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Lessons in
ACADEMIC PROGRAM WILL
AMPLIFY STUDENTS' EXPLORATION **LEADERSHIP**



PRESIDENT R. HANSON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As stewards of a great institution like Bemidji State University, from time to time we are blessed with moments of great clarity of purpose. We plainly see what matters most and where we are headed. We feel deep gratitude and are less preoccupied than usual by the multiplying demands of the here and now.

For me as president of Bemidji State, and I hope for others of you throughout our university community, this is one of those moments. I had been feeling this way for a while, but the articles throughout this new edition of the BSU magazine really brought it home. I'm certain a major reason for my steely optimism is the continued momentum of our Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign. It's not just about the money, though nearly \$33 million is nothing to sneeze at. It's also about you, our alumni and friends, who have demonstrated your belief in Bemidji State's future and that of its students. We still have a ways to go to reach our \$35 million goal, but we're surely getting there, thanks to the faith and generosity of supporters like Darby and Geri Nelson of Champlin. The Nelsons feel a strong connection to this university, and they trust us to help deserving students overcome obstacles and lead inspired lives.

What else has me feeling so upbeat, despite plenty of things I could worry about? It's our students themselves, of course. If you harbor even a shred of doubt about the readiness of the next generation to step up to the challenges that surely lie ahead, then read the cover story that profiles a cross-section of BSU student leaders. These are hardworking, self-motivated and determined people who largely credit their experiences on our campus for who they are becoming in life. The same can be said of the Students to Watch, a regular magazine feature that also shines a light on our best and brightest.

So as you read through these pages, getting the latest news on the transformation of Memorial Hall, or our big investment in the arts, or our men's and women's hockey teams' exciting seasons, I invite you to join me in this confidence about Bemidji State and its mission. Our students matter a great deal to us, and I'm more certain than ever we're on the right path in their behalf.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Richard Hanson

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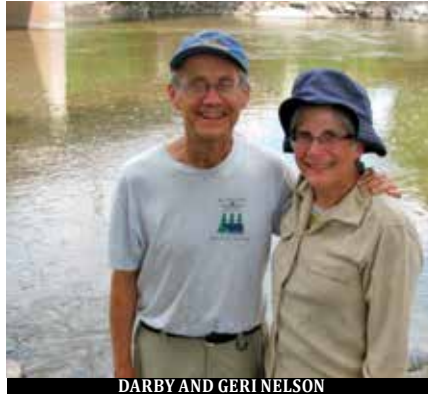
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COVER PHOTO: Pictured on the stairs below A.C. Clark Library are, from left, student leaders Amanda Wick, Ben Goltz, Jessica Dulz and Tom Sullivan.

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GROWING LEADERSHIP

through experience



Josh Hatton assists a student during an analytical chemistry lab.

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You can't just add up the experiences and get an outcome.
All these things, these points in time, come together in a
complex formula, and out comes this mature young person."*

— PRESIDENT RICHARD HANSON

By Scott Faust

Among the thousand students at North Branch Area High School, **Josh Hatton** wasn't one to stay after school for extracurricular activities.

His parents worked and couldn't bring him home if he missed the regular bus. But a bigger obstacle was his own lack of interest.

Things hadn't changed by the time Hatton started at Bemidji State University in 2012: "If you saw me as a freshman, I would be one of the quiet ones who didn't ask a question," he said.

Three years later, Hatton is president of the student Chemistry Club, a second-year student senator, a teaching assistant for two chemistry lab courses and a budding researcher. This summer he will work on a laser spectroscopy research project at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Now when he's in class, Hatton said, "I'm willing to ask a question because I know if I'm confused, other people probably may not be understanding it, either."

He is far from alone at Bemidji State in his transformation from self-containment to selflessness. In fact, his journey is remarkably similar to that of many other BSU students who've learned lessons and discovered strengths that will serve them all their lives.

Conversations with a cross-section of emerging student leaders reveal a common pathway that includes



Business Club President Amanda Wick joins club members on an April 2 tour of the Bemidji Brewing Company.

“I think it’s just taking that step and realizing you may succeed or fail, but either way you’re going to get some experience from it.”

– AMANDA WICK

participation in academic clubs, opportunities to work directly with faculty and staff, and an ability to juggle such competing demands as jobs, intercollegiate athletics and undergraduate research. Scholarship support has been crucial for them as well.

President Richard Hanson says an unseen algorithm is at work, particularly when it comes to developing leaders out of students who may not have set the world on fire in high school.

“It’s not additive, it’s exponential,” Hanson said. “You can’t just add up the experiences and get an outcome. All these things, these points in time, come together in a complex formula, and out comes this mature young person.”

Nurturing leadership, in all its many forms, is so important at Bemidji State that the university next fall will launch its first academic program focused specifically on that goal. By combining existing electives in multiple majors with new courses to synthesize and apply a deeper understanding of leadership, students will be able to earn a minor or certificate in leadership.

“We are determined to give them as many tools of leadership as we can,” Hanson said, “and equally important, the opportunity to practice them.”

Students whom faculty identify as exemplary leaders frequently are able to look back and point to a pivotal moment when they first stepped up and spoke out – when Hanson’s algorithm began to work its calculus in their lives.

Amanda Wick, a 2015 Honors Program graduate from St. Cloud, glimpsed her own possibilities as she sat in a Business Club meeting, envying the ease with which the club president kept things moving.

“I thought it would be cool to do something like that, but in the back of my head, I said I could never do something like that,” recalled Wick, who majored in business administration with a double minor in psychology and information systems management.

This year Wick became the Business Club president. In addition to joining with others to organize speakers and field trips, she enlisted fellow students in a

holiday “Giving Tree” project on campus to collect essentials for children and families served by the Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area. She also participated in BSU’s Eurospring program in England and was a student assistant for accounting chair Dr. Sandra Kranz.

“I grew more comfortable, and I decided to get out of my comfort zone,” Wick said. “I think it’s just taking that step and realizing you may succeed or fail, but either way you’re going to get some experience from it.”

Like Hatton, senior **Tom Sullivan** was hardly a joiner at Ogilvie High School, although he did captain in basketball and football. The latter took him to Central Lakes Community College in Brainerd, where he earned an associate degree before coming to BSU in 2013.

Sullivan is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, but native

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Tom Sullivan serves a customer during a March tacos and fry bread fundraiser organized by the BSU Council of Indian students.



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culture was not prominent in his upbringing. Seeking a way to plug into campus as a transfer student, he joined BSU's Council of Indian Students last year and soon found himself treasurer of an organization working to finance the annual student pow wow.

This year the incoming CIS president had her hands full with leading two campus clubs, and she took Sullivan up on his suggestion that they serve as co-presidents. He said he has been challenged, but also motivated, by his new role.

"I just went out and got involved in more stuff," Sullivan said, "and with that

came more responsibility. I stuck with it instead of not doing it."

Having switched his major from political science to Indian studies, he serves as a peer adviser at BSU's American Indian Resource Center and is taking a lead in cultural activities such as a dream-catcher workshop. He helped build and enter an AIRC float in last fall's Homecoming Parade and even ran unsuccessfully for Homecoming king.

"I grew up, I guess," Sullivan said.

Maturity is not the issue for non-traditional student **Vicky Filer**, but lifelong personal growth very much is.

At age 56, after a lengthy career as a food and beverage director for hotels, Filer is using money left her by a beloved aunt to pursue a bachelor's degree in sociology, with a minor in psychology. She hopes to continue on and earn a doctorate, possibly working in academia or for a nonprofit or government agency.

Filer is a teaching assistant for the sociology department chair, Dr. Deb Peterson, who this winter invited her to organize a campus blood drive sponsored by the Sociology Club. The experience

helped Filer distinguish between managing paid staff and leading volunteers.

"It's about making a difference," she said. "It's not about being in charge. It's about making sure everything is in the right place, motivating and inspiring other people to be involved. It's about outcomes, not control. What's important is that we get people to donate blood."

One lesson Filer drew on from her experience moving up the ladder in hospitality was "you can't be afraid to ask for help."

"It's rewarding when someone asks you to share your knowledge," she said. "You gained it for a reason, not just to keep it in your head."

While all of these students recognize a connection between their leadership involvement and a future career, that link is especially immediate for 2015 graduate **Ben Goltz** of Bagley. He is married to a fellow BSU student who gave birth to their first child in October.

Goltz, who briefly attended BSU in 2008 but dropped out, will take his computer science degree directly into a web-developer position with Digi-Key Electronics in Thief River Falls. He eventually hopes to



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— VICKY FILER

Ben Goltz checks out a student's progress while serving as the teaching assistant for a computer science lab.





Jessica Dulz is pictured in front of the tennis section of a photo mural in the lobby of the Physical Education Complex.

benefit from the company's financial support for post-graduate study.

His experiences at BSU made him a much more confident job candidate. Those include serving as vice president of the student Computer Science Club, working as a teaching associate in a computer science lab, and being invited to present his own research in artificial neural networks last August at a scholarly conference at the University of California, Berkeley.

He largely credits Dr. Marty Wolf, a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, who – among other things – seized on his idea to use a small, affordable computer called a Raspberry Pi to teach assembly-language programming.

Goltz said Wolf has mentored him on how to share his growing expertise with peers. "He's helped me identify the 'when' and the 'how,'" Goltz said. "He's really forced me to think about making sure that when I do speak up, I can do it in a way that's really understood."

Echoing Hanson's point about the compounding benefit of participation in and out of the classroom, Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment James Parker said self-knowledge is the ultimate payoff for student engagement.

"They learn to put their experiences into a perspective of what they're capable of doing," Parker said. "They see how far they can stretch."

He said Bemidji State encourages students to look at leadership in a broader sense than simply being the president of a club, as rewarding as that may be.

"It has to be a more rounded experience," Parker said. "Sometimes they will follow; sometimes they will be side by side; and sometimes they will lead."

That approach resonates with **Jessica Dulz**, a junior from Minneapolis who is double-majoring in political science with a pre-law emphasis and psychology with a minor in criminal justice. She plans to take the LSAT in the fall and then apply to law school.

In addition to holding down a couple of part-time jobs and working as a teaching assistant for the psychology department, Dulz is a member of the BSU tennis team and next year will be president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Determined, as she put it, "to get the most out of my four years here that I could," she also has gained a deeper appreciation of leadership in all its complexity.

"It's important to recognize when someone else is excelling, to be able to step back and help them when they need it," Dulz said. "Nobody can be a leader in everything."

New leadership curriculum and credentials set to launch

Beginning this fall, Bemidji State University students can complete a 21-credit minor or a 12-credit certificate in leadership, enhancing their academic credentials and hopefully strengthening communities where they live and work.

Developed by a seven-member faculty Leadership Council, the program combines existing electives in such fields as political science, sociology, Indian Studies and business with new core courses in leadership theory and ethics.

The minor concludes with a three-credit Capstone in Leadership course in which students express their own perspective on contemporary leadership and synthesize their learning through a research or action-based leadership project.

"Students who take advantage of these new opportunities will get a chance to delve deeply into the concept of leadership – to bring it to the forefront of their consciousness," President Richard Hanson said.



Dr. Colleen Greer

Dr. Colleen Greer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the program's interdisciplinary approach will differentiate it from a purely business approach focused on achieving a desired outcome within a company or organization.

"This is designed to say that leadership is about more than a course," said Greer, whom Hanson tasked with engaging faculty to develop the program. "It's really a perspective on the world. I think the council has done a really fine job with that."

Council member and political science professor Dr. Patrick Donnay said the objective is for students to learn to approach leadership at a strategic level rather than strictly in terms of implementation.

"Then they will have the chutzpah to say, 'This is what we're going to do and how we're going to do it,'" Donnay said.

On the other hand, Greer said, students who pursue the leadership credentials needn't be intent on being in charge.

"I think it also helps people recognize gaps in leadership," she said. "It helps them recognize problematic patterns in leadership and where a change of direction may be needed."

The university is seeking to fill a new director of leadership studies position from among BSU faculty. The director will manage the curriculum, advise leadership students, organize leadership-related events and coordinate establishment of a BSU Leadership Academy encompassing the academic program, service learning, civic engagement and possibly outreach training for Bemidji-area professionals.



IMAGINE TOMORROW

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY

One year left and STILL CLIMBING

By Scott Faust

The Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign, a historic first for Bemidji State University, heads into its fifth and final year this summer with a \$35 million target close at hand. Achieving the goal established when the comprehensive campaign launched in July 2011 still depends on participation by many more BSU alumni and friends. Progress-to-date will be celebrated during the Honors Gala in Bemidji on Oct. 2.

“We’re optimistic, but we want to reach out for even more people to help us get over the top,” said Rob Bollinger, executive director for University Advancement. “We want everyone with an interest and passion for BSU to know they had a part in this successful effort.”

The work ahead involves connecting with as many individuals as possible and following up with prospective donors who have expressed an interest in making a gift or pledge.

Those objectives were high on the agenda at the 2015 Lakeside Luncheon, held April 23 at Bemidji’s Sanford Center. During his “State of the University” address, President Richard Hanson reminded donors to the Lakeside Annual Fund and other community and business leaders of what is at stake for students.

“The Imagine Tomorrow campaign has already allowed us to nearly double scholarships funded through the BSU

Foundation, from about \$700,000 in fiscal year 2011 to almost \$1.3 million this year,” Hanson said. “We expect to almost double that again before we’re through.”

In recent months, alumni and foundation staff and campaign volunteers met with BSU alumni and friends at several “Fun in the Sun” events in Arizona; faculty and staff were reminded of the opportunity to join the effort; and Hanson and Bollinger traveled to Boston to meet with National Campaign Committee Chair Mike Roberge and other alumni around the northeast.

One important measure of the campaign’s success will be how funds are balanced among three major priority areas. As of April 14, gifts and pledges totaled \$32.8 million. Of that, \$16.5 million is designated for scholarships, compared to a target of \$20 million. Another \$4.2 million is designated for support of academic excellence, compared to a target of \$8 million, and funds designated for annual support total \$7.9 million, above an initial target of \$7 million.

The remaining \$4 million that has yet to be designated by donors, as well as gifts and



BREAKDOWN OF GIVING

Designations by category for \$32.8 million received or pledged to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign as of April 14, 2015:

- Scholarships – 51%
- Lakeside Fund and all other – 24%
- Academic support – 13%
- Gifts awaiting designation – 12%



Dave Sorensen, chair of the Imagine Tomorrow Campaign Steering Committee (far left), visits with Dr. Stephen Vogt '85 and Dr. Colleen Greer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, on April 9 at the Bemidji home of BSU Foundation Chief Development Officer Dr. Jonathan Yordy and his wife, Jean.

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– ROB BOLLINGER



Trevor Beniak, a 2015 graduate in exhibit design, spoke at the April 23 Lakeside Luncheon about being hired by a Boston-area design firm.

two faculty resource rooms. Funds for naming will go to support the College of Business, Technology and Communication, which will be located in the showcase building.

Whatever the near-term outcome for Imagine Tomorrow, the mission of ensuring a bright future for Bemidji State students and for the university will need ongoing support, said Dave Sorensen '72, chair of the Imagine Tomorrow Steering Committee.

"We desperately need more dollars for scholarships – and all kinds of opportunities – to continue moving forward," Sorensen said. "We're proud that we've come this far, but the work is definitely not done, nor will it ever really be."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn how you can make a gift or a pledge to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, contact the BSU Foundation at (218) 755-2762, email to foundation@bemidjistate.edu or visit www.bsuumaginetomorrow.org.

pledges still to come, will determine whether the campaign is able to address all priority areas as envisioned.

Those designations can be narrow, such as a particular academic program, or more general, such as scholarships directed to financially challenged or first-generation students. Also, multi-year contributions made in the coming year will count toward the campaign, even though they will continue after it concludes.

An example of targeted giving is the array of naming opportunities within the nearly completed renovation of Memorial Hall. Those range from \$500,000 for naming of the historic entrance lobby to \$10,000 for each of



Mike Roberge, left, president of MFS Investment Management and chair of the Imagine Tomorrow National Campaign Committee, meets with President Richard Hanson in Roberge's Boston office on April 10.

Double your support for BSU by giving before June 30

An anonymous donor is challenging Bemidji State University's friends and alumni with a one-to-one match for all Lakeside Fund gifts made before June 30 up to \$50,000.

Annual giving to the Lakeside Fund supports the university's most pressing needs each year. It funds student scholarships and academic programs that have helped put BSU among the Midwest's top-ranked universities for seven straight years, according to U.S. News and World Report magazine.

"This is an incredible opportunity for BSU's friends and alumni to make a tremendous impact on the lives of our students," said Rob Bollinger, executive director for University Advancement. "We are so grateful for the generosity of this anonymous donor and for the generosity of the many donors who will step up and meet this challenge."

Fulfillment of previously committed pledges does not count toward the challenge, and matching corporate or foundation gifts are not eligible. There is no minimum or maximum for individual gifts. All gifts will be matched until the \$50,000 limit is reached.

Gifts can be made online at bsualumni.org or by contacting Lisa Hofstad, director of annual giving, at (218) 755-2872 or lhofstad@bemidjistate.edu.



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CAMPAIGN *gifts invested in*

"This is an investment both in the university's arts program and the arts in Bemidji, and they would not have been possible without the Imagine Tomorrow campaign."

– PRESIDENT RICHARD HANSON



The Bemidji Choir performs April 18 at Carnegie Hall.

THE ARTS

By Scott Faust

The Imagine Tomorrow campaign is providing \$660,000 to elevate Bemidji State University's public service while strengthening the visual and performing arts.

At the urging of President Richard Hanson, the BSU Foundation Board of Directors voted Feb. 27 to use undesignated campaign gifts to fund both a Bemidji State gallery in Bemidji's planned Watermark Art Center and performance travel by BSU's vocal and instrumental ensembles.

The remaining \$160,000 to establish a steady funding source for music travel came from a gift by alumni Moses Tsang '72, who has had a successful career in banking and finance in his native Hong Kong.

"These are investments both in the university's arts program and the arts in Bemidji," Hanson said, "and they would not have been possible without the Imagine Tomorrow campaign."

The BSU Gallery, about 700 square feet, will initially be used to exhibit works from two permanent university collections, the Lillie L. Kleven Print Collection and the Margaret H. Harlow Ceramic Collection. BSU students may also be able to learn firsthand about curating and interpreting exhibits, among other educational opportunities.

The partnership with BSU has helped inspire support for the Watermark, said Lori Forshee-Donnay, the center's executive director.

"Having Bemidji State University as an official partner affirms the longtime collaboration between Watermark Art Center and BSU's faculty and students," she said. "Our new gallery space will allow the community access to the world-class

Allocation of \$500,000 for ongoing lease expenses for the BSU Gallery within the Watermark Art Center in downtown Bemidji came from a gift by the Joseph and Janice Lueken Family Foundation. Coincidentally, the late Joe Lueken, a former foundation board member and community leader who died last July, opened his first Bemidji grocery store in the Bemidji Avenue building that will be renovated as the art center.



The Margaret H. Harlow Ceramics Collection, seen here at Bemidji State, will be among works exhibited in the BSU Gallery in Bemidji's new Watermark Art Center.



PHOTO BY RICHARD BLINKOFF

collections that have been used as in-house teaching aides but not widely viewed by the general public or even by students in other BSU departments.”

Dr. Martin Tadlock, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the BSU Gallery will raise the university’s profile within the region’s vibrant arts scene, adding to such on-campus assets as the Bemidji Choir, the Blue Ice jazz band, BSU Opera Theater and the Talley Gallery.

Touring by instrumental and choral ensembles is equally important, both for student learning and student recruitment, said Dr. P. Bradley Logan, the university’s director of choral activities.

On April 18, he led BSU’s Bemidji Chamber singers in a performance in the Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

“The experience of touring is really essential to the musical and even the spiritual development of our students,” Logan said.

“It’s both an educational necessity and important for publicizing our program and serving communities by bringing our performers to them.”

MEMORIAL HALLWORK

in final stages



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Bemidji State’s \$14 million project to renovate Memorial Hall into a new home for its business and accounting programs is on track for completion by late July.

In September, BSU broke ground on the project, which in addition to the complete renovation of Memorial Hall saw Sanford Hall demolished and will lead to a complete renovation of Decker Hall.

Transformation of Memorial Hall’s former basketball gym into new office and classroom space is nearly complete. Framing and drywall were completed in April, and interior finishes are underway.

The most dramatic exterior work has taken place on the east side of the building, facing Lake Bemidji. There, a new glass facade will extend Memorial Hall’s footprint closer to Sattgast Hall. By April, when the accompanying photos were taken, work had progressed to the point where that new rear lobby and elevator tower were taking shape.

Events to dedicate, celebrate and show off Memorial Hall and related campus improvements are planned during Homecoming, Oct. 2-4, with more information forthcoming once plans are finalized.

SUPPORT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THROUGH NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Bemidji State University has established philanthropic naming opportunities within Memorial Hall valued between \$10,000 and \$500,000. Funds will support academic initiatives by the College of Business, Technology and Communication. Contact Rob Bollinger, executive director for University Advancement, (218) 755-4147 or rbollinger@bemidjistate.edu.



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Photos taken in late April show progress toward completion of the Memorial Hall renovation by summer:
1. Exterior view from Birchmont Avenue. **2.** Rear exterior facing Lake Bemidji showing new elevator shaft and east entrance. **3.** First-floor lounge/study area connecting group-learning classrooms with sliding glass “garage door” panels. **4.** First-floor hallway showing preservation of the original gymnasium floor on the left.



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FINDING JOY IN **DOING**

By Scott Faust

Retired biology teachers Dr. Darby and Geri Nelson are the very models of how to align activism with avocation, combining good works with good fun.

This is evident in their paddling trips to research Darby's books on the fragility of our natural heritage, in Geri's dedication to the League of Women Voters, and in their generous philanthropy to causes that align with their core values.

"We've got two choices. We can do our best, and it might turn out that we're not successful, but if we do nothing the probability of it turning out good is zero-point-zero. . . . It doesn't make sense to stand by and let it all fall apart."

— DR. DARBY NELSON

by wealth, the Nelsons are deliberately giving away what they can, because, Darby said, "It is the most joyous thing that we've ever done."

Giving has been a lifelong habit, but with their son and daughter grown, the couple has been able to do more than they could when they were younger.

"It's a lot more satisfying to do it while we're alive and see the results than put it all in our will," Geri said.

The couple, who live in Champlin, decided in March to create the Helping Hands (Naad-amaageng) Student Assistance Fund. The awards, which at present can range from \$100 to \$750, are meant to help native

students through an immediate crunch that might otherwise thwart their progress.

Darby has a strong personal loyalty to Bemidji State, where the president of the then-Bemidji State Teachers College helped his father, Miles, stay in school and go on to get his first teaching job at Red Lake.

That intervention established a family culture that greatly values higher education.

"We owe such a debt to Bemidji," Darby said, "and this is one way we can really say thank you, by means of helping Indian kids have a fighting chance."

The Nelsons have previously made gifts to the Nature Conservancy, an organization that Darby also served as a trustee; their alma mater the University of Minnesota, including its Itasca Biology Station in Itasca State Park, where they met and fell in love in 1966; the League of Women Voters Minnesota; and Anoka-Ramsey Community College, where Darby taught for 35 years. He received multiple teaching awards and was named College Science Teacher of the Year by the Minnesota Academy of Science and the Minnesota Science Teachers' Association.

They also are fully engaged in making the world a better place with their own hands and minds.

Geri, a native of Golden Valley, taught physical and research science in the Anoka-Hennepin School District for 25 years, mostly at Champlin Park High School, served three years as director of the Minnesota Academy of Science State Science Fair, and helped develop the state's science framework for K-12 education.

GOOD



Darby and Geri Nelson at home in Champlin.

A former president of the League of Women Voters of Anoka, Blaine, Coon Rapids Area, she is now its voter services co-chair, while also leading efforts to raise awareness of threats to bees and other pollinators and helping organize a statewide capital campaign. She visits high schools and attends U.S. immigration ceremonies to encourage voter registration.

“Defending voting rights and good government is essential to all the other issues we care about,” Geri said.

Darby, born in Soudan, served three terms as

an outspoken environmental advocate in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1983 to 1888, and he remains actively involved in multiple organizations to preserve and protect wild places in Minnesota and elsewhere.

Recently, he is best known as the author of “For the Love of Lakes,” which was inspired by the paradox that people’s love of lakes can mean participating in their deterioration. Published in 2011, the book teaches lake ecology with lyrical storytelling in the style of Sigurd Olson as it evokes the attachment so

work, it is rooted in personal experience, his boyhood exploration of steep bluffs and river’s edge. Also like the earlier work, it has a deeper message, striving to bridge the conflict between agricultural and environmental concerns.

Darby and Geri, who herself grew up with lakes, paddled the entire length of the river to gather material, and this summer they plan to navigate some of its feeder streams.

The Nelsons are passionate people who clearly believe in making their lives count.

Even in the face of an issue as monumental as climate change, Darby said, it’s crucial to stay in the fight.

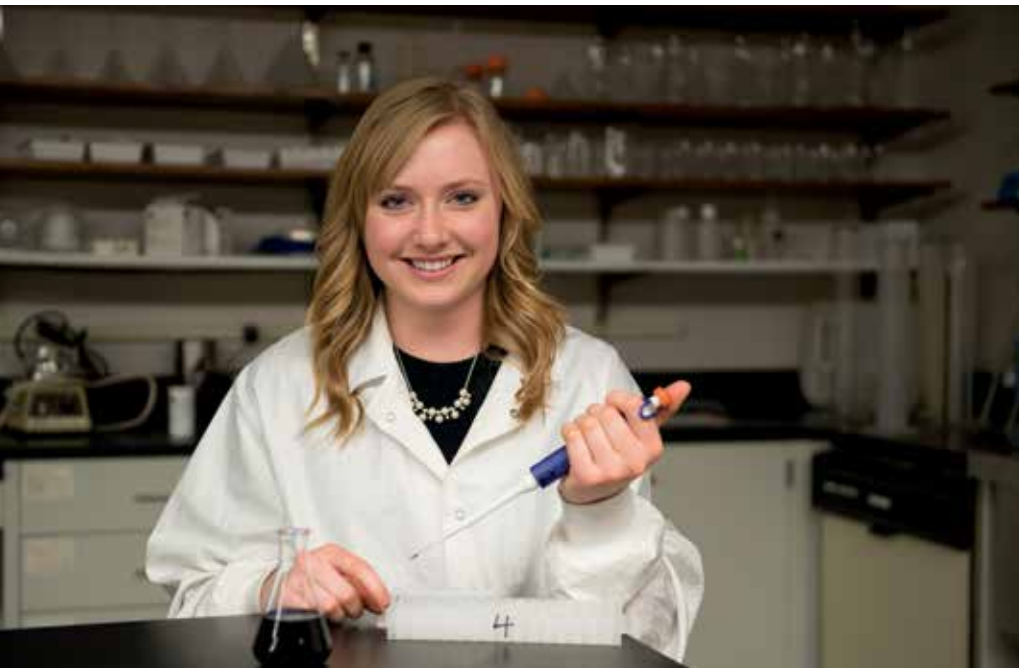
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many people feel to “their” lakes.

Darby is now hard at work on a second book, which he describes as “the environmental biography of the Minnesota River and its basin.” Like the earlier



Darby and Geri Nelson prepare to launch on an exploratory canoe research trip on the Minnesota River.



CHELSEA BORWEGE

Chelsea Borwege’s family physician in Faribault gave her some sage advice about becoming a doctor: “If you’re interested in medicine, and it’s something you keep coming back to, don’t let it intimidate you.”

Borwege decided to listen. She’s in her fourth year of a five-year program to double major in biology and clinical laboratory science at Bemidji State University. She plans to be a doctor, but she’s also keeping other options open, noting that lab science is a very employable major.

“I don’t want to be labeled pre-med right now,” Borwege said. “Life can throw curve balls, and having a Plan B and Plan C in no way detracts from setting my sights on medical school.”

She will spend this summer at the University of North Dakota labs through a partnership with BSU and then finish her fifth year with online coursework and a full-time internship at a hospital in Spokane, Wash. Once she takes her national board certification exam, she’ll decide her next career step.

For now, Borwege is gaining valuable experience with patients working as a phlebotomist at Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji. She has also shadowed an oncology surgeon, observed several

surgical procedures and witnessed an autopsy. In addition, she works at the BSU Gillett Recreation-Fitness Center, where she enjoys interacting with faculty, students and the community.

“I get a lot of really great students in medical lab science, and Chelsea is definitely one of them,” said her adviser Dr. Michael Hamann, associate professor of biology. “She has such an outgoing personality and the ability to go in so many directions with her career.”

Borwege is happy with her studies and her decision to attend Bemidji State, where she competed for two years on the track and field team. She also appreciates the campus size, small enough to see familiar faces every day, while big enough to make new friends.

“It was important to me to have smaller class sizes because I really like having one-on-one conversations with my professors,” she said. “Most of my professors here know me by name.”

Outside of studies and work, Borwege holds leadership positions in the BSU Biology Club and two other medical clubs, including one she helped found. Last year, she made the BSU EuroSpring trip, studying at Oxford, an adventure she highly recommends.

“Bemidji State has been a really good fit for me,” she said. “I love it here.”

Christopher Boone hopes his studies at Bemidji State University will put him on a path to becoming an expert in how minority groups are perceived by the majority, especially in terms of race relations.

“When you’re part of the majority group, you don’t have to think about it,” Boone said. “But when you’re a black man, that’s the first thing you see every day when you look in the mirror.”

He was studying psychology in South Dakota until a year ago, when he started to question his major and went home to Phoenix to reconsider his options. Boone decided that sociology would be a better fit and that he wanted to graduate from a smaller school.

“It all started with a Google search, and on Aug. 24th, I made the trek up here and stayed,” said Boone, now a junior at Bemidji State.

He is a BSU McNair Scholar, a program that prepares undergraduates for post-graduate programs. His interest in culture and race relations landed him a spot on a panel discussion at the 2015 BSU Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference, held April 8.

As a McNair Scholar, he plans to spend the summer in Bemidji studying attitudes toward poverty. He will present his

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findings at next spring's student achievement conference. Boone is also involved in the BSU Sociology Club and Spanish Club and has shot video for BSU's Office of Communications and Marketing.

"Chris is a very good analytical thinker," said Dr. Carla Norris-Raynbird, associate professor of sociology. "He has very good insights and he gets the nuances. It's a pleasure to have him as a student."

For Boone, the best parts of BSU are the lakeside campus and the chance to get acquainted with folks, especially his professors. "They have already made great choices in life, and they're all-around great people," said the aspiring sociology professor, author and lecturer. He intends to pursue a master's in African American Studies and possibly Spanish.

When asked about the thinkers whom he admires, he rattles off a list of influential civil rights writers, philosophers, activists and academicians, as well as hip hop artists and jazz musicians.

Borrowing from "The Score" album by The Fugees, Boone noted, "We all have masks that we put on before we go out the door, and it gets burdensome. The biggest misconception is that you can't talk about it."

He hopes to get people talking about what divides and unites.

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TIA ELLIES

Tia Ellies grew up in Balsam Township, population 500, just north of Grand Rapids, and attended mostly small, rural schools, including two years in a one-room school.

Her comfort with small, more intimate communities is partly what drew her to Bemidji State University, but it hasn't stopped her from having big adventures – studying in China, landing a leading opera role and competing for the Miss Minnesota title.

Ellies, a junior, is double majoring in music with a vocal emphasis and also piano performance and pedagogy. She earned BSU scholarships in both areas of study, as well as other academic awards. She plans to be a music educator, preferably teaching elementary children.

"I've always loved music, and in high school instead of an iPhone, I bought my own piano," said Ellies, who gained her interest in music education as a Bible camp leader at her church, where she also delivered her first vocal performance.

At Bemidji State, Ellies has found larger audiences and a broader repertoire, including opera. She performs with the Bemidji Choir and its holiday Madrigal Dinners. In February, she starred in her first leading opera role in BSU's production of "The Mikado."

Two years ago, she spent six weeks in a BSU work-abroad program at Weifang

University in China, where she studied Chinese and taught English to children and college students. Partly of Chinese descent, she also discovered and met Chinese relatives in Beijing, and credits the hand of God for the opportunity.

"It was really neat how it all worked out," Ellies said. "I'm not as proficient in Chinese as I would like, but the experience shaped my perspective. China is so old and so rich in heritage and tradition."

In June, she will compete in the Miss Minnesota scholarship pageant. As the reigning Miss Bemidji, she plans to use the pageant as a platform to speak out about sex trafficking. She is also involved in a Bemidji-area ministry that works on behalf of trafficking victims.

"Tia is strong, she's adventuresome and she's smart," said Dr. Janice Haworth, associate professor of music. "She got the opportunity to go to China, and she did it and never looked back. I'm so proud of her for trying so many things."

At Bemidji State, Ellies has found a comfortable place to be bold in her pursuits.

"I've appreciated the support of my professors," she said. "And I love the small community that opens up all these opportunities."



INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

NorthStar Visiting Scholars Wang Hongxia of Beijing and Tao Jun of Wufan discuss the Chinese language in a November presentation during BSU's celebration of International Education Week.

By Andy Bartlett

Bemidji State University is steadily fulfilling its vision of expanded partnerships with international institutions of higher education and increasing opportunities both for its students to study internationally and for BSU to host international students.

Today, dozens of Bemidji State students and faculty are taking advantage of opportunities to travel all across the globe. Students from the Bemidji School of Nursing completed a service-learning trip to Belize during spring break in March. Students and faculty are increasingly taking advantage of dozens of opportunities to study and work in China.

And BSU's oldest and perhaps best-known international study program, EuroSpring, continues to provide life-changing experiences for students who participate.

BSU students who have taken advantage of the university's many opportunities for international study have done so for a variety of reasons.

Some want to potentially set themselves apart when pursuing future careers, and others embrace the personal transformation that often comes from time spent abroad.

Teaching overseas

Andrew Street, a junior from Bemidji majoring in accounting and business administration, is heading to China this summer as part of an exchange program

that hires BSU students to teach English. He now hopes to parlay a life-long interest in Asian culture into exciting new professional opportunities.

"I want an international background so I can be more versatile," he said. "This is something I have always wanted to do, and I want to be able to be more worldly with my future career."

Street, who will be making his first trip outside North America in May when he departs for Weifang, China, will spend three months working as a teacher for Vancouver-based CIBT Education Group. BSU and CIBT are close partners on a variety of initiatives in China, which in addition to this teaching program include faculty and student exchange programs.

"I have never traveled like this, and BSU is giving me the opportunity to go and do it," he said. "It will be a really good experience, and I know I'll be taken care of while I'm there."

Street will be teaching English to students of all ages, between second grade and high school. Based on conversations with CIBT, he

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Lisa Kittleson is joined by her father, John Kittleson '87, during last year's Syttende Mai (May 17) independence celebration in Oslo, Norway.

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thinks he may have an opportunity to teach college-age students as well.

Weeks before his departure, he was busy planning for a future that could include teaching in Japan next summer.

"I'm already thinking about next time," Street said. "I'm trying to figure out where my life will lead, and I'm hoping that after this experience I will have some of my questions answered."

EuroSpring in Oxford

Lisa Kittleson, a junior majoring in marketing communications with a minor in business administration, knew immediately after arriving on campus that she wanted to take advantage of EuroSpring.

It is BSU's oldest and best-known international study opportunity. Students pay regular tuition and fees, earning six credits during a five-week stay at the University of Oxford in England. EuroSpring groups tour such historical sites as Stonehenge, Bath and Stratford-upon-Avon, and after the five-week session concludes, students often tour Europe on their own.

Kittleson said she first learned of EuroSpring on a BSU campus tour.

"I had always wanted to go to England, and what attracted me to EuroSpring was the opportunity to travel and try something new on a shorter timeframe," she said. "I wasn't ready to try something that would have me away for a whole semester or an entire year."

A third-generation BSU student from Young America whose grandparents, father and an uncle are all alumni, Kittleson participated in EuroSpring in 2014. She says the experience



Swiss students Tanja Marty, at left, and Sandra Emmenegger from the College of Education of Lucerne give a presentation on teacher training in Switzerland in November during BSU's celebration of International Education Week.

changed her and made her approach her education at BSU with a new mindset.

"I feel more empowered," she said. "In my everyday schooling, I can relate what I'm learning back to something I learned in Europe. My way of thinking has changed because of my experience — and I think that's just priceless. It doesn't always happen for students to have opportunities like that."

She wants other BSU students to be aware of the myriad travel opportunities the university has available and to realize the programs are accessible to students with a variety of interests. Those programs, she says, will deliver an experience that can't be valued in dollars and cents.

"I hear students say, 'I wish I could do that.' Well, you can," Kittleson said. "An experience like this doesn't have a price tag."

NorthStar Visiting Scholars

In addition to increasing the ways its own students and faculty can study and work abroad, Bemidji State also is emphasizing opportunities for international students and faculty to study and work in Bemidji.

This semester, more than 80 international students representing nearly two-dozen

countries are studying at BSU, and the university is hosting scholars in its new NorthStar Visiting Scholar Academy. In addition, a new English Language Center teaches valuable language proficiency skills to students seeking admission to BSU.

Seven scholars from China have visited BSU this year through the NorthStar Academy. While on campus, these scholars have attended seminars, workshops and classes focused on cross-cultural and academic exchange.

The academy also helps them better understand the U.S. education system, American culture and other aspects of life in this country. The scholars can take selected BSU classes of their choice on a non-credit basis.

In the English Language Center, BSU has worked with four international students this past year — two from China and one each from Nepal and Thailand — who needed to develop their language skills. The center provides intensive training to students who do not speak English as their first language. Opened last fall in Bridgeman Hall, the center operates as a branch of Winona State University's English Language Center.



MPR's McTaggart named a Distinguished Minnesotan

As the 33rd recipient of Bemidji State University's Distinguished Minnesotan Award, Jon McTaggart '83, president and CEO of American Public Media Group, was invited to present the keynote speech at BSU's 96th Commencement ceremony on May 8.

The group is the parent company of Minnesota Public Radio, American Public Media and The Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn., Southern California Public Radio in Los Angeles and Classical South Florida in Miami.

McTaggart received a bachelor's degree in communications and journalism from BSU and also holds a master's degree in public administration from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Debra '82, live in Maplewood and have two daughters and three grandchildren.

First presented by Bemidji State in 1981, the Distinguished Minnesotan Award acknowledges the contributions of current or former residents of the state who have performed exemplary service to the people of Minnesota or the United States.

"Bemidji State University changed my life more than 30 years ago, and it is still changing lives today," McTaggart said. "I am humbled and deeply honored to be recognized by my dear alma mater, and to be a part the Commencement celebration."

University's location and price garner praise and recognition

It's no secret that Bemidji State prides itself on its location on the shore of Lake Bemidji in the scenic and serene Minnesota north woods. That unique setting and the way BSU students take advantage of it helped the university earn two recent distinctions related to outdoor recreation.

In January, Affordable Schools named BSU one of America's 30 most affordable schools for outdoor enthusiasts. The organization examined out-of-state tuition data from a variety of sources and researched schools' proximity to natural features such as beaches, mountains and lakes. The list also considered the availability of outdoor-focused recreational clubs and student activities.

In March, Scout.com named BSU the top U.S. college for fishing. Lake Bemidji is an active year-round fishing lake with six public boat accesses. The Scout.com story noted that in addition to Lake Bemidji, 400 fishing lakes are within 25 miles of campus, a fact not lost on BSU's competitive college fishing club.

Hagg-Sauer Hall demolition aimed at greater efficiency

A major construction project to tear down Hagg-Sauer Hall, Bemidji State's main academic building, and extensively renovate several other university buildings could get underway as early as next summer.

For improved space utilization, plans call for Hagg-Sauer Hall to be replaced with a state-of-the-art classroom and learning center at its current lakeside location. The project would also include reassignment of faculty office and classroom space throughout the campus.

The \$16 million project would reduce campus square footage by more than 53,000 square feet and renovate 73,000 square feet of space in Bensen, Bridgeman and Bangsberg halls and the A.C. Clark Library. If the Legislature approves funding, demolition and construction could be completed by March 2018.

BSU received \$1 million in state bond money to plan and design the project in 2014 and will seek funding for construction and renovation during the Legislature's 2016 bonding cycle. The university submitted pre-design documents to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system in October.



President Hanson answers a question during the Campus Summit on Alcohol and Student Safety.

After tragedy, Hanson asks students to focus on one another's well-being

On Jan. 29, Bemidji State President Richard A. Hanson challenged nearly 500 students at a campus-wide gathering to confront the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Following a student's alcohol-related death from hypothermia in December and a second serious alcohol-related incident in January, Hanson invited students, faculty and staff to attend an unprecedented "Campus Summit on Alcohol and Student Safety" in the Beaux Arts Ballroom.

"I wanted to make this issue an issue," Hanson told the gathering. "I wanted people to come together and say, 'What's going on, what's happening, why is it happening, and what can we do to stop it?'"

He stressed the dangers of binge drinking, the ethics of personal responsibility and the importance of looking out for others. BSU staff members also reviewed the university's current strategies for alcohol education and prevention, which include a required freshman course, alcohol-free events and alcohol prohibition in residence halls.

A task force of more than two dozen people, including faculty, staff, students and representatives from the Bemidji community, convened in February and began work on recommendations for how BSU can improve its current wide-ranging efforts to discourage alcohol abuse and promote responsible decision-making.

VP Bill Maki to lead group of five Iron Range colleges



Bill Maki, Bemidji State's vice president for administration and finance, has been chosen as the next president of the Northeast Higher Education District.

Maki has been vice president of finance and administration at

both BSU and Northwest Technical College since 2004. He'll take over leadership of the five-college consortium on July 1. In January, he was one of two administrators to receive the 2015 Chancellor's Award for outstanding leadership and management of BSU finances.

Dr. Steven Rosenstone, chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, said Maki is a leader who has worked hard to advance public higher education in northern Minnesota.

"He is a gifted leader with experience on the Iron Range," Rosenstone said. "He understands rural campuses, and he knows how to make them work financially."

A national search has begun to replace Maki.

BSU senior wins 2015 Exhibitor Achievement Award



Matthew McLaughlin, a senior art and design major from Hibbing, won the 2015 EXHIBITOR Media Group Student Achievement Award.

McLaughlin will graduate from BSU in May; afterward, he will join Elevation

Exhibits and Events in Shrewsbury, Mass.

For winning the award, McLaughlin received a pass to the EXHIBITOR2015 convention and expo for trade show and event marketers, held in early March at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, and a stipend to help cover his travel expenses.

Bemidji State's Department of Technology, Art and Design is the only four-year undergraduate program in the country offering a focus in exhibit design as part of its digital and exhibit design emphasis. Its advisory board includes more than 50 design professionals from all across the nation, many of whom return to campus each spring for the program's intensive portfolio review sessions.

New off-campus programs serving students statewide

Enrollment is underway for Bemidji State University's three new off-campus bachelor's degree completion programs and three new non-residential post-graduate programs:

RN to BSN now in East Grand Forks

The Bemidji School of Nursing in January agreed to expand its bachelor's degree-completion program for registered nurses to Northland Community and Technical College in East Grand Forks. The program allows registered nurses to obtain a Bachelor of Science in nursing through a combination of on-campus and online courses. BSU's total off-campus nursing enrollment will now total about 340 students at four locations.

Business and biology newly available

Students this spring began enrolling in a bachelor's degree completion program in business administration on the Anoka-Ramsey Community College campus in Coon Rapids that features daytime, face-to-face instruction by BSU faculty. Students can apply their two-year credits to the degree, they're eligible for BSU financial aid, and they choose an emphasis in either management or entrepreneurship. A similar program in biology will launch this fall at North Hennepin Community College.

Certificate offered for camp nursing

Also this spring, students began coursework in BSU's new graduate certificate program in camp nursing, one of only a few in the nation. The program, fully online except for a final practicum, provides registered nurses with a blend of clinical, community health and emergency-response skills. It was developed in collaboration with the Association of Camp Nurses and is coordinated by Linda Erceg, a registered nurse and certified public health nurse with decades of experience in camp environments.

Online MBA prepares for fall cohort

Following its launch this spring, BSU's new online Master of Business Administration program has openings available for a second student cohort to begin in Fall 2015. The program is designed for students who want to improve their current skill set or pursue a promotion or career change.

Masters in teaching features online methods

Also launching this fall is a new fully online Master of Arts in Teaching. The MAT program will allow students in BSU's FasTrack secondary teaching license program to gain an advanced degree, but it is not limited to those students. The degree is aimed at enhancing online instruction and provides a certificate of online teaching.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Post-graduate programs: Joan Miller, director of the School of Graduate Studies, jmillier@bemidjistate.edu, (218) 755-2027.



This architectural sketch is a view of the east facade, toward Bemidji Avenue, of a University Heights student apartment building planned for construction in 2016.

BSU Foundation completes land sale for student apartments

The BSU Foundation in January completed sale of an 11-acre parcel of land in the heart of Bemidji to a local developer that plans to construct a new student apartment building to be managed by university housing staff.

Peterson Developers, LLC, owned by John and Trudy Peterson '03, acquired the land west of Bemidji Avenue and north of 15th Street, once home to Bemidji High School. The firm plans to build a modern residential complex called University Heights.

University Heights will debut with a single building on the north end of the property near 18th Street. The four-story structure will have 15 apartment units with individual rooms for a total of 56 students. That first building is scheduled to open in August 2016. Long-range plans call for expansion to four apartment buildings, three of which will include first-level retail businesses, and a series of townhouses.

BSU's Office of Residence Life will lease and staff the new building, which is intended for upper-classmen and will operate under the same rules and restrictions as all other university housing.

Alumnus joins foundation staff in Twin Cities outreach role



Bemidji State alumnus and former Alumni Association Board Vice President Justin Klander '01 is continuing his service to the university as a major gifts officer based in the Twin Cities. The business administration graduate began his new role in

April, working to engage the nearly 12,000 alumni who live and work in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

"While attending BSU, I was fortunate to serve as the student representative on the foundation board," Klander said. "That experience left me with an appreciation for the generosity of our alumni and inspired me to give back."

Prior to joining the BSU advancement team, he served as executive director of the Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA) for nine years, advocating for higher education funding and investment in scholarships.

The former BSU Student Senate president also holds a Master of Arts degree in management from the College of St. Scholastica. Klander can be reached at jklander@bemidjistate.edu.

Office in historic Bemidji building gives BSU a downtown presence

Bemidji State is a player in a major economic development initiative for the greater Bemidji area: establishment of a multi-agency hub for workforce training, business recruitment and entrepreneurial initiative.

In April, BSU opened its Center for Community Partnerships in the Mayflower Building, a 114-year-old red brick structure on the south end of downtown Bemidji. It was purchased, renovated and equipped by Greater Bemidji, a regional economic development organization, in conjunction with the city of Bemidji, the George W. Neilson Foundation, the university and others.

BSU's office, visible from a central, first-floor atrium, will be staffed on a regular, rotating basis by representatives of BSU Career Services and the the university's Marketing and Research Solutions group. Staff and faculty from across the campus and Northwest Technical College will be able to use the office as needed.

BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Jennifer Atteberry, assistant professor of nursing, took 12 students from the Bemidji School of Nursing – seven from Bemidji State University and five from Northwest Technical College – to a service-learning trip in Belize over spring break. The



students worked with children in the village of Santa Elena, teaching dietary and health lessons, providing them with new shoes and helping to repair and paint the village's community center. BSU and NTC nursing students have traveled to Belize for service-learning trips each of the past three years.

Erika Bailey-Johnson, BSU sustainability coordinator, and **Sara Dennison**, adjunct instructor in English and a former Minnesota GreenCorps member who worked in the Sustainability Office, presented at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education conference in October in Portland, Ore.



Dennison presented a briefing titled "MN GreenCorps: Building Sustainable Communities with AmeriCorps," and Bailey-Johnson presented a study entitled "Including Wellness in the Sustainability Model: A Five-Year Case Study."

Prairie Business Magazine in November named Bailey-Johnson one of the top 40 business professionals under the age of 40 who exemplify a high level of talent in the Upper Midwest. Since helping found one of Minnesota's first campus sustainability offices at Bemidji State in 2008, Bailey-Johnson has helped guide a culture shift toward sustainability and conservation, not only on campus but also throughout the Bemidji region.

Dr. Vivian Delgado, assistant professor of languages and ethnic studies, has begun writing a monthly column for the Bemidji Pioneer newspaper on Native American issues and topics. Her first column, published Feb. 21, focused on recent



Truth-and-Reconciliation efforts in Bemidji.

Dr. Valica Boudry, associate professor of mass communication, has received Quality Matters certification for her course, MASC3500 Media Design. Quality Matters is a faculty-centered peer review process designed to certify



the quality of online and blended-delivery courses.

Professor Alan Chapman of the University of Oxford, lead lecturer for BSU's Eurospring Program, has received the 2015 Jackson-Gwilt medal from the Royal Astronomical Society. The medal recognizes outstanding merit in astronomical



instrumentation or techniques and achievement in observational astronomy or the history of astronomy. Chapman has brought astronomy to new audiences through his extensive public lecturing, publications and television appearances.

Dr. Sheila Paul, associate professor of nursing, has earned Quality Matters certification for her NRS3920 Directed Group Study course. Quality Matters is a faculty-centered peer review process designed to certify the quality of online and



blended-delivery courses.

Dr. Jeanine Gangeness, founding dean of the Bemidji School of Nursing, published "Better Together: The 'M' Word" in a recent issue of Nurse Education Today. She wrote about the unique bridge that connects the nursing education



programs at BSU and NTC and how alignment as the Bemidji School of Nursing has benefitted students at both institutions. Gangeness has accepted the position of associate provost for academic affairs for Winona State University's Rochester campus. She begins July 1.

Dr. Anton Treuer, executive director of Bemidji State University's American Indian Resource Center, will step away from his position and return to the BSU faculty in July. He plans to remain extensively involved in the



center's primary projects, including exploration of an Ojibwe teacher training program and continuation of truth-and-reconciliation efforts both at BSU and in the Bemidji community.

Dr. Treuer is a member of the state of Minnesota's Capitol Preservation Commission Subcommittee on Art. The group is charged with managing the Minnesota Capitol's hundreds of millions of dollars worth of art during the building's ongoing renovation and restoration project. The subcommittee's work was featured in a recent story at MinnPost.

Dr. John Gonzalez, associate professor of psychology, was recently featured in Anishinaabeg Today, the monthly newspaper of the White Earth Nation, for his work leading the tribe's strategic planning efforts.





Professor to share Bemidji through **GLOBAL CONFERENCE**

Dr. Mahmoud Al-Odeh, assistant professor of technology, art and design, is organizing a Global Technology Management Conference to be held at Bemidji State University on July 15-17.

By Andy Bartlett

This July, information technology, computer science, business technology and engineering technology professionals from all over the world will descend on Bemidji for the Global Technology Management Conference. The three-day gathering is one of many sponsored by the Society of Digital Information and Wireless Communications, which supports academics and professionals working with computers, networks and wireless communication. It sponsors conferences all over the world, in both industrialized and developing nations, with the goal of bringing positive change through technological innovation. While the society has hosted dozens of conferences in the United States, this summer marks the Global Technology Management Conference's American debut. Previous conferences have been held in countries such as Malaysia, Taiwan, Lebanon and Tunisia. The July 15-17 event is coming to Bemidji State University through the efforts of Dr. Mahmoud Al-Odeh, an assistant professor of technology, art and design in his third year at BSU. He has been working to bring this conference to Bemidji since he arrived on campus in 2012.

"This is part of the internationalization effort here at BSU," Al-Odeh said. "The university is looking to make BSU distinguished, nationally and internationally, and this conference is one way we can do it."

Al-Odeh sees the conference's visit to Bemidji as a unique opportunity to showcase BSU's emphasis on sustainability and illustrate sustainable practices in technology. The conference's keynote speaker will be Dr. Marion Schafer, coordinator for the technology management doctoral program at a consortium of five schools that includes Indiana State University. The address will focus on Schafer's work to research sustainable practices and the environmental impact of product packaging.

"Sustainability is what connects BSU with the conference," Al-Odeh said. "We would like to know how technology has been used and managed in these areas."

Al-Odeh came to the United States from his native Jordan to earn master's and doctorate degrees at Indiana State, where Schafer was his advisor. He fell in love with Bemidji during his first job interview on campus in 2012, and that immediate connection to the community and its environment convinced him of the need to bring the conference to BSU.

"Instead of sending the conference to the Twin Cities, here's a city with nice residents who can welcome these international people," Al-Odeh said. "We can distinguish Bemidji from other cities around us."

While Bemidji has provided Al-Odeh with inspiration for this conference, his immediate connections with the area are also being carried through to his family. Al-Odeh

and his wife, Hadeel, came to Bemidji with one son, Ahmed — named for Al-Odeh's father. Since arriving in Bemidji, the couple has welcomed a second son, 2-year old Ous, and a daughter, Sama, born this April. "Ous means 'the wolf,' which is related to Minnesota culture," Al-Odeh said, "and Sama means 'beautiful sky,' which also has connections to Bemidji."

While he is excited by the opportunity to share his deep love of place with perhaps 200 people from cultures spanning the entire world, he also recognizes the opportunity for people at the university and in the region to gain insight into other cultures, as well.

"You might see people with different traditional clothes, with long dresses or with scarves on their heads," Al-Odeh said. "People in this city can see into other cultures, and we can share our Bemidji culture and values with these other people, person to person."

TO ATTEND

For more information about the 2015 Global Technology Management Conference, July 15-17 at Bemidji State University, visit <http://sdiwc.net/conferences/gtmc2015/>.

The conference is accepting submissions for presentations until June 15.

What a year for **BEAVER HOCKEY**

By Brad Folkestad

For hockey fans, there was no better place to be than Bemidji this past winter.

In fact, for large portions of the season, it felt as though Bemidji were the center of the Minnesota hockey universe. To start, the Bemidji High School boy's hockey team made its first trip to the Minnesota State High School League tournament for the first time in nearly three decades. But that's not where it ended.

The Bemidji State University men's and women's hockey teams did their part to build on that regional success and collectively put together their best seasons in recent memory.

The BSU men's team finished 12-11-5 in Western Collegiate Hockey Association play, and 16-17-5 overall, to earn its first winning conference record since joining the WCHA in 2010. The Beavers also re-established their traditional home-ice dominance and kept the Sanford Center buzzing with win after win. BSU finished 10-7-2 in Bemidji and sent fans home with a smile every night during a 10-game home-ice unbeaten streak that began in November and continued into March.

The Beavers were in college hockey's spotlight after winning the North Star College Cup, a regular-season tournament featuring Minnesota's Division I hockey programs. Behind an MVP performance from goaltender **Michael Bitzer**, a freshman from Moorhead, the Beavers dismantled seventh-ranked Minnesota Duluth and No. 1-ranked Minnesota State-Mankato by a combined score of 7-1 en route to the tournament crown.

BSU was in fourth place at the conclusion of the conference's regular-season, earning the program its first-ever WCHA home playoff series. There, the Beavers fell after an epic battle with Ferris State which included an historic triple-overtime contest.

When the dust settled on the season, BSU saw three players recognized with All-WCHA honors — its most since joining the league. Defenseman **Matt Prapavessis**, a senior from Oakville, Ontario, was the first Beaver to earn Second-Team All-WCHA honors. Forward **Brendan Harms**, a sophomore from Steinbach, Manitoba, joined him as a



The BSU men's hockey team celebrates its Jan. 24 victory over Minnesota State University, Mankato in St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center to claim the North Star College Cup.

third-team all-league honoree, and Bitzer was named WCHA Rookie of the Year.

The BSU women's program proved to be more than capable of winning its share of the spotlight, as well.

Under first-year head coach **Jim Scanlan '87**, the Beavers entered the season with uncertain expectations after WCHA coaches picked BSU to finish seventh in their pre-season poll. However, it didn't take long for the former all-American goaltender to raise the bar at his alma mater.

The Beavers rattled off four wins to open their season, and a three-point weekend against top-ranked Minnesota sparked immediate confidence on the young squad. They jumped into the USCHO.com top 10, where they spent much of the season, en route to a school-record 21-win campaign.

In the WCHA Playoffs, the Beavers eliminated ninth-ranked Minnesota Duluth in a best-of-three first-round series and punched their ticket to the WCHA Final Face-Off for only the second time. There, behind a 35-save

performance from goalie **Brittini Mowat**, the Beavers shocked the college hockey world with a 2-1 overtime win over eventual national champion Minnesota, becoming the first No. 4 seed to advance to the Final Face-Off championship game.

Mowat, a sophomore from Glenboro, Manitoba, headlined a busy awards season for the Beavers by becoming only the second BSU women's skater to earn All-America honors. She garnered Second-Team All-America honors from both the CCM/American Hockey Coaches Association and USCHO.com, and also was named First-Team All-WCHA. **Alexis Joyce**, a freshman defenseman from Lakeville who established herself one of the nation's leading shot-blockers, was named to the WCHA All-Rookie Team. Scanlan's efforts on the bench did not go unnoticed, as BSU's performance earned him a nod as WCHA Coach of the Year. U.S. College Hockey Online also tabbed the rookie skipper as its National Coach of the Year.

Stephanie Anderson, a junior from North St. Paul who earlier in the season earned All-Tournament Team honors after BSU's WCHA Final Face-Off performance, saw her season continue into April at the IIHF World Championships in Sweden. There, she helped propel the U.S. National Team to a gold medal with an assist in a 7-5 championship-game victory over arch rival Canada.

Beaver Nation now faces a long summer as it patiently awaits the drop of the puck again this winter. With team success, a taste of the post-season and outstanding contributions from many of their youngest players, the future looks bright for the BSU men's and women's hockey teams.



BSU women's goalie Brittini Mowat in March became only the second player in program history to be named to the CCM/AHCA All-American First Team.



Fall/Winter Sports Recaps

FOOTBALL Bemidji State completed its 2014 season with an overall record of 3-8. At the conclusion of the season, 10 BSU players earned All-NSIC recognition, including First-Team All-NSIC selections **Blake Holder**, a freshman receiver from Steamwood, Ill., and **Scott Christensen**, a senior defensive back from Stockbridge, Ga. Assistant coach **Eric Medberry** has left the program to pursue other opportunities. He had been a member of Jeff Tesch's coaching staff for 12 years, the last seven as offensive coordinator.

... **SOCCER** Under the direction of 13th-year head coach Jim Stone, the Beavers posted a 9-9-1 overall record. The team finished with an 8-6-1 mark in NSIC play, earning the eighth seed in the NSIC Tournament, where it fell in the first round.

Following the season, five players earned All-NSIC honors, including first-team honoree **Sarah Stram**. The sophomore forward from Elk Grove Village, Ill., led the Beavers and ranked fourth in the league with 12 goals, including five game-winners. She the first Beaver to garner First-Team All-NSIC honors since 2010. Stram, who also earned Daktronics All-Region honors, joined teammate **Christine Szurek**, a sophomore from Andover, on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-Central Region Team. The association also honored BSU for its academic performance. Beaver Soccer carried a cumulative GPA of 3.31, earning it an NSCAA Team Academic Award.

... **CROSS COUNTRY** wrapped up its six-event 2014 campaign at the NCAA Division II Central Regional. **Emily Turner**, a junior from Windom, led the Beavers with a 95th-place finish. Earlier, she had finished 12th at the NSIC Championships.

The team, which carried a 3.23 cumulative grade point average, was one of 128 programs nation-wide to earn United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division II All-Academic Team honors. ... **VOLLEYBALL** finished 5-23 with a 3-17 NSIC record under sixth-year head coach Wayne Chadwick. Following the season, senior **Rachel Craig**, a middle blocker from Wadena, was named to the Capital One Academic All-District VII Second Team.

... **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** finished its season 6-22 overall and 3-19 in NSIC competition. BSU advanced to the NSIC tournament but saw its season come to an end with a first-round loss to Wayne State College. **Mike Curfman** stepped away from the program at the end of the season, ending a 10-year run as head coach. His teams were 97-176 overall and 57-143 in conference play. His best season came in 2006-07, when he guided the Beavers to a 14-14 record and a fifth-place finish in the NSIC. ... **MEN'S BASKETBALL** finished 8-19 overall and 4-18 in conference play behind the senior duo of guard **Brock Lutes**, a Portland, Ore., native who was the NSIC Player of the Year, and center **Dillon Floyd** from Palm Springs, Calif. The Beavers advanced to the NSIC tournament but fell in the first round to Augustana College.

... **INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD** wrapped up its 2015 indoor campaign at the NSIC Championships. Five BSU athletes established season-best marks at the meet, paced by junior **Nicole Crummy**. The Wadena native clocked a time of 2:20.60 in the 800m preliminaries to qualify her for the finals, where she finished seventh. In March, head coach **Craig Hougren** announced his retirement after 26 years as BSU's track and field mentor. The six-time NSIC Coach of the Year guided the Beavers to two team NSIC championships, and his student-athletes have won five individual national championships with 30 All-Americans and nearly 400 All-NSIC honorees. He also has coached six Academic All-America honorees, and his teams were regularly honored for academic success.



Rachel Craig



Emily Turner

Craig and Turner earn Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award

Bemidji State volleyball player **Rachel Craig**, a senior from Wadena, and cross country and track and field standout **Emily Turner**, a junior from Windom, were among the 112 recipients of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's sixth annual Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award. Named in honor of late NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, the award is bestowed upon senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, have exhausted their eligibility and are on track to graduate. Craig and Turner both carry a 4.0 GPA.

Hardwater Classic generates more than \$10,000 for BSU Athletics scholarships

More than 300 anglers took to frozen Lake Bemidji on Feb. 14 to compete for more than \$20,000 in prizes during the Seventh Annual Knife River Materials Hardwater Classic ice fishing tournament. BSU graduate **Doug Desjarlait** took home top honors and the event's \$2,500 cash prize after pulling a 3.47-pound northern pike through the ice. The classic grossed nearly \$10,000, with all proceeds directly benefitting the Bemidji State University Athletic Scholarship Fund.

Senske is NSIC Freshman of the Year

Glyndon native **Sierra Senske**, a freshman center for the BSU women's basketball team, was named NSIC Freshman of the Year after appearing in all 22 conference games for the Beavers.

The rookie led BSU's scoring efforts for most of the season and averaged 15.3 points per game to finish as one of the NSIC's top 10 scorers. She also averaged 6.1 rebounds per game. Senske is the second BSU player to be named NSIC Freshman of the Year; **Maggie Gernbacher**, who played guard for the Beavers from 2003-07, received the award in 2004.

40 Beavers make NSIC academic list

Bemidji State landed 40 student-athletes on the 2014 Fall and 2014-15 Winter Academic All-NSIC Teams. The Beavers saw 26 student-athletes recognized on the fall team, led by the soccer program with nine honorees. BSU also saw seven

volleyball players and four players each from football and cross country recognized on the fall list. Track and field led the way for BSU on the winter team, with seven of BSU's 14 honorees on its roster. Five women's basketball and two men's basketball players rounded out that list.

To be eligible for the Academic All-NSIC Team, 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.

Eleven Beaver hockey players honored as 2014-15 WCHA Scholar-Athletes

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association honored 11 Bemidji State men's and women's hockey players for their academic performance, recognizing them among the 87 recipients of the league's 10th annual Scholar-Athlete Awards. BSU's honorees were:

Kristine Grenier, a senior from St. Leon, Manitoba; **Brendan Harms**, a sophomore from Steinbach, Manitoba; **Madison Hutchinson**, a sophomore from Manitou, Manitoba; **Megan Lushanko**, a junior from Chisago City; **Graeme McCormack**, a junior from Thunder Bay, Ontario; **Lauren Miller**, a sophomore from Brockville, Ontario; **Reid Mimmack**, a sophomore from Brainerd; **Hanna Moher**, a junior from Milton, Ontario; **Brittini Mowat**, a sophomore from Glendora, Manitoba; **Matt Prapavessis**, a senior from Oakville, Ontario; and **Whitney Wivoda**, a junior from Fairbanks, Alaska.

To qualify for the WCHA Scholar-Athlete Award, students must be in their second year of residency at their current institution. They also must either carry a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for their previous two semesters or three quarters, or have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for all terms at his or her current institution.

Beaver Hockey trio extend careers in professional leagues

After successful collegiate careers, Bemidji State men's hockey players **Matt Prapavessis**, **Andrew Walsh** and **Philip Brewer** — all seniors — have signed contracts to play professional hockey.

Prapavessis, a three-year captain from Oakville, Ontario, who left BSU after a program-record 150 consecutive games played, inked an amateur tryout contract with the Rochester Americans, the Buffalo Sabres' American Hockey League affiliate. Walsh and Brewer each signed with teams in the East Coast Hockey League. Walsh, from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, will finish the season as goaltender for the Stockton Thunder, while Cambridge, Ontario, native Brewer joined former BSU teammates Jeff Jubinville and Drew Fisher on a forward line with the Tulsa Oilers.



HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 2015 WEEKEND

"Get Your Green On" at Homecoming 2015

This year's Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 2-4, will be tradition-packed with a twist. Count on seeing old friends and enjoying "Get Your Green On" such activities as Friday's Honors Gala; Saturday's tailgating, football game and the Beaver Block Party & Street Dance; and Sunday's Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert. The revival of the downtown parade was a great success, so it's back in the schedule. This year the parade will set off at 10 a.m. from Second Street and Beltrami Avenue.

Reunions are among BSU's traditions, as well. The university will welcome former players at the annual football reunion following the game against University of Mary. This year's focus will be teams from the '90s. The

American Indian Alumni Reunion will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday in the David Park House.

Anyone who studied music or was involved in music activities at BSU is welcome at music reunion events. Band, jazz and choir alumni will have numerous performance opportunities including joining BSU performing ensembles on stage at the Sunday concert.

Former faculty members who plan to attend include Drs. Fulton Gallagher, Paul Brandvik, Tom Swanson and Steve Konecne. Current faculty members who plan to attend include Drs. Cory Renbarger, Del Lyren, P. Bradley Logan, Scott Guidry, Janice Haworth and Steve Carlson.

The twist is how different the campus will look. Removing Sanford Hall and renovating Memorial Hall has given a dramatic facelift to the center of campus. Reunions for business and accounting alumni will provide a chance for graduates to get reacquainted with classmates and to explore BSU's new state-of-the-art center for business and accounting study.

More information about Homecoming will be shared in the coming months. If your contact information has changed, please call (218) 755-3989 or (877) 278-2586 (toll-free) to let us know how best to update you. You also may update your information at bsualumni.org.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

OCT. 2-4, 2015

- Friday, Oct. **2**
- 11:30 a.m. **Beaver Pride Luncheon**, Walnut Hall
 - 2 p.m. **Alumni B-Club Meeting**, Beaver Pride Room
 - 5:30 p.m. **Honors Gala**, Sanford Center
- Saturday, Oct. **3**
- 10 a.m. **Downtown Homecoming parade**
 - 11 a.m. **Pre-game tailgating**, Diamond Point Park
 - 2 p.m. **Football vs. U of Mary**, followed by Football Alumni Reception, AIRC
 - 5 p.m. **American Indian Alumni Reunion**, David Park House
 - 7 p.m. **Traditional Football Alumni Social**, Bemidji Elks Club
 - 8 p.m. **Beaver Block Party and Street Dance**, downtown Bemidji
- Sunday, Oct. **4**
- 3 p.m. **Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert**, Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex



Harold Shellum '41 will be Grand Marshal for the 2015 Homecoming Parade in downtown Bemidji on Oct. 3. Shellum, of Monrovia, Calif., played football for the Beavers in 1937-40.

B-CLUB RECONNECTS ATHLETES



Alumni B-Club Advisory Board

Randy Bowen – *President '73 Football*

Dave Thomas – *Vice President '80 Swimming/Diving*

Joan Anderson – *Past President '76 Basketball, Tennis*

Brian Weierke – *'91 Basketball*

Charlie Knott – *'74 Wrestling, Football*

Austin Wallestad – *'70 Hockey*

Nancy Harris – *'77 Field Hockey, Basketball*

Becky Rud – *'98 Volleyball*

Sue Alstrom – *'76 Field Hockey, Track, Basketball*

Erin Foss – *'07 Soccer*

Bruce Melin – *'64 Track, Football*

Amber Fryklund – *'03 Ice Hockey*

By **Maryhelen Chadwick**

At the Beaver Nation Celebration on April 30, 50 graduating student-athletes joined the Alumni B-Club. The event celebrated individual and team success, something every former athlete can appreciate.

Over the years, Bemidji State University teams have claimed national championships, conference-leading seasons and victories against some of the most competitive programs in the country. In addition, countless student-athletes have earned All-America, All-Conference and academic honors. This year was no different.

The newest B-Club members join a group formed in 2011 to connect the more than 4,000 former student-athletes who have proudly competed for BSU with each other and the university.

The organization's first president, Joan (Campbell) Anderson '76, was recognized for her service during the Alumni B-Club Athletics Hall of Fame in February. New president Randy Bowen '73 commended Anderson and credited her with getting the group off the ground.

"If Joan was going to do it, you knew she was going to do it right," Bowen said.

He and B-Club Vice President Dave Thomas '80 join other advisory group members, who represent BSU's athletics programs, in efforts to support former and current athletes. Their priorities include selecting inductees for the B-Club Athletics Hall of Fame (odd years), helping raise support for athletes and programs through the B-Club 100 Golf Marathon (odd years), and planning and attending The Green & White Dinner & Auction to Benefit BSU Athletics (even years, including 2016.)

The Alumni B-Club encourages alumni athletes to reach out to former teammates



Bemidji State University Alumni B-Club President Randy Bowen '73 presents a plaque to outgoing president Joan (Campbell) Anderson '76 at the Alumni Athletics Hall of Fame luncheon held Feb. 20 at the Sanford Center.

and reconnect with BSU. You can connect on social media and learn about alumni reunions by liking the Bemidji State B-Club Facebook page, contacting an advisory board member or calling the Beaver Pride Office at (218) 755-2294. One way to get involved immediately is to sign up to golf, caddy or sponsor a golfer in the second B-Club 100 Golf Marathon taking place June 10 at Castle Highlands in Bemidji.

B-Club 100 Golf Marathon set for June 10 in Bemidji

The B-Club 100 Golf Marathon for BSU Athletics is an effort to raise financial support, especially for student-athlete scholarships. B-Club members know the importance of leveling the scholarship playing field so the school where they proudly played can continue to attract and retain top student-athletes and coaches.

The B-Club 100 will take place June 10 at Castle Highlands in Bemidji. Rain, snow, sleet or shine, up to 40 golfers and their caddies will take the challenge to complete 100 holes of golf in a single day. Prior to play, each participant will seek pledges from family, friends, former teammates, co-workers and local businesses to support their program of choice.

The goal is to raise \$50,000. Supporters can get involved in a variety of ways. They can golf (and get pledges), caddy, sponsor a golfer or volunteer. Each of our 15 sports teams is allowed three participant spots in the Golf Marathon. Participants golf individually to raise money on behalf of their chosen team. There will be prizes for the fundraising teams that raises the most pledges.

To register, please contact event captain Amanda Kerkhoff with any questions. She can be reached by phone at (218)755-2294 or by email at akerkhoff@bemidjistate.edu.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Award recipients to be honored on Oct. 2

The BSU Alumni Association has announced the 2015 recipients of Distinguished Alumni Awards, to be presented at the 2015 Honors Gala on Oct. 2 during Homecoming Weekend. The event is open to the public. Receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award will be **Sandra (Henderson) Anderson** '82, chief legal officer, Great Clips, Inc. of Eden Prairie; **Joseph Grabowski** '80, president, Wenck & Associates of Plymouth; and **Roger Reierson** '74, president & CEO, Flint Communications, Inc. of Fargo. The Alumni Service Award recipient is **Richard Siegert** '67, owner, Edgewater Group of Bemidji. The Young Alumni Award goes to **Katrina Maliamauv** '07, human rights worker in Sembilan, Malaysia.

American Indian Alumni Chapter to hold golf outing May 29

Get your team together for the annual tournament supporting the AIAC Scholarship endowment. The event will take place at Castle Highlands in Bemidji. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. A 10 a.m. putting contest will be followed by a shotgun start of the Texas-style best-ball format with four-person teams. Participants will enjoy lunch, on-the-course contests and awards. The team entry fee is \$400. Individual entry is \$100. Contact aiacbsu@gmail.com.

50-year reunion weekend moves, adds activities

This year's 50-year reunion is moving from the Thursday before Commencement to July 31-Aug. 1. The organizing committee hopes the new weekend and updated activities will encourage alumni who graduated in 1965 to spend time in Bemidji with former classmates. Friends from the classes of '64 and '66 also are invited.

Early arrivals will meet Friday for a walleye fish fry at the David Park House. A breakfast and golf outing are planned for Saturday morning. Attendees also may choose to enjoy the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival in the afternoon and return to campus for the reunion dinner in the American Indian Resource Center. Memorabilia and photos will be displayed to spark conversation. Bring yours along! For more information contact the Alumni Office at (218) 755-3989, (888) 278-2586 or email alumni@bemidji-state.edu.



Dr. Timothy Goodwin, assistant professor of professional education, from left, is pictured with 2015 Professional Education Hall of Fame honorees Ron Ruud '79 and Dr. Randall Peterson '82, as well as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Patrick Guilfoile.

Department of Professional Education Hall of Fame inducts two members

The Professional Education and BSU Alumni Association inducted **Dr. Randall W. Peterson** '82 and **Ron Ruud** '79 into the university's Professional Education Hall of Fame at an April 17 dinner in their honor at the American Indian Resource Center. This award recognizes alumni who demonstrate excellence in teaching students or managing schools.

Peterson has been principal of Eastview High School in Apple Valley since 2007. He served as associate principal there from 1996-2007. His higher education path began at Bemidji State, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in secondary education/athletic administration in 1985 and an educational specialist degree in educational administration in 1992, both from Minnesota State University-Mankato. In 2005, Peterson earned a Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership/instructional technology from Argosy University, where he was awarded the President's Leadership Award.

Ruud has served as a teacher, coach, principal and now superintendent within the Tri-County Public Schools in Karlstad. After graduating from BSU in 1979, he began his education career while continuing his studies at Tri-College University (Moorhead State University, Concordia College and North Dakota State University). He earned a Master of Science degree with certification as a principal in 1989 and finished sixth-year studies for certification as a superintendent in 1999. The Karlstad resident received the Horace Mann Lincoln Fellowship Award in 2012 and was named Superintendent of the Year in 2002.

BSU Night at Target Field tradition continues July 24

Watch the Minnesota Twins take on the New York Yankees July 24 at Target Field with friends, classmates and other alumni. Game time is 7:10 p.m. The BSU Alumni Choir will be singing the National Anthem at this game, and fireworks will follow.

Tickets are available in Skyline Deck (\$43) or Home Run Porch (\$27). To register, visit bsualumni.org or call (218) 755-3989 or (887) 278-2586. All are welcome at a pre-game gathering at Brothers Bar and Grill in Minneapolis from 5-7 p.m.

Alumni earn thanks for service on Alumni Association Board

The April Alumni Association meeting was the last date of service for several dedicated association board members. **Dr. Sandra Guyan** '65, **Col. Gregg Rice**, UAF (Ret) '69, **Denis Sauter** '70, board President **Michael Spry** '83, **Pamela Lehrke** '95 and **Candi Seil** '02 were honored for their years spent managing and moving the association forward. Incoming board members will attend their first meeting in August. To learn more about serving on the Alumni Board, visit bsualumni.org.

Honors presented at Feb. 21 luncheon

ATHLETICS HALL of FAME



Jim Scanlan



Kim (Babula) Zerr



Ron Bornetun



Bruce Ecklund

Jim Scanlan 1978-82, was a four-year letter winner for the Bemidji State men's hockey team. From 1978-82, the captain was in net 85 times, logging a career record of 62-19-0, while backstopping the Beavers to a NCHA regular season title in 1982 and four consecutive trips to the NAIA national tournament and national titles in 1979 and 1980. The NCHA Player of the Year in 1982, Scanlan was selected as an NAIA All-American to conclude the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons. Already a member of the Bemidji State Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the 1978-79 and 1979-80 men's hockey teams, Scanlan was also named as one of the 50 Legends for 50 Years in 2005-06. He remains among the top 10 in several categories of goaltending records. He is fifth in save percentage (.9073), eighth in goals against (2.821), third on goaltending victories (62), sixth on the Beavers' career saves list (2,211) and his 4,807 minutes in net stand eighth in program history. In addition, only one goaltender in the 58 years of Beaver Hockey has accumulated more shutouts than Scanlan's nine. He and his wife, **Cyndy (Woods) '81**, have three children, **Bri '12**, Jaclyn and Joe, and they call Bemidji home.

Kim (Babula) Zerr 1984-88, a four-time letter winner for the BSU women's basketball team, Zerr was the starting point guard for the team all four seasons and completed her collegiate career with 1,137 points, 843 assists and 293 steals. She is the only player in BSU history with more than 1,000 points, 800 assists and 200 steals. She remains 13th on BSU's all-time scoring list, while sitting atop the Beavers' career steals and assists lists. She owns two of the top three single-season steal totals and the top three single-season assist marks, which include a BSU-record 244 during the 1986-87 season. Zerr was a member of three BSU teams that qualified for the NAIA National Tournament (1985-87) and two NSC title teams (1986 and 1987). A team captain in 1985-86 and 1986-87, Zerr was a two-time All-NIC selection (1986 and 1987), earned NAIA All-District honors four times (1984-1987) and was a 1987 Second-Team All-American. Zerr and her husband, Jeff, have three daughters, Hanna, who plays on BSU's women's basketball team, Haley, who will join the team in the fall, and Sydney. They live in Shakopee.

Ron Bornetun 1976-80, a four-year letterwinner for the Bemidji State men's swimming team, Bornetun earned NAIA and American College Coaches Association All-America honors in 1978-1980. A member of three consecutive NIC championship teams (1978-80), he participated in the national meet to conclude each of his four collegiate seasons. He was an NIC champion with a conference record in the 50 freestyle (21.3). Bornetun left Bemidji State owning two Beaver individual swimming records: 50 freestyle (21.3) and 100 freestyle (47.7). He was a part of a 400 freestyle relay record (3:09.9). In addition, Bornetun posted records in the BSU pool for the 50 free (21.6) and was on the pool-record 400 freestyle (3:12.3) and 800 freestyle relay (7:08.3) teams. Already inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2009 with his teammates on the 1978-79 men's swimming and diving team, Bornetun is part of the team inducted for 2015. He and his wife, **Cassie (Gravel) '83** have two children, Emily and Tom. The Bornetuns live in Mounds View.

Bruce Ecklund 1980-83, a four-year letterwinner for the BSU football team, he was a three-time All-NIC tight end for the Beavers and was elected team co-captain in 1983. Ecklund remains in the top 10 among all receivers and first all-time among tight ends in career receiving yardage (1,542) and receptions (114), and he is second with 5.18 catches per game. He finished his senior season with 47 catches for 760 yards and four touchdowns and was selected to the 1983 Associated Press Little All-America Team. Ecklund established himself as one of the best tight ends in all of NCAA Division II, III and the NAIA. He went on to play semi-pro football in Illinois. He and his wife, **Cindy '86**, have a daughter, Laurin. They live in Woodbury.

Alumni Coaching Achievement Award



Gail (Hecimovich) Nuzech

Gail (Hecimovich) Nuzech '69 was a multi-sport athlete at Bemidji State (softball, field hockey, volleyball, women's basketball and track and field)

from 1967-69, pioneering many of those teams in an era when extramural programs became varsity sports. That spirit extended into her career as a physical education teacher and coach at Hibbing High School. Hired in 1969, Nuzech began coaching gymnastics, track and field and volleyball, she started the girl's basketball program in 1974 and led the team to the Minnesota State High School League tournament two years later. She also started the school's softball program in 1976.

Head volleyball coach from 1969-2012, she compiled an overall record of 884-254 en route to becoming the MSHSL's all-time winningest coach. She led the Bluejackets to 26 Iron Range Conference championships, 23 Region 7 AA/AAA titles and 23 appearances in the state tournament, which included a state championship in 1975 and a runner-up finish in 1998.

Nuzech was awarded Region 7 AA/AAA Coach of the Year honors 11 times and was named MSHSL Coach of the Year in 1975 to go with a MVCA Coach of the Year award in 1998.

In addition, she organized and coached the Hibbing JO Volleyball program until 2013.

Nuzech was inducted into the BSU Athletics Hall of Fame as an athlete in 1990, the MVCA Hall of Fame in 1996, the Greenway High School Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Minnesota State High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2008, she was recognized for 25 years of service to the Minnesota State High School Coaches' Association. In 2009, she received the North Country Region USA Volleyball Founder's Award. Her influence was felt beyond the volleyball community when Gov. Rudy Perpich proclaimed Oct. 16, 1990, "Gail Nuzech Day" in Minnesota. Active in National Girls and Women in Sports Day activities, she was presented a Special Merit Award in 2008.

Gail and her husband, Dennis, live in Hibbing.

1979-80 Men's Swimming and Diving Team



First row (L to R): Coach Ahlbrecht, Bill Farrell, Ron Bornetun, Mark Storhaug, Kevin McDermott, Joel Olander, Dave Thomas. **Second row:** Mark O'Neill, Gary Stieber, Bill Gilman, Bill Schulberg, Shayne Isaacson, Paul Schaper, Jeff Siverhus (manager). **Third row:** Steve Carter, Tom Hilton, Malachy McCarthy, Steve Boss, John Miller, Jon Schmitz, Dan Roberts, Steven Pelkey. **Not pictured:** Dan Elbers, Scott Hjelseth, Bruce Hunstad, Tony Kukich, John Markgraf and Bruce Sha.

The 1979-80 Bemidji State men's swimming and diving team, under the direction of BSU Hall of Fame coach Lee Ahlbrecht, posted an 11-1 record and established four event records en route to a first-place finish at the Northern Intercollegiate Conference meet with a league-record score of 701. Eighteen members of the team garnered All-NIC honors, finishing first, second or third, either as swimmers or divers, which included 11 individual or relay conference champions.

BSU advanced to the NAIA Championships in Whitewater, Wisc., where the team placed fourth. Nine team members finished in the top

six in their events and were named American College Coaches' Association All-Americans. They were Ron Bornetun, Kevin McDermott, Steve Boss, Paul Schaper, Joel Olander, Mark Storhaug, Shayne Isaacson, Mal McCarthy and John Markgraf.

Seven people scored points for finishing between seventh and twelfth in individual or relay events and earned NAIA All-American Honorable Mention accolades. They were: Bornetun, Boss, Storhaug, Bruce Hunstad, McCarthy, McDermott and Isaacson. To conclude the season, head coach Lee Ahlbrecht was selected as NAIA Coach of the Year.



John S. Glas Honorary Letter winner

Joe Dunn '09 (Honorary Alumnus) has demonstrated passionate support for quality student-athletes and elite athletic programs at Bemidji State since his employment at State Farm Insurance brought him to Bemidji in 1996. Hand picked by then-new Head Football Coach Jeff Tesch to spearhead fundraising for the program, Dunn's involvement

expanded from a one-year assignment as BSU's Athletic Development Director to a term as president of the BSU Foundation Board of Directors. An active member of Beaver Pride, he served on the organization's board for 10 years, including three years as president. During that time, Dunn not only played a pivotal role in the creation of the Beaver Pride coordinator position that exists today, he also helped lead the organization's growth from \$20,000 in donations to over \$250,000 annually 10 years later, establishing a solid foundation for funding student-athlete scholarships. Joe and his wife, Karen, have three adult children, Connie, Steve and Tom.



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PENINGS

Blending diversity, appreciation and opportunity

1 Students learn about an opportunity at the BSU-NTC Job & Internship Fair on April 1. **2** BSU Opera Theater presents "The Mikado" Feb. 26-28. **3** Social work students portion bulk flour at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf on March 3. **4** Students and faculty mentors share creative works on March 26 as part of a Women's History Month observance. **5** The BSU Ducks Unlimited chapter draws a camo-clad crowd to its Sportsman's Night Out fundraiser on Feb. 23. **6** A political science student presents during the Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference on April 8. **7** Bucky gets some love from incoming freshmen at an Academic Advising and Registration session on March 20. **8** BSU student-athletes get in the game with children at the Boys and Girls Club of Bemidji on March 24. **9** An international student offers a quick lesson in chopsticks during the Festival of Nations on April 11. **10** A student is welcomed into the Bemidji School of Nursing during the traditional "white coat" ceremony on Feb. 21. **11** Native American graduates are honored with a special stole during the American Indian Student Awards Recognition Banquet on April 18. **12** A young dancer enjoys the festivities at the BSU Pow Wow on April 11. **13** Between mealtime rushes, the Lakeside Food Court makes for a quiet study spot.



CLASS NOTES

Towns are in Minnesota unless noted. Alumni names appear in bold. Send information to alumni@bemidjistate.edu or call toll free: 1-877-BSU-ALUM.

'14 **Michael Mangone** of Eden Prairie is teaching technology at Jordan Middle School ... **Kevin Tumberg** coaches junior high football and assists in boys' basketball in the Wadena-Deer Creek school district, where he teaches second grade. He lives in Wadena ... **Troy Anderson** joined the staff in Windom public schools as a reading specialist and a



Pete Phillips and family

third-grade instructor ... **Pete Phillips** is a former radio broadcaster, business owner and Wadena City Council member who changed professions and now teaches U.S. history and area-studies classes in the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle school system. He lives in Wadena with his wife, Shari, and their three teenagers ... **April Nelson** has been hired to staff a sixth-grade classroom at the middle school in Barrett of the West Central Area district. She will also assist in coaching volleyball and girls' basketball.

'13 **Katrina Stewart** teaches K-12 music at Clearbrook-Gonvick schools, where she is also involved in the band and choir programs. Her husband, **John**, works at Pinnacle Publishing in Bemidji, where the couple makes their home ... **Carley Nelson** is teaching fifth-grade science and serving as a floating teacher for second and third grades in Laporte ... **Kayla Holling** of Waterville is the new social worker serving Tri-City United schools, serving Montgomery, Lonsdale and Le Center.

'12 **Amy Brown** of Wadena has been hired as a fourth-grade teacher in the Sebeka school district ... **Selina Thimell** is teaching third grade at Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary School ... **Andrew Martens** has retired after playing nine years of pro-



Amy Brown

fessional hockey, the last four with the Wichita Thunder of the ECHL. Martens anchored the Thunder blueline during those seasons and served as team captain during his tenure. He is now pursuing a career as a marketing representative with Federated Insurance in Owatonna, where he lives with his wife, **Nicole (Linder '04)**. Nicole is now a stay-at-home mom for the couple's three children.

'11 **Brandon Yetter**, a deputy with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, has been assigned to patrol the city of Scandia after previously serving the city of Hugo. He lives in Lindstrom ... **Nicole Borwege** has accepted an admissions representative position at Bemidji State University. Borwege, who recently moved from Faribault to Bemidji, will promote BSU to students from western Minnesota and the state of North Dakota ... **Ian Lowe** has been named team captain of the Wichita Thunder, a professional hockey team competing in the ECHL. A forward, Lowe is in his third year with the Thunder. He lives in Wichita, Kan., with his wife, Candace, and two young children.



Brandon Yetter



Nicole Borwege

'10 **Tracy Murphy** works as an EBD special education teacher for schools in the Bemidji area, where she also resides. Her daughter, **Maria ('14)**, graduated from Bemidji State University ... **Kyle Hardwick** has been hired as an associate in the Faegre Baker Daniels Law Firm in Minneapolis. Hardwick, who resides in Minneapolis, will practice in the areas of construction and real estate ... **Chance Goudge** is teaching social studies and computers at the high school in Aitkin.



Tracy Murphy



Kyle Hardwick

'09 **Ariana Sorenson** is a fourth-grade teacher at Wagner Elementary School in Litchfield. She has moved to a new home in St.



Katie Becker

Michael ... **Katie Becker** is the new 4H program coordinator in Clearwater County after working two years for the Minnesota Alliance for Youth in Crow Wing County. She has moved to Bagley ... **Nate Woessner** is an assistant

coach for the Des Moines Buccaneers of the United States Hockey League after spending two years working in the NHL's San Jose Sharks junior program. A resident of Des Moines, Iowa, he is in charge of the defense on the Buccaneer bench ... **Jess Gage** is a new police officer serving Bemidji. Gage's experience in law enforcement includes stops at the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office.

'08 **Haley (Balcam) Thompson** was



Haley Thompson (front right, kneeling)

inducted into the Elk River Athletic Hall of Fame last fall for her accomplishments in three sports at the school. She is married to James and is a stay-at-home mom in Roosevelt for their two young children ... **John Larson** of Littlefork is the new physical education teacher at the high school in Warroad.

'07 **Carl Dugstad** of Bemidji is a new social studies teacher on the middle and high school levels in Laporte. He also served as the girls' head basketball coach. He and his wife, Tiffanie, have one young child ... **Carly Melin** was elected to serve another term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. A Democrat, Melin serves District 6A in northeast Minnesota. She lives in Hibbing with her husband, **Zeb ('11) Norenberg**, who is a residential program supervisor at Mapleview Group Home, which is part of Range Center, Inc., a nonprofit serving adults with developmental disabilities. The couple has one young child.



'06 Patti Hodgson has accepted a new position as a K-6 special education teacher in the Warroad School District, where she previously taught in early childhood family education. She lives in Warroad with her husband, Pete, and they have three children ranging in ages from 11 to 21.

'05 Kenneth Toole of Baxter is the new district executive for the Pine Tree District of the Central Minnesota Council of the Boy Scouts of America. An Iraq War veteran, Toole will serve as a resource for volunteers for the 10 Cub Scout Packs and 10 Boy Scout Troops in Brainerd, Crosslake, Baxter, Pillager, Nisswa, McGregor, Pine River and Pequot Lakes ... **Joanna Dymond** presented a self-publishing workshop at the Sister's Sojourn Women's Expo last fall in Mentor. During the workshop, she shared her experiences when publishing her first work, "Crazy as a Loon," in 2012. From Bemidji, Dymond is planning to complete a sequel of the work this year ... **Jennifer Honek** is teaching kindergarten in



Kenneth Toole



Jennifer and Tim Honek

Isle this year after instructing parent and early childhood classes for the school district last year. Her husband, **Tim ('04)**, teaches special education in Isle. The couple lives in Onamia with three children ranging from ages 3 to 8 ... **Krista (Hansen) Olson** is the Aitkin school district's new community education coordinator and elementary dean of students. She lives in Aitkin with her husband, Andrew, and three children.



Krista (Hansen) Olson

'04 Kyle Lehmkuhl instructs welding, auto and small-engine classes in the Industrial Technology Department at Sauk Centre High School. He lives in Pierz with his wife,

Heather, and three young children ... **Brent Jergens** is a new chemistry teacher at Milaca High School and Milaca Alternative Learning Center. His wife, **Alison (Cervin)**, works part-time as a faith community nurse at Milaca



Alison & Brent Jergens

Evangelical Free Church. The couple resides in Milaca with their three children, ages 3 to 8 ... **Nathan Johnson** is teaching industrial education

and working with Project Lead the Way at Win-E-Mac schools in Macintosh. His wife, Erin, has started her own photography business specializing in family, newborn, high school senior and wedding pictures. The couple lives in Winger with two young children ... **Nate Frisch** is staffing a sixth-grade classroom at Custer Elementary School and is coaching middle school boys' basketball in Custer, S.D. ... **Dan Carpenter** is teaching elementary music and high school choir for the Badger school district. He and his wife, **Sara (Ellenson, '01)**, are parents to two children and live in Badger ... **Amy (Olson) Ryan** is a children's mental health social worker with Polk County Social Services. She and her husband, Christopher, live in East Grand Forks with one pre-school child.

'03 Carri Jones was named as a recipient of a Native American 40 under 40 Award. Jones, the tribal chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, was selected for the honor by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development for her significant and positive contributions to businesses. She lives in Cass Lake ... **Kimberly Imdieke** of Perham is a first-grade teacher at Menahga Elementary School ... **Tammy Gradine** has been hired as a mental health therapist by Kind Mind Counseling in Hibbing, where she also lives. A licensed professional counselor, she works with a variety of issues, including eating disorders, bullying, trauma, grief, depression and mental illness ... **Chris Knopik**



Chris Knopik

was promoted to principal with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. He has 11 years of experience providing auditing and consulting services with the firm. He lives in Rogers.

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Jim Baratto



Ben Baratto

WITH ALUMNI AT HELM, BARATTO SEEKS GROWTH

Baratto Brothers Construction (BBC) has a reputation around the Brainerd Lakes area for high-quality work, whether it involves new custom homes, remodels, decks or additions. Since its founding in 2002, BBC has focused on individual construction needs with the goal of becoming a customer's builder for life. In the past decade, the company has been named the Builder of the Year three times by the Mid Minnesota Builders Association.

With two Bemidji State University graduates playing integral roles in the ownership and management teams, Baratto Brothers is thinking bigger. Co-owners Jim Baratto and his son Ben Baratto have expanded the business to include a commercial division to seek large-scale projects across the region.

"When the economy went south, a lot of businesses shut their doors," said Jim, a 1977 BSU graduate who taught industrial arts for 25 years before helping start the firm. "Now things are coming back."

The new division has helped remodel a bank, motel and chiropractic clinic, as well as build an employee dormitory at a local resort. They have hired Eric Halbert, a 2006 Bemidji State grad, to lead the group, which is involved with a new hotel project in Hibbing while seeking additional projects.

"Our hope with the new division is to expand into a market we haven't normally ventured into because our custom home division eats up a lot of our time," Ben said, noting that 99 percent of BBC work has been residential. "The plan is to start getting a backlog of commercial jobs so we can hire more employees and keep them busy."

Jim, who is also the BBC president, and his wife, Deanna, have raised two children in addition to Ben, who has worked at the company since he was 15. Ben is married to Amy (Lawson), a 2008 BSU graduate who is the city clerk in Ironton. They have two young children.

CLASS NOTES

'02 **Dr. Donnie Farnsworth** will be seeing



Dr. Donnie Farnsworth

patients at the North Homes Children and Family Services Clinic in Grand Rapids. With 15 years experience in the mental health field, Farnsworth specializes in psychological testing as well as working with chemical dependency and mental health conditions. He has three children and lives in Grand Rapids ... **Katie (Malone) Smith** will teach elementary physical education in the Menahga school system. She lives in Sebeka with her husband, **Thomas ('01)**.

'01 **Rita Albrecht** received an Excel-



Rita Albrecht

lence in Service Award from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. Albrecht, who was re-elected as Bemidji mayor in November, was recognized

for her leadership in representing cities in greater Minnesota. A regional planner for the northwest district of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, she lives in Bemidji with her husband, Michael. Her daughter, **Julie ('05)**, is a leadership assistant at the state capitol providing research, policy analysis and aid in preparation of legislation on a variety of issues, from education to the environment and energy. Julie lives in St. Paul with her husband, Anthony ... **Bert Gilling** guided the Mount Royal University men's hockey team in Calgary, Alberta, to a 17-10-1 record during his first season as head coach. A former assistant coach at Bemidji State for 13 years, Gilling and his wife, Sheila, have relocated to Calgary.

'00 **Kenny Miller** broke his own record in the 5K race at the Beardsley Run last summer in Detroit Lakes when he logged a time of 15:49. Miller teaches K-12 health and physical education in Bertha-Hewitt schools, where he also serves as head girls' track coach. **Jessica (Lorenzen, '03)**, his wife, teaches kindergarten in Verndale. They have two elementary-aged children and live in Wadena ... **Erica (Jonckowski) Myers** is the new kindergarten and preschool teacher at Christ the King Catholic School in Browerville,

where she lives with her husband, **Jeff**, and their four children ages 3 to 10. Jeff is a K-12 special education teacher in Browerville ... **Caleb Shadis** has been hired as a software engineer by Saturn Systems in Duluth, where he will work on projects requiring Microsoft.net technology expertise ... **Shem Daugherty** received the EMT of the Year Award in 2014 from the Remer Area Ambulance Service. Daugherty, who teaches social studies at Northland Community School in Remer, has been an emergency medical technician for seven years and lives in Remer with his wife, Mary, and two children.

'98 **Christy (Strassburg) Henry** is a first-grade teacher at Menahga Elementary School after returning to Minnesota following 14 years of teaching in Arizona. She now resides in Menahga.

'97 **Christine Anderson** is the economic development director in Pennington County. A resident of Thief River Falls, she brings experience in human resources with a major manufacturing company as well as a small business owner to her position. She has two adult children ... **Sarah (Stierlen) Goudge** is the high school science teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick school, where her courses include physical science, biology and chemistry. She lives in Clearbrook with her husband, Dylan, and three young sons.

'96 **Brian Schaefer** is the new owner of Sports Page, a collectible and sports memorabilia shop in Bemidji. He previously worked at Pro-West Associates, where his wife, **Lisa (Rossiter)**, is still employed in the GIS field. The couple lives in Cass Lake with a young child ... **Mark Peterson** of Red Lake Falls has assisted emerging authors by establishing Permanent Ink, a writers' group that meets regularly in the Red Lake Falls area, where he lives with his wife, **Melissa (Guillemette, '98)**. Mark has completed several novels and short stories in various genres, from thrillers to sci-fi. He works as a production business supervisor at Digi-Key. The couple has three children ranging in age from 8 to 16 ... **Mark Johnson** is the new executive director of the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, which makes funding recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature from the Outdoor Heritage Fund and allocates approximately \$100 million annually for conservation. He previously served as the executive director

of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. He recently moved to Chisago City with his wife, **Debbie ('99)**, who is setting up their new home. The couple has two grown children.

'95 **Jay B. Jones** had an exhibit of his art displayed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. The K-12 art teacher in the Clearbrook-Gonvick school system, Jones has received national and regional recognition for his works from such places as the Denver Art Museum, the Maple Grove Art Center and the Aspen Art Museum. He lives in Clearbrook with his wife, Mistie, and two children.

'94 **Brian Maas** joined Watermark



Brian and Rene Maas

Learning last fall as the director of client solutions. Watermark provides project management, business analysis and skills training to national and international clients from its office in Minne-

apolis. In his new position, Maas will develop business plans, set sales strategies and help businesses grow. **Rene ('97)**, his wife, is a scheduler at the Hultgren-Hoxie-Waki orthodontic clinic in Eden Prairie. The couple lives in Waconia with their two teenagers ...

Heidi (Hanks) Osmundson was nominated as the November Educator of the Month in the Cass Lake-Bena school system. Osmundson teaches kindergarten for the district and lives in Bemidji with her husband, Rick, and two children ... **Becky (Bitt-**



Heidi Osmundson

mann) Wallerick is the new academic dean at New Life Academy, a non-denominational Christian college prep school in Woodbury. She and her husband, **Jonathan ('95)**, reside in Woodbury.

'93 **Pat (Groebner) Henjum** has been promoted from office manager to registered representative by the Minnesota Valley Investment firm in Redwood Falls. Henjum



recently acquired licensing in three additional areas to add to her 17 years of experience with Minnesota Valley. **Greg ('94)**, her husband, is the manager of Value Auto Parts. The couple lives in Redwood Falls, and their two children are in high school and middle school... **Chris and Jill (Salisbury) Mahoney** live in Jamestown, N.D. He is an assistant professor and chairs the kinesiology department



Jill and Chris Mahoney

at the University of Jamestown and recently retired as volleyball coach. Jill has taught for 21 years at St. John's Academy elementary school and directs the Kid's Kingdom Preschool, both affiliated with St. James Basilica in Jamestown. The couple has two children, ages 11 and 16.

'92 Marion (Daniels) O'Neill was elected in November to serve another term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. O'Neill is a Republican serving District 29B. She and her husband own the construction company Irish Settlers Tile and Block. They have two grown children and live in Maple Lake ...

Chad Schmidt is the new director of learning in the South St. Paul school district, where he provides leadership in professional learning, school and system improvement, student assessment and program evaluation, and other areas. He came to the system from Edina schools, where he most recently served as director of research and evaluation. He and his wife, **LeAnne (Palmer, '90)**, live in South St. Paul with their three children. LeAnne is a counselor at Inver Hills Community College.

'91 Bonnie (Dehlin) Wensloff was selected as the Roseau Teacher of the Year. Wensloff teaches music to students from second to sixth grade in the elementary school. She is



Bonnie Wensloff

married to **Tracey ('86)**, who teaches advanced math at the high school. The couple has three children, one each in the fourth, seventh and ninth grades. The family makes their home in Roseau ...

Tom Sanford started his second season last fall as head football coach at Aitkin High School. Sanford teaches American history at Brainerd's Forestview Middle School. His wife, **Steffanie (Sauerbrei '92)**, is a stay-at-home mom for the couple's seven children, who range in age from 5 to 18. They live in Aitkin ... **Jeff Wickstrom** is head women's hockey coach at Rainy River Community College, where he also is a member of the math faculty. He and his wife, **Vicky**, live in International Falls ... **Julianne (Stevenson)**

Baltar was named to the Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board by the state's governor. Baltar, of Dillingham, Alaska, is director of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Development for the Bristol Bay Native Association ... **Lori (Perpruner) Thompson** has joined W.A. Fisher Marketing in Virginia as a graphic designer. She has 23 years of experience in



Lori Thompson

the field, most recently as production manager at American Guide Service, a national company that produces site maps for RV parks nationwide. Thompson and her husband, Mark, have two children and live in Hibbing.

'87 Jon Urquhart has been promoted from detective sergeant to captain in the Coon Rapids Police Department. A veteran of 24 years with the department, Urquhart will be in charge of the investigation divisions and deputy director of emergency management. **Deb (Schlitz, '86)**, his wife, is a stay-at-home mom with two older children.



Cory Kampf

They live in Coon Rapids ... **Cory Kampf** was named division manager for finance and central services for Anoka County, where he will oversee central accounting, facilities, information technology and other functions. He will also take over the role of county treasurer. He and his wife, Lona, live in Ramsey and have two children currently attending college ... **Dave Albee** serves as a finance business partner to the global operations at H.B. Fuller, an international leader

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HEIM'S CLOTHING FREE OF FRIGID CONVENTION

Growing up in Kelliher, Gretchen Heim understood the age-old choice Minnesota women faced when the calendar flipped from October to November: be stylish and cold, or frumpy and warm. The freelance art director and graphic designer in the Twin Cities wondered whether warm had to equate with drab.

Frustrated when trying to look fashionable in functional clothing, the 2001 BSU graduate decided to act. Working with her mother Rose, Heim created and produced a perfect solution, the down-insulated Minne-Skirt. The product became an instant favorite in attacking the polar vortex head on.

The success led to Heim-Made, a company producing a women's clothing line for fall and winter seasons. Heim-Made now features 20 products on its website, ranging from one-of-a-kind hats to leggings, from mohair socks to a down vest that is far too stylish for a fish house. Their line is also featured at Duluth Pack, the Bemidji Woolen Mills and stores in the Twin Cities.

Heim also co-founded Chicked, a company focused on empowering female athletes and women to compete in all aspects of life. Their company defines "chick" as that female who just passed you, and "chicked" as the act of getting passed. Their products include triathlon and cycling apparel, running gear, Nordic skiing suits and other clothing.

"We are pleased with the direction the young businesses are going, but both have their challenges," Heim said, while asking for help from BSU alumni. "We are looking for a mentor to guide us to the next level of working with manufacturers, expanding market reach and moving forward wisely."

Contact information is available on the two company websites: heimmade.com and chicked.com



CLASS NOTES



HOLMES FINDS BLESSING IN SERVICE TO HOMELESS

Bill Holmes views his recent, dramatic job change as a small step. Others might call it a leap of faith.

Holmes manages the 92 apartments at Mary's Place, a nationally known, Christian-based transitional housing facility in Minneapolis that provides shelter for nearly 400 families a year.

Until recently, Holmes could be found serving pizza and burgers in Twin Cities restaurants. A 2007 BSU business graduate, he used his people skills to become a successful waiter. But something was missing.

"For many years I had an interest in working with the underprivileged to make a difference in their lives," he said. "I was unfulfilled."

By 2013, Holmes had moved into management. At his restaurant, he visited frequently with Mary Jo and Dick Copeland, founders of the safety-net organization Sharing & Caring Hands that operated a homeless shelter. Motivated to serve more than food, he shifted careers and began as a part-time trainee last summer. On his first day on the job full time, the Copelands presented him with a startling proposition. The manager of Mary's Place was leaving, and they wanted him to take over. He started on Oct. 10.

"I was in shock," he said. "But Mary Jo is such an intuitive leader that when she said I could do it, I just believed her."

The transition to a new profession has been hectic, but a staff that values the nonprofit's mission has helped.

"My colleagues are constructively critical, and we guide each other with appropriate advice and support," Holmes said.

A spiritual person, he viewed the opportunity as a continuation of his religious journey. He said he felt faith is best expressed through service, so the sudden transition became a logical step taken with a measured, but real, leap of faith.

in industrial adhesive manufacturing with corporate headquarters in Vadnais Heights. In his role as a finance business partner, he works with clients in such areas as environmental health and safety, engineering and strategic sourcing. He and his wife, Angela, live in St. Paul ... **JoNelle Toriseva** is an assistant professor and director of English and communications arts at Genesee Community College in Batavia, N.Y. A resident of Rochester, N.Y., she joined the GCC faculty in 2011 ... **Darcy Reese** was a recipient of an AAUW Woman of the Year Award presented by the organization's chapter in Thief River Falls, where she resides. Reese is the vocal music instructor at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls.

'86 Tim Buckley has been inducted into the Aurora (Ill.) Central Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame. Buckley excelled in football and basketball at the school before he came to Bemidji State, where he also earned Hall of Fame honors. He is the associate head men's basketball coach at Indiana University. He lives in Bloomington, Ind., with his wife, Shannon. They have one teenager.

'83 Kathleen (Knapp) Krause operates the Krause Country Learning Center in Frazee, where she lives with her husband,



Kathleen Krause and husband, Kevin

Kevin. The private educational facility focuses on teaching basics in reading, composition, math and study skills while also offering opportunities to study English as a Second Language, Spanish, Latin and New Testament Greek.

'82 Kitura Main is an education specialist at the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji. She brought experience with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Nature

Conservatory to her position educating people on various topics in science. A resident of Bemidji, she is married to **Robert ('79)** and



David Harrington

has three adult children ... **David Harrington** was re-elected to serve a fourth term as Minnesota District Court judge. He is chambered in Cass County and lives with his wife, Kris Kolar, in Turtle River.

'81 Kirk Gregg was inducted into the inaugural ISD 288 Hall of Fame in New Ulm last fall. Gregg is executive vice president and CFO of Corning, Inc., based in Corning, N.Y. Named an Outstanding Alumnus at BSU last fall, he is a past Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the recipient of a Distinguished Citizens Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 2010. He and his wife, Penny, live in Corning. He has two children.

'80 Mary (Radde) Jones was among the alumni inducted last fall into the Waconia High School Hall of Fame. While in secondary school, she earned 14 letters in a variety of sports and activities, compiled



Mary Radde Jones

superior ratings in music competition, and was All-Conference in one-act plays. A past community education director, teacher and missionary, she is married to Mark. The couple lives in Chaska and has five children ... **Kirk Karstens** has been teaching the art of fencing in Bemidji for more than 35 years. He became interested in the sport as a student at BSU. His classes encompass three weapons – the foil, epee and sabre – as well as the physical elements required to succeed, such as balance, body awareness and form. A social worker with Bi-County Community Action Programs, he works on programs that help the homeless in the Bemidji area. Married, he lives in Bemidji and has two children.

'79 Amanda (Bauer) MacKinnon is in her 30th year of teaching German, Russian and English at Bemidji High School. She and her husband, Don, live in Bemidji where they



raised two children, including daughter **Erica ('09)**, who graduated from BSU and is a veterinarian in Grand Forks, N.D.

78 Pam Lindberg of New Hope was elected in November to the board of the Robbinsdale school district. She recently retired from a 36-year career in teaching, which included schools in Buhl, New York Mills, Osseo and Minneapolis. Her tenure includes coaching in basketball, track, volleyball, softball and golf ... **John Persell** was re-elected in November to the Minnesota House of Representatives. A Democrat who works as a policy analyst, Persell will advocate for District 5A while serving in St. Paul. He lives in Bemidji with his wife, Jean. The couple has eight children ... **Dean Downer** is in his 36th year of teaching industrial arts for the CAM Community School District in Anita, Iowa. Downer also coached the high school football team for 22 years, compiling a 136-63 record and making 13 state playoff appearances. His environmental science class built an 80-acre outdoor classroom that received a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in 2003. He has two adult children ... **Ben Mikaelson** is the featured author for the Pine River-Backus School Community Read Program this year. Three of his books have been selected for use in district classes, where he will also give presentations. Since his first work, "Rescue Josh McGuire," was published in 1991, he has completed 10 books and earned such honors as the International Reading Association Award and California's Young Reader Medal. He lives in Bozeman, Mont.

77 Alan Pendleton was sworn in for another six-year term as a Minnesota district judge. First appointed to the court in 1999, the Hopkins resident has been re-elected three times to serve on the court, which is chambered in Anoka County. Married to Kimberly, he has three children and two stepchildren. ... **Lyle Klein** received the 2014 Community Service Award from the Ely Music and Drama Club. He retired in 1999 following a 29-year career teaching music at Ely Memorial High School but remains active in directing an annual July 4 patriotic concert, as well as music at Grace Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Mary, live in Ely and raised two adult children ... **Dr. Rick Herder** has been an assistant professor in communication studies at Southwest Minnesota State Uni-



Dr. Rick Herder

versity since 2010 after teaching for two decades at schools in Florida and Minnesota, where he also coached speech and debate. His resume includes two Teacher of the Year Awards and a Crystal Apple Award, selected by students. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Marshall and have three grown children.

76 Sandy (Hughes) Eberhart is the community education coordinator for the Bemidji school district, a position she has held for six years. The recipient of a Minnesota Community Education Director of the Year Award, she previously served as a teacher and administrator in Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes. The Park Rapids resident has two adult children ... **Timothy Looby** was appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton to serve as judge in the First District that is chambered in Sibley County. His term will expire in 2017. Looby and his wife, Evelyn Ayers, have three children and live in Waconia ... **Gean Schumacher** has retired after serving the Comfrey Post Office for 26 years, including the final 16 as postmaster. She and her husband, Loren, raised four children at their home in Comfrey.

75 Trudy (Kocinski) Rautio has been appointed to the board of directors for Donaldson Company and elected to the board of directors for Cargill. Rautio is the president and CEO of Carlson, a global hospitality and travel company. A longtime member of the BSU Foundation board, she is also on the travel and tourism advisory board of the Department of Commerce. She lives in Edina with her husband, Kevin.

74 Rita (Flaig) Olness presented a program on the characteristics and influences of various generations in the workforce for the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Olness works for the Minnesota Office of Job Training and resides in Cloquet with her spouse, Giorde. She has three adult children. ... **Kurt Marben** was elected to a third term as judge for the Minnesota District Court chambered in Pennington County. Marben and his wife, Brenda, raised three children to adulthood while residing in Thief River Falls.

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ROCK SERVES LEECH LAKE THROUGH RADIO WAVES

Marie Rock's resume reflects a varied career. She has worked for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the White Earth Adolescent Treatment Center and several casinos. But she always came back to the waves, not the kind on lakes but those surrounding people in the air.

Rock is program director for the public FM radio station, KOJB-The Eagle, located near Cass Lake. Operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the station strives to enrich life for the Anishinaabe people by airing tribal information, youth programming, live broadcasts and music from Native American, country, hip hop and classic rock artists.

"News is an important part of the programming on The Eagle," she said, while acknowledging support for shows on Ojibwe language, herbal medicines, environmental concerns, the Ojibwe as a way of life, and the history of Leech Lake.

Rock caught her first air wave right after high school, when she read the news on a Phoenix station. After relocating to Bemidji many years and jobs later, she started as a part-time announcer at KKBJ-AM. Eventually that became a full-time job, beginning a progression that has included stints as promotions director and assistant program director for RP Broadcasting, which operates several AM and FM stations in the Bemidji market.

She started her higher education later in life, earning a degree in psychology from Bemidji State in 2009. She graduated that same year with her daughter, Alexis Marie Rock Van Leeuwen, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., where she is a management trainee for Olive Garden restaurants.

After one year as a youth counselor, she answered what she describes as the call of radio. "I like being on the air," admitted Rock, who also does the morning drive show on the station. "KOJB was starting from the ground up, so getting to be a part of that beginning was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

IN MEMORIAM

Listed in order of class year

Zona I. (Granley) Buer '36, Gonvick
Patricia (Chichester) Conat '42, Rapid City, S.D.
Allen L. Westerlund '49, Deephaven
Dr. Dale A. Bergeron '51, Rapid City, S.D.
Bruce W. Jamieson '51, Lincoln, Calif.
Billy R. Clark '53, Denver, Colo.
Douglas E. Laine '53, Flint, Mich.
John Bovee '54 & '62, Clearwater
Arthur A. Davis '54, Bismarck, N.D.
Yvonne E. Siats-Fiskum '54, Elkhorn, Wis.
David G. Hoffman, Glenwood
Dianne E. (Engelbretson) Wagner '56, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Carol J. (Collins) Dalton '57, International Falls
Joan L. Krieger '57, Minneapolis
Gerald W. Moose '57, Luverne
Harold L. Kosbau '58, Grand Rapids
Norman S. Reopelle '58, Rochester
James E. Lawrence '61, Bemidji
Sandra J. (Beamish) Paterson '62, Fergus Falls
Arlys A. (Heinrich) Frazey '63, Bemidji
LaVern A. Braaten '65, Virginia
Peter C. Duncan '65, Greenbush
Jack R. Fairbanks '65, Bemidji
Geraldine L. (Benson) Bernu '66, Farmington
Neil C. Lofberg '66, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Charles A. Lundblad '66, Bemidji
Dennis Wegner '66 & '79, Edina
Kathryn I. Calder '67, Minneapolis
Lester L. Irish '67, Eagle Bend
Florence (Davis) Isaacson '67, Rochester
William D. Heather '68, Yuma, Ariz.
Bernard Sarkela '68, Gilbert
Terry L. Potucek '69, Warren
Anthony J. Rametta '69, Vadnais Heights
Charlotte A. (Short) Skinner '69, Hot Springs Village, Ark.
Robert J. Arthur '70, Bloomington
Kathy E. Jacobson '70, Olympia, Wash.
Ruth E. Lundstrom '70, Park Rapids
James G. Podominick '70, Grand Rapids
David C. Carlson '71, Grand Rapids
Earl L. Hutchinson '71, Bemidji
Kay A. (Olson) Anderson '71, St. Cloud
Clinton Vatsaas '71, Ham Lake
Thea O. (Lilleveld) Anderson '72, Thief River Falls
Grace Bovee '72, Monticello
John Fider '73, Bismarck, N.D.
Bernard Grahek '73, Eveleth
Merna C. (Olson) Johnson '73, Grand Rapids
Patricia G. (Doyle) Garrett '74, Greenville, N.C.
James R. Halvorson '74, Atwater
Lawrence W. Bunnell '75, Brainerd
Maxine A. Tenney '75, Blaine
Trudy M. (Swartz) Trettel '75, Bowls
Harvey H. Roy, Jr. '76, Minneapolis
Denise M. Alt, '77, Red Wing
Ruth M. Baker '77, St. Cloud
Delores A. (Witkofsky) Bolka '77, Grand Rapids
M. Keith Bufis '77, Andover
Nancy S. Norberg '79, Virginia
Charles R. Karpovitz '80, Bloomington
Lawrence W. Perkins '81, Carencro, La.
Patricia J. Shea '81, Hugo
Jonelle J. Krier '87, Hibbing
William M. Pulkinen '87, Embarrass
Michael C. Wagner '87, Park Rapids
Michael E. Stavig '88, Bemidji
Christopher P. Bauer '90, Ham Lake
Kevin L. Kyle (1990-93), St. Louis, Mo.
Michael Bakken '92, Clearbrook
Gerald M. Reid '96, Grand Rapids
Amy Vadis '96, Iron
Douglas A. Roberts, Jr. '97, Cass Lake
Scott M. Clendenning '00, Fort Frances, Ontario
Kathy T. Thomson '03, Pengilly
Shannasey M. O'Rourke '10, Bemidji

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NOTES

'73 Bob Dettmer was re-elected to another term in the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 39A.



Bob Dettmer

A retired educator and member of the U.S. Army Reserves, Dettmer was first elected to the House in 2006 and serves as a Republican. He and his wife, Colleen, have three children.

'72 Lee Henschel has released the historical novel "The Sailing Master," published by Shipwreck Books and Publishing Company.



Lee Henschel

A Vietnam veteran, he also published "Short Stories of Vietnam" and "Deja 'Nam." He lives in Minneapolis.

'64 Bruce Melin was inducted into the Hermantown Football Hall of Fame last fall.



Bob Dettmer

A standout athlete at Hermantown in football, basketball and track, he was a member of the Beaver grid program

before retiring after a teaching and coaching career that spanned 35 years. He also served as the site meet manager for the Minnesota State High School Track Championships held in St. Cloud. His wife, **Trish ('65)**, retired from teaching in 2002. The couple raised three children and lives in Waite Park.

'59 Marlon Davidson will have the



Marlon Davidson

exhibit "Davidson at Eighty, a Retrospective" at the Watermark Art Center in Bemidji during June and July this summer. Davidson will feature paintings he completed from the 1960s to the present in the show. He and his partner, Don Knudson operate Donmar Studio in Bemidji, where he lives.

OTHER ALUMNI

Shawn Crowser has joined the Members Cooperative Credit Union as the manager of the company's branch in Cloquet, where he lives.



Shawn Crowser



"Cabin Fever"

Heim Log Homes, owned by construction management graduate **Nate Heim '05**, and founded by his father, **Ron '75**, was featured in eight episodes of the National Geographic Channel series "Cabin Fever," beginning Feb. 24. The program followed the Heim crew around the country as they built eight handcrafted log homes using century-old techniques. Heim is the sister of Gretchen Heim, featured on p. 35.



2015 CALENDAR

MAY

- 29 American Indian Alumni Chapter Golf Outing**
8:30 a.m., Castle Highlands Golf Course, Bemidji, (218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org

JUNE

- 3-July 28 Individual Basketball Skills Camp**
6 p.m., BSU Gymnasium, (218) 755-2774
- 8-Aug. 6 Beaver Hockey Training Battalion**
7:10-9:50 a.m., Sanford Center, (218) 755-2717
- 10 B-100 Golf Marathon**
8 a.m., Castle Highlands Golf Course, Bemidji, (218) 755-2294, bsualumni.org
- 15-18 Soccer Camps**
9:30 a.m., 605-254-4521, <http://abcspportscamps.com/bsu>
- 16 Basketball Exposure Camp**
1-5 p.m., BSU Gymnasium, (218) 755-2774
- 16-17 Scrubs Camp**
BSU & NTC, <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/summer/summer-academics-and-camps/>
- 19 38th Annual Gordy Skaar Memorial Golf Tournament**
8 a.m. & 1 p.m., Bemidji Town & Country Club, (218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org
- 22-24 Beaver Elite 9-Man Football Team Camp (HS Teams)**
Chet Anderson Stadium, (218) 755-2511 or (406) 261-6607
- 20-26 Northwoods Writers Conference**
BSU campus, www.northwoodswriters.org

JULY

- 6-7 BSU Middle School All-Skills Camp (Grades 6-8)**
BSU Gymnasium, (218) 407-7386 or (218) 755-3784
- 9-11 BSU High School All-Skills Camp (Grades 9-12)**
BSU Gymnasium, (218) 407-7386 or (218) 755-3784
- 11 Beaver Elite Football Camp (Grades 10-12)**
Chet Anderson Stadium, (218) 755-2511 or (406) 261-6607
- 12-18 Northern Plains Visions of Sport Camp**
BSU campus, (218) 755-3772, visionsofsport.org
- 17 Galen Nagle Memorial Golf Tournament**
8 a.m. & 1 p.m., Bemidji Town & Country Club, (218) 755-2294, bsualumni.org
- 17-24 Ojibwe Language Immersion Camp**
BSU campus, (218) 755-2851, www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/summer/summer-academics-and-camps/
- 19-22 Girls Basketball Camps (Grades 7-12)**
BSU Gymnasium, (218) 755-2324
- 20 Men's Basketball Alumni & Friends Golf Outing**
11 a.m., Blueberry Pines Golf Course - Menahga, MN, (218) 755-2294, bsualumni.org
- 24 BSU Night at Target Field**
7:10 p.m., Minnesota Twins vs. New York Yankees, fireworks, Target Field, Minneapolis, (218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org
- 25 Jeff "Bird" McBride Memorial Golf Tournament**
12 p.m., Oak Marsh Golf Course - Oakdale, MN, (218) 755-2294, bsualumni.org
- 31 50-Year Reunion (Class of 1965)**
BSU Campus, (218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org
- 31-Aug. 2 College-Bound Academy Camp (Soccer)**
Soccer fields and turf, (605) 254-4521, <http://abcspportscamps.com/bsu>

AUGUST

- 1 40-Year Reunion (Class of 1965)**
BSU Campus, (218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org
- 22 Ed Sauer Golf Tournament**
11 a.m., Tianna Country Club - Walker, MN, (218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Community Appreciation Day**
4:30 p.m., BSU Campus - Lakeside Lawn/Bridgeman Pergola, (218) 755-2762, bsualumni.org
- 19 Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast**
8:30 a.m., John Glas Fieldhouse, (218) 755-2762, bsualumni.org

SAVE THE DATE Oct. 2-4
BSU HOMECOMING 2015
(Details on Page 25)

ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION

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OUR DESIGNER BIDS FAREWELL Readers will be sorry to learn that Bemidji State's publications coordinator, Kathy Berglund, retired this month after 29 years of outstanding service to the university. As the lead designer in the Office of Communications and Marketing, Kathy has applied her talents to innumerable projects while mentoring dozens of design students into successful careers. Bemidji State University magazine, previously called Horizons, has been a labor of love for Kathy. Here she is with some of her favorite magazine designs.