stories."

When her daughter, Zoë, initially balked at joining her, Mulvihill quoted 19th-century social reformer Susan B. Anthony, who said, "Our job is not make young women grateful. It is to make them ungrateful so they keep going."

Living in Minneapolis and pursuing a new career in holistic health studies after 16 years of teaching and coaching in the city's public schools, she said competitive athletics has opened many doors and enabled women to value and assert their own physical power.

Mulvihill, who has a same-sex partner, said some lesbian women have gravitated toward athletics, but acknowledging their own sexual identity has often been taboo in the arena of sport, where "women are stepping into a traditionally male realm and doing a male thing."

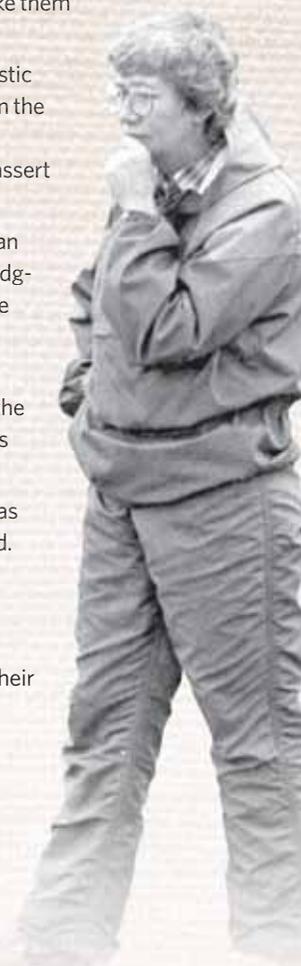
Mulvihill also pointed to such persistent imbalance as the continual scheduling of women's games ahead of men's in college basketball and hockey.

"We always played the earlier game, when everyone was still home for dinner, and the men played after," she said.

The passage of 50 years offers BSU's former women athletes a rich terrain for analysis of milestones and challenges, as well as gratitude - both of the founders' determination and the enduring impact of athletics in their own lives and families.

"Holy cow, did I have a great experience," said Lora (Weirs) Angileno '88, a four-year letter winner and captain in basketball. "It really was an experience I'll never forget."

Added Hegquist, "We really didn't know how good we were, because we had nothing to measure by."



Pat Rosenbrock



The four women recognized as the Founders of Bemidji State women's athletics — Dr. Marjory Beck, Pat Rosenbrock, Dr. Ruth Howe and Betsy McDowell — were all members of the college's 1970-71 physical education faculty (L to R):

Front row: Marion Christianson, Thelma Ahrens, Beck, Rosenbrock

Back row: Howe, Carol Swim, Dr. Myrtie Hunt, McDowell



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# A GOLDEN MOMENT

## Founders of Bemidji State women's athletics celebrated at 'magical' Homecoming ceremony

A group of nearly 100 former athletes, coaches, family and friends packed into the American Indian Resource Center's Gathering Room to help Bemidji State University kick off the 50th birthday of intercollegiate women's athletics in style.

Former BSU volleyball coach Donna Palivec helped get the idea of a year-long celebration of women's athletics off the ground during a summer 2017 conversation with Dr. Pat Rosenbrock, a long-time BSU faculty member, coach and women's athletics director, and former athletes Susan Alstrom and Becky Rud.

Building on the 30th-anniversary celebration spearheaded by Rosenbrock, the group wanted to engage alumnae athletes and use social media to build a community that would share information, photos and stories.

The Oct. 6 kickoff event was emceed by Bemidji State alumna and retired North Dakota State University women's athletics director Lynn Dorn '72 and included welcome messages from President Faith Hensrud and Director of Athletics Tracy Dill.

Highlighting the evening was a special recognition of Dr. Marjory Beck, Dr. Ruth Howe, Betsy McDowell and Rosenbrock, coaches and educators who were instrumental in the effort to bring competitive, intercollegiate athletics to Bemidji State.

"Where did this all start?" Palivec asked. "Women's athletics at Bemidji State really happened because of these women. So that's why we decided that the kickoff should focus on the founders."

Beck, Howe and McDowell were celebrated as the three official founders of BSU women's athletics, while Rosenbrock was recognized for her tireless efforts to document the university's women's athletics history.

McDowell and Howe shared stories from the early days of Bemidji State College women's athletics in a video presentation.

The duo recalled the effort to found four sports — basketball, volleyball, field hockey and swimming — in the face of prevailing conventional wisdom that

while athletic competition was considered healthy for men, it was "harmful and inappropriate" for women.

The pair also spoke about BSU's work to help found the Minn-Kota Conference — one of the country's first women's athletics conferences — in 1969, along with four other North Dakota and Minnesota schools.

Former athletes and supporters were encouraged to write their appreciation for each founder on personalized plaques that were presented to Howe, McDowell and Rosenbrock during the ceremony. Beck, who was unable to attend the event, was awarded her plaque during a private ceremony at Bemidji's GoldPine Home later that month.

The event program included a reprint of a document written in the late 1960's by Beck, which recapped the first seven years of women's athletics at the college.

"Mardy (Beck) didn't have a voice in the video, but her voice was in that document," Palivec said. "It was an amazing, powerful piece. I think if you asked any of



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the attendees what they felt, they would be impressed to have learned some of that history."

BSU Alumni & Foundation Executive Director Josh Christianson closed the event by announcing a \$500,000 fundraising campaign to support BSU women's athletic programs. Christianson said donors have already contributed over \$200,000 to the campaign, which will continue through 2022 — the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking federal Title IX law that mandated equal competitive opportunities for women.

BSU's recognition of a half-century of women's athletics will continue during Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend in February and other events throughout the year, leading up to a three-day culminating celebration set for Aug. 23-25, 2019.

"I don't know if I can come up with the best word to describe the energy at the social. 'Magical' would be one," Palivec said. "I believe that those who were in attendance left hungry for more.

There was a sense that people wanted this to continue, and wanted to come back. I hope they will encourage their teammates to join them at the event in August."

For information about supporting BSU women's athletics or to get involved in planning for the August 2019 celebration, contact Brett Bahr, director of alumni relations for the BSU Alumni & Foundation, at (218) 755-2599 or [brett.bahr@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:brett.bahr@bemidjistate.edu).

- 1 Pat Rosenbrock (left), Ruth Howe and Betsy McDowell (right)
- 2 Nearly 100 alumni, family and friends attended the Oct. 6 kickoff event
- 3 Taking advantage of a photo opp with Bucky
- 4 Hall of Fame head coach Donna Palivec
- 5 Kim Zerr (left) and Zöe Mulvihill
- 6 Alumnae add their signatures to photos presented to the Founders
- 7 Event emcee Lynn Dorn '72 (center) and Josh Christianson (right)

### HENSRUD PAYS A VISIT TO MARDY BECK

**Mardy Beck**, who was unable to attend the kickoff ceremony, received her founder's certificate during a special Oct. 19 visit from President Hensrud (right).





Sagyan Khadka



Beatrice Kjelland

## Make a Wish for BSU's Future

By Cindy Serratore

**BEATRICE KJELLAND**, a track and field sprinter from Park River, N.D., believes in creating more diversity on campus and aspires to be a pediatric nurse and a good mom.

She was born in Liberia in 1998, just before the Second Liberian Civil War. As the country grew more dangerous, she and her younger sister were sent to an orphanage and, a year later, adopted by Jim and Marlys Kjelland of North Dakota.

Kjelland, then 6 years old, remembers leaving Liberia accompanied by two Caucasian escorts — the first white people she had ever seen.

"I just kept staring at the lady who came," Kjelland recalled. "We had never seen someone that white. It was kind of scary just being sent off with these people."

In Park River, she and her sister discovered a loving family and a whole new world on a North Dakota farm.

As a high school sophomore, she wrote about her experiences and thanked her adoptive parents for the opportunities they had given her. That essay won a Scholastic Arts and Writing state gold medal and a 2016 national American Voices Award. Her community raised the funds to send Kjelland and her mom, Marlys, to New York City for the national award presentation at Carnegie Hall.

"To be able to share that with my mom was just an amazing experience," she said.

Kjelland came to Bemidji State this fall as a freshman track and field recruit. She was a North Dakota Class B state champion in the 100- and 200-meter, and in 2018 her team won the state 4x100-meter relay. She grew up as an active 4H member and pays for a portion of her college living expenses with prize money from showing animals.

**What she likes best about Bemidji State:** The track team, the tunnels so she can avoid the cold and meeting Zoe Christensen — a fellow track freshman and her new best friend.

**Birthday wish for BSU:** "To make the campus more diverse."

**Birthday wish for her generation:** Less screen time and more time for doing things that matter. "Kids are getting phones too early," she said. "You see kids who can't interact and speak with one another. When they apply for scholarships, they don't know what to say when you ask, 'what did you do with your life?'"

**JACKIE ALLEN**, of South Dakota's Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, wants to become a nurse and, eventually, a health care administrator to deliver better care options in Native American communities.

She is the freshman representative of the BSU Student Nurses Association and the secretary of the BSU Council of Indian Students. She is also a Niganawenimaanaanig scholarship recipient, a federally funded program for indigenous nursing majors. The program provides academic, social, cultural and financial support to encourage more indigenous students to pursue careers in nursing.

"That really attracted me here," Allen said. "I had never seen anything like it in the Midwest. I came here and I loved it. BSU was my first choice."

Allen, the youngest of seven children, is drawn to nursing by science and human anatomy, as well as the opportunities nursing offers to serve native communities.

"I grew up on a reservation and, at a young age, I knew there weren't enough health care providers in Indian health care services," she said. "One week we have a dentist — or a doctor — and the next week we don't."

Allen plans to be a travel nurse with the Indian Health Service so she can spend time on reservations around the country and learn different practices before returning to Flandreau.

"Other providers come and go and don't know our traditions, our 'mind, body and spirit' approach," she said. "For example, it's not just about diabetes — we need a 360-degree view."



Jackie Allen

Allen credits her parents for her inspiration and confidence and says she drew strength from her father to overcome childhood bullying.

"My dad is one of the kindest people you'll ever meet," she said. "He taught me how to stand up for myself."

As a nurse, she hopes to stand up for others and be kind.

Allen is the part of the Niganawenimaanaanig program's first freshman class. She appreciates the support she has found in Dr. Misty Wilkie, the program director, and Tammy Erickson, the grant coordinator.

"They're like my aunts here on campus," Allen said. "I can go to them for absolutely anything. No matter what it is, they will drop everything and help."

**Birthday wish for her generation:** More focus. "I think we're motivated, it's just keeping the focus," she said. "We're constantly trying to do so many things at once, change the world and take care of our lives. Sometimes it's hard to know where to start."

**Career aspirations:** "I see myself going back to school, getting a doctorate in administration and really making a difference in indigenous people's health care all around the United States."

**SAGYAN KHADKA**, a computer information systems major from Nepal, witnessed the aftermath of the 2015 Nepal earthquake and wants to improve communications in remote parts of his country to reduce isolation in the face of disaster.

A former member of Nepal's under-16 national soccer team, Khadka, now a sophomore, competes on a Bemidji State club soccer team. He also plays guitar, writes songs and performs on campus for international events like the Festival of Lights. Khadka's first loves were soccer and technology. His parents bought him a computer in eighth grade.

Close your eyes and make a wish. As Bemidji State University celebrates its centennial year, we asked three students with unique perspectives to share their journeys to BSU and their birthday wishes for their generation — and those to follow.

"The first thing I did was install a game," he said. "That game phase really helped me learn a lot about how computers work. But as I grew, my goals got bigger."

An only child of two working parents, Khadka hung out at his mother's office after school. She works with Mercy Corp, an international nonprofit that delivers aid around the world.

"I would sit next to people at her office and see how they were helping humanity," he said. "I was really inspired by that. So, I thought, 'Maybe I'll study computer science to help other people.'"

Then on April 25, 2015, a 7.8-magnitude quake struck Nepal, flattening neighborhoods in the capital Kathmandu and devastating isolated rural areas. Khadka's family was OK, but nearly 9,000 people lost their lives.

"We have houses made of mud and stone, and many of those houses just collapsed," he said. "Volunteers were needed in places where no one could get to, and communications were cut off. I was 17 years old and that really shaped my goals."

Khadka appreciates the support of his parents and is surprised by the independence of children in the United States.

"In Nepal, our parents are with us, birth to marriage," he said. "I have always been around people who love me, who are really supportive and encourage me to explore my ideas."

**Career aspirations:** "I want to go to rural areas in Nepal and help people use technology to improve their lives, connect with each other and help them export goods."

**Best experience at BSU:** International Student Organization. "I really love meeting people. I like to know about people and share about myself."

**Birthday wish for his generation:** Less screen time. "Speak to someone in person. Our generation can solve a lot of problems just by talking, just connecting with one another."

**Birthday wish for BSU:** "Education is the best investment. BSU is doing a wonderful job and I wish them the best for the next 100 years."



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President Hensrud joined Chancellor Malhotra at his Oct. 5 Partnership Tour stop at Bemidji's Mayflower Building.

## Chancellor Malhotra visits Bemidji on partnership tour

Minnesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra met with more than two dozen local business and industry leaders and area legislators at an Oct. 5 stop in Bemidji as part of his state-wide Partnership

Tour. Malhotra, who was joined at Bemidji's Mayflower Building by President Hensrud and NTC Vice President for Academic Affairs Darren Strosahl, used the tour to share ways the state's businesses and industry can tap into the resources available in a state-wide system of 37 colleges and universities.

## Bemidji State University Named One of the Nation's Most "Green" Colleges

The Princeton Review has once again included Bemidji State among the top 399 environmentally responsible colleges in the country. The publication's ninth annual list features institutions with remarkable commitments to sustainability based on their academic offerings, career preparation, campus policies, initiatives and activities.

This is BSU's fourth appearance on the list, which has been published by the Princeton Review since 2011.



## Bemidji State University's Fall Enrollment Fueled by Highest Retention Rate on Record

A 72.4-percent retention rate, Bemidji State's highest since retention data became available in 2004, has lifted the university to its third consecutive fall semester with enrollment of more than 5,100 students.

University officials credit the record retention to a variety of factors, including several programs started in recent years to specifically address retention.

BSU counted 5,136 students — 4,727 undergraduates and 409 graduate students — for its official enrollment tally on the 30th day of fall classes. It is the eighth time in the last 10 years that BSU's fall enrollment has topped 5,000 students. The 2018-19 student body is significantly more diverse than last year, with 622 students identifying as American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Asian, Black or African-American, and Hispanic or Latino — a 4.8-percent increase. The university's population of international students also has grown to 120, a 4.4-percent increase.

## Bemidji State University Hosts 50th Annual Madrigal Dinners

Bemidji State's Department of Music staged its 50th annual Madrigal Dinners — the final annual performance of the long-time yuletide tradition — at Bemidji's Concordia Language Villages between Nov. 30–Dec. 9. This year's production featured a re-staging of the original 1969 masque written by BSU professor emeritus of music and Madrigal Dinners founder Dr. Paul Brandvik. The Madrigal Dinners bring together students from a variety of majors across campus to recreate a yuletide feast in an Elizabethan England-era castle.





## Ramsey Gallery Exhibit Honors Bemidji State University's Centennial Year

Artifacts representing Bemidji State's rich, 100-year history are on display in the Ramsey Gallery, located in the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex. Historical archives, photographs, posters, clothing, keepsakes and other notable items fill the gallery, which was curated and installed by the Office of Communications and Marketing and the university archives as a part of the 18-month recognition of BSU's centennial. The exhibit also includes special displays celebrating the 50th anniversaries of both the Madrigal Dinners and women's intercollegiate athletics. The gallery is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on display until early February, when it will go on hiatus until summer.



## An Economic Engine: BSU, NTC Contribute \$322 Million per Year to Minnesota's Economy

Bemidji State and Northwest Technical College provide an estimated total of nearly \$322 million in economic activity, while supporting or sustaining 2,479 jobs in Minnesota each year, according to an economic impact study released in November. The survey, conducted by Pennsylvania-based consulting firm Parker Philips, was commissioned by the Minnesota State system to examine the impact of its 37 colleges and universities on Minnesota's

economy. The survey also found that BSU and NTC contribute volunteer and charitable activity worth \$2.5 million to the Bemidji community each year.

In total, the survey found the system generates an estimated \$8 billion in state economic activity each year and supports or sustains nearly 68,000 jobs. In addition, it found that every \$1 appropriated to the system and its schools by the State of Minnesota generates \$12 in total economic activity.



Dr. Misty Wilkie gave a Sept. 19 keynote address on BSU's nursing program.

## Nursing Brings International Conference on Culturally Focused Care to Bemidji

Faculty and students from the Department of Nursing had the rare opportunity to participate in an international conference without leaving home, as the Society for the Advancement of Modeling and Role-

Modeling brought its 17th Biennial International Conference to Bemidji from Sept. 19-21.

The conference, "Facilitating Holistic Nursing Care Through a Cultural Lens," aimed to help nursing practitioners better understand their patients' unique worldviews and approach their health, healing and well-being from a cultural perspective. All conference activities were held at Bemidji's Hampton Inn.

## Bemidji State Programs Receive Online Rankings for Quality, Affordability

Bemidji State and several of its degree programs have recently received awards for quality and affordability from websites specializing in college rankings. A selection of these rankings include:

- BSU ranked fourth on the list "2018's Most Affordable: The Best Online Colleges in Minnesota" by Affordable Colleges Online.
- BSU's online bachelor's degree program in accountancy has been ranked fourth in the nation by Online Course Report.
- BSU's online bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing ranked 13th on the list "Most Affordable Online Marketing Degrees" by College Choice.



## Hagg-Sauer Hall Project on Schedule for Spring Start

Bemidji State's project to renovate space in four academic buildings prior to the summer 2019 demolition and reconstruction of Hagg-Sauer Hall remains on track for an early spring start. Floor plans for space to be renovated in Bensen and Sattgast halls, the A.C. Clark Library and Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex were shared with faculty and staff in late September. Senior administrators met with faculty and staff of programs that will be affected by the renovations and ensuing relocations throughout October and November and provided opportunities to share last-minute feedback on office locations and floorplans. The university has selected KI Furniture Consultant as the project's furniture vendor, and construction bids were opened on Dec. 20.



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## Board of Trustees Approves Mission & Vision

On Nov. 14, the Minnesota State Board of Trustees accepted a recommendation from Chancellor Malhotra and the system's Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve Bemidji State's mission and vision statements.

The statements were developed in 2013-14 during a strategic planning process led by President Emeritus Richard Hanson. At that time, broad campus feedback on the mission and vision statements was gathered from faculty, staff and students, as well as a variety of university constituents including the Greater Bemidji Board of Directors, area educators and community members.

In 2017, the mission and vision were reviewed as part of President Hensrud's strategic planning initiative and found to fit the needs of the institution. They were presented to campus bargaining units for further review in August and September of 2018 after a Higher Learning Commission accreditation team determined the statements had not been presented to the board for approval.

## OUR MISSION:

We create an innovative, interdisciplinary and highly accessible learning environment committed to student success and a sustainable future for our communities, state and planet. Through the transformative power of the liberal arts, education in the professions, and robust engagement of our students, we instill and promote service to others, preservation of the Earth, and respect and appreciation for the diverse peoples of our region and world.

## OUR VISION:

We educate people to lead inspired lives.

## Celebrating Milestones in Student Leadership and Sustainability

As part of "A Bemidji State Century," a year-long celebration to commemorate the university's 100th anniversary, both the Hobson Memorial Union and the Sustainability Office are celebrating significant birthday milestones this year.



The Hobson Memorial Union, which opened in 1969, celebrated its 50th birthday with a "Then & Now" panel during Homecoming week that explored student leadership through the decades. The conversation featured four alumni panelists who served in key student leadership positions during their undergraduate years at BSU. They shared their experiences as students and discussed trends in student-related issues on campus that have developed over time. The panelists were:

- **Jim Frazee '75**, former member of the Hobson Memorial Union board and retired from Prudential Financial;
- **Brent Glass '97**, former Student Senate president and current vice chancellor for student affairs at Minnesota State;
- **Dr. John Gonzalez '99**, former president of the Council of Indian Students and current professor of psychology at Bemidji State; and
- **Jenna Long '15**, former Student Senate president and current adviser and student relations coordinator at Minnesota State University, Moorhead.

The Sustainability Office also celebrated its 10th birthday this year, and the 10th birthday of the university's innovative student-mandated "Green Fee." Under the direction of Erika Bailey-Johnson, the office's first and only director, BSU's Sustainability Office has grown beyond the initial vision of a campus-based education and project management organization to become a local and regional leader in all aspects of sustainability and wellness. The Sustainability Office manages BSU's "Green Fee," a \$7.50-per-semester student fee that helps finance sustainability-related projects and initiatives on campus.

## BSU Receives \$200,000 Bush Foundation Grant to Explore Race Relations in Bemidji



Dr. Vivian Delgado

Dr. Vivian Delgado, assistant professor of indigenous studies, is beginning a three-year project to examine race relations in the Bemidji region

with support from a \$200,000 Bush Foundation grant.

Bemidji counts Minnesota's three largest native nations — the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the White Earth Nation — among its neighbors, and U.S. Census Bureau data shows that more than 21 percent of Beltrami County's 46,500 residents — and 12 percent of Bemidji's 15,000 residents — identify as American Indian.

Delgado says while American Indians make up a significant portion of the Bemidji region's population, they are disproportionately represented when examining factors such as poverty and suicide. To address those disparities, Delgado is assembling an eight-person Gwexendam Team, named for an Ojibwe word meaning "changing mind," to explore structural oppression, institutional racism and systemic gaps in opportunity and access — not only among American Indian people but all people of color in the Bemidji area.

# BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



**Diane Aldis**, an adjunct instructor in the Department of Professional Education, received the Minnesota Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) Honor Award for Dance at the association's annual conference held Nov.

8-9 in Wayzata. The award recognized Aldis for her outstanding services and contributions in the promotion of dance.

**Erika Bailey-Johnson**, Sustainability Office director, was a featured presenter at the second annual TEDx Bemidji series Oct. 18 at downtown Bemidji's historic Chief Theater. Bailey-Johnson opened the series with a presentation entitled "The Lens Through Which We Understand Our Relationship with Mother Earth." She was one of eight presenters who spoke to the event's theme of momentum. Bailey-Johnson's presentation is available online at [tedxbemidji.com](http://tedxbemidji.com).



**Dr. Anna Carlson**, assistant professor of environmental, Earth & space studies, provided the introduction and welcome message for the second community information session of Solar United Neighbors Aug. 17

in Bemidji. Almost two dozen people attended to learn more about Bemidji's forthcoming solar energy co-op project.

**Dr. Angela Fournier**, professor of psychology, presented at the 27th annual conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology, held July 2-5 in Sydney, Australia. She and co-presenters from Bemidji's Eagle Vista Ranch and Wellness Center — owner and BSU alumna Liz Letson and equine specialist Jen Laitala — presented two posters and a symposium on research into animal-assisted psychotherapy. The presentations explored the collaboration between BSU and the ranch to support Fournier's research into the use of horses in psychotherapy.



**Scott Guidry**, assistant professor of music and director of bands, and **Ryan Webber**, adjunct instructor of music, conducted the Bemidji Area Community Band for its 2018 summer concert series. Webber, who teaches trombone and low brass at BSU,

directed the series' first two concerts, with Guidry directing the final two.

**Dr. Brian Hiller**, associate professor of biology, hosted and organized Minnesota's 2018 Purple Martin Fest and Nature Expo, held June 30 in Bemidji. He and members of BSU's student chapter of the Wildlife Society reviewed purple martins and his team's research into their habitat and migration patterns. Festival participants also were able to view newly banded baby martins in their nesting boxes on Lake Bemidji's western shores.

**Dr. Dwight Jilek**, assistant professor of music and director of choral programs, was named artistic director of the Minneapolis/St. Paul-based choral ensemble Magnum Chorum in May. Magnum Chorum, founded in 1991, is the Choir in Residence at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park. In addition to concerts and commissions, the choir and its 60 members reach out to people in prison to offer messages of hope and faith through music.

**Charles MacLean**, assistant professor of criminal justice, was appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court to a three-year term on the state's Board of Continuing Legal Education which began on July 1. The 13-person board has supervisory authority over rules governing Minnesota's continuing education and professional development requirements for practicing attorneys. It administers continuing education requirements by accrediting courses that may be taken for credit and removes attorneys from active status who do not comply with these requirements.



**Dr. Nicky Michael**, assistant professor of indigenous studies, was re-elected in November to a second four-year term on the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. The Tribal Council makes key decision for the tribe,

which is headquartered in Bartlesville, Okla., and Caney, Kan. Michael also serves as the Education Chair of the tribe's Trust Board, a position she has held since 2013.

**Dr. Marci Maple**, associate professor of nursing, was named to the national planning committee for the King International Nursing Group's November 2019 conference, "Nursing Theories: Moving Forward Through Collaboration, Application and Innovation," in Washington, D.C. She will serve as the Society for the Advancement of Modeling & Role Modeling nurse theorist representative.



**Dr. Debra Peterson**, assistant to the president for affirmative action & accreditation (interim), was awarded the 2017-2018 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Academic and

Student Affairs Award for Distinguished Diversity Leadership in October. The award celebrates senior college and university leaders in the Minnesota State system for exemplary achievements, contributions to inclusive excellence and institutional transformation. Honorees exhibit an unwavering commitment to equity, inclusion, and incorporating these values and principles into their day-to-day work.



**Dr. Carol Ann Russell**, professor of English, received a 2018 artist fellowship from the Region 2 Arts Council. The council awards fellowships to dedicated artists who have created a substantial

independent body of work, have received recognition for their work, and whose work has been selected for solo exhibitions, commissions, presentations, readings or performances. Russell received the fellowship in recognition of her lifetime of achievements in poetry. It also will provide financial support for her forthcoming fifth volume of poetry, which will include a selection of her existing work alongside new poetry.



**Dr. Misty Wilkie**, associate professor of nursing and director of BSU's Niganawen-imaanaanig Program — named for an Ojibwe word meaning "we take care of them" — was inducted into the Fellows of American Academy of Nursing

in Washington D.C. in November. Fellowships recognize significant contributions to the nursing profession and carry a responsibility to contribute time and effort in support of health care leaders looking to enhance the quality of health and nursing in the United States.



Dr. Andy Hafs  
Associate Professor of Biology

# A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR **FRIENDS**

*Research team helps Minnesota DNR answer difficult questions about Minnesota's environment*

By Andy Bartlett

When the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) needs answers to difficult questions about northern Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and wetlands or the animals that inhabit them, the phone rings in Dr. Andy Hafs' office.

In his five years at Bemidji State University, Hafs has mentored a growing cadre of graduate-student researchers which has become a valuable resource to the DNR as it seeks to gain a greater understanding of the complicated relationships between animals and their environments.

Currently, Hafs and his graduate students are working on a total of six projects with the DNR, including two that began this fall.

"A graduate student with my guidance can put a lot of time and thought into some of these things that the DNR doesn't have time to do," Hafs said.

Hafs said he was drawn to Bemidji from the University of California-Santa Barbara — where he did his post-doctoral work studying chinook salmon near Yosemite National Park — by the opportunity to build a research team.

"The graduate program was essential for me," Hafs said. "I knew I could do well and have fun with the undergraduate courses. They fit my core in fish research, fisheries management and inland waters. The opportunity to build a graduate research program, and with 500 lakes within 50 miles of campus, made this a no-brainer."

Almost immediately after arriving in Bemidji in 2013, Hafs connected with Tony Kennedy, a large-lake specialist with the DNR's Bemidji-area fisheries staff. The two immediately forged a friendship, with Hafs volunteering his time to support Kennedy's field activities on Cass and Red lakes — including day-to-day tasks such as helping maintain gill nets.

"He wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty," Kennedy said.

This friendship led to conversations about ways Hafs and his students could support the DNR's need for more scientific research to guide their management decisions.

"We got to know each other pretty well, and within two or three months of me being here Tony came up with an idea," Hafs said.

The pair hatched a project to study the impact of American White

Pelicans on the Tamarac River walleye populations in Minnesota's Red Lake. Kennedy and the DNR questioned whether the number of walleye being consumed by the pelicans might have an adverse impact on the lake's fish population. Given the importance of walleye to Red Lake from both cultural and economic perspectives, the DNR wondered if it may need to consider controlling the pelican population.

"They ate a lot of fish — like 50,000 pounds in three weeks," Kennedy said.

Hafs said the management aspect of the project — the potential to determine whether birds needed to be removed from the ecosystem — particularly excited him.

"It was just a really cool study to get started with," he said.

Hafs and BSU graduate student Jake Graham counted the number of birds using the river, which varied greatly from year-to-year from a few hundred to more than 1,500, and determined the number of fish those pelicans were harvesting.

Even with the seemingly large number of fish being eaten by the pelicans, the study showed their impact on the total number of walleye in the lake was negligible. The relationship was simply a normal occurrence in the ecosystem.

"The birds would have needed to increase their numbers by an order or two of magnitude to have an impact on the natural mortality rate," Hafs said. "We were glad to find that harvesting the birds shouldn't have to happen. It was a really cool finding."

Kennedy said the partnership with Hafs was the only way the DNR would have been able to complete the study and answer a question that it needed to have answered.

"There's just no way that me or anybody else at the DNR would've had the time to be able to do an investigation like that," he said. "So that's when you pull in the university."

For Hafs, the project kickstarted what has become an extensive relationship not only with Kennedy and the Bemidji DNR, but with other DNR offices in the region.

"Our collaboration with the DNR grows every year," Hafs said. "We've grown from just working with Bemidji to doing some work in Walker and with DNR administration. There are more projects than we could possibly do at this point. I think fairly shortly we'll be working on about 10 projects."

Given the volume of potential work, Hafs says he evaluates projects based on his scientific interest in the question being asked, the funding available for the project and whether his students can successfully address the problem with their available resources.

"If the DNR says 'we really need this,' I'm going to do it," he said. "That's how I've been running my research lab — if there's a topic out there related to

water biology, I'll try to help them answer it with the resources we have."

Kennedy says the DNR particularly values the applied research approach Hafs and his team take, which has led to practical, real-world implications on the DNR's management decisions.

"The biggest thing I appreciate about Andy and the BSU program is that they have a real interest in doing science that can be applied to improve management," Kennedy said. "Pure research doesn't necessarily help us make wildlife fishing better. Working with someone who also has an interest in improving fish management supports the interests of the DNR."

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— TONY KENNEDY,  
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## **HAFS RESEARCH TEAM ACTIVE PROJECTS**

**STEVE HAUSCHILDT** — Spatial and temporal variability in post-larval Yellow Perch density — Started Jan. 2016

**KATTI RENIK** — Improving native brook trout stream habitat through beaver management — Started Aug. 2016

**HEATHER MARJAMAA** — OTC based assessment of Walleye stocking in Cass Lake Chain — Started Jan. 2017

**CODY COYLE** — Leech Lake, Minn. fish population dynamics — Started August 2018

**TYLER ORGON** — Mercury and walleye in the Red Lakes, Minn. — Started August 2018

**JOSEPH AMUNDSON** — OTC based assessment of Walleye stocking in Cass Lake Chain Part 2 — Starting January 2019

**KAMDEN GLADE** — Quantification and comparison of Muskellunge and other piscivore diets — Starting January 2019

**KATTI RENIK**, who will earn her master's degree in biology this May, is nearing completion of what promises to be a landmark study on the relationship between beavers and brook trout along Minnesota's North Shore as part of Hafs's research team. She was featured as a Student to Watch in the Fall/Winter 2017 issue of Bemidji State University magazine, the study was featured on an episode of "Prairie Sportsman" which aired in March 2018, and she recently published a story on her work in DUN Magazine, a quarterly lifestyle publication for women fly anglers.



## LAMIJA BRADARIC

**Lamija Bradaric** believes she can be a voice of diversity in Minnesota, a place that became her home in 2000 after her family fled war-torn Bosnia. She was just 2 years old but grew up listening to the stories of her parents' flight to safety, first to a refugee camp in Germany and then to Minnesota.

"They came to America with just a suitcase and \$200," Bradaric said. "They didn't understand the American culture but wanted to give me, my brother and sister a better opportunity. I am just so grateful for everything they did."

Bradaric, a 2017 graduate of Anoka High School, will complete a degree in marketing communications from Bemidji State University in May. She earned an associate degree from Anoka-Ramsey Community College and transferred to the BSU extended learning program. Her courses are offered online, which allows her to stay close to her family, her husband and her job in the Twin Cities. Her first visit to campus will be for commencement.

Bradaric works as a human resource specialist with the Target Corporation and completed an internship with Xcel Energy over the summer. Once she completes her degree, she hopes to transition to a position in public relations or communications, so she can use her writing skills.

"Since I was a little girl, I loved writing," she said. "I would write poetry and loved

that I could be so creative with a piece of paper and pen. It was a way for me to be myself."

As a refugee, Bradaric said she sometimes found it difficult to relate to the teenage angst of her high school peers.

"I felt so different from them," she said. "I would do everything to make the most of every opportunity. I never wanted to disappoint my parents."

With her writing, she hopes to give voice to the value of workplace diversity and the unique stories and experiences of all people.

"We are all human, all the same on the inside, wanting to be heard, appreciated and to work toward what we love," she said.

At Bemidji State, Bradaric has found a mentor in Dr. Valica Boudry, professor of integrated media.

"Lamija embraces diversity at a deep level," Boudry said. "She will bring enthusiasm to promoting it at her future workplace."

Bradaric is grateful for Boudry's support and Bemidji State's distance learning program.

"When you have obligations in life, an online degree provides opportunities," she said. "I knew right away that Bemidji State fit what I wanted to do and who I am."

**Dan Billett** of Highlands Ranch, Colo., left home in seventh grade to spend a year with his grandfather in Detroit where he could play hockey with better teams.

"That was tough," he admitted, to be so far from home. But his grandfather, who never tired of watching him play, was always supportive.

Billett went on to compete at Indiana's Culver Military Academy and then for the North American Hockey League's Aberdeen Wings before landing at Bemidji State University.

Now a senior, the 6'1" defenseman helped lead the BSU men's hockey team to a 2016-2017 regular-season conference championship — BSU's first WCHA McNaughton Cup. He was twice named a WCHA Scholar-Athlete and last year earned a spot on the WCHA All-Academic Team. His grandfather remains his biggest fan.

Billett will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in management and marketing and a minor in management information systems. Although he would love to play pro hockey, he said Bemidji State's business administration program has given him a backup plan.

"I wanted to pick a major that would leave me with a lot of career options," he said. "Business doesn't limit you. In my junior year, I picked up marketing and I loved it

## DAN BILLETT



right away. It's not what I expected. You think advertising and selling, but there's a lot more that goes into it."

Last spring, Billett gained valuable experience through BSU Marketing Assistance & Research Solutions (MARS) working with a corporate client looking to expand into the Bemidji area. He led demographic research and presented his findings to project leaders. He also interned with the Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence where he managed multiple social media accounts.

"What I love is the creative problem solving, the analytical part of it," he said. Billett appreciates the support of his BSU professors, especially Dr. Kelly La Venture who supervised his MARS work and his adviser, Dr. Angie Kovarik.

"Dan is very driven, motivated," Kovarik said. "Other students like when Dan is on their team. He is always professional."

At Bemidji State, Billett also discovered a passion for bass fishing and fishes whenever he can. He loves ice fishing, too. But for now, he has his eye on the puck in pursuit of a strong finish in his final Beaver season.

"I've learned so much from hockey, how to work as a team, how to deal with adversity," he said. "That's stuff you can't teach, and I wouldn't trade it for anything."



## CHELSEY JOURDAIN

**Chelsey Jourdain** grew up across the street from the Bemidji State University campus in a house purchased by her great-grandfather, Roger Jourdain, who hoped that his grandchildren would attend the university.

The man Jourdain considered her grandfather spent more than 30 years as the chair of the Red Lake Nation, a lifetime of service she didn't fully appreciate until after his passing in 2002. She was a seventh grader at the time.

"My grandfather lived upstairs," Jourdain said. "He wasn't the chairman to me and my siblings — he was the old guy upstairs. He always liked his coffee, gum, Milky Ways and his newspapers: the Star Tribune, the Pioneer Press."

While her grandfather had only an eighth-grade education, he never stopped learning.

"He had a pretty strong voice and that has stayed with me," she said.

Jourdain is now a junior at BSU and is working toward an elementary education degree. She aspires for a future teaching on the Red Lake reservation and serving the people and the place where her grandfather devoted his life.

She balances her studies with family life. She and her partner, fellow BSU student Brian Hawkins, have two children, Talon, 5, and Lily, 9 months in December.

She is president of the BSU Council of Indian Students. In November, she was awarded the Minnesota Indian Education Association College Scholarship and named the association's Outstanding American Indian Post-Secondary Student of the Year. She also serves on a higher learning committee charged with crafting BSU's cultural and diversity statement.

"Chelsey is community driven," said Bill Blackwell Jr. director of the BSU American Indian Resource Center. "She wants to be an educator to give back to the community. The foundation of her leadership is clear in her family. I know if her grandfather were here, he would be extremely proud of the person she is."

Her own children, especially Talon, who started kindergarten this year, inspire her to want the best for all children.

"I want to make them feel important in their community," she said.

Jourdain enjoys the opportunities Bemidji State has provided. She plans to pursue a master's degree and eventually a doctorate. The foundation of her classroom, she said, will be the Anishinaabe Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers, which focus on moral and ethical values.

She believes those teachings are worth handing down to a new generation.

"It's important to keep this family tradition going, of being role models to others," she said.



# SOCCER BREAKS THROUGH

## Historic season includes first NCAA win

By Brad Folkestad

The Bemidji State University soccer team got a taste of success and recognition in 2017. But in the competitive environment of collegiate athletics, a taste is never enough — it only serves to motivate.

Back-to-back losses to Augustana — in the NSIC Tournament semifinals and in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — ended a 2017 season that was, at the time, the most successful in the 23-year history of Beaver Soccer.

With that finish fresh in their minds, the 2018 Beavers took little time to celebrate. Instead, under the guidance of 17th-year head coach Jim Stone, they worked hard to

improve in the off-season with a united vision of more.

“Once you experience something like the NCAA Tournament, you want to experience it again,” Stone said of his team. “We wanted to make sure it wasn’t a one-time thing.”

The Beavers opened their 2018 campaign with a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma Baptist and would later topple an NCAA

Division I opponent with a 1-0 road win at the University of North Dakota. That landmark win turned heads and helped develop a quiet confidence among those inside the 2018 Beaver Soccer circle.

Stone’s squad built on that early success, and by late October had assembled a 15-match winning streak. A scoreless road draw against 2017 nemesis Augustana snapped that streak, but the team refused to falter. A 1-0 win at Northern State a week later helped the Beavers finish as one of a small handful of NCAA Division II teams to complete an unbeaten regular season — 17-0-1 overall and 14-0-1 in NSIC play. It also secured the program’s first-ever NSIC regular-season conference championship.

The Beavers, who were among the nation’s Top 20 teams from wire-to-wire and were ranked as high as third, earned the right to host the first two rounds of the 2018 NCAA Tournament in spite of an early NSIC Tournament exit.

In their NCAA opener, BSU battled bitter cold and snowy conditions at Chet Anderson Stadium to earn a 3-1 win over Minot State — the program’s first-ever NCAA Tournament victory — before falling to defending national champion University of Central Missouri, 2-0.

BSU’s team success brought with it plenty of individual recognition. Stone was named NSIC Coach of the Year, Anna Fobbe set a school record with 10 shutouts en route to NSIC Goalkeeper of the Year laurels, and Rachel Norton repeated as NSIC Offensive Player of the Year after setting BSU single-season records with 20 goals and 49 total points. Norton — who also earned a pair of All-America honors and was named Google

*“Once you experience something like the NCAA Tournament, you want to experience it again.”*

— HEAD COACH JIM STONE

Cloud Academic All-America of the Year — also surpassed Ashlee Ellefsen (2007-2010) and became BSU’s all-time scoring leader with 104 career points.

There is no doubt that the last two seasons — which have seen the Beavers come away with 33 victories against only two losses in 41 contests — have signaled that something special is happening on the soccer pitch in Bemidji. While 2018’s success may be hard to replicate, and the program’s three departing seniors even harder to replace, expectations have never been higher. Stone’s group of 10 incoming recruits will ensure the 2019 edition of Beaver Soccer will do its part to continue the program’s recent success while looking to make their own history.



Jim Stone has led Beaver Soccer to 185 wins in his 17 seasons as the program’s head coach.



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## Hockey Day Minnesota

Beaver Hockey is at the center of the Minnesota Wild's 13th Annual Hockey Day Minnesota, presented by Wells Fargo. The three-day celebration of Minnesota's game, Jan. 17-19 on the south shore of Lake Bemidji, is televised by FOX Sports North and includes games featuring both the BSU men's and women's hockey programs. On Jan. 18, the men's team takes on Michigan Tech — the first collegiate men's game to be a part of the Hockey Day event — and the women's team faces off against Minnesota State Mankato on Jan. 19. The BSU men's program played outdoors for several years before the John S. Glas Fieldhouse opened in 1967, and the women played in a 2010 outdoor game in front of 8,200 fans at Wisconsin's Camp Randall Stadium. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Bemidji Youth Hockey Association and the expansion of outdoor hockey facilities in Bemidji.

## USA Hockey Taps DeGeorge For Pair of Talent Evaluation Camps

**Clair DeGeorge**, a sophomore forward from Anchorage, Alaska, made numerous appearances at USA Hockey events this fall. In August, she scored a goal as a member of the U.S. Under-22 Women's Select Team that swept Canada in three games. She also attended the 2018 U.S. Women's National Team Evaluation Camp, Sept. 13-17, and the 2018 USA Hockey Women's Winter Camp, Dec. 17-21, in Plymouth, Mich., along with 22 former Olympians.



Clair DeGeorge

The camps are helping DeGeorge and other USA Hockey skaters prepare for upcoming international play, including the 2019 IIHF World Championship, May 10-26 in Slovakia.

## 31 Beavers Make NSIC's Fall Academic Honor Roll

A total of 31 student-athletes were recognized for their efforts in the classroom as part of the 2018 Fall Academic All-NSIC Team.

Eligible student-athletes must maintain a grade point average of 3.20 or better, be a member of a varsity traveling team and have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at their institution with one full year completed at that campus.

Beaver Soccer led the way with 15 honorees, followed by football and volleyball with six each.

Four cross-country runners also made the list.



## Henning Selected to Prestigious 2018 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team®

Junior quarterback **Jared Henning** of Jackson, Wis., was one of 22 members of the 2018 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team®. The Good Works Team®, announced in September. The award recognizes Henning's outstanding service to the Bemidji community.

A member of BSU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee since his freshman year and the group's president since 2017, Henning has helped that group raise more than \$2,000 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, has coordinated

Mental Health Awareness/Sexual Violence Prevention presentations and established the Beaver Fever Fridays elementary-school reading initiative.



Jared Henning

Henning and the other Good Works Team honorees will participate in a community service project in New Orleans prior to the 2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl. They also will receive special recognition at halftime of the game.

## Fobbe and Phillips Win NSIC's Sanford Scholarship

**Anna Fobbe** and **Brooke Phillips** were selected as recipients of the NSIC's fifth annual Butch Raymond Scholarship.

Student-athletes eligible for the scholarship have reached senior academic standing in 2018-19, have a GPA of 3.20 or higher, participate in intercollegiate athletics and plan to work or attend graduate school in a health-related field.

Fobbe, a Beaver Soccer goalkeeper from St. Paul, is an exercise science major who plans a future career in physical therapy, while Phillips, an infielder for the softball team, is a biology major from Iola, Wis. In all, \$240,000 in Sanford Health-sponsored scholarships will be divided amongst the NSIC's 32 total recipients this year.



Anna Fobbe



Brooke Phillips

## Olszewski's Career Ends With All-America Honors

Senior defensive back **Gunner Olszewski**, from Alvin, Texas, ended his college career as one of the most-decorated players in the history of Beaver Football. He was named to the Division II All-America First Team by the American Football Coaches Association — the second Beaver to be honored by the organization — and the Associated Press Division II All-America Team.

He also was named to the All-Super Region 4 Team by the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association and was honored as 2018 NSIC Defensive Player of the Year by the league's coaches — who also tabbed him to the all-league first team as both a defensive back and special-teams player.

Olszewski had three interceptions as a senior and finished his career with 13 — second-most in BSU history. He also established BSU's career record with 183 solo tackles.





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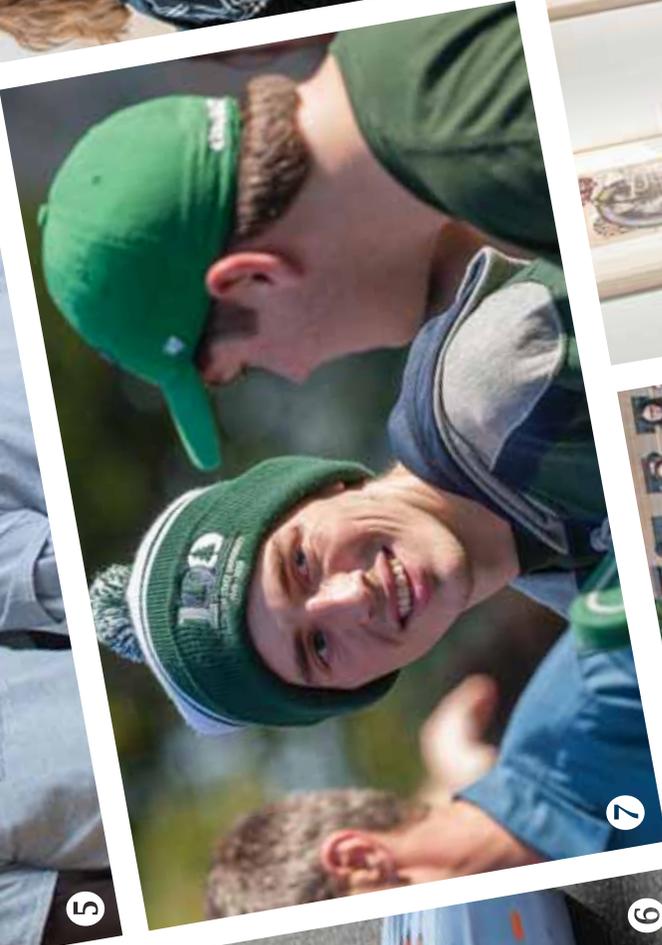


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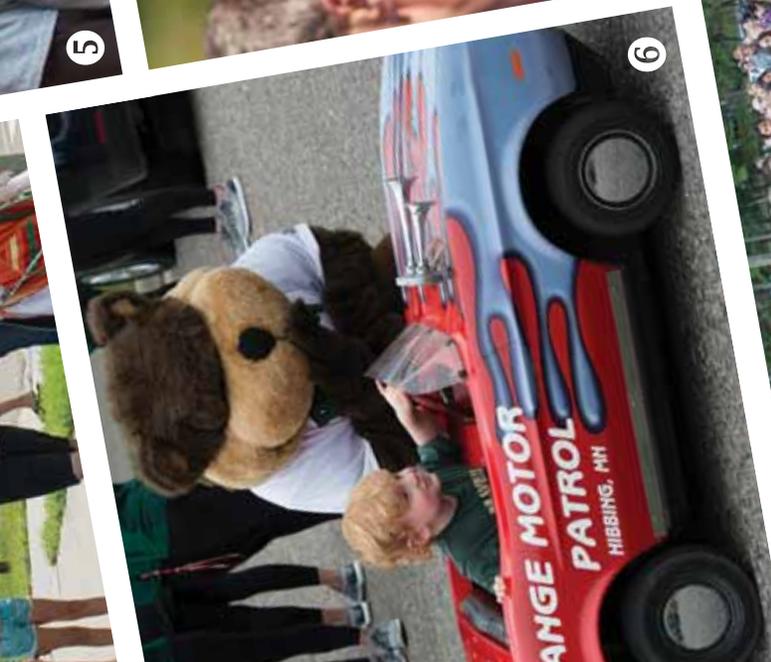




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1 New students at BSU's traditional Convocation Ceremony in August. 2 Ducks Unlimited banquet. 3 President Hensrud and BSU's Beaver Fever team finished 8th at the 2018 Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival in August. 4 Admiring a decoy during the Oct. 2 Ducks Unlimited banquet. 5 BSU alumna Arnold Dahl-Wooley led a match to kick off the AIRC's 2nd annual Two-Spirit Awareness Day on Oct. 6 Homecoming Parade. 7 13th Annual Community Appreciation Day on Aug. 28. 8 BSU Public Safety and area law enforcement check-up at BSU's Oct. 6 Homecoming Parade. 9 The American Indian Resource Center's Day of Welcome. 10 BSU alumna Lou Ferreri gives an artist talk in the Talley Gallery on Oct. 4.

# FINDING MUSIC IN THE TREES

*Modern technology and traditional culture meet in unique exploration of native flutes*



By Carissa Menefee

**A** unique new course at Bemidji State University is allowing students to merge music, Native American culture and technology through an in-depth exploration of traditional native flutes.

The class, led by adjunct instructor and musician Jon Romer, teaches students how to play a flute, or “bibigwan,” while weaving in elements of Native American culture and Ojibwe language, art and history.

Romer says that while the course started as a hands-on way to explore traditional music, students — which include BSU faculty and staff and community members eager to learn new skills — are instead using the experience to build bridges with each other.

“The idea for the class started with the flute — and the flute grew legs,” Romer said. “The class has become about so much more than music.”

The course stemmed from conversations between Romer, Dr. Jim Barta, dean of the College of Arts, Education and Humanities, and Ann Humphrey, assistant director of the American Indian Resource Center, about ways academic programming could help intertwine Native American culture into BSU’s everyday life.

Humphrey says music — and by extension the flute — is an ideal vehicle to achieve this goal.



John Romer (right) leads a session of BSU's new, unique Native American flute class at the American Indian Resource Center.

"People can connect with music no matter what," she said. "It's the universal language that brings us all together. It's easy to relate to — between cultures, between people. Music meets us where we are."

In addition to learning to play the flute, students are manufacturing their own instruments under the guidance of BSU's School of Technology, Art and Design (TAD).

TAD School students David Harris and Riley Pettit, along with Assistant Professor David Towley, helped the class build flutes from a solid block of wood. Students hollowed out the barrel, shaped the flute's sides and mouthpiece and applied finishes and ornaments to create a finished product of their own.

Shyron Sawyer, a junior indigenous studies major from Barnum, said while the flutes were built using modern technology, they remain true to traditional construction guidelines.

"In traditional Native American flute making, you use your body to measure each part of the flute," he said. "For example, the flute should be as long as your arm with each one of your fingers fitting on the wood between each of the finger holes."

After creating their flutes, students worked to personalize them with decorative designs and a unique block or totem. This block, which helps create a flute's sound by moving air into its sound chamber, is tied to the flute's head with a strap and influences each flute's unique sound.

"The flutes are alive," Barta said. "Each flute is created a bit differently and sings a little bit differently. The blessing of the first sound is really exciting. After we make them, we wonder what they will sound like when we put that first breath into them. It's priceless."

Traditionally, blocks are carved into songbirds to symbolize the beauty of the music they create. However, BSU students chose a variety of different blocks ranging from traditional to symbolic — including birds, beavers and sentimental infinity symbols.

The variety of symbols was representative of the different ways students are choosing to bring music and elements of Native American culture into their lives as a result of the course. Sawyer, for example, took a personal approach and composed a ballad inspired by trees visible through the window of his room.

*"People can connect with music no matter what, It's the universal language that brings us all together."*

— ANN HUMPHREY

"I wrote a song by following the tops of the trees," he said. "I looked out a window in my dorm and followed the line of the treetops. When the treetops went up, I went up a note. When the treetops went down, I went down a note. It lets me listen to the trees. For me, I believe music comes from your blood memory, your soul. It is so powerful. You don't know where it's coming from, but it's just coming."

Romer hopes each of his students will gain that same ability to see the harmonies in all things and have an increased knowledge of Native American traditions that have withstood the centuries.

"That's my goal — to open to the door of culture and music a little wider for everyone."



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1 Members of the Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter. 2 Homecoming King and Queen Garrett Ober and Autumn Huju. 3 President Faith Hensrud in the Homecoming Parade. 4 Tailgating before the Homecoming football game. 5 2018 BSU Distinguished Alumni at halftime. 6 LAB/TKE members at the All-Greek Reunion. 7 Family of C.V. Hobson after the 50th Anniversary of the Hobson Memorial Union celebration. 8 Hobson Memorial Union leadership panel. 9 Jumping for joy after the Beavers' 25-21 victory over Sioux Falls. 10 Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert.

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# HONORS Gala

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1 250 gathered for the 2018 BSU Honors Gala at the Sanford Center. 2 L-R: BSU Foundation Executive Director Josh Christianson, Ken Traxler, BSU President Faith Hensrud. 3 Current and past alumni award recipients. 4 L-R: Rich Kehoe, Merideth Kehoe '72, President Faith Hensrud, BSU Foundation Executive Director Josh Christianson. 5 L-R: BSU President Faith Hensrud, Frederick Baker '61, BSU Foundation Executive Director Josh Christianson. 6 Dr. Brenda Child '81 - Professional Education Award. 7 Wayne Thorson - Honorary Alumni Award. 8 Dr. Nick Phelps '05 - Young Alumni Award. 9 Tom Heaviland '80 - Outstanding Alumni Award. 10 Patrick Pelstring '76 - Outstanding Alumni Award.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Arizona Events on March 9 will feature golf, lunch and socials

Join BSU President Faith Hensrud, university staff, alumni and friends on March 9 for the Alumni & Foundation's annual Arizona events in Mesa.

A March 9 golf outing at Mesa's Superstition Springs Golf Club begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. A luncheon will follow at approximately 1 p.m. Register by Feb. 22 for the golf and lunch event at [www.bsualumni.org/arizona2019](http://www.bsualumni.org/arizona2019)

Later, an alumni social and Beaver Hockey viewing party will be held at R.T. O'Sullivan's Bar & Grill in Mesa. The social begins at 5 p.m. and the game begins at 6:07 p.m. No registration is required.

For information, call (218) 755-3989 or email [alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu)



## back to BEMIDJI

### "Back To Bemidji State" Day of Giving Planned for April 4

On April 4, Bemidji State University is rolling out its inaugural day of giving, "Back to Bemidji State." The 24-hour, \$100,000 campaign will reach out to alumni, faculty and friends of the university to pledge their support for Bemidji State's Lakeside Fund, which provides scholarship support to students and funding for presidential priorities on campus.

The campaign aims to celebrate achievements of alumni over BSU's history with a \$100,000 fundraising goal for BSU's 100-year anniversary. Alumni are encouraged to keep a close eye on Bemidji State's websites and social media accounts for more information as April 4 draws near.



Tom Anderson

### Alumni & Foundation Board of Directors Elects New Officers

The BSU Alumni & Foundation Board of Directors elected new officers at its Oct. 5 annual meeting in Bemidji.

Newly elected officers are: president, Tom Anderson '70, CEO, Integrated Retirement; president-elect and planning and development committee chair, Cynthia Cashman '85, executive director, Minnesota State Fair Foundation; treasurer, Tiffany Baer Paine, president/CEO, Security Bank USA; executive committee member at-large, Elise Durban '01, transit-oriented development program manager, Hennepin County.

Peggy Ingison '74 is the outgoing president. The board elected Doug Fredrickson '10, vice president of strategic initiatives, Blattner Energy, as a new member.

### Alumni Relative Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 1

First-year, returning and transfer students who are relatives of contributing alumni may apply for an Alumni Relative Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.



The program provides a limited number of \$1,000 scholarships to attending students with relatives who have contributed \$50 or more to the university by Feb. 1. The scholarships are made possible by donor contributions to BSU's Lakeside Fund.

Apply at [www.bsualumni.org/AlumniRelativeScholarship](http://www.bsualumni.org/AlumniRelativeScholarship) or call the alumni office at (218) 755-2762.

### Outstanding Alumni Recognized at 2018 Honors Gala

More than 250 people gathered in Bemidji's Sanford Center Ballroom on Oct. 5 to honor Bemidji State's 2018 alumni award recipients.

The event honored five BSU alumni who have become leaders in their respective fields and recognized new giving society members, which are based on total lifetime giving or planned gifts.

Bemidji State thanks this year's event sponsors — Sanford Health, Paul Bunyan Communications and the Joseph & Janice Leuken Family Foundation — for their partnership and support.



## MAKE SURE THE BSU ALUMNI OFFICE HAS YOUR LATEST CONTACT INFORMATION

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](http://bsualumni.org) or calling (218) 755-3989 so you can stay up-to-date on news and events.



### 2018 BSU Honors Gala Alumni Award Recipients

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION HALL OF FAME:

Dr. Brenda Child '81

#### YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD:

Dr. Nicholas Phelps '05

#### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARDS:

Tom Heaviland '80 and Patrick Pelstring '76

#### HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD:

Wayne Thorson

**BUILDER'S SOCIETY** — Rich & Merideth Kehoe '72

**BUILDER'S SOCIETY** — Ken Traxler

**CHANCELLOR'S SOCIETY** — Fred Baker '61

### Deadline for Alumni Award Nominations Draws Near

Nominations are due March 1 for several upcoming award programs that recognize alumni for their outstanding contributions to Bemidji State University, their professions and communities.

The following are awarded each fall at Bemidji State's annual Homecoming Honors Gala: Outstanding Alumni, Young Alumni, Professional Education Hall of Fame and Alumni Service Awards. The 2019 gala will be held on Oct. 4 at Bemidji's Sanford Center.

Nomination forms are available at [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org).



## Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend Events Scheduled for February

A full slate of events is planned for Beaver Athletics' annual Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend, Feb. 15-16. Registration is required for Saturday's Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch and Induction Ceremony. Register online at [bsualumni.org/events/2019ahof](http://bsualumni.org/events/2019ahof).

### FRIDAY, FEB. 15

**11:30 a.m.** Beaver Pride Luncheon, Walnut Hall Upper Deck

**1:30 p.m.** Frederick P. Baker Training Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, John S. Glas Fieldhouse

**4:30 p.m.** Alumni Athlete & Coaches Social, Gillett Wellness Center Rm 240

**5:30 p.m.** Women's Basketball vs. University of Mary, BSU Gymnasium

**7:07 p.m.** Men's Hockey vs. Northern Michigan, Sanford Center

**7:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball vs. University of Mary, BSU Gymnasium

### SATURDAY, FEB. 16

**10 a.m.** Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch & Induction Ceremony, Beaux Arts Ballroom, upper Hobson Memorial Union

**3:30 p.m.** Women's Basketball vs. Minot State University, BSU Gymnasium

**5:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball vs. Minot State University, BSU Gymnasium

**7:07 p.m.** Men's Hockey vs Northern Michigan, Sanford Center

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include Denis "Denny" Lemieux '72, men's hockey; Len Rothlisberger '72, men's swimming; Rich Schwartz '85, football; Karen (Morrissey) Stellrecht '97, women's basketball; and Andrea (Block) Zenner '01, softball.

Other award recipients include Wynn Gmitroski '79, Alumni Coach Achievement Award; Dr. Muriel Gilman, BSU Coaches Hall of Fame; 1992 women's cross-country ski team, BSU Athletics Team Inductee.



Alumni & friends gather at Poncho and Lefty's in Brainerd for a Minnesota Wild watch party on Feb. 21.

### Brainerd Area Alumni Event Brings Classmates Together

The BSU Brainerd Lakes Alumni Chapter hosted a Nov. 15 game night at Shep's on 6th in Brainerd. More than 25 alumni enjoyed the company of their fellow classmates while playing bingo, answering trivia and winning a variety of Bemidji State merchandise.

All BSU alumni, friends and family are invited to a taco bar and Minnesota Wild viewing party event, scheduled for Feb. 21 at Poncho and Lefty's in Baxter from 5-10 p.m.

Stay informed about future chapter events by joining the BSU Brainerd Lakes Alumni Chapter group on Facebook.



# CLASS NOTES

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

'18 **A.J. Biermaier** teaches fourth grade at Highland School in Crookston. Biermaier graduated from Bemidji State with bachelor's degrees in elementary and middle school education. He lives in Crookston.

**Nick Shaske** was hired by Thief River Falls-based Houston Engineering after completing an internship with the firm in 2017. As a survey technician, Shaske is responsible for a variety of construction administration duties. He lives in Goodridge.



Nick Shaske

**Ben Wilander** was accepted into St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Located in Memphis, Tenn., doctorate students like Wilander collaborate with biomedical scientists to research treatments for pediatric cancer and childhood diseases. He lives in Memphis, Tenn.

**Cassie Larson** joined the staff at Onamia elementary school as the district's new second grade teacher. Larson loves the small-town atmosphere that Onamia offers. She lives in Foley.



Cassie Larson

**Meghan (Larson) Remer** began working at Onamia elementary school as a kindergarten teacher. Remer and her husband, Andy, live in Isle with their three children.



Meghan Remer

**Scott Smethers** joined Welsh Construction in Minnetonka as a project manager. Smethers served four years in the U.S. Air Force before attending Bemidji State. He lives in Hopkins.

'16 **Sam Weaver** teaches elementary physical education at Ogilvie Elementary School. He and his wife, Danielle, live in Mora.



Sam Weaver

**Ashley Kiecker** works as an exhibit designer for Chicago Exhibit Productions Inc., a tradeshow and event exhibit production company. Kiecker lives in Naperville, Ill.



Ashley Kiecker

'15 **Jordan Fevold** works as a realtor for Bill Hansen Realty, based in the Walker/Longville area. He and his wife, Chelsea, live in Walker.

**Dan Rekuski** recently earned his CPA designation from the Minnesota Board of Accountancy. The former honors student works as a sales tax accountant for Medtronic in Fridley. He lives in Minnetonka.



Dan Rekuski

**Mandy (Edwards) Lindemann** teaches third grade at River Grove in Marine on St. Croix. Before accepting the third grade position, she taught at River Grove as a kindergarten specialist, a special education paraprofessional and in preschool special education roles. She lives in Lindstrom with her husband, Carl, and the couple's son and nephew.

'14 **Anna (Johnson) Francisco** works as an instructor and coordinator for Itasca Community College's Class Act Program, a hands-on experiential learning program tailored specifically for the college's education students. She and her husband, Luke, live in Grand Rapids with their two children.



Anna Francisco

**Jordan Carstensen** joined Pure Life Chiropractic and Wellness Center in Glencoe. Hailing from Grand Rapids, Carstensen earned his undergraduate degree in biology and a minor in chemistry before attending chiropractic school in Bloomington. Carstensen lives in the Glencoe area with his fiancée, Aubree.



Jordan Carstensen

**Amie Westberg** is the principal at Sebeka Public School. Westberg previously taught high school math in Park Rapids for 13 years. Westberg lives near Park Rapids with her husband, Murray, and their three children.



Aimee Westberg

**Brock Tesdahl** won the Bemidji Blue Ox Marathon in October with an event-record time, his third win in four years. The former BSU basketball player lives in Hopkins, where he teaches physical education and coaches varsity boys' basketball and volleyball at Hopkins High School.



Brock Tesdahl

'13 **Joe Sussenguth** was hired as head women's volleyball coach at the University of Minnesota Morris. Prior to joining the team, Sussenguth led Ridgewater College in Willmar to seven national tournament appearances in 12 years. Sussenguth lives in Saint Joseph with his wife, Marci, and their two children.



Joe Sussenguth

**Brett Oltmanns** is a special education teacher at Worthington High School. He previously worked at Red Rock Ridge Area Learning Center in Windom, where he currently resides.



Brett Oltmanns



**Scott Sobocinski** was named director of the Wabasso Public Library after a stint as a library assistant at the Yankton Community Library in Yankton, S.D. After graduating from BSU with degrees in history, English and philosophy, Sobocinski attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison and earned his master's degree in library and information science. Sobocinski lives in Wabasso.



Scott Sobocinski

**Simone Senogles** works as the development coordinator for the Indigenous Environmental Network. She was recognized for her work with environmental inequities within the American Indian population by the United Way of the Bemidji Area at the 2nd annual Women United Tribute Award ceremony in October on the BSU campus. Senogles lives in Bemidji.



Simone Senogles

'12 **Rachel (Sams) Connell**

and her husband, Seth, are state committee members for the Minnesota Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program, representing District VI. The organization exists to provide leadership, educational and networking opportunities to Minnesota's young farmers and ranchers. The couple lives in Sebeka and has three children.



Rachel Connell

**Shea Walters** was hired as the head boys' hockey coach for the Cloquet-Esko-Carlton Lumberjacks. Walters, who is a former BSU Beavers hockey player, previously served as an assistant coach for the Lumberjacks. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Duluth with their three children.



Shea Walters

**Darcy Findlay** joined the Flint Firebirds junior hockey team as an associate coach. The Firebirds, based in Flint, Mich., are members of the Ontario Hockey League. Findlay played four years for the BSU men's hockey team. He lives in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada with his wife.



Darcy Findlay

**Lisa Broderius** works as a research associate at the Balaton Bay Reef Training and Innovation Center, a new shrimp-farming operation headquartered in Luverne. Broderius monitors the salt water that circulates in the center's artificial tidal basins. She lives in Balaton.



Lisa Broderius

**Jeremy Monson** was hired to teach elementary physical education and developmental adapted physical education at Pioneer Elementary School in Pierz. He previously taught at Eden Valley – Watkins for six years. Monson lives Cold Spring with his wife, Ashley, and their two children.

**Sadie (Anderson) Bahr**

was recently hired as a social worker for Beltrami County. She has more than five years of experience in the social work field. Her husband, **Brett Bahr ('09)**, is Bemidji State University's director of alumni relations. The couple resides in Bemidji and has one daughter.



Sadie Bahr

'11 **Brandon Yetter**

was awarded the James Trudeau Law Enforcement Award by the Lakes Center for Youth and Families. Yetter was recognized for his work in building strong and lasting relationships with local community members. He lives in Lindstrom.



Brandon Yetter

**Emily Rice** was hired as an English teacher at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winstead School. She previously taught English at Adams City High School in Colorado. Rice lives in Mound.

**Matt Read**, former standout Bemidji State hockey player, signed a one-year contract with the Minnesota Wild. Read previously played 437 games over seven seasons with the Philadelphia Flyers. Read lives in Arden Hills with his wife, **Erin (Cody) ('11)**.



Matt Read

**Nate Bahr** is a certified personal trainer and manager at G-Werx Fitness in Minneapolis. Bahr participated in men's track and field as a student at BSU and helped run fitness programs at the Physician's Neck and Back Center in Edina prior to joining the G-Werx team. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Ginny.



Nate Bahr

**Rachel Goble** works as a workflow coordinator for Landscape Structures, a playground equipment manufacturer located in Delano. In addition, she creates custom concrete sculptures for her business, called Secret Woodland Guardians. Goble lives in Loretto.



Rachel Goble

'10 **Mathew Grussing**

was promoted to general manager of Olympic Steel's Plate Division, located in Minneapolis. Grussing has worked for Olympic Steel, a steel processor based in Cleveland, OH, in a variety of roles including quality control and regional sales since 2010. He lives in Maple Grove.



Mathew Grussing

# CLASS NOTES



## ETZEL GROWS MORE WITH LESS BY CARING FOR SOIL

Jim Etzel '02 has turned his passion for the outdoors, the environment and sustainable agriculture into a business. To understand his operation, however, you literally have to get to the roots.

The Hackensack resident, who earned his biology degree in 2002, owns Earth Is Our Home Soil Consulting which supports landowners looking to increase the productivity of their gardens, wildlife food plots and flower beds through soil science. Etzel's firm helps farmers craft soil that produces the greatest number of plants in the smallest area possible, while still being sustainable and good for the earth.

His passion for soil and the natural world can partly be attributed to his childhood spent hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors in his hometown of Buffalo. He feels empowered to encourage others to protect the earth for future generations.

Etzel's services include soil consulting, testing and ordering materials for customers. His methods include crop rotation, cover crops, green manure and mineral soil amendments, to name a few. It all starts with a test.

"With a simple \$30 soil test, I can give gardeners a game plan for success," he says.

In the future, Etzel hopes to expand his business to include more educational seminars and installing bat nesting boxes and homes for pollinators. In the short term, he wants to start a regular online video series to educate others on the importance of environmental stewardship in the spaces around their homes.

Etzel believes that using sustainable methods to grow larger, more nutritious plants is not only good for the Earth and a gardener's pocketbook, but also a person's overall health.

"We can grow more on less ground and get the nutrients we are looking for rather than popping a pill or vitamin," he said. "Let's get them through our food. Let the food be the medicine."

'09 **Chris Citowicki** was hired as head women's soccer coach at the University of Montana after coaching at Augsburg College, St. Catherine University and the University of North Dakota. He earned his master's degree in sport studies from Bemidji State while working as a graduate assistant for the women's soccer team. Citowicki lives with his wife and two children in Missoula, Mont.

**Matti Adam** was elected Itasca County attorney after previously serving as assistant county attorney for four years. Adam lives in Grand Rapids with her two children.



Matti Adam

**Jamie Surdy** earned his Charter Life Underwriter certification in life insurance, estate planning, investments, law and health insurance. Surdy works as a financial advisor with Wealth Management Solutions. He lives in Austin with his wife and two children.



Jamie Surdy

**Ben Clink** was hired as Sauk Centre Public Works supervisor. He also serves on the Sauk Centre Fire Department and Sauk Centre Ambulance service. Clink lives in Sauk Centre with his wife



Ben Clink

**Jenna (Schurman) Clink ('09)**, who works as the office manager for her family's excavating and farming business, and their three children.

'08 **Katie (Stearns) Bertsch** was inducted into the Frazee-Vergas High School Sports Hall of Fame in September. After earning her criminal justice degree from BSU, she completed her law degree from the University of North Dakota in 2011. She is now an attorney for Ohnstad



Katie Bertsch

Twitchell Law Firm in West Fargo, N.D., and lives in Hillsboro, N.D. with her husband, Jon.

'07 **Carl Dugstad** was welcomed as the new principal at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Dugstad previously taught at Cass Lake-Bena High School and Laporte Schools. He and his wife, Tiffanie, live in Clearbrook with their three children.



Carl Dugstad

**Alicia Watts** was hired as assistant manager for the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation. Watts has more than 10 years of experience working in parks and recreation at both the city and county levels. She lives in Duluth with her husband, Brandon, and their two children.



Alicia Watts

'05 **Lexie (Wraa) Wilde ('05, '13)** was hired to lead special education services at Bemidji Area Schools. Wilde previously taught special education at Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools and served as dean and elementary principal at Blackduck School. She lives in Bemidji with her two daughters.



Lexie Wilde

'04 **Alex Altstatt** works as a project manager for Western Spring Manufacturing, a producer of coil springs and wire forms for a variety of industries based in Hugo. Altstatt works with his father, Joe, and brother, Ben, in a business that has been family-owned since 1909. Altstatt lives in Hugo with his wife, Nicole.



Alex Altstatt

**Crystal Gibbons** won the 2017 Northeast Minnesota Book Award in Poetry and a 2017 Edna Meudt Poetry Book Award honorable mention for her poetry collection "Now/ Here." She lives in Washburn, Wis.



**Jennifer (Dagenais) Brunder**

is an interior designer at LHB, an engineering, architecture and planning firm based in Duluth. Brunder works primarily with LHB's education and healthcare division. She lives in Duluth with her husband, **Shawn ('02)**, and the couple's young son.



Jennifer Brunder

**'03**

**Becki Schmidt** is a math teacher for grades 7-8 at Pierz Healy High School. After graduating from BSU, Schmidt continued her education at St. Mary's University in Winona, where she earned her master's degree in education. Schmidt lives in St. Cloud.

**Pamela (Sheffer) Samec**

is a second grade teacher at Hermantown Elementary School. Samec and her husband, Paul, have three children.



Pamela Samec

**Tony Kerr**

was hired as principal of Bagley High School. He previously served as principal at Northome School and St. Mary's Mission School in Red Lake. Kerr lives in Bemidji with his wife, Jackie, and their two children.

**'01**

**Erich Knapp** is the director of music ministry and the artist-in-residence at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brenham, Texas. In addition to playing the organ, he leads five performing groups at St. Paul's. Knapp lives in Brenham, Texas.

**'98**

**Shelley Steva** retired from Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee. Steva spent over 19 years teaching life science, earth science, biology, astronomy, environmental science and chemistry in northwest Minnesota. She lives in Thief River Falls.

**'94**

**Rae Villebrun** is the superintendent and principal for the Floodwood School District. She has spent 22 years in education, working as a paraprofessional, elementary teacher, tutor, principal and superintendent. She lives in Mountain Iron with her husband, **John ('08)**. The couple have six children.

**'90**

**Joan (Smith) Berntson** accepted the position of business development specialist for First Children's Finance, a national non-profit based in Minneapolis that addresses the shortage of available child care in northwestern Minnesota. Joan and her husband, **Ron ('92, '09)**, live in Bagley.

**'88**

**Joseph Provost** serves as a professor and chair of the University of San Diego's chemistry and biochemistry department. Provost has received several awards for teaching and his research on non-small cell lung cancer. He lives in Spring Valley, Calif. with his wife, **Karol (Lundmark) ('88)**. The couple has three children.

**'89**

**Ronda (Gustafson) Lee** is the principal at Hayward Elementary School in Hayward, Wis., a position she has held since 2013. She previously taught in the Hayward school district for 12 years. Lee and her husband, **David ('90)**, live in Hayward and have three grown daughters.



**A PASSION FOR MINNESOTA, STORIES AND FOOD**

As a former farm girl, restaurant owner and newly-published author, Lonneta "Lonni" Whitchurch's recipe for success is to follow one's passions.

Growing up on a small farm near Karlstad, Whitchurch found an early affinity towards the English language. After graduating from Karlstad High School, she earned her English degree in 1973 as a member of Bemidji State's first Honors Program class. She then went on to spend six years teaching English at Cass Lake High School and Bena's Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school. She recalls the joy she received in teaching.

"I appreciated the kids who had a passion for English. I was lucky to have some very bright and interesting students."

Whitchurch and her husband, Ron, moved from Bemidji to Florida in 1987. Whitchurch soon opened Lonni's Sandwiches, Etc., a 900-square-foot restaurant in Dunedin, Fla., that borrowed elements of Minnesota culture to create a unique dining experience.

Snowshoes hung from the walls, flowers were planted in snowmobile hoods and uninitiated customers were puzzled by the "Uff da" sign in the corner. Most importantly, Whitchurch introduced her customers to wild rice.

"I was one of the first people in Florida to use wild rice as a main ingredient in my recipes," she said. "Few people in Florida had heard of wild rice at that point."

Over a seven-year period, Lonni's Sandwiches expanded to Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Tampa and Sarasota before she sold the business and retired as a restaurateur in 2008.

Whitchurch published her first book of poetry in 2018. Available as an e-book on Amazon.com, "Send the Moon" is based on her life experiences growing up in a small town to becoming part of an enormous, challenging world.

When asked if she has plans to publish more poems in the future, she responded coyly.

"Give me a year to let me think about it."

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**REBECCA HOFFMAN '97** was presented the United Way of the Bemidji Area's Women United Tribute Award for her continued work to end homelessness in Bemidji. Hoffman recently joined the Bemidji State faculty as an assistant professor of social work. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, **BRODIE '94**, and their two children.

# CLASS NOTES



## ANTELL HONORS MOTHER WITH NEW SCHOLARSHIP

If education helps open doors, a scholarship endowed by Will Antell '59 is providing Bemidji State University's Native American students with keys to those doors.

Antell, a member of the White Earth Nation, and his wife, Mary Lou, have endowed the Bernice Lena Fairbanks Antell American Indian Scholarship — in honor of Will's mother.

Bernice was born on the White Earth Indian Reservation in 1916. She graduated from high school in 1934 and studied nursing before returning home to give birth to Will — her first child. She never had the opportunity to complete her degree.

Bernice valued education, responsibility and integrity, and taught these values to her eight children before her untimely passing at age 39.

"My mother was a disciplinarian who gave us chores and work to do," Antell said. "She insisted on us doing our homework and always had high expectations of us."

Although her life was brief, Bernice passed her respect for learning on to her son. After graduating from BSU, Will went on to earn both master's and doctorate degrees. Later, he worked tirelessly to promote Indian education as Minnesota's assistant commissioner of education and director of Indian education. He also was appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter to the National Advisory Committee on Indian Education, which he chaired for three years.

Antell recalls his mother's dedication and sacrifice when he speaks of his hope for recipients of his scholarship.

"I want promising American Indian students to have the opportunities my mother didn't," he said.

The Bernice Lena Fairbanks Antell American Indian Scholarship is awarded each year to an undergraduate American Indian student. Interested students can receive eligibility guidelines and apply by contacting the BSU American Indian Resource Center at (218) 755-2032 or [airc@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:airc@bemidjistate.edu).

**'87 Laurie (Joy) Turner** was named teacher of the year at Cannon Falls Elementary School. A 17-year veteran at Cannon Falls, Turner split her time between substitute, third and fourth grade roles. She and her husband, **Todd ('89)**, have two grown children and live in Cannon Falls.

**Kathy Langlie** is the director of Country Meadows, an assisted living facility in Milaca. Langlie lives in Princeton and has three sons.



Kathy Langlie

**Terry Hewitt** was named the Bemidji Area Schools' teacher of the year by the Bemidji Education Association. Hewitt has taught math in Bemidji since the mid-1980s. He lives in Bemidji with his wife, Robin.



Terry Hewitt

**Cory Kampf** received the Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association's Thomas J. Moran Award, which recognizes members who have demonstrated dedication to public financial administration. Kampf works for Anoka County as its division manager for finance and central services. He is married and lives in Ramsey.



Cory Kampf

**'86 Bill Olson** became director of business development for Kraus-Anderson Construction Company in Duluth. Olson was previously the vice president and director of business development for Stewart Taylor Company, a printing company based in Duluth. Olson and wife, **Moirra (Scanlan) ('87)**, who works as a special education teacher, live in Duluth and have four children.

**'84 Gary Streiler** was awarded the 2017-2018 Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year. The award recognizes teachers who promote good citizenship and community involvement in their classrooms. Streiler recently retired from teaching social studies at West County High School in Park Hills, Mo. He lives in Farmington, Mo., with his wife, Dawn.

**Duane Wolfe** is a law enforcement instructor at Alexandria Technical & Community College, a position he has held since 1994. Wolfe also works as a patrolman with the Parkers Prairie City Police. He and his wife, **Lynn (Rauker) ('86)**, live in Kensington.



Duane Wolfe

**Nancy Smit** was sworn in as Tribal Council secretary for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) in Fulton, Mich. A tribal government veteran, she has served on NHBP committees for 15 years. She lives in Battle Creek, Mich., with her husband **Mark ('85)**.

**'83 Mike Geffre** was inducted into the Minnesota State High School Tennis Association's Hall of Fame. Geffre has led the Crookston High School boys' tennis team to 13 state tournament appearances and the girls' tennis team to nine appearances over his 31-year career. He is married to Lori Schlenker and the couple have three children.



Mike Geffre

**'81 Trish (Reimer) Kealy** became one of the most recent inductees into the Pillager School Hall of Fame. Kealy was honored as one of the top 60 female athletes in BSU history for her accomplishments as a student athlete on the women's track team. She lives in Becker with her husband, Patrick. The couple has two children.



Trish Kealy



**'80 Noel White** was appointed president and chief executive officer of Tyson Foods, Inc., the largest food company in the U.S. White has held many leadership roles with Tyson Foods over the course of his 35-year career, including chief operations officer. He lives in Fayetteville, Ark., with his wife, Patricia.



Noel White

**'79 Betty (Fulton) Novotney** teaches third- through sixth-grade physical education and health at Seneca Grade School in Seneca, Ill. In addition to teaching, she also serves as the head eighth grade girls' basketball coach. Novotney plans to retire from teaching at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. She lives in Seneca, Ill.



Betty Novotney

**'78 Rob Reid** is an author and humorist who has written 20 books and more than 100 articles designed for educators to teach children about literature and storytelling. Reid lives in Eau Claire, Wis. with his wife, **Jayne Freij ('79)**.



Rob Reid

**Craig Haberman** was hired as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Ely. Previously, Haberman worked for congregations in Verndale, Kabetogama, Crane Lake, Moorhead, Tracy and Alexandria. He lives in Ely.

**'75 John Flynn** was elected president of the Rotary Club of Edina. Flynn joined the Rotary Club in 1989, has chaired several committees and served as international service director. He lives in Wayzata.



John Flynn

**KENT PORTER '90** was promoted to the rank of colonel in the Army National Guard. Porter joined the military in 1986 and plans to retire in 2021 after 35 years of service. Porter is married to **KELLY (YOUNG) '91** and is stationed in Cheyenne, Wyo.



**Ron Johnson** was elected president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. The nonprofit coalition advocates for issues unique to more than 90 member cities outside of the Twin Cities metro area. Johnson also serves as a Bemidji city councilor. He lives in Bemidji with his wife, Carol.



Ron Johnson

**'73 Randy Bowen**, a former BSU student-athlete and long-time athletics volunteer, was awarded the Noel Olson Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference for his service to Bemidji State. Randy lives in Hermantown with his wife, **Marlene (Schuld) '73**



Randy Bowen

**Mike Swenson** retired from a 44-year teaching career at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, Minn. Swenson taught a variety of English courses and helped produce a number of plays and productions at the school. He lives in Oklee.

**'72 Don Seipkes**, long-time special education teacher, athletic director and coach at Ottertail Central High School, was honored with the renaming of the school's football field in September. Don Seipkes Field hosted its first football game Sept. 7 when the Ottertail Central Bulldogs took on the Wadena-Deer Creek Wolverines in Henning. Seipkes lives in Henning with his wife, **Mary (Breitenbach) '73**.



Don Seipkes

**Robin (Norgaard) Kelleher** is an employment attorney for the law firm of Seaton, Peters & Revnew, located in Minneapolis. She recently published a book from the view of her toy Australian Shepherd, Lina, including Lina's humorous adventures in the dog world. Kelleher lives in Burnsville.



Robin Kelleher

**'64 John Colosimo** is a senior partner at the law firm of Colosimo, Patchin & Kearny, located in Virginia. Representing clients in personal injury, education and employment law, he was recognized by Minnesota Lawyer magazine as one of the state's most successful and respected lawyers. Colosimo lives in Virginia with his wife, Sheila. The couple has two grown children.



John Colosimo

## IN MEMORIAM *in order of class year*

Parisi (Maars), Beulah '37, Portland, Ore.  
 Paul, Alice '41, Minneapolis  
 Ward (Jordan), Pearl '44, Side Lake  
 Edlund, Richard "Dick" '49, Minneapolis  
 Lyons, Jean '51, Wilton  
 Stengrim (Bring), Ardelle '52, Surprise, Ariz.  
 Harker, James '53, Crosby  
 Broekemeier, Charles "Tom" '55, Crosslake  
 Erickson, James '55, Cloquet  
 Penas, John '57, Estacada, Ore.  
 Manlove, Richard "Dick" '57, '59, Long Prairie  
 Vincent, Marvin '57, Bemidji  
 Spray, Alden '58, Gonvick  
 Rossborough, John '58, Baudette  
 Birnstengel, Robert '59, Duluth  
 Hirt, Max '59, Bemidji  
 Passeri, Robert D. '59, Bemidji  
 Engebretson, Irvin '61, Chippewa Falls, Wis.  
 Koskela, Clyde '62, Virginia  
 Sauer (Bohmbach), Lorraine '62, Bemidji  
 Adams (Tyrrell), Evelyn '63, Staples  
 Goudge (Page), Cheryl A. '64, Baudette  
 Evenson, Richard '65, Bemidji  
 Koplitz, Richard '65, Minneapolis  
 Pocrnich, Edward '66, Silver Bay  
 Woller (Krowech), Susan '67, Upsala  
 Duffy, Dennis '67, Columbus, Neb.  
 Glassmann, Larry '67, Backus  
 Brown, James '69, Moose Lake  
 Danger, Michael '69, Deerwood  
 Jasper, Joseph '69, The Villages, Fla.  
 Laakso, Martin "Marty" '69, Grand Rapids  
 Anderson, Dennis '70, Chisholm  
 Fedorchuk, Darya '70, Fort Francis, Ontario, Canada  
 Goudge, Robert G. '70, Baudette  
 Grott, Brian '71, Sturgeon Lake  
 Zitka (Hatwan), Gail '71, Grand Rapids  
 Hegstrom, Peter '72, Springfield  
 Gustafson (Borgeson), Beverly '72, Apple Valley  
 Stinson, Lucille '72, New Port Richey, Fla.  
 Chandler, Michael '73, Tucson, Ariz.  
 Aitken, Larry P. '74, Leech Lake  
 Donager, Willis "Bill" '74, Braham  
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 Davidson, Jack '77, Thief River Falls  
 Lapka (Thomas), Teresa '77, Anchorage, Alaska  
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 Hamilton (Manecke), LuAnn '85, Stevens Point, Wis.  
 Bane, Michael '87, Virginia  
 Bergstrom (Sorenson), Carol '92, St. Paul  
 Patterson, James '94, Coates  
 Henderson, Marc '94, Detroit Lakes  
 Jacobsen, Tyler '94, Centerville, Iowa  
 Figliuzzi, Margaret "Peg" '95, Saum  
 Taus, George '99, Bemidji  
 Barrett, Lucy '09, Red Lake

# REPORT Of GIFTS 2017-18 BSU FOUNDATION



Josh Christianson

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM BSU!

**A**s we close out 2018 and usher in 2019, I'd like to thank all our generous alumni and friends who impacted Bemidji State University with their generosity this past year. You are an integral part of what makes BSU such a special place. Together, we raised more than \$2,850,000 this year to support student scholarships, faculty research, campus facilities and Beaver Athletics.

Philanthropy plays an increasingly important role in providing resources to help the university deliver its vision of educating students to lead inspired lives. The Alumni & Foundation team is a dynamic group of professionals who are passionate about BSU and work each day to find inspiring ways for you to support Bemidji State.

2019 marks Bemidji State's centennial - 100 years of service to the people of Minnesota, the United States and the world. The impact of BSU alumni like you extends far beyond the borders of Minnesota. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Christianson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Josh Christianson  
Executive Director of University Advancement

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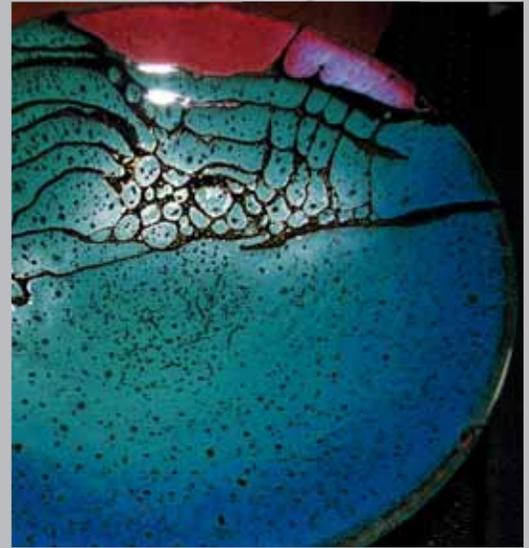
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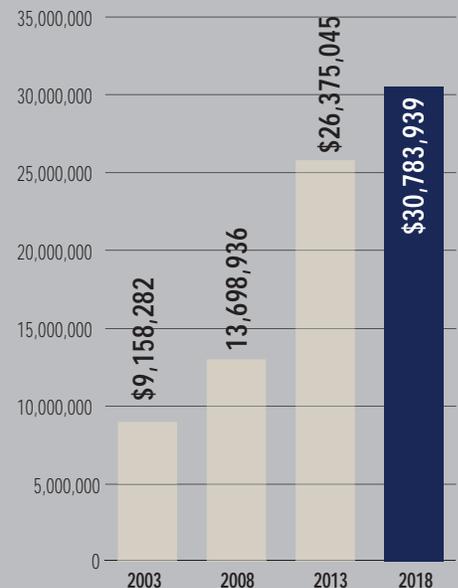
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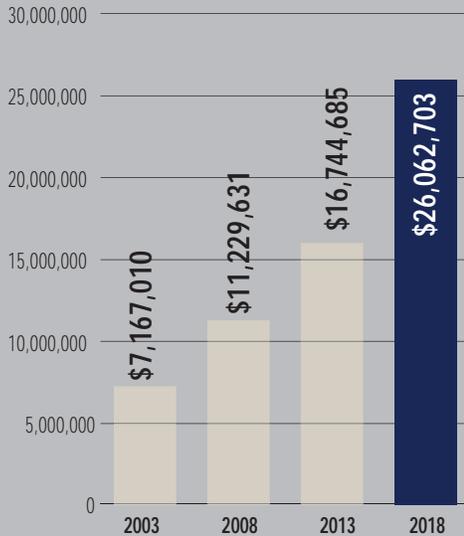
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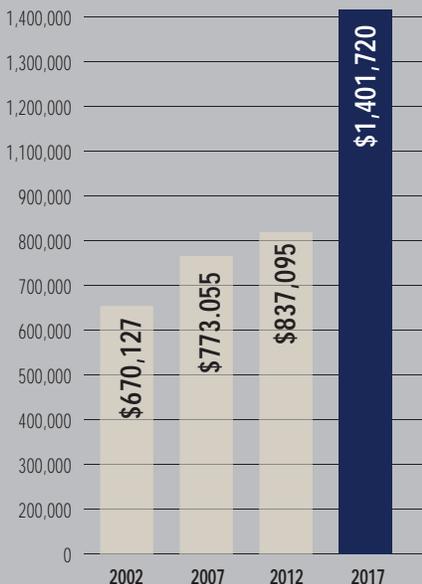
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**DONOR SPOTLIGHT**

**PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS CHARGING STATION**

BSU students now have a convenient place to charge their smart phones, tablets and other mobile devices thanks to a portable charging station recently installed by Bemidji-based Paul Bunyan Communications.

The charging station in the upper Hobson Memorial Union is compatible with all major mobile devices and can power 12 devices at a time. It charges smart phone batteries up to 30 percent faster than plugging them into the wall, while using 25 percent less energy.

The sponsorship also unlocked funds from the Minnesota State leveraged equipment fund for the station's purchase, which will not only keep students' devices fully charged, but offer additional learning opportunities as well.

"By using a Kill-A-Watt electricity monitor, we hope to teach students about the electrical draw of personal electronic devices," said Jordan Lutz, BSU sustainability project manager.

In addition to their long-time support for Beaver athletics and other university programs, Paul Bunyan Communications has endowed seven scholarships for BSU students.



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# REPORT of GIFTS

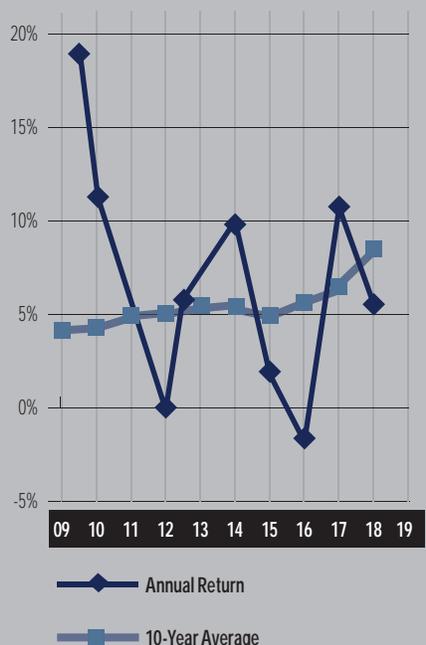
# the President's SOCIETY

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## Cash Revenue



## Rate of Investment Return



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The Legacy Society recognizes and honors those alumni and friends who have provided for Bemidji State University in their wills or have exercised a planned giving option through the Bemidji State University Foundation.

## the Legacy SOCIETY

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# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

## JOHN B. EMKOVIK SCHOLARSHIP

A founding member of Bemidji State hockey, John Emkovik '49 laid the groundwork for the program as a student-athlete by helping rebuild Bemidji's curling arena for hockey use. A passionate educator, Emkovik taught Russian to three generations of students before retiring from South St. Paul High School in 1987. Although Emkovik passed away in 2015, his legacy remains through an annual scholarship that supports two BSU men's hockey players.

In 2017, Emkovik's wife, Cay, and daughter, Cait Griffin, endowed a scholarship in John's name to remember the man who held hockey, education and BSU so close to his heart.

Two awards are given each year with preference to those majoring in education. Griffin and Emkovik visit Bemidji each winter to watch the Beavers play and meet the scholarship recipients after the game.

"We get a lot of joy knowing that what we are doing for Dad would make him happy," Griffin said.



L to R: Cay Emkovik, sophomore men's hockey forward Ethan Somoza, Cait Griffin, sophomore men's hockey forward Aaron Miller

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

## THE RICHARD AND EVELYN KRUMMEL SCHOLARSHIP



Richard and Evelyn Krummel are familiar names for Bemidji State students who studied German from the late 1960s through 1990.

The Krummels devoted their careers to helping students learn the rich history and culture of Germany through

international study trips to Berlin. On one such trip, they witnessed the historic demolition of the Berlin Wall.

The Richard and Evelyn Krummel Scholarship was created following their passing — Richard in 2017 and Evelyn in 2018 — by the couple's children and grandchildren in remembrance of their passion for language, scholarship and travel. It is awarded annually to a BSU sophomore, junior or senior participating in the Education Abroad Program and studying in a non-English speaking country.

Today, the Krummel family hopes its scholarship will allow BSU students to experience the adventure of international travel, language and global education, and encourage other donors to support global education at the university.

# REPORT GIFTS



# Legacy SOCIETY

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Kathryn & Donald Mertz  
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Eleven anonymous

\*Deceased  
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## Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	\$254,666	\$2,384,936	-	\$2,639,602
Endowment Gifts	-	-	1,034,789	1,034,789
Investment Income	738,672	1,109,304	-	1,847,976
Royalty Revenue	1,811	-	-	1,811
Lease Revenue	-	61,087	-	61,087
Increase in Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance and Actuarial Adjust	29,825	-	-	29,825
Net Assets Released from Restriction	-	-	-	-
Administrative Assessment	496,074	(496,074)	-	-
Investment Income (loss)	-	(7,550)	7,550	-
Adjust for Donor New Restrictions	0	-	-	0
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	1,971,989	1,971,98	-	-
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>3,493,037</b>	<b>1,079,714</b>	<b>1,042,339</b>	<b>5,615,090</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program Services				
Scholarships	1,401,720	-	-	1,401,720
Special Events and Other Services	1,677,440	-	-	1,677,440
Total Program Services	3,097,460	-	-	3,097,460
Supporting Services				
Management & General	205,079	-	-	205,079
Fundraising Expenses	766,921	-	-	766,921
Total Supporting Services	972,000	-	-	972,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,051,460</b>			<b>4,051,460</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(558,423)</b>	<b>1,079,714</b>	<b>1,042,339</b>	<b>1,563,630</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>4,590,101</b>	<b>3,347,566</b>	<b>21,090,182</b>	<b>29,027,849</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>4,031,678</b>	<b>4,427,280</b>	<b>22,132,521</b>	<b>30,591,479</b>

## Statement of Position

June 30, 2018

### Assets

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 534,182
Investments	27,207,950
Accounts Receivable	8,000
Contributions Receivable — Current	817,782
Prepaid Expenses	8,890
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>28,576,804</b>

Property and Equipment	309,748
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### Other Assets

Contributions Receivable — Long-Term	1,693,202
Remainder Interest in Real Estate	88,626
Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance	115,559
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>1,897,387</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>30,783,939</b>
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### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 21,688
Payroll Liabilities	24,625
Annuities Payable, Current Portion	14,819
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>61,132</b>

#### Long-Term Liabilities

Annuities Payable, Long-Term Portion	131,328
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>192,460</b>
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#### Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Lakeside Fund & Quasi Endowment Fund	\$ 1,453,682
Alumni House Acquisition	(30,000)
Imagine Tomorrow Campaign	142,841
Other Designated Funds	2,119,004
Plant Fund	309,749
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>4,031,678</b>

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	4,427,280
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	22,132,521
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>30,591,479</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>30,783,939</b>
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APRIL 4

# back to BEMIDJI

## HOW DO YOU GET • GIVE • THINK BACK TO BEMIDJI STATE?

Thanks to alumni like **you**, Bemidji State has made plenty of history during its 100 years. We think it's time to celebrate your accomplishments during BSU's largest giving event to date, set for **April 4, 2019**. The event, "Back to Bemidji," recognizes how alumni get back to campus, give back to support the university's mission and think back to their time as a Beaver.

How can you get involved?

**Start thinking of Bemidji State's impact on your life and join the conversation on April 4.**

[bsualumni.org/BacktoBemidjiState](http://bsualumni.org/BacktoBemidjiState)

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FEBRUARY 24

## BSU Alumni & Friends in Florida

You are cordially invited to a reception to meet Dr. Faith Hensrud, president of Bemidji State University, and fellow alumni and friends over hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

**BSU Alumni & Friends Gathering**  
2 p.m., Sunday, February 24, 2019  
Home of Margaret (Hanka) and Bob Laurich  
5102 Estates Circle  
Sarasota, Fla.

Kindly reply to BSU Alumni Office by email or phone if you plan to attend.  
[alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu) or 218-755-2762

# 2019 CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 18 Beaver Pride Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m., Upper Deck, Walnut Hall (218) 755-2827 or [kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu)
- 26 Beaver Freeze Ice Fishing Tournament**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Diamond Point Park, hosted by Gillet Wellness Center (218) 755-4135

## FEBRUARY

- 15 Beaver Pride Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m., Upper Deck, Walnut Hall (218) 755-2827 or [kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu)
- 15-16 Men's Hockey Alumni Weekend**  
Register at [www.bsualumni.org/HockeyReunion](http://www.bsualumni.org/HockeyReunion) (218) 755-2827 or [kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu)
- 15-16 BSU Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend**  
Information and register at [www.bsualumni.org/events/2019ahof](http://www.bsualumni.org/events/2019ahof) (218) 755-2827 or [kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:kari.kantackmiller@bemidjistate.edu)
- 21 Brainerd Area Alumni Chapter's Taco Night & MN Wild Viewing Party**  
5 p.m., Poncho and Lefty's, Baxter, Minn. (218) 755-2762 or [alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu)
- 23 BSU Baseball's "Winter Olympics" Fundraiser**  
12 p.m., Bemidji Bowling Alley; Event wrap-up at CK Dudley's afterwards, Bemidji (218) 755-4108 or [Tim.Bellew@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:Tim.Bellew@bemidjistate.edu)
- 23 Minnesota Music Educators Association**  
Minneapolis BSU Alumni Reception (218) 755-2762 or [foundation@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:foundation@bemidjistate.edu)

## MARCH

- 9 Alumni in Arizona Golf Outing & Luncheon**  
8:30 a.m. golf, 1 p.m. luncheon; Superstition Springs Golf Club, Mesa, Ariz. Register at [www.bsualumni.org/arizona2019](http://www.bsualumni.org/arizona2019) (218) 755-3989 or [foundation@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:foundation@bemidjistate.edu)
- 9 Alumni in Arizona Beaver Hockey Viewing Party**  
5 p.m., R.T. O'Sullivan's Bar & Grill, Mesa, Ariz. (218) 755-3989 or [foundation@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:foundation@bemidjistate.edu)

## APRIL

- 4 "Back to Bemidji State" Day of Giving**  
Get, give and think back to Bemidji State during its first ever campus-wide day of giving. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. [bsualumni.org/BacktoBemidjiState](http://bsualumni.org/BacktoBemidjiState)

## MAY

- 2 Beaver Nation Celebration**  
5:30 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, Bemidji State University (218) 755-2941 or [Debbie.Slough@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:Debbie.Slough@bemidjistate.edu)
- 10 BSU Commencement**  
2 p.m., Sanford Center Arena, Bemidji
- 17 10th Annual American Indian Resource Center Golf Classic**  
10 a.m., Tianna Country Club, Walker, MN

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## CENTENNIAL POSTERS FOR PURCHASE

**A**n 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](http://bsualumni.org/posters) to order online. Email [andy.bartlett@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:andy.bartlett@bemidjistate.edu) or call (218) 755-2041 with questions.



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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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