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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



PRESIDENT R. HANSON

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

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

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

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

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

Best wishes,

Richard Hanson

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# THE POWER to CHANGE LIVES



## BEMIDJI STATE'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

By Scott Faust

Much as the mighty Mississippi spills gently from Lake Itasca, the campaign known as Imagine Tomorrow began with a belief – that Bemidji State University should soon undertake its first broad-based fundraising campaign.

The year was 1995, when leaders started to seriously consider such an undertaking. They concluded the timing wasn't right, but a vision had taken hold.

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– DR. RICHARD HANSON  
President, Bemidji State University

Just as the river's narrow stream curls north before turning toward the Gulf of Mexico, interest in a major campaign ran through BSU Foundation planning in 2008 and quickened with a feasibility study commissioned in 2010.

Finally, in August 2011, the foundation Board of Directors voted unanimously to go forward, committing to secure the future for Bemidji State and its students.

After a full 18 years of deliberation, ground-work, strategy and launch, Imagine Tomorrow is two-thirds of the way toward its goal of \$35 million – and still intensifying, as new donors get involved.

"I think it's human nature for people to want to be part of something successful and impactful," said Rob Bollinger, executive director of university advancement, who has served in that role since 2006.

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

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

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

### A call for 'resilience'

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

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

"It's not just visionary. It's not just powerful in the lives that it's going to affect," he said. "It's aligned with the most important core values of what this university is all about.

"Future graduates of Bemidji State will lead in every dimension of human endeavor. They will strengthen Minnesota's economy and our global competitiveness, and they will contribute to the quality of life that keeps Minnesota and this nation strong."

Spanning five years that began on July 1, 2011, Imagine Tomorrow is



MnSCU Chancellor Steven Rosenstone speaks at the Sept. 27 Honors Gala.

divided into three major categories of intended investment: \$20 million for scholarships, \$8 million to foster academic excellence, and \$7 million for annual university support. So far, \$11.5 million has been given or pledged for scholarships; \$2.8 million has been designated specifically for academics, \$5.7 million is directed toward annual support, and another \$5.4 million has yet to be designated.

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

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

Woven through the campaign's priority areas are such goals as fostering greater access for

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Trudy Rautio '75, a member of the National Campaign Committee, speaks of fond BSU memories and her satisfaction with Imagine Tomorrow's early success in a campaign video.

### CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

Key areas for investment of contributions:

#### Scholarships – \$20 million

- **Access and Opportunity** – Endowed and annually funded scholarships for financially challenged and first-generation students increase access and help ensure success.
- **STEM Fields** – Support for students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields can help BSU attract students in these fields.
- **Investing in Potential** – Increasing the number of four-year, merit-based scholarships would allow BSU to attract more high-achieving students.
- **Athletics** – Support for endowed scholarships can raise BSU's level of competition and build its athletic reputation and legacy.
- **American Indian Success** – Tuition assistance, academic preparedness and degree completion are crucial to the success of American Indian students.

#### Academic Excellence – \$8 million

- **American Indian Studies** – BSU will attract more faculty, grow as a cultural center and further establish itself as a leader in American Indian Studies.
- **Signature programs** – Accounting, graduate education in business (MBA), entrepreneurship and analytics are among the fields BSU seeks to offer.
- **Visiting Faculty** – Endowed funds can help bring some of the brightest minds to Bemidji to benefit students and the community.
- **International Experiences & Academic Programming** – Gifts will support exemplary academic programming and international opportunities.
- **Departmental Endowments** – Gifts designated for departmental endowments will provide permanent funding for specific enhancements to academic programs.
- **Nursing** – BSU continues to develop one of the premier nursing programs in the northern United States. Gifts will build visibility and resources for the program.
- **Leadership Academy** – BSU's proposed leadership academy would teach an interdisciplinary approach to leadership, including significant real-world experiences.

#### Annual Support – \$7 million

- **Lakeside Scholarship Program** – An annual gift of \$1,000 establishes a Lakeside Scholarship named for the donor, helping attract talented students to BSU.
- **BSU Lakeside Fund** – Undesignated gifts to the Lakeside Fund provide powerful flexibility to support students, primarily through scholarships.
- **Beaver Athletics** – Gifts give coaches tools they need to recruit, provide skill and strength training and bolster the university's athletic reputation.

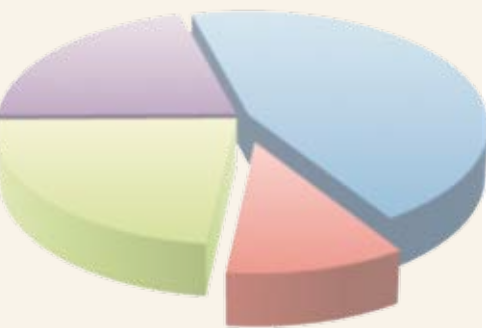




Dave Sorensen

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**— DAVE SORENSEN '72  
Chair, Campaign Steering Committee**



**BREAKDOWN OF GIVING**

Designations by category for \$25.4 million received or pledged to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign as of Sept. 16, 2013:

- Gifts awaiting designation – 21%
- Lakeside Fund and all other – 23%
- Academic support – 11%
- Scholarships – 45%

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students regardless of their socioeconomic background, increasing opportunities for Native American students, providing a transformative experience in and out of the classroom, maintaining athletic competitiveness, and ensuring that Bemidji State has the technology, talent and resources to deliver distinctive, world-class education.

**Early success builds confidence**

Hanson said the university's enrollment and finances are stable. Its campus continues to evolve, including the prospect of Minnesota bond funding money to complete a renovation of 73-year-old Memorial Hall as a cutting-edge home for the business and accounting programs. BSU also has a clear path to an outstanding future, he said, thanks in large part to Imagine Tomorrow.

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

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

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

time, but also their ideas and personal connections."

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

"Before long, we were already at \$10 million," he said. "There was kind of a wow factor: 'Maybe we can make this happen!'"

As the campaign enters its public phase, volunteer and university leaders and fund-raising staff will reach out to prospective donors across BSU's 40,000 living alumni, as well as to BSU employees, students, retirees and people throughout northern Minnesota who recognize what a difference the university makes.

"We have a great start, but we're not celebrating yet," Bollinger said. "The next three years are going to involve a lot more work — traveling and meeting with volunteers — than the first two."

Those who have already made the decision to invest in the campaign are setting an example for others, whether they are able to give \$500 or \$5 million, he said: "The feeling is just as good for both."

One of those pacesetters is Mike Roberge '90, president and global investment officer for MFS Investment Management in Boston, which administers assets worth more than \$400 billion.

Roberge and his wife, Tracy, last year made a \$1 million gift to Imagine Tomorrow, and he is also serving as chair of the National Campaign Committee, a 20-member group of influential alumni and friends from across the country.

During the committee's opening meeting on the afternoon before the gala, and again that evening, he recounted how his own experiences as a Bemidji State student inspired him to get involved at a high level.

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



Rob Bollinger

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**— ROB BOLLINGER  
BSU Executive Director for University Advancement**

"The reason that I wanted to give back to Bemidji was the education I got here," he said. "I've had to work alongside graduates from Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge — all the best universities in the world — and I've always been able to compete. I never felt like I couldn't measure up to people coming from these backgrounds."

Others on the national committee echoed Roberge's perspective.

Jon McTaggart '83, CEO of Minnesota Public Radio and American Public Media, recounted how he and his wife, Deb '83, a music therapist, were the first in their families to graduate from college.

"BSU really made that possible," McTaggart said, "both with financial aid and scholarships. We are here to do whatever we can to make sure that kids who need scholarships to attend can have that help."

Added Pamela Rodriguez '78, president of TASC, Inc., a Chicago-based case management agency that serves adults and youth with mental health and

substance abuse disorders: "Bemidji State is the story I tell about how I got to where I am."

In his closing remarks at the gala, Hanson cited the university's "proud heritage" of producing successful graduates who cherish lifelong memories of their years in Bemidji.

"This campaign will provide the resources necessary to take us to the next step in fulfilling the dreams of those students who come here and say, 'Can you help me?' " he said. "It's a transformational outcome, and we're ready to make that step. We just need a little help from you."

**TO GET INVOLVED**

To learn more about the Imagine Tomorrow campaign and how you can help as a donor, a volunteer or both, contact Rob Bollinger, executive director for university advancement, at (218) 755-4147 or rbollinger@bemidjistate.edu.

**FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI LEADERS**



*"I honestly believe our alumni, parents and friends have been waiting for an opportunity to 'pay forward' and invest in the future of*

*our institution and its students. Combine that with a committed volunteer BSU Foundation Board and campaign committee, plus forward-thinking administration, faculty and staff, and you have a powerful formula for success!"*

**— JEFF KEMINK, president,  
BSU Foundation Board of Directors**



*"BSU has an opportunity to become a premier university that is responsive to the needs of students in the 21st century. As alums,*

*we understand firsthand what a difference a quality university education can make. We can help the university continue to shape lives well into the future."*

**— MIKE SPRY '83, president,  
BSU Alumni Board of Directors**



President Richard Hanson is joined by individuals who have given or pledged at least \$1 million to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign: (from left) Joe Lueken, Mary Jo Falk, Bruce Falk '71, Robin Kelleher '72, Tracy Roberge and Mike Roberge '90.



# EDUCATION REPLACES FEAR WITH CONFIDENCE

By Sarah Asp Olson

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

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

A quick glance at her resume today will tell you Kelleher not only *could* succeed, she has. Her impressive list of titles, past and present, include: music educator; real estate developer; past president of the BSU Foundation Board; champion for conservative candidates and causes in Minnesota; employment law attorney; former deputy commissioner of labor and industry; breast cancer survivor and

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– ROBIN KELLEHER '72

avid supporter of Susan G. Komen for the Cure; and world traveler who counts Vietnam, Cuba and China among her favorite destinations.

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

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

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

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

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

"I enjoyed that immensely, but then I felt like I wanted to learn something new," she said.

After she left teaching, Kelleher moved into the field of real estate. She worked for several years as a realtor with Coldwell Banker and later founded Credit River Developers with her then husband, Tom. Together they developed a 123-lot residential project in Savage, Minn., with great success.

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

Kelleher graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1995 and was hired as a labor employment law attorney at

## SCHOLARSHIP GIVING

With a goal of \$20 million, the Imagine Tomorrow campaign will triple the number of endowed scholarships awarded to BSU students, providing access to high-quality education and assisting in recruitment of the highest-achieving students.

the Edina law firm Seaton, Peters and Revnew, where she still works today.

"Because of the support and encouragement I received from faculty and others at BSU, I was able to set aside fears, gain confidence and take on risks and challenges I otherwise would not have been able to—including attending law school and pursuing a legal career," she said.

A strong proponent of education, Kelleher has made it a point to give generously of her time and resources to her alma mater in order to give future generations of students the opportunities she took advantage of.

In addition to serving on BSU's Foundation Board from 2004 to 2010 – two of those years as president – she now serves on the Nominations Committee and is a member of the Real Estate, Strategic Planning and Imagine Tomorrow Campaign steering committees. Kelleher has also designated a generous planned gift to the university and funds two scholarship endowments, one of which is earmarked for graduates of her former high school, Clearbrook/Gonvick.

"There are many students in that area that have great potential who want to go to college but maybe feel they can't," she said. "My scholarships don't pay [in full] for a college education, but might be the impetus for a student deciding to give it a try."

Who knows where that initial bump of support will lead? As Kelleher herself found, education is the ticket to unlimited possibilities.

"I believe education is the most important investment that one can ever make with their money," she said. "That's not an original statement from me. Our orchestra conductor said that to our class 40 years ago. I internalized it, and to this day I believe that is true. That's why I choose to give back."



Robin Kelleher '72

**RESIDENCE:** Burnsville

**OCCUPATION:** Labor Employment Law Attorney at Seaton, Peters and Revnew

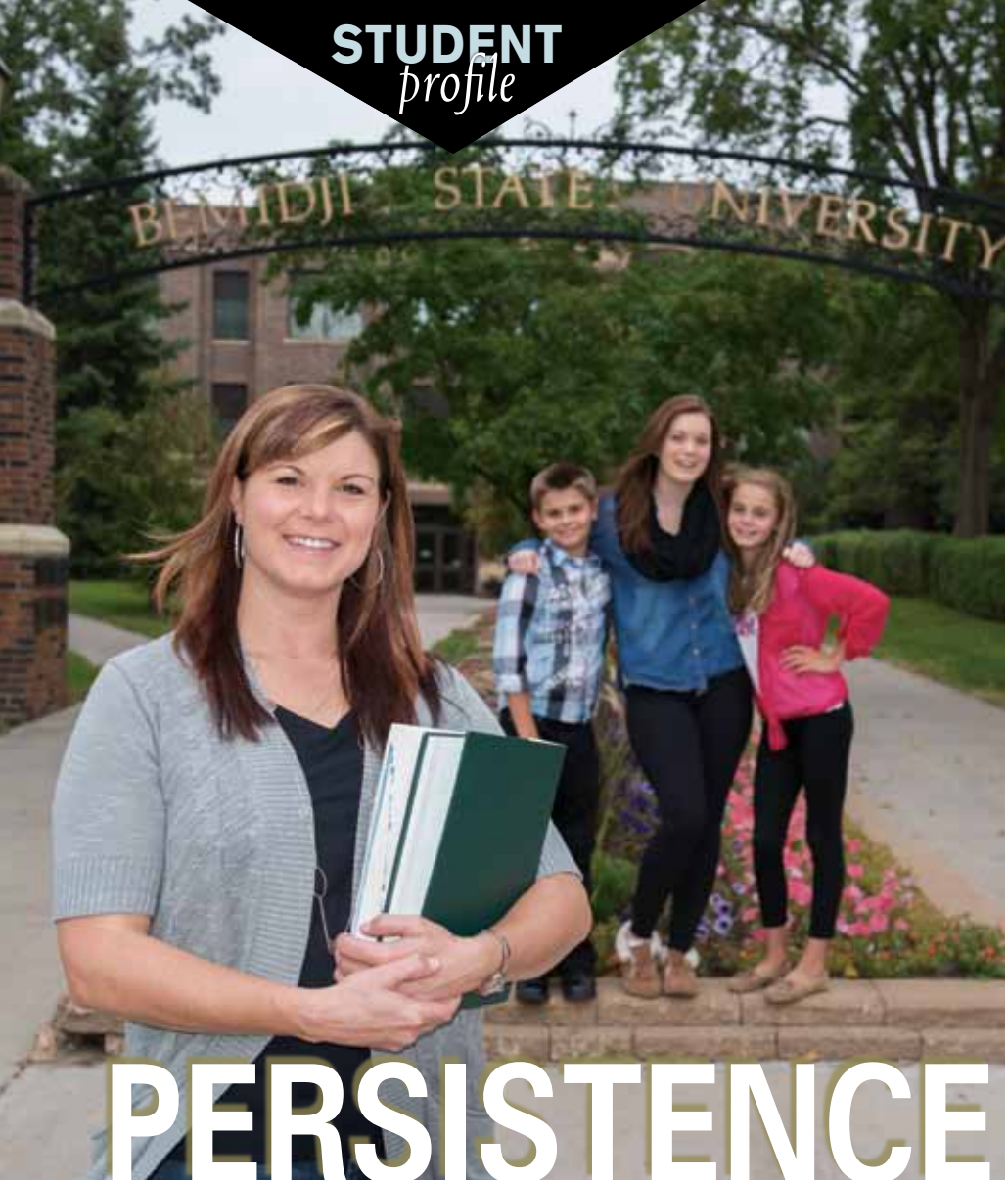
**BSU CONNECTION:** Graduated in 1972 with a degree in instrumental music. Served on the Foundation Board both as a member and as president. Currently serves on Real Estate, Nominating, Strategic Planning and Imagine Tomorrow Campaign steering committees.

**BSU SUPPORT:** Created two separate scholarship endowments, one of which is renewable for four years.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Robin Kelleher enjoys playing the piano in her Burnsville home.





# PERSISTENCE

## BREAKS DOWN OBSTACLES

*"I learned that working full-time as a single mother and trying to go to school wasn't going to work. Not if I wanted to do well."*

— ANDRIA RAYNBIRD

By Cindy Serratore

**A** complicated life hasn't stopped Andria Raynbird from pursuing her dream of getting a college education. She just had to wait for the right opportunity.

Raynbird, who grew up in Winnipeg, Man., dropped out of high school for a full-time job following her parents' divorce when she was 16. She completed her GED in 1996 at the age of 21 and enrolled in a Winnipeg university while caring for her infant daughter.

"I learned that working full-time as a single mother and trying to go to school wasn't going to work," she said, "not if I wanted to do well."

Instead, Raynbird earned a laboratory assistant certificate and joined the staff of a private clinic, where she worked for 10 years. Her experience inspired her interest in nursing, so she tried once

Andria Raynbird stands in front of the BSU Alumni Arch with her children, Jaden, Victoria and Samara.

more to attend college but couldn't get the student loans she needed. Then in 2009, a door opened for her at Bemidji State University.

Her mother, Dr. Carla Norris-Raynbird, completed her doctorate, and joined the Bemidji State faculty, which allowed Raynbird a tuition waiver. Still, committing to school wasn't easy. Raynbird, now the mother of three, used her savings and a small inheritance to move her younger two children with her to Bemidji. Her oldest daughter wanted to finish high school in Winnipeg, where she graduated this spring. Then in 2011, Raynbird won the Amelia Dalzotto Memorial Scholarship, which helped pay for textbooks. An on-campus tutoring job and support from her mother also helped.

Previously denied a formal education, Raynbird embraced academic life. In May, she graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in nursing and a minor in psychology.

Her youngest children, Samara, 10, and Jaden, 9, cheered her on through late-night study sessions and weekends of paper writing. "My youngest daughter is 10 going on 30, and she would always say, 'We know it's going to pay off,'" Raynbird said.

Dr. Jeanine Gangeness, dean of the Bemidji School of Nursing, described Raynbird as an exemplary student who has pursued diverse liberal studies.

Nursing is a highly intense experience, and she excelled," Gangeness said.

While at BSU, Raynbird studied Spanish for a month in Argentina and spent two weeks this spring in a nursing outreach program in poor rural villages of Belize. There, she witnessed an effort to incorporate modern medical knowledge into a culture of strong traditional medicine. Her experience spurred her interest in plants and their medicinal properties.

She also enjoys mental health nursing and completed her capstone experience in a behavioral health hospital.

In October, Raynbird launched her career as a nurse at Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, proving her daughter right – the hard work did pay off. Eventually, she plans to pursue a master's degree to become a nurse practitioner.

"In nursing, there is always more to learn," said Raynbird, who is grateful for the open door she found at Bemidji State.



Irvin Engebretson on a balcony at his home in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

# PURSuing A LIFELONG VISION of SUCCESS

By Sarah Asp Olson

**A**t age 10, Irvin E. Engebretson '61 set a goal for himself: He wanted to be a millionaire.

It was a lofty ambition, especially for a young boy growing up poor in Fosston. Engebretson's mother washed clothes, scrubbed floors and babysat to bring in an income. By the time he was 10, he had a job of his own. "I used to deliver papers in the snow in northern Minnesota; did that for 10 years," he said. "I learned that you've got to work hard at all times, and you have to work harder to get where you want to go."

When it came time to choose a college, Bemidji State was a natural fit.

"My brother is three years older than I am, so I followed his footsteps like I had for 18 years," Engebretson said. "Anything he did, I did."

Engebretson worked two jobs to put himself through college – one at a clothing store and a second at a restaurant/pool hall. He commuted from Fosston, often hitching rides. All the while, he kept his eye on his ultimate goal and put his hard-learned work ethic to use.

"Because I was commuting, I didn't get too involved in any activities in Bemidji," Engebretson said. "I would get back early in the afternoon and I'd work in one place, then at night I worked in another place, then I would go to bed and get up at 6 o'clock and drive to Bemidji."

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

By the end of his time at Bemidji State, Engebretson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in

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**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

With a goal of \$8 million to promote academic excellence, the Imagine Tomorrow campaign will help attract outstanding faculty, strengthen signature programs and expand international experiences, among other priorities.

economics – a deliberate departure from his brother’s path.

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

Engebretson’s first job out of college was as a buyer in the catalogue division at Montgomery Ward in Minneapolis. He went on to work for Cargill, Inc., and eventually moved to Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he spent the bulk of his career at a computer company, CRAY Research. He rose through the ranks in the financial department at CRAY, and in 1982 he achieved his goal when his stock exceeded \$1 million.

Engebretson retired in 1994 at age 55. Five and a half decades after that 10-year-old from Fosston promised himself he’d make a million, he had risen to senior director of finance at CRAY and reached his goal many times over. Now 75, the avid golfer who enjoys poker and shooting trap is able to use his hard-earned wealth to help others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Irvin E. Engebretson ‘61**

**RESIDENCE:** Chippewa Falls, Wis.

**BACKGROUND:** Retired Senior Director of Finance, CRAY Research

**BSU CONNECTION:** Graduated in 1961 with a degree in business administration. Legacy Society member since 2011.

**BSU SUPPORT:** Planned gift to BSU business and accounting departments for technology needs.



Irvin Engebretson enjoys having a collection of memorabilia in his den.



REACHING OUT,  
**GIVING BACK**

By Cindy Serratore

**D**r. Leah Carpenter ‘85 is an advocate for education, especially for students living on American Indian reservations who sometimes feel a college education is beyond their reach. “On a personal level, education has been my ticket out of poverty, and I will promote education wherever and whenever I can,” said Carpenter, 3M endowed chair of accounting for Bemidji State University.

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

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

“It was quite a cultural shock for me at so many different levels,” Carpenter said. “But the biggest shock was the class difference. My roommate would go skiing on the weekends with the Kennedys. The whole New England

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– DR. LEAH CARPENTER





**Dr. Leah Carpenter assists students in her accounting course, "Financial Info for Life."**

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environment was different, but the academics were phenomenal."

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

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

"I decided if I was going to give back to the community, I could make a greater contribution by becoming an educator," said Carpenter, who guided the tribal college through an accreditation process and the construction of a new college campus. "That's some of the work that I'm most proud of."

Her success inspires students like Donovan Sather, an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, who graduated from Bemidji State in 2012 with a degree in Indian Studies and a minor in Ojibwe. Carpenter is one of his role models.

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

A single parent of three boys, he enrolled at the Red Lake College at age 33 and then transferred to BSU. Sather excelled, graduating with honors. He and a classmate were named BSU American Indian Students of the Year. "I thought I was too poor to go to school, growing up on the rez," Sather said. "Now, I've been able to succeed beyond my expectations. For Leah to do what she has done has given me courage to continue."

Sather, a re-entry program coordinator and job counselor, is working on his master's degree in tribal administration and government at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and then plans to pursue a doctorate. His dream job: to teach American Indian history.

This fall, Sather was back on campus to share his story as part of a panel of American Indian alumni coordinated by Carpenter. He and Carpenter also belong to the BSU American Indian Alumni chapter. The group raises funds for scholarships and to purchase stoles embroidered with an Ojibwe floral design that American Indian students wear at commencement.

Partially funded by the 3M Corporation, Carpenter's position at Bemidji State combines teaching responsibilities with

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

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

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

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

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

When asked to serve on the steering committee for BSU's Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign, Carpenter didn't hesitate. She also made a gift of her own.

"My contribution is the largest contribution that I've ever made anywhere," she said. "I'm committed to this university because it really did transform my life and the lives of a lot of my students."

Now a grandmother of five, Carpenter has plenty of reasons to be proud. But she's joyous when her students go back to their communities and inspire "aunties and cousins" and others to pursue education.



**Dr. Stephen Vogt in the lobby of the Mesirov Financial Conference Center in downtown Chicago.**

**DONOR**  
profile

# TAKING EARLY LESSONS TO HEART

**By Sarah Asp Olson**

**T**he son of a general contractor in Truman, Dr. Stephen Vogt '85 arrived at Bemidji State with a clear goal in mind.

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

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

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

In addition to exposing him to the philosophical and practical side of economics, professors like Johnson and Bob Ley fueled Vogt's passion and encouraged his natural inclination toward hard work.

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**- DR. STEPHEN VOGT '85**

**ANNUAL SUPPORT**





**Dr. Stephen Vogt, Ph.D. '85**

**RESIDENCE:** Green Oaks, Ill.

**OCCUPATION:** Chief investment officer at Mesirow Advanced Strategies, Inc., a subsidiary of Mesirow Financial Holdings, Inc.

**BSU CONNECTION:** Graduated in 1985 with a double major in economics and math. Serves on the Investment Committee for the BSU Foundation and the National Campaign Committee.

**BSU SUPPORT:** Annual gifts and support for the Lakeside Fund.

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"When they pushed you so hard, it was from a viewpoint that excellence is not entitled, it's something you achieve through hard work," he said.

That message played itself out over and over in Vogt's life as he built a successful career in the field of economics, starting with earning a doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis.

"Twenty-five started in the program; five of us finished," he said. "By the way, the smartest five weren't the five that finished. I would say the most doggedly persistent ones were the ones that got through it."

Vogt went on to teach in the economics department at Chicago's DePaul University, where over a decade-long career he earned tenure, taught, published and actively consulted for the private sector. He also put into practice much of what he'd learned from his professors at Bemidji State.

"The thing that was constantly reinforced to me over the years was that there are good students everywhere," he said. "At Bemidji, the excellence you obtained was excellence you worked for. When I taught at DePaul, that's exactly what I tried to convey to kids. You're going to achieve by the amount of work you put in and become excellent by how hard you go after things."

In 1999, Vogt left DePaul when Mesirow Advanced Strategies, Inc., a subsidiary of Mesirow Financial Holdings, Inc., invited him to come aboard full time as its chief investment officer.

"I probably had done as much in academia as I could expect to do, so the next 10 years would have been like the first 10 years," Vogt said of his decision to leave academia. "I told my wife, if this doesn't work out I might end up back in Truman, Minn., pounding nails with my dad."

It did work out. In fact, in the nearly 15 years since Vogt arrived at Mesirow, his group has gone from managing less than \$1 billion in assets to more than \$14 billion, even amid the recent economic recession.

"It's not me but the whole group," he said. "It was a very challenging time. ... I was proud of

## ANNUAL SUPPORT

With a goal of \$7 million for annual support, the Imagine Tomorrow campaign will provide scholarships through the Lakeside Scholarship program and provide flexibility to meet a variety of needs through the Lakeside Fund.

the way we were able to get through it all and come out the back side intact."

But even successfully weathering the economic recession doesn't top Vogt's list of his proudest accomplishments.

"This is going to sound cliché, but the biggest thing is I've got a lovely wife who is committed and four God-fearing children at home who seem to be healthy and happy," he said. "That's been the best thing."

Vogt looks back on the experiences and mentors that shaped his four years at Bemidji State with gratitude. In addition to engaged faculty, Vogt, an avid outdoorsman, also believes the "university in the pines" played a role in his academic success.

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

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

"I'm also on the Investment Committee for the BSU Foundation, and the president asked me to be on the National Campaign Committee as well," he said. "I really believe each person is responsible for their own direction in life, but you can always say thank you. For me, it's as simple as that. It's what I'm supposed to do, and it's a very easy way to say thank you."

## STUDENT profile



**Todd Jones finds time for music and accounting.**

# FINDING VALUE IN BALANCE

By Cindy Serratore

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

Raised in Monticello, Jones joined his first choir in fourth grade and has been singing ever since.

"Music is a big part of my life – it's my release," said Jones who, for different reasons, also enjoys accounting.

"I like the feeling of going through a long problem – long and tedious, and you're not having a good time, but then you get it done and you know it's right," he said. "That feeling of satisfaction is amazing."

Jones is pursuing an emphasis in accounting information systems and a minor in business administration. To keep life balanced, he sings with the community-based Bemidji Chorale and also sang three years with the BSU Varsity Singers. In the summers, he sings with the Great Northern Union Chorus, an auditioned, men's a cappella chorus based in the Twin Cities.

While music is his passion, accounting is his vocation.

"I really like numbers, and everybody needs accountants, so it was a good fit," Jones said. "Once I started taking classes, I realized how much I really like the business and computer part of it, too."

Four years ago Jones was ready to attend a larger university, but then his parents' tax accountant suggested BSU. It turned out to be a good tip.

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

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

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

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

Jones used his \$400 award to pay for books. He puts himself through school with his academic adviser position, student loans and two part-time summer jobs. He appreciates the scholarship.

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

When he graduates, he hopes to launch his career in the Twin Cities area so he can continue to sing with the Great Northern Union Chorus.

For Jones, a balanced life is a good life.

## ANNUAL SUPPORT





Dr. Bruce Falk and his wife, Mary Jo, stand on a deck overlooking their backyard in Salol.

# NEVER LETTING GO of **SCHOOL SPIRIT**

*"I've gone to grade school, high school, college, dental school – I guess I feel much more connected to my Bemidji years. Many of those people are still my best friends, more so than any other era of my life."*

– DR. BRUCE FALK '71

By Sarah Asp Olson

**D**r. Bruce Falk '71 and his wife, Mary Jo, are as common a sight in the stands of Bemidji's Sanford Center on men's hockey game nights as Beaver green and white. The couple travels the two hours from their farm in Salol for nearly every home series. They even have a condo in Bemidji where they stay after games.

Falk, a dentist who operates his office out of his home, played four years as a wing for the Beavers. He looks back on his time with fondness.

"A lot of what reconnected me [to BSU] even now is the hockey program," he said. "We still have some great friendships from those years just because of all the time we shared together."

Falk and his teammates earned four successive NAIA national titles between 1968 and 1971, a feat that would surely bring any team together. But it was the discipline and tough love of coach R. H. "Bob" Peters that Falk credits with his team's success on the scoreboard and long-lasting camaraderie.

"I think I'll always go back to Coach Peters," he said. "Even to this day, we go back to reunions for the whole school, and there are groups from all eras who are all together. I think it's something Coach Peters has been very influential in – making sure you grow to be teammates."

In addition to the team titles, Falk was named Most Valuable Player of the NAIA National Tournament and All-American in '71. After graduation, he went on to play in the 1972 International University Sports Federation games for the United States.

Falk said Peters' drive and encouragement also gave him a foundation for his career once he left BSU.

"He was very disciplined," he said. "Maybe I had some of that drive before, but I think he reinforced it to work hard and make sacrifices. That carried over in my personal life, going on to dental school. You had to stay disciplined and work hard and be focused and have that end goal."

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

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

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

"There's a group of us up here that play a couple nights a week," he said. "We go to Florida every spring and play in a U.S. national tournament down in Tampa Bay. We've won that the last five years."

## BEAVER ATHLETICS

Within the \$7 million goal for annual support, the Imagine Tomorrow campaign will help fund athletic scholarships and provide resources to strengthen the competitiveness of BSU Athletics and elevate the student-athlete experience.

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

"I've gone to grade school, high school, college, dental school – I guess I feel much more connected to my Bemidji years," he said. "Many of those people are still my best friends, more so than any other era of my life."

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

"I've always said Coach Peters has been a very big influence in my life, giving me the opportunity and chance to let me play and develop," Falk

said. "Those first years, he could easily have cut me. He didn't. He gave me that chance, and hopefully over those years I did prove that I was worth saving. I'd just like to see it continue, maybe give someone else the chance I had."

## Dr. Bruce Falk, D.D.S. '71

**RESIDENCE:** Salol

**OCCUPATION:** Dentist

**BSU CONNECTION:** Graduated in '71 with a degree in biology, played wing for four-time NAIA champion hockey program. Inducted into the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Former Alumni Board member, current Foundation Board member.

**BSU SUPPORT:** Established an endowment, with a current gift to fund scholarships for men's hockey players and freshmen from Roseau.



Dr. Bruce Falk practices dentistry in an office he added onto his home.

## ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP





# SUSTAINING A PASSION FOR VOLLEYBALL

By Cindy Serratore

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

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

Even so, volleyball has been a defining experience for Craig, a six-foot-tall middle blocker.

On June 17, 2010, she was in the middle of a preseason high school game in Bemidji when the Wadena fans started getting calls that a tornado had struck their town. It leveled 20 city blocks, damaging the high school beyond repair, and destroying the home of the Wadena volleyball coach, who had two daughters on the team.

As the community rallied to rebuild, the volleyball team rallied, too, thrilling fans with an undefeated season and a Class AA State Championship.

"Everybody came to watch our games," said Craig, who led the team with 213 blocks. "We had to play in the elementary school and people sat in folding chairs. It was amazing, and that was when I really started loving volleyball."

That spring, Craig and two of her Wadena teammates – Kelsi Crawford and Courtney Volkman – signed with

the Beavers, so the threesome continues to play together. A 4.0 high school student, Craig received an athletic scholarship plus three BSU academic scholarships. "Those funds have helped out a lot because I'm not super pressured to get a job during the season," said Craig, who also works a summer job and gets help from her parents.

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

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

Chadwick said he hopes to increase scholarship funding for volleyball so he can recruit more players like Craig and elevate the team's competitiveness. BSU carries nearly six volleyball scholarships, while the NSIC limit is eight.

Craig finished her sophomore year with a 4.0 GPA and was named the BSU Female Athlete of the Year.

"I'm really happy I'm here," she said.



# B-CLUB CHALLENGE

## ALUMNI ATHLETE FUNDRAISING SEEKS TO RAISE BAR FOR BSU

**B**emidji State University's B-Club for alumni athletes is ramping up fundraising for Imagine Tomorrow with an opportunity intended to boost annual support for all sports.

Called the B-Club Challenge, the program will begin by raising funds for the 2014-15 academic year and will be launched during the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame weekend, Feb. 14-15.

"Our alumni athlete leaders want to start challenging others to give," said Rob Bollinger, executive director for university advancement. "The goal is to continually improve the student-athlete experience at BSU."

Several former athletes have stepped forward with a leadership gift that will match the first year of contributors' own-five year gifts or any new pledge for someone already contributing money to athletics.

This will allow former athletes to spur a greater increase in funding for their team of preference while helping to create more stable and consistent support across the university's 15 intercollegiate teams.

The money can be used for scholarships and to meet other team-by-team priorities, such as recruiting, travel and equipment. Or, rather than designating to a particular sport, donors can permit their dollars to go wherever they're most needed within BSU Athletics, Bollinger said.

Competition among intercollegiate athletic programs for scholarship support, facilities and equipment needs has raised the stakes for Bemidji State, said Tracy Dill, BSU director of intercollegiate athletics.



Bethany Thompson and Lance Rongstad show off their 2013 Student Athlete of the Year awards at the Beaver Nation Celebration on May 2.

"It's about securing the BSU student-athlete experience," Dill said. "In addition to increasing scholarship funds, the experience of being a BSU student-athlete needs to be first class. We are thankful to a group of lead donors who have graciously stepped forward to make the B-Club Challenge a possibility."

The B-Club organizes fund-raising events and presents seniors with a "B" letter on a plaque at the annual Beaver Nation Celebration for student-athletes, signifying their new status as alumni athletes.

"These are the people who wore the green and white," Bollinger said. "They went into the arena for BSU."

### TO GET INVOLVED

Contact Dan Bennett, advancement officer for the BSU Foundation, (218) 755-2827, or email to [dbennett@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:dbennett@bemidjistate.edu).





# LEADERSHIP FOR THE LONG HAUL

*"We've got a wonderful institution in a supportive community that many of us have benefitted greatly from."*

– DAVE SORENSEN '72

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

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

By Sarah Asp Olson

You'd be hard pressed to find a more avid supporter of Bemidji State University's mission and vision than Dave Sorensen.

The retired vice president of worldwide sourcing at General Mills has given generously to Bemidji State and served on the BSU Foundation board since 2004, including two years as president.

Now Sorensen is serving as steering committee chair for BSU's first-ever comprehensive campaign, Imagine Tomorrow.

It's a post that has been more than five years in the making.

In addition to advising foundation staff, he has been spreading his enthusiasm for BSU and rallying alumni, community

members and friends around the mission and vision of the school.

"We really began looking at [a campaign] earnestly in 2008," Sorensen said. "We've got a wonderful institution in a supportive community that many of us have benefitted from greatly."

"How do we try and gain momentum to really move this forward in such a way that we continue to transform lives, much in the same way our lives were transformed?"

As the campaign advances, he is encouraged by the response and is confident that many more alumni and friends will join in support of the institution that has meant so much to them.

STEERING COMMITTEE

# GIVING BOTH TALENT AND TREASURE



By Sarah Asp Olson

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'll be back on campus once a year, so it was a way to broaden my involvement with the university, to donate some time, and hopefully some good ideas and

some leadership to the campaign," Roberge said.

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

With a breadth of experience serving on other non-profit boards and volunteering for a variety of causes, Roberge will also offer support and leadership while helping connect Imagine Tomorrow with interested donors.

"Our job is to make connections, open up doors and allow the people at the university who are good at [fundraising] to go in and execute on those connections," he said. "What I can do, given my experience, is help people get comfortable with doing that."

Mike Roberge '90

**RESIDENCE:** Wayland, Mass.

**CAREER SUMMARY:** President of MFS Investment Management, Boston

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** Serves as president of Boston Security Analysts Society and sits on the board of Horizons for Homeless Children. He also participates in Boston-based non-profits City Year and Jumpstart.

**BSU CONNECTION:** 1990 graduate. He and his, wife, Tracy, fund need-based scholarships for BSU students.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE



## NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE



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**Jeff Wallin '70**  
San Diego, Calif.  
President – San Diego Millenia Consultants, Inc.  
Former BSU Alumni board member

## CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE



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Retired BSU hockey coach

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BSU president emeritus

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Retired president – Northern National Bank  
Former BSU Foundation board member

**Bob Welle**  
Retired president – First National Bank  
Former BSU Foundation board member

## NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVES STEERING COMMITTEE



From left: Dr. Anton Treuer, director of BSU's American Indian Resource Center. Holly Cook Macarro of Temecula, Calif., Dr. Richard Hanson, and Lee Cook of Cass Lake. Not pictured: John Lee of Fridley and Gerald Hill of Oneida, Wis.

## ABOUT THE COMMITTEES

These three committees, formed for the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, are made up of alumni and supporters from across North America. They are advising the BSU Foundation staff, advocating for the campaign and promoting donor participation.





IMAGINE TOMORROW

# HONORS GALA

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'm living proof that you can spend a significant amount of time at the Corner Bar and succeed in life," Roberge said.

Pamela Hovland '83, a member of the Yale University design faculty and recipient of a 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award, also drew a connection to her younger self as she accepted the honor.

She described recently being on a plane to Minnesota and overhearing a young woman a couple of rows back talking excitedly about the small college she attended.

"I kept thinking, I wonder what East Coast school she is speaking of," Hovland said. "And a few minutes later, I overheard again that in fact it was Bemidji State University she was speaking of."

"I couldn't help but think that this BSU student could have been me 30 years ago, flying home from the Big Apple, eager to tell of my journey from the dairy farm in the middle of nowhere in Minnesota to an office on Fifth Avenue and ultimately to a classroom at Yale."



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Clockwise from top: **1.** Dr. Jeremy Fogelson '00 Young Alumni Award recipient; **2.** Professor emeritus Alan Brew, Tom Welle '72, Paulette Welle and Rob Bollinger; **3.** Bob Aitken '75, Jeff Wallin '70, Joe Aitken '72, Gerry Kerr, Margo Curb-Aitken '90; **4.** Dave Sorensen '72, Trudy Rautio '75, President Richard Hanson, Joe and Jeff Lueken; **5.** Maria Antonia Calvo, Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht '01, Chancellor Steven Rosenstone; **6.** Rich '67 and Joyce '68 Siegert, Rob Bollinger.

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

*Award* Created in 1972, the Outstanding Alumni Award is the Alumni Association's highest honor and takes into consideration an alum's professional accomplishments and community service. Including the 2013 honorees, there are 178 Bemidji State alumni who have received this award.

### Thomas Anderson '70



For the past eight years, Tom Anderson has led Minnesota Thermal Science through a period of tremendous development. The Baxter-based business is one of the fastest growing companies in the temperature-controlled packaging industry. Anderson started his career as a CPA with Arthur Anderson and Company. His accounting background, hard work and vision have served him well during his more than 30 years of management and financial experience with both large international corporations and early-stage organizations. He also has served as a board member for several businesses and charitable organizations. Anderson studied psychology and traveled to several European countries as a student in a Bemidji State University-sponsored foreign study program at Manchester College in Oxford, England. According to Anderson, that experience "made me reach further and think I could do more." His status as an honor student at Bemidji State made him eligible for the international experience. Anderson studied accounting and math at BSU and earned an associate of arts degree. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting/business, with honors, from the University of Minnesota. Anderson and his wife, Beth, live in Baxter. They have two grown children, Josh and Kirsten.

### Pamela Hovland '83



In 1983, Pamela Hovland graduated magna cum laude and received a bachelor's degree in design and communications from Bemidji State University. After graduation, the Pelican Rapids native's summer internship turned into a full-time job at a Minneapolis design studio. In 1985, Hovland moved to New York City, where she focused on projects with national and international visibility at well-known corporate identity and branding firms. In 1990, she left corporate America for Yale University where she pursued a master of fine arts degree. Upon completing her post-graduate work, the School of Art immediately appointed her to the faculty, and 20 years later she is the Senior Critic in Graphic Design. During those 20 years, she also has run Pamela Hovland Design, a studio with offices in New York City and Connecticut. Hovland's work has been recognized by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the New York Type Director's Club and the American Center for Design, Émigré, Print, and included in many exhibitions and publications. In 2005, Hovland received the prestigious Rome Prize Fellowship in Design. She lives north of New York City in Wilton, Conn., with her husband, Steven Lawrence, and their teenage son, Henry. She has two grown stepsons, Gregory and Christopher.

### Keith Johanneson (1966-69)



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







# HONORS



Clockwise from top: **1.** Kevin Geerdes '92, Tom Serratore '87, Bob Peters, Tim Dondelinger; **2.** President Richard Hanson, Keith Johannesson, Caroline Norelius; **3.** Melinda Spry '83, Mike Spry '83, James Durbin, Elise Durbin '01.

## YOUNG ALUMNI

### Award

Created in 2011, the Young Alumni Award recognizes significant professional, volunteer and service accomplishments by alumni age 40 or younger.

#### Dr. Jeremy Fogelson '00



Dr. Jeremy Fogelson was a 2000 magna cum laude graduate in chemistry. He received a full-tuition scholarship, funded in part by Joe and

Janice Lueken. The honor student then attended the University of Minnesota Medical School. He did his internship and residency in neurosurgery at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education. He also did a fellowship in Orthopedic Spinal Deformity Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. Currently working as a neurosurgeon at the Mayo Clinic and assistant professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Fogelson recently performed a successful surgical procedure on Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton. The Bemidji native has received many professional honors and awards. He has co-authored numerous papers for national and international publication and is a member of several professional associations. Fogelson and his wife, Megan Fogelson-Dahlby, live in Rochester with their three children, Caleb, Clare and Saul.

#### Carri Jones '03



Education is the key to everything for Carri Jones. While she was a full-time student pursuing degrees in business administration and accounting,

she also worked full-time in the accounting office for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. After five years and two summer school sessions, Jones earned degrees in 2003 and advanced at work, becoming the cash management team leader. Five years later, she was promoted to her first supervisory role as controller. Jones made history in 2012, when she was sworn in as the youngest and first female Chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Her duties include leading the five-member Leech Lake Tribal Council, which oversees nine government divisions, as well as law enforcement services, the tribal college and a K-12 school, and acting as CEO for tribal gaming and small businesses. Jones lives in Cass Lake with her son, Brayden, and daughter, Izabella.

## ALUMNI SERVICE

### Award

Created in 2011, the Alumni Service Award recognizes significant service contributions an alumnus has made to community, state or nation.

#### Kay Mack '86



Kay Mack gave up full-time studies at Bemidji State University when she accepted a position as Beltrami County deputy county treasurer – launching a 36-year career in public service. She continued her education part-time and earned a business administra-

tion degree in 1986 – the same year she was elected county treasurer. When auditor responsibilities were added in 1987, she accepted the dual role and was re-elected for six consecutive terms. She was appointed county administrator in 2012. Her service as a member and officer of the American Legion Auxiliary has been dedicated to veterans and their families. As the Girls State chair for 20 years, she has interviewed countless students for selection to this prestigious program. As PEO scholarship chair, she has coordinated the Julie Ringle Memorial Scholarship for nine years. Her work on the Servants of Shelter Steering Committee has offered relief for Bemidji's homeless. She has contributed years of service on the St. Philip's school board, parish council and in several other leadership and volunteer roles. Other community contributions include: Bemidji Area United Way Board and Campaign, Lakeland Public Television Board, Junior Achievement Board and 10-year mentor, Relay for Life and numerous other groups. Kay and her husband, Larry, live in Bemidji. They have three grown children, Meghan, James and Robert.

# HOMECOMING



**1.** Players and staff from the 2012 North Division Conference Champion football team are recognized at halftime; **2.** Abby '08 and Nate '05 Sannes tailgate with Bucky; **3.** Sam '69 and Peggy '67 Johnson dance at the Beaver Block Party; **4.** Homecoming King Michael Hanson and Queen Dezaray Thoen at the Honors Gala; **5.** Alumni honorary captains: Bill Howe ('40s), Guy Vena ('50s), Duayne Johnson ('60s), Mark Wambach ('70s), Rich Schwartz ('80s), Brad Borkhuis ('90s), Bryan Stoffel (2000s), Dusty Sluzewicz (2010s); **6.** BSU football fans brave chilly, wet weather; **7.** Riding a mechanical bull at the Beaver Rally; **8.** Football players make their traditional plunge after victory over Southwest Minnesota State.







CAMPUS



1. Honors program graduate reception on May 9; 2. Freshman Convocation on Aug. 25; 3. New student orientation on Aug. 23; 4. Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert on Sept. 29; 5. Indoor Farmers Market on Oct. 24; 6. Student senators after highway cleanup on Oct. 5; 7. Hoop dance workshop at American Indian Resource Center on Aug. 23; 8. President Richard Hanson in Bemidji Shrine parade on Sept. 14.

HAPPENINGS

'THE GREEN & WHITE' TO BENEFIT BSU ATHLETICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bemidji State tied with nine other institutions for 92nd in the region among all colleges and universities, and tied for 32nd among the region's public institutions. BSU's overall ranking and ranking among public institutions are both up one position from last year.

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

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

Chet Anderson Stadium gets new turf, more action

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

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

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



Bemidji State welcomes crowd at big scholarship breakfast

The second Bemidji State University Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast on Oct. 12 recognized scholarship recipients, their families and scholarship donors. A total of 550 people attended the event in Memorial Hall, including 195 students.

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

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

"Meeting the recipient of my scholarship was a wow event for me," Busse said, "I realized I was impacting someone's life."



Workers install end zone lettering at Chet Anderson Stadium.





### Norelius is BSU's alumni director

Caroline Norelius joined the BSU Alumni Association as its new director in May. She brings more than 20 years of alumni relations experience to BSU, having grown programs and services at colleges and universities across the country, including University of North Carolina – Wilmington, Western Connecticut State University, Western State Colorado University, the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and her undergraduate alma mater, Eastern Oregon University.



### Guilfoile named academic AVP

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



### Miller to direct graduate studies

Joan Miller, a fixture at Bemidji State for more than 25 years, has been named director of the School of Graduate Studies. She previously monitored the school's 34 graduate assistants across the university; interpreted policies and procedures for the school and for the university's human subjects review board; and oversaw recruitment, admission and retention for BSU's graduate students.



### Pulliam to guide information systems

Jim Pulliam was named chief information officer at BSU in April. He joined the university after spending a year and a half as chief information security officer for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. There, he managed the office's information security team and oversaw policy development, risk management, computer forensics, information architecture, business continuity planning and disaster recovery.

### Students attend first Ojibwe immersion camp

American Indian students participated in a unique experience at Bemidji State this summer, immersing themselves in the heritage of Minnesota's first people during BSU's inaugural Niibinishi Gabeshi (summer camp) program.

The five-day camp, held in July for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who wished to know more about Minnesota's native people, helped students capture the essence of Ojibwe culture with an intensive language program, book readings, workshops and discussions about culture and communication.

### Bemidji School of Nursing expands to Century College

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

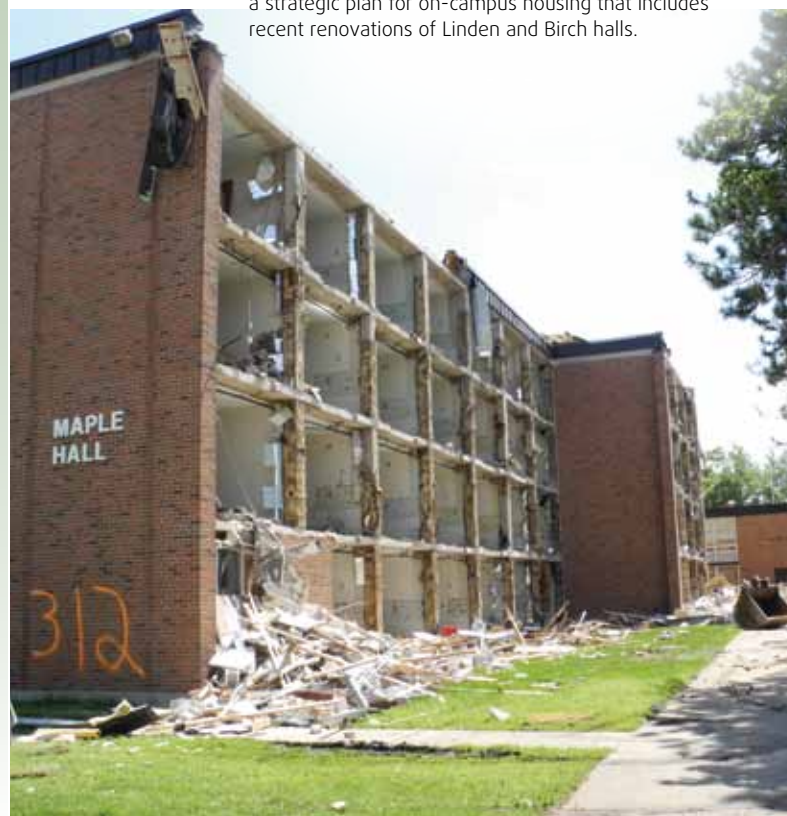
The program offers registered nurses a combination of on-campus and online courses, allowing them to pursue their bachelor's degrees. The Bemidji School of Nursing also includes baccalaureate nursing programs at Bemidji State University and two-year nursing degree programs at Northwest Technical College.

### Maple Hall demolished in cost-saving move

Bemidji State has torn down Maple Hall in work that began July 19 and was largely completed by the end of September.

The 95,000-square-foot residence hall was built in 1967 during a three-year period of growth from 1966-69 that also saw the construction of the A.C. Clark Library, Hobson Memorial Union, Tamarack Hall and Walnut Hall.

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



Lt. Gen. Thomas Waldhauser '76

### Distinguished alumni address graduates

U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Thomas Waldhauser '76 and Moses Tsang '72, addressed BSU graduates, family, friends and honored guests during the university's 94th Commencement in May.

Waldhauser gave the commencement address as the 31st recipient of Bemidji State's Distinguished Minnesotan award. The award, first given in 1981, 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.

Tsang received an honorary doctorate degree and also addressed the Class of 2013. He was honored in recognition for his decades of success in the field of international finance and his tireless efforts to champion the preservation of the Earth's environment and natural resources.

Bemidji State invited 1,032 students to participate in the 2013 Commencement ceremony, including 942 bachelor's degree recipients.

### Tech studies receive ATMAE accreditation

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

BSU's bachelor of science degree in industrial technology was reaccredited, while its bachelor of applied science programs in applied engineering and technology management were accredited for the first time.

### Global Learning Network connects to the world

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

The facility on the third floor of Bridgeman Hall gives BSU the ability to do real-time video conferencing at high-definition resolutions with high-fidelity sound. These GLN classrooms are specifically designed to support language instruction, where video and sound clarity is of utmost importance. The classrooms will allow BSU students to join classes taught in other GLN facilities, or allow students in those facilities to join classes taught at BSU.

The classroom in Bridgeman is the first GLN-equipped facility to become operational at BSU. It is possible that two additional GLN classrooms will be brought online during the academic year.

### BSU hosts exchange students from China

As part of a unique partnership with Bemidji Middle School and CIBT, a Vancouver-based provider of international education opportunities, Bemidji State helped a group of Chinese middle school students spend more than a month being immersed in the culture of Minnesota's north woods.

The students, who stayed with host families in Bemidji, spent several weeks in a day camp on the BSU campus, taking part in research projects, field trips and camping and recreational activities. From there, they went on a sponsored tour and spent two weeks attending classes at Bemidji Middle School.



President Richard Hanson visits with Chinese middle school students on July 30.



Poet Camille Dundy of Colorado State University was a presenter at the Northwoods Writers Conference

### Writers convene for Northwoods Conference

The Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference returned to the Bemidji State campus July 14-19, offering more than 50 writers the opportunity to participate in a six-day series of workshops, readings and collaborations with visiting authors and teachers from across the country.

Workshop topics included poetry, novice poetry fiction and creative non-fiction writing, and for the first time the conference offered a literary translation workshop.

This year's distinguished visiting writer was novelist Ron Carlson, noted novelist, short story writer and director of the graduate program in fiction at the University of California, Irvine. His most recent novel, "The Signal", was published in 2010.





Tracy Dill is pictured in the main hall of the John S. Glas Fieldhouse.



# ATHLETICS IS DILL'S LIFE WORK

By Brad Folkestad

**T**racy Dill's love for athletics began at an early age in the southeast Iowa farming community of Keota, where sports were part of the culture, especially for boys.

"In that era, there weren't a lot of youth sports opportunities, but I had a lot of really good friends who liked competing," said Dill, who in June became Bemidji State's new athletic director. "The older kids were really welcoming and allowed me to compete with them."

*"The opportunity to be director of athletics was important to me. I've always thought this was a university that had tremendous upside. The campus and community are absolutely gorgeous, but more importantly, I've found there are really wonderful people here."*

— TRACY DILL

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

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

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

"My senior year of high school I was involved in a play during the spring and would hit golf balls in the morning, do track practice after school and then go to play practice in the evening," Dill said.

As he began his college years, he was forced to trim his extracurricular participation down to officially only football, although he kept the others on the back burner as hobbies.

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

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

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

In 1988, he and his wife, Kristy, who were new parents to the first of their two sons, took a leap of faith and followed longtime friend Denny Wagner to St. Cloud State University to coach football and pursue a master's degree. Little did they know they would spend the next 27 years calling St. Cloud home.

During his tenure at St. Cloud State, Dill mentored 37 NCAA Division II track and field All-Americans and two individual national champions. On the gridiron, he helped develop 36 All-North Central Conference selections, and his running backs helped the Huskies lead the conference in rushing four times.

In 1995, Dill made the transition into an administrative position while retaining his duties as head men's and women's track and field coach. In 1999, he was promoted to associate athletic director and moved into full-time athletics administration.

When the opportunity presented itself to make the move to Bemidji State last spring, Dill and his wife again took a leap of faith.

"The opportunity to be director of athletics was important to me," he said. "I've always thought this was a university that had tremendous upside. The campus and community are absolutely gorgeous, but more importantly, I've found there are really wonderful people here."

In his short time in Bemidji, Dill has been heavily involved in preparations for the 2013-14 athletic season. His schedule has allowed him to quickly become known within the campus and the community.

"I believe developing relationships is critical to the success of any organization," he said. "It's all about people. It's important to the momentum of a program that everyone is moving in the same direction."

Dill hopes to use those relationships to help shape the future of BSU Athletics as he continues to develop a plan for the department.

"We need to find out what our fans would like to see and then benchmark ourselves against other universities that are similar," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do, but I think we are making progress."

Regardless of his title or location, Dill said two things have remained central to his motivation – a pure love of sports and a commitment to students.

"The reality is, we are all here for the student-athletes," he said. "It is important for me to be a part of what they are doing. It gives me energy."

## Tracy Dill

**POSITION:** BSU Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

**BACKGROUND:** Associate athletic director at St. Cloud State University since 1999, part of 27 years at SCSU, starting as assistant football coach. Previously was assistant football coach, track and field coach and intramural director at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

**EDUCATION:** Holds a bachelor's degree in English from William Penn College and a master's degree in athletic administration from St. Cloud State University.

**PERSONAL:** He and his wife, Kristy, have two grown sons.



Tracy Dill shows off a Beaver hockey jersey presented to him by President Richard Hanson and Bucky the Beaver at an April 25 news conference to announce his appointment as athletic director.





## 19 on NSIC All-Academic Team

Bemidji State landed 19 student-athletes on the 2013 Spring Academic All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Team. To be eligible for the Academic All-NSIC Team, student-athletes must maintain a grade point average of 3.20 or better and be at least a sophomore member of a varsity traveling team. BSU's contingent was led by its baseball team, which had seven student-athletes recognized for academic accomplishment. BSU also had six members from its women's outdoor track and field team honored, while three softball players, two members of the tennis team and a women's golfer were selected for the honor.

## Kalis earns All-America honor



Baseball senior Logan Kalis (1B/OF/RHP, Little Falls) became the second BSU baseball player in two years to earn All-America honors, as he was placed on the Daktronics NCAA Division II Baseball All-America Third Team as a utility player/pitcher. Kalis, an All-NSIC First Team and Daktronics All-Central Region First Team pick, concluded his senior season with a .333 batting average, .515 slugging percentage and .418 on-base percentage. He totaled 57 hits, 34 RBIs and 28 runs scored. In addition, he had 11 assists with just three errors in the field. Kalis made 11 appearances on the mound, posted a 4-3 record with four starts and led the team with a 1.66 ERA. The right-hander struck out 42 batters in 43.1 innings pitched.

## Hunt signs with Oilers organization



Former Bemidji State University defenseman Brad Hunt (2008-11) agreed to terms with the National Hockey League's Edmonton Oilers, making him part of the Oilers organization through the 2014-15 season. Hunt, who originally inked to a professional Amateur Tryout Contract with the American Hockey League's Chicago Wolves, led Chicago to the Calder Cup playoffs following his senior season at BSU. In 2012-13, he posted 33 points on four goals and 29 assists, tied for fourth on the team and leading the Wolves' defensemen, and earned a spot on the AHL's Western Conference All-Star Team.

## Walters continues playing in Germany



Following his senior season at BSU, former Beaver basketball forward Mason Walters (2009-12) signed a pro contract with Bodfeld Baskets Oberharz in Germany. Walters averaged 14.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in 2012-13, helping the Beavers to an 18-12 record. He became the 17th

player in BSU history to score 1,000 career points and left the program eighth on BSU's all-time rebounding charts with 507.



## Mulvihill inducted into the NSIC Hall of Fame

In July, former BSU women's basketball and track and field standout Elizabeth "Liz" Mulvihill was inducted into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame.

An All-NSIC and All-NAIA District 13 selection, Mulvihill was BSU's leading rebounder during each of her final three seasons on the Beaver basketball squad. She guided the team to an 83-30 overall record, a pair of NSIC regular-season titles and three NAIA post-season appearances. The 2013 BSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductee remains third at BSU in career steals (238), third in rebounds (836) and sixth in scoring (1,276).

She also was a four-year letterwinner and two-time team captain in track and field. Mulvihill earned All-America honors in 1986, 1987 and 1988 and was national shot put champion in 1988.

## Baumann joins Academic All-America



Shortstop Lewis Baumann, a senior from Colorado Springs, Colo., was named to the Capitol One NCAA Division II Academic All-America® Baseball Second Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The first BSU baseball player to earn Academic All-America honors, Baumann was a

first-team All-NSIC selection after finishing the 2013 campaign among the league's top 10 in five offensive categories, including batting average (3rd, .397), slugging percentage (4th) and total bases (5th). He also contributed to 22 double plays, tied for fourth in the NSIC, and was seventh in the league with 99 assists.

Baumann graduated from BSU in May with a degree in exercise science.

## SPRING SPORT RECAPS:

**BASEBALL** finished its 2013 season with a 25-22 record, tied for the second-most wins in program history. After posting a 13-13 NSIC record and earning the No. 8 seed in the NSIC Tournament, the Beavers made a run to the NSIC Tournament Championship before falling to the Central Region's top-ranked team, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Head coach Tim Bellew was named NSIC Coach of the Year, while five players earned all-conference awards. Logan Kalis from Little Falls and Lewis Baumann from Colorado Springs, Colo., were both named first-team all-conference ... **MEN'S GOLF** competed in eight events in 2012-13 and finished in the top five on four occasions. Prior Lake sophomore John Hafdal was named First Team All-NSIC ... **WOMEN'S GOLF** finished ninth at the 2012-13 NSIC Championships behind a 23rd-place finish from Monica Wold, a freshman from Crookston ... **SOFTBALL** played its entire 2013 season on the road due to weather, finishing 8-38 overall with a 2-28 mark in NSIC play ...

**TRACK AND FIELD** set four BSU outdoor records in 2013 and capped its season with an 11th-place finish at the NSIC Championships. Senior Taylor Sautbine from Tamarack set the BSU record in the 100m at 12.19 seconds; Tina Larson, a senior from Morris, set a new mark in the 1,500m run with a time of 4:45.30, and senior Ashley Larva, from Floodwood, completed the 100m hurdles in 14.41 seconds to break her own school record. Sautbine and Larva combined with Chisholm sophomore Tia Lindberg and Sara Melom, a freshman from Dawson, to set the BSU standard with a 48.48 mark in the 4x100m relay.

## FALL SPORT UPDATES

**SOCCER** kicked off its 2013 season with a trip to Costa Rica. In addition to competing against some of the country's top young soccer talent, the team volunteered at a center for underprivileged youth and made time for sightseeing excursions such as white-water rafting. The team, led by 2013 NSIC Preseason Players to Watch Mary O'Brien and Sam Lumberg, was tabbed sixth in the league's preseason coaches' poll. BSU opened its season with four consecutive wins for just the third time in the program's history, including a 2-0 home record ... **FOOTBALL** was picked to finish fourth in the NSIC North Division and sixth overall in the league in a pre-season vote by the league's coaches. Avery Walker and Matthew Shaver each were named NSIC Players to Watch. BSU kicked off its season in remarkable fashion, rallying from a 27-3 first-half deficit at Winona State. The Beavers scored 31 unanswered points and won in overtime, 34-31, for their first win in Winona since 1986 ...

**MEN'S GOLF** opened its campaign at the NSIC Preview at Madden's in Brainerd. Hermantown's Josh Becks, Alexander "A.J." Oster from Andover and Bagley's Aaron Leintz join head coach Ekren Miller's program this year ...

**WOMEN'S GOLF**, under the direction of Mark Bagaason, added Maplewood native Victoria Drake, Elk River's Mary Elmquist and Briana Jenniges from Wabasso to the team's 2013-14 roster. The team opened its four-event fall season in September at the Cobber Open in Detroit Lakes ... **CROSS COUNTRY** was picked to finish 11th in the 2013 NSIC Preseason Coaches Poll, with Bingham Lakes native Emily Turner named BSU's Athlete to Watch ... **VOLLEYBALL** was picked 14th in the NSIC pre-season coaches poll with junior Rachel Craig named BSU's Player to Watch. Assistant coach Jerry Hulla, added to Wayne Chadwick's coaching staff in late May, served as head coach of Team Bring It Promotions at the Ninth Annual European Global Challenge, held July 14-18 in Pula, Croatia.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## FOUR JOIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Elise Durbin '01, John Armbrust '76, Troy Poetz '98 and Kathy Hegstrom '72 began their first full terms on the Bemidji State Alumni Association's governing board. The 16-member board sets association policies, develops the annual operating budget and coordinates programs and activities. The board meets three times each year, and members serve four-year terms.

Durbin lives in Bloomington and is the community development supervisor for the City of Minnetonka. Armbrust lives in Woodbury and has been a high school teacher and coach for 36 years. Attorney Poetz hails from St. Cloud. He is a partner at Rajkowski Hansmeier. Hegstrom has more than 40 years experience as an educator. She resides in Brainerd. Contact the Alumni Office for more information on being a part of the Alumni board (877) 278-2586..



## Alumni Association introduces Student Alumni Association

Officers of the new Bemidji State University Student Alumni Association (SAA) are laying the groundwork for their organization. SAA's mission is to link students and alumni in the shared goal of ensuring a bright future for BSU, its students and graduates.

Alumni Association Board President Mike Spry '83 said the organization researched similar groups on other campuses and created SAA to fill a niche at BSU.

"We are excited to bring an organization to campus that builds bridges between current students and BSU grads," Spry said.

SAA officers are: president, Laura Duscher of Little Falls (first year, nursing); vice president of alumni outreach and internships, Kari Cooper of Sauk Rapids (senior, liberal studies); vice president of communications, Halie Westphal of Jordan (senior, mass communication/marketing);

and vice president of on-campus programming, Erin Leary of Arden Hills (sophomore, business). They were chosen based on applications, recommendations and personal interviews.

## Nominations sought for 2014 alumni awards

The contributions that BSU alumni are making to their professions and communities are truly amazing and worthy of recognition.

Each year, the BSU Alumni Association presents alumni awards at the Honors Gala during Homecoming weekend.

The association is seeking input from alumni and friends to recognize Outstanding Alumni, Alumni Service and Young Alumni. Nominations also are being accepted for the 2015 B-Club Athletic Hall of Fame.

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 1 for alumni awards and March 1 for athletic hall of fame. Nomination information and forms are available at [www.bsualumni.org/alumni/awards/](http://www.bsualumni.org/alumni/awards/)



The BSU Alumni Choir performs the National Anthem on June 14 at Target Field in Minneapolis. Formed in 1999, the choir is an all-volunteer group that meets for 10 weeks and performs two concerts each spring and one in the fall. For information, email to [bachoirdeb@gmail.com](mailto:bachoirdeb@gmail.com).



# ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni enjoy a pontoon outing at Cass Lake on July 11, sponsored by the Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter.



Alumni athletes who competed for BSU in men's swimming and diving during the Coach Lee Ahlbrecht era gathered for a reunion to honor their coach on June 22 in Turtle River.



## Individuals, teams to be honored during Athletic Hall of Fame weekend

Bemidji State University will induct six individuals and two outstanding teams into its Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday, Feb. 15, as part of the university's B-Club Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Sanford Center.

BSU's 2014 honorees include: Steve Boss '81 (swimming), Jayne Dusich '91 (cross country and track and field), Mary Gergen '91 (volleyball) and Patti (Fitzgerald) Zwiers '90 (track and field), who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame; the newest recipient of the Alumni Coaching Achievement Award, Duane Sorenson '77 (head coach Iowa State swimming and diving program); and the 2014 John S. Glas Honorary Letter Winner, Sue Engel. In addition, Bemidji State's 1984 national champion men's ice hockey team and the 1974 women's track and field team will be enshrined into BSU's Team Hall of Fame.

## Southwest alumni events planned for spring

Early March is the time BSU alums head toward the sun. Various events will be held in locations near Tucson and Phoenix, Bullhead City, Ariz., and Laughlin, Nev. Laughlin events begin March 8, with an early-bird cocktail party and hospitality suite from 5-7 p.m. at the Aquarius Casino and Resort. Sunday activities begin at 4 p.m. with a reception followed by a social, dinner

and program. A golf outing begins Monday's activities at 10:30 a.m. The weekend's final gathering will begin at 5 p.m.

Visit the events calendar at [www.bsualumni.org](http://www.bsualumni.org) to get details about all Southwest alumni events.

## Reunion planning underway for Eurospring, music and mass comm

The Alumni Association is working with alumni to plan gatherings in 2014 for the following groups: participants in BSU's Eurospring program, music alumni and mass communication graduates.

The tradition of celebrating the 50-year reunion will continue with a dinner on Thursday, May 8, and the Golden Beaver Society Luncheon at 11 a.m. on May 9, both at BSU's American Indian Resource Center. Anyone who would like to plan or participate in these gatherings should contact [alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu) or call 877-278-2586.

## Alumni Leaders panels connect students and professionals

During Homecoming week, the Alumni & Foundation hosted 11 Alumni Leader in the Classroom panels.

More than 380 students got advice and insight from 50 BSU graduates working in education, politics, business, accounting, criminal justice, entrepreneurship, law, mass communication, sport management, science and Native American professions.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Listed in order of class years

Albert W. Fenske, (professor emeritus), St. Paul Park  
 Elvera C. (Johnson) Lundmark '37, Eden Prairie  
 Avanelle "Avie" C. (Gregoire) Kanne '43, Hudson, Wis.  
 Jeanne (Olson) Goemer '45, Darwin  
 Otto E. Mickelson '47, Eagan  
 Donald C. Spencer Ph.D. '47, Placitas, N.M.  
 Helen M. (Tri) Witts '47, Polson, Mont.  
 Lorán H. Eickhoff '53, Pequot Lakes  
 Eindride "Andy" Karlsgodt '54, Alexandria  
 Franklin Bartlett '56, Eau Claire, Wis.  
 David G. Kankel '58, Red Lake Falls  
 Elinor L. (Nordeen) Utech '59, Missoula, Mont.  
 Dennis L. Geiger '60, Georgetown, Texas  
 Paul F. Schmit '60, O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Sidney M. Omlid '61, Kodiak, Alaska  
 George A. Welte '61 & '77, Bemidji  
 Andrew J. Allen '62, Bemidji  
 Elizabeth "Betty" A. (MacGregor) Fossen '62, Aitkin  
 Nicholas S. Kantos '63, International Falls  
 Dorothy I. (Ferrie) Tjolsen '64, Bagley  
 Joseph F. Rezac '65 & '74, Baxter  
 Ethel M. (Hughes) Schumaker '65, Menahga  
 Lucille I. Stearns '65, Ponsford  
 Errol D. Erickson '66, Breckenridge  
 Patricia (Costello) Hazekamp '66, Silverton, Ore.  
 Norman R. Nelson '66, Crosslake  
 John Stimac '66, Portland, Ore.  
 Carl J. Ahlbom '69, Remer  
 William A. Larson '69, Cloquet  
 Wanda M. (Axvig) Melgaard '69, Bemidji  
 Ruth A. (Klein) Oen '69 & '76, Thief River Falls  
 James A. Olson '69, Annandale  
 Elayne M. Sandahl '69, Thief River Falls  
 Clarice M. (Olson) Bren '70, Thief River Falls  
 Ann Marie (Corwin) Kettunen '70, Mountain Iron  
 Roger A. Anderson '72, Minneapolis  
 Frederick L. Hatten '72, St. Cloud  
 Barbara P. Carriker '73, Fargo, N.D.  
 Gary R. Christofferson, '73, Cambridge  
 Richard Tronerud '73, Bagley  
 Kathleen D. Ekholm '74, Cloquet  
 Virginia M. Steuber '74, Crosslake  
 Larry A. Maaninga '75, Hibbing  
 Ronald L. Madson, '75, Bemidji  
 Scott C. Fox '78, Pelican Rapids  
 Ruth E. Torma '78, Virginia  
 Sandra A. (Gurley) Herath '79, Bemidji  
 Lurnel (Paulson) Landrus '79, Fridley  
 Samuel A. Oginni '79, Crystal Lake, Ill.  
 Tracy A. (Trotto) Lane '82, St. Paul  
 Lori K. (Tuft) Wilson '83, Willmar  
 David I. Schaefer '85, Baxter  
 Andrea P. (Mares) Grote '88, North Branch  
 Marian J. Graves '89, Eden Prairie  
 Deborah Y. Marsh '91, Laporte  
 Donna M. Hightshoe-Slough '96, Puposky  
 Karl T. Jacobson '97, Bemidji  
 Laura Prettyman '02, Aitkin  
 Joel T. Wolleat '02, Bricelyn  
 Tracy L. (Depew) Lane '04, La Quinta, Ca.  
 Lars B. Sundberg '08, Goodridge

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

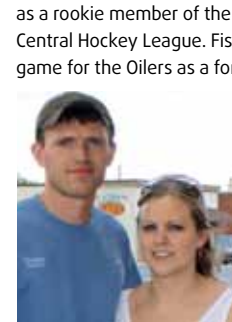
'13



Aliza Lundin

Aliza Lundin has joined the staff at Christianson and Associates as a staff accountant in the assurance and advisory services department. Her husband, **Curtis ('12)**, is substitute teaching in Willmar, where the couple lives.

'12



Alyssa and Zach Waggoner

Drew Fisher scored 40 points last year as a rookie member of the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League. Fisher played in every game for the Oilers as a forward and defenseman ... **Alyssa Waggoner** and her husband, Zach, have purchased the Coaches Corner restaurant in Bagley. Alyssa will operate the restaurant while Zach continues working at Sorensen Motors ... **Jade Hellen** and **Derek Faith** were married last winter and are establishing a home in Hastings ... **Trista Danberg** is a member of an elementary school reading

corps, where she helps young students improve their reading skills in Cokato, which she calls home ... **Lindsey Gullickson** has been hired as an elementary physical education and adaptive physical education teacher at Kittson Central schools in Hallock

... **Airman 1st Class Matthew Zenner** graduated from Air Force basic training in San Antonio, Texas.



Trista Danberg

'11

**Nicole Borwege** has earned a Series 7 general securities registration designation, which qualifies her to solicit, purchase and sell all securities products. She is a financial advisor assistant for the United Investment Group and an investment executive with Infinex Investments. She lives in Faribault ... **Daniel Oswald** finished a summer internship with the congressional office of U.S. Rep. Tim Walz as part of his master of public administration studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He will be a graduate assistant in the MSUM department of government.

'10

**Beth Holzhueter** of Bemidji is the director of the Menahga school band program, which involves 140 students from fifth through 12th grades ... **James Christian** has been hired as a counseling intern at Clarius Health, in Virginia. Christian worked for many years as a youth pastor before pursuing a career as a licensed marriage and



Beth Holzhueter

family therapist. He and his wife, Leslie, live in Hibbing and have raised two sons ... **Cody Bartz** recently completed the Superior Hiking Trail, which runs from Jay Cooke State Park near Duluth and ends 275 miles later at the border west of Grand Portage. The trek took almost 13 days. Bartz is planning to relocate his art career with a move from Bemidji to LaCrosse, Wis... **Christel (Berube) Vigness** of Neilsville was inducted



Christel Vigness

into the Northland Community and Technical College Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in basketball and volleyball ...

'09

**Matt Lienemann** has been hired as a project manager at the Bemidji office of Karvako Engineering, where he will work with sub-contractors to help complete projects on time and within budget.

'08

**Kristine Sellner** was selected Teacher of the Year at Comfrey School. Sellner, who lives in Sleepy Eye with her husband, Marty, teaches visual arts and digital media. The yearbook advisor and website manager, she also served as the district assessment coordinator for three years ... **Marc Johnson** is a K-9 police officer in Duluth. Johnson works with Oakley, a purebred German



Marc Johnson

shepherd that is fully trained to sniff out drugs and pursue suspects. Johnson lives in Duluth ... **Christopher Zempel** traveled to Belize in Central America to study the Mayan culture and the impacts brought on by international business interests as part

of his studies for a master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in Minneapolis ... **Kristine Jacoby** married Andy Carlson last winter. Jacoby manages the Sherwin-Williams store in Virginia, and Carlson works in the forestry division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The couple resides in Britt ... **Navy Seaman Megan Hanson**



Twin sisters **Sarah (Berg) Martinka ('07)** and **Amy (Berg) Haskell ('07)**, both of Bemidji, delivered baby boys within hours of each other on April 23. Sarah works in administration at North Country Business Products, and her husband, **Bryan ('08)**, is a salesman at Chester Berg Toyota. Amy is a credit analyst at First National Bank, while her husband, **Travis ('05)**, is office administrator at Lakes Concrete.

recently completed U.S. Navy basic training in Great Lakes, Ill. Hanson's instruction included naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival.

'07

**Ryan Grow** has been hired by the city of Blackduck as its new community facilitator. Grow, who lives in Bemidji, will evaluate, develop and promote city projects.



Ryan Grow

'06

**Kate (Czarneski) Homstad** serves in the Beltrami County Health and Human Services office as a case manager for families where child safety has become an issue. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, Travis, and two young daughters ... **Nicholas Jackson** presented an interactive workshop in Bemidji



Nicholas Jackson

on graphic designing and drawing techniques. Jackson operates an art and design business that specializes in illustrating books for children. He and his wife, Christina, live in Bemidji with their three children. ... **Jim Paulsen** has been selected to serve on the national investigative standards technical committee of ASIS International, an organization of security professionals from around the globe. A certified protection professional and board-certified as a security manager, Paulsen is building and grounds

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manager at the Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm, which features the people and culture of the Iron Range. His wife, **Shannon ('08)**, is a preschool teacher. The couple has raised three teenage daughters from their Hibbing home ... **Adam Erickson** is a wetland specialist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service field office in Morris, where he lives with a son and his wife, Katie, who works at Glacial Ridge Hospital.

**'05 Beau Lofgren** completed his first year in a third-grade classroom of Hawley schools. Lofgren began his teaching career a decade earlier in Lake Park-Audubon before returning to his hometown last fall. Tonia, his wife, is a registered nurse for Sanford Health. The couple has two young sons and lives in Hawley ... **T.J. Melchor** relocated from Willmar to Bemidji to become the new public affairs coordinator for the northwest district of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Mistie, manage a household of five children, ranging in age from 5 to 12.



T.J. Melchor

**'04 Bryan Pederson** is human resource manager for Tri County Health Care, which operates facilities in Henning, Sebeka, Wadena, Bertha and Ottertail ... **John Martin** is a financial advisor with Citizens Financial Services, located at Citizens National Bank in Park Rapids and affiliated with Investment Centers of America. He is a certified financial planner who lives in Walker with his wife, **Rachel (Bessler, '05)**, who worked as a Cass County social worker for several years before she became a stay-at-home mom for their two young daughters ... **Gerald Kingbird** helped launch the Red Lake Nation College basketball program by coaching the team in exhibition games last winter. Kingbird works at Seven Clans Casino in Red Lake and lives in Redby with his wife, **Kimberly (Pemberton)**.



John Martin

**'03 Megan Gustafson** was elected mayor of Blackduck last fall. The first woman to hold the post, she won the election as a write-in candidate. She works as a personal banker at the Wells Fargo branch in the city she leads.

**'02 Tracy Loken Weber** is president and executive director for Milwaukee (Wis.) Achiever Literacy Services, where she oversees adult education and workforce development instruction at two community learning centers. Her husband, Tom, works for Canella Response



Tracy Weber

Television in New Berlin, Wis. The couple serves as foster parents and resides in Menomonee Falls, Wis. ... **Jacen Gondringer**, a certified public accountant, was recently promoted to partner at the accounting firm B. Johnson & Associates in Brainerd, where he lives with his wife, Valine ... **Brian Triplett** was one of two teachers selected from Minnesota to attend the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy in Jersey, City, N.J. Triplett is a fifth-grade teacher at Eagle View Elementary in Elko New Market. Formed in 2005, the academy provides elementary educators with tools to enhance their curriculum and discover new ways to teach science and math. He lives in New Prague ... **Chris Tolman** presented a program on raptors for the Mantrap Valley Conservation Club open house in Park Rapids. Tolman works at the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji, where she lives with her husband, Richard.

**'01 J.J. (Wiczek) Olson** teaches fourth grade at Lake of the Woods school in Baudette. Darren, her husband, is a deputy auditor for Lake of the Woods County. The couple and their two sons live in Baudette ... **Trisha Zimmerman** has joined Visit Grand Rapids as an administrative assistant. She formerly worked in the insurance industry, at the Blandin Foundation and with a business in Grand Rapids, where she resides with her husband, Paul, and two young daughters ... **Chad Evans** is director of the Boys and Girls Club serving the communities around Deer River. His wife, **Lynn Smith-Evans ('98)**, teaches seventh- and eighth-grade social studies at Deer River High School. The couple and their four children make their home in Deer River.



Trisha Zimmerman

**'00 Clayton Lilleby** of Hawley was recently hired as a mortgage loan officer by First Community Credit Union of Fargo, N.D., where he will work with clients when purchasing or refinancing homes ... **Jaime Jensen** has joined the staff of the Crookston Daily Times as a writer and photographer covering community events, county happenings and court proceedings. A former teacher, she also works in marketing for clients of a company she formed with a team of colleagues. Rick Jensen is her father, not her husband as noted in the last version of Class Notes.

**'99 Lucie Thompson** has been hired as the new city clerk of Clearbrook, where she lives with her fiancé, Glen Olson, and a son ... **Kyle Christianson** teaches health and physical education at Clearbrook-Gonvick schools. A resident of Pinewood, he also serves as athletic director and

recently took over coaching the boys' basketball team ... **Jessie Townsdin** is the owner of the Peculiar Painter, a new art gallery in Walker. A former graphic artist, she will represent local artists in the gallery while offering professional painting supplies in the store ... **Daryl Kehler** is the new director of the Northfield Area Learning Center (ALC). He previously coordinated ALC offerings in Waseca and taught social studies and physical education in three school districts. He and his wife, **Bernadette ('98)**, live in Waseca.

**'98 Previn Solberg** was named by the Business Journal magazine published in the Twin Cities as one of the top 40 businessmen under 40 years of age. Solberg lives in Minneapolis and serves on the board of Free2B, a nonprofit car care organization ... **Harriet (VanCampen) Evans** is retired from her job licensing adult foster care for Itasca County. She lives in Deer River and will have a grandson attending BSU this fall.

**'97 Kevin Bird** is employed by U.S. Steel as the quality assurance laboratory manager for the Mintac and Keetac mines in northern Minnesota. He and his wife, Jacklyn, live in Eveleth with their two young children.

**'96 Allison (Horner) Reigel**, a first-grade teacher, was nominated for the Pequot Lakes Teacher of the Year Award. She lives in Pequot Lakes with her husband, **Mike ('95)**, and two daughters ... **Dave Lawrence** has been named as the principal of Moorhead High School. Lawrence has worked in the Moorhead district since 2000 and as assistant principal since 2003. He was named the Minnesota Assistant Principal of the Year in 2011 ... **Brandon Snodgrass** was named by the Alaska Journal of Commerce as one recipient of the Top 40 Under 40 Award in the state. He works as a construction loan officer for First National Bank in Anchorage, Alaska, where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and son.

**'93 Darin Halverson** resigned as Bagley police chief to accept the chief deputy position with the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. He and his wife, Rebecca, will still call Bagley their home ... **Judy Taves** was sworn in last winter as auditor/treasurer of Wadena County. Taves will complete the term of an official who accepted an administrative position in an area city. A certified public accountant, Taves previously worked for a private accounting firm and taught accounting at Minnesota Community and Technical College. She and her husband, Harry, have two grown children and live in Wadena ... **Dr. Christopher Mills** was named an Alumnus of the Year by Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The superintendent of the Ste-



Darin Halverson

phen-Argyle school district, he lives in Stephen with his wife, Angela, and three teenage boys ... **Jason Forbord** is the new controller of Deerwood Technologies, a company that provides technology support to businesses. He lives in Brainerd.

**'92 Lainie Plotnik** was recently promoted to manager of production planning and fleet transition at the Laskin plant of Minnesota Power, an Allete company located in Duluth. In her new position, the Cook resident will manage the transition of the plant from coal to natural gas.

**'91 Lee Westrum** was recently hired as superintendent for Wadena-Deer Creek schools. He previously held the same position in Benson since 2007. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two young daughters ... **Sue Estabrooks-Anderson** is director of early childhood programming at Staples-Motley schools. She brings more than 20 years of educational experience to her new position, which involves management of all district early childhood efforts and collaboration with such partners as Head Start. She and her spouse, Scott, live in Wadena, where he is a contractor. The couple has two grown daughters.



Lee Westrum

**'90 Dave Larson** has retired from his job as the investigative lieutenant in the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department. Larson has also taught criminal justice at Central Lakes College. He and his wife, Mary Kay, have two adult sons and live in Nisswa.

**'89 Paul Cyr** of New Richland retired last spring as principal of New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School, where he also served 32 years as head wrestling coach ... **Ken Mackley** is the new director of information technology of Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. He and his wife, **Monica (Longmore, '85)**, have two boys and two girls ... **Dedra Zwieg** recently became a certified financial planner. She works as a financial advisor for Steidl, Zwieg and Associates in Parkers Prairie, where she resides. Zwieg also recently completed her 30th season of teaching swimming lessons.

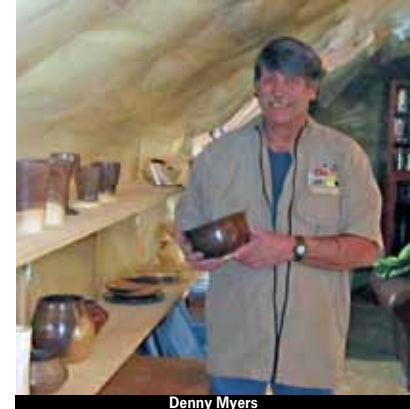


Paul Cyr

**'88 Chief Warrant Officer Roby Jorstad** was recognized during Military Appreciation Night at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. Jorstad has served 27 years in the Army Special Forces as a helicopter pilot with tours in Panama, Korea, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and

Afghanistan. His wife, Jennifer, is a registered nurse. The couple, who make their home in Fort Campbell, Ky., has one teenager and two adult children.

**'87 Denny Myers** had a booth at the annual Central Minnesota Wood Expo, where he displayed his hand turned and carved furniture and bowls. A veteran of the armed services for



Denny Myers

23 years and former county planning and zoning administrator, Myers also shows his pieces at the Great River Arts Association in Little Falls, where he lives ... **Barry Johnson** will serve as both superintendent and K-12 principal for the Eagle Valley school district in Clarissa. His wife, **Linda (Simmons, '74)**, is a part-time English teacher in Henning, where they live. They have six children ranging in ages from 13 to 28.

**'86 Jeffrey Hane** has earned a master of laws degree, with honors, from Stetson University in Gulfport, Fla. The degree enables attorneys to gain advanced study in a particular field, which for Hane was aging, retirement planning, long-term care, trusts and other specialized areas. Hane practices law at the Brink Lawyers firm in Hallock, where he lives with his wife, **Linda (Bradseth, '84)**, who teaches 7-12 English and language arts in Marshall County Central High School in Newfolden. The couple has two teenagers.



Jeffrey Hane

**'85 Brent Jeffers** was presented the Cowan Award for his service to Southwest Minnesota State University. The honor recognized his contributions to the university while serving as an associate professor of exercise science, a discipline he helped elevate to a major program on the campus. His wife, **Mary ('88)**, teaches in St. Paul. They reside in Apple Valley.



Brent Jeffers

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## KONTZ GIVES COMFORT TO THOSE FACING LOSS

The Rev. **Janna Kontz** helps guide people on their final journey. As chaplain for Hospice of the Red River Valley, she travels with those seeing death as the last part of life. "Some go easily and peacefully; some unfortunately do not," the 1983 BSU grad said of her work.

Kontz authored the book "Journeys to Home" to aid those beginning on their way. The collection of narratives about her clients provides a poignant perspective on their final days. She wrote the articles to help family members with their grief and for professionals who work with the dying.

She didn't plan on putting together a book until she submitted a manuscript in a competition for a contest sponsored by Guideposts magazine. Representatives contacted her to publish her writings as a book.

Kontz drew on 15 years of experience as a parish pastor before she began working as a hospice chaplain serving in the North Dakota communities of Mayville and Grand Forks, as well as in Thief River Falls. She has a caseload of 40 people.

She spends a considerable amount of time driving across the region from her home in Mayville, where she and her husband, Doug, raised two daughters. The road hours are sacred to Kontz, who said she spends a lot of time grieving her clients' deaths in the car while preparing her ministry to the living.

"Every day I journey home," she said.





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## BORASH KEEPS AN EYE ON QUALITY OF LAKES

Minnesota is known for its lakes, and few know Minnesota lakes as well as Bob Borash, a 1992 BSU graduate. Borash owns RMB Environmental Laboratories, which employs over 20 full-time employees working out of a 32,000-square-foot facility in Detroit Lakes.

That's far more than RMB's modest start in 1995, when Borash began testing water out of a garage.

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

The company is the largest supplier of analytical data for lakes and streams in the state, with labs providing full-service analytical testing through nutrient, inorganic and microbiological methodologies. Its client services department has more than 20 years of experience in working with lake associations and annually trains more than 500 volunteers in lake monitoring procedures.

Its field service division complements the lab and consulting services, providing statewide monitoring. The most recent expansion of services includes aquatic plant surveying, Veliger testing and taxonomy services. Its capabilities include monitoring surface water, drinking water, ground water and industrial and municipal waste waters.

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

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**'81 Dr. Randy Refsland** completed a one-year sabbatical from his job as superintendent of the Clinton, Wis., school district by serving as chief academic officer for the Ameson Education Foundation. He worked with high schools across China that were offering American high school advanced placement programs.



Dr. Randy Refsland

**'80 Tim Bledsoe** was the first public member of the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board to serve as its chair. All previous chairs were from law enforcement. An analyst for Wells Fargo Insurance, a division of Wells Fargo Bank, Bledsoe was appointed to the board in 2004. He also is serving his fourth term on the City Council in Plymouth, where he lives.

**'79 Barbara Dubovich** received an Outstanding Alumni Award from Itasca Community College. Dubovich is chief executive officer for Camp Fire USA Alaska Council, one of the largest nonprofits in the state. The organization follows a club model to work with youth and provide safe places for children and support for working families. She previously was one of 10 women recipients of the BP/YWCA Alaska Women of Achievement Award. She lives in Anchorage, Alaska.



Barbara Dubovich

**'78 Gail Schulz** was chosen as Teacher of the Year for Brandon-Evansville schools. She works on reading intervention with students in grades one through five and, when needed, does the same with students on math intervention. She and her husband, Greg Dahlgren, live in Miltona and have one grown daughter ...



**Randy and Marlene (Schuld) Bowen ('73)** recently returned from a vacation in Alaska to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with their daughter **Leah ('03)** and son **Matthew** as well as his spouse, **Andrea**. Randy works in the School of Education at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, while Marlene substitute teaches in the area. They reside in Hermantown. Leah is the intramural coordinator and assists in facilities management at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.



Mark Helgeson

**Mark Helgeson** is retiring as assistant principal at Faribault Middle School, a position he held for 16 years. Also a veteran of 19 years in the classroom, he is married to Marcia, a special education teacher at the same school. The couple raised three young adults while living in Faribault ... **Steve Manske** has been selected to serve as the chief financial officer of Microbiologics, a St. Cloud company that provides laboratory testing services for detecting microbial contamination of water, the environment and food. He resides in Plymouth with his wife, Joyce, who works at Arizant, a division of 3M ... **Val**



Val Knudsen

**(Bornetun) Knudsen** is the chief financial officer for the Cote Family Companies, which include Grand View Lodge and Grand View Real Estate, Camp Lincoln and Camp Lake Hubert in Nisswa, as well as Tanque Verde Ranch in Tucson, Ariz. She lives in Brainerd.

**'77 Fred Sailer** was named the Minnesota Class A Athletic Administrator of the Year by the state's athletic administrator's association. Sailer has served the Perham school district in varying capacities for 34 years, and currently as the activities director for grades 7-12, community education director, and Area Learning Center director. He lives in Perham with his wife, **Susan (Luetgers)**, who is a social worker there ... **Mary (Horvath) Mohrbacher** was named the 2013 Warroad Teacher of the Year. She has taught first grade in the district since 1979 and lives in Warroad with her husband, **Patrick ('72)** ... **Mike Peterson** has retired following 36 years as a music educator, all but one at Fulda where he ended his career as the band director and 7-12 choir director.



Mike Peterson

His bands have received superior ratings every year he led the Fulda musicians in Minnesota State High School League-sponsored contests. His wife, Lisa, teaches special needs students in Fulda, where they reside and raised three children ... **John**

**Kolb** and his wife, Linda Ackland-Kolb, recently completed an exhibit at the South Dakota Art Museum. Kolb features his acrylic canvas paintings and Ackland-Kolb her pastel on beeswax art in the show. The couple, who raised two grown daughters, has a studio in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**'74 Art Gust** retired from teaching last spring. A banker for 21 years, he spent the past 14 years at Chatfield High School in the economics, finance, accounting, careers, keyboarding, business math and web design classrooms. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Pine Island.



Art Gust

**'73 Dianne (Beving) Stevens** finished her 35-year career in early childhood education when she retired in June. She began her career with preschool classes at a local church before the program was incorporated into the school district curriculum. She lives in Caledonia with her husband, **Paul ('75)**, who retired five years ago. The couple has three adult children ... **Sally Jones** of Pine River has taught students in Pine River-Backus schools since 1973, and retired with 40 years in the district's third- through sixth-grade classrooms ... **Bob Dettmer** introduced a bill in the Minnesota Legislature asking the International Olympic Committee to reconsider its decision to remove wrestling from the Olympic Games starting in 2020. A fourth-term state representative from District 39A, Dettmer was an All-American wrestler during his undergraduate days at Bemidji State. He now is a retired educator and lives in Forest Lake with his wife, Colleen ... **Carole Olson** is living in Richfield after retiring as a food microbiologist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**'72 Don Seipkes** was inducted into the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame last spring. Seipkes continues to coach football at Henning High School even after retiring as a teacher and athletic administrator. His grid teams have compiled a 237-155 record, won 15 conference championships, earned five section titles, and finished second twice in the state playoffs. He lives in Henning with his wife, **Mary (Breitenbach, '73)**, who retired after teaching on the elementary level at Wadena-Deer Creek schools. They have



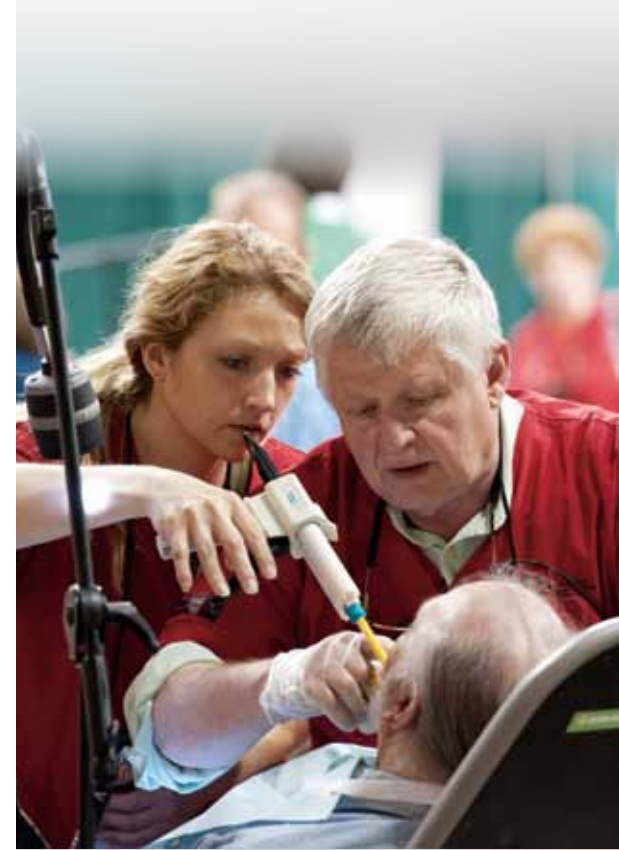
Don Seipkes

four adult children ... **Nancy (Bartolus) Sertich** presented a program on her travels in Africa to members of the Hibbing branch of the Association of University Women. Sertich went on the trip to visit her daughter and son-in-law, who were volunteering in Tanzania. Following a 35-year career in education, she continues to work in the family business, Sertich Consulting, and Chisholm Ambulance. She and her husband, retired educator **Dr. Joe Sertich**, live in Chisholm ... **Darlinda (Weis) Alexander** retired in 2012 following a 39-year career in education. Her most recent assignment was teaching computer literacy at Hennepin Technical College in Brooklyn Park. She and her husband, Larry Peterson, spend winters in Port Charlotte, Fla., and still maintain a home in Coon Rapids. She has one adult child ... **Steve Ott** was inducted into the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Ott taught junior high science for 30 years in Deer River schools and coached several teams. In his 22 years leading the school's football program, he had a 192-52 record, 11 conference championships, 10 section trophies and one runner-up finish on the state level. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Bowstring. They have four children ... **Trudy (Gross) Jurchen** has retired from teaching at the Pine River-Backus Alternative Learning Center, but plans to come back to substitute in the setting that she feels provides a more personal educational experience. Her husband, **Mark ('75)**, is an insurance agent in Pequot Lakes, where the couple raised two children to adulthood.

**'71 Mike Niemczyk** was inducted into the Minnesota chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as a lifetime service honoree. He retired from teaching at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, where he coached his wrestling team to 16 conference titles and five appearances in the state tournament. He remains active in the sport, serving as an assistant coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He and his wife, Rene, a retired elementary teacher, live in Janesville and have two grown children ... **John Tobie** became the eighth Minnesotan inducted into the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall of Fame this summer. Tobie worked for the organization and served as local, state, district and regional presidents. The 1992 Minnesota Eagle of the Year, he and his wife, Ali, live in Cohasset.

**'70 Jane (Linder) Kolstoe** has retired from teaching elementary education in Red Lake County Schools, where she taught every grade as well as special education and music. A resident of Thief River Falls, she also served as reading director in the schools and an elementary administrative assistant. She and her husband, now deceased, had four children ... **Terry Mejdrich** presented a program on climate change and significant geologic events at a Fifty Lakes Foundation meeting in

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## ISAACSON PURSUES PASSION FOR DENTISTRY

Dr. Dana Isaacson isn't shy about sinking into the teeth of things. Part of it, of course, comes from being a dentist in Bloomington, where he has been getting into the mouths of hundreds of patients for 40 years.

His toothy experiences have served him well as he evaluates horses, especially the three he owns and has running at Canterbury Park in the Twin Cities, where his 4-year-old mount has won two races. "I enjoy the competition," Isaacson said. He brings his profession and his competitive nature to the track during the racing season by providing free dental care for the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. Isaacson staffs a busy two-chair office at Canterbury, and any person who works directly with horses is welcomed.

"There is a great need for dental services at the track," he said. "And there is a sense of community and small-town atmosphere in the racing community, where I have made many friends." Isaacson, who completed his studies at Bemidji State in the early 1970s before continuing at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, also volunteers with Missions of Mercy, an organization that provides free dental work to underserved populations.

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





## RALPH WINS BIG SHOWS AS BREEDER OF BRITTS

When Steve Ralph heads outdoors, he is usually surrounded by champions. A 1986 BSU graduate, Ralph breeds and trains Brittans at his Blazin Brittans Kennel, which produced the 2012 Purina All Age Brittany of the Year as well as the youngest dog, 11 months old, to capture the Victoire National Derby Championship. Ralph competes in field events at the national level.

"That's the pinnacle," Ralph said of the Purina trophy. "You have to win many trials to earn the award." Jack, his 5-year-old top dog, has 13 wins and a shot at becoming a record breaker before his career is over. His youngster, Taylor, notched two wins before turning one and is considered an up-and-coming phenomenon.

Trials rate a Brittany on its hunting abilities, which include intelligence, strength, courage, stamina, ground race, scenting and style when pointing.

While the Brittany breed is Ralph's passion, it is not his job. He is a lead software developer for ANSYS, a Pennsylvania-based company that develops simulation applications. He works from his home in Forest Lake, giving him close access to his family and kennel. His wife, Lori (Messer, '86), is co-owner of the kennel and works as a laboratory manager at Fairview Health Services. They have two adult children.

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Pequot Lakes. The author of five books, Mejdrich is a science writer for the Grand Rapids Herald Review and formerly worked as a teacher, lumberjack and sawmill operator. He and his wife, **Darlene (Amato)**, live in Swatara... **Bill LeBeau** has retired as president of a bank in Syracuse, N.Y., and is planning on spending winter months in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with his



Bill LeBeau

wife, **Bev (Waite)**, who is a retired elementary art teacher. The couple lives in Jamesville, N.Y., and has two adult children ... **the Rev. Gordon Orde** is retiring after spending 12 years as pastor at First



The Rev. Gordon Orde

United Methodist and Emmanuel Methodist churches in Worthington. He previously served congregations in Faribault, Elmore and Wykoff-Fountain. He and his wife, Dorothy, have two adult children and are relocating to Northfield in retirement.



Louie Churack

Mounds View over 35 years in education ... **Louie Churack** is the field trial chairman for the Mississippi Headwaters Retriever Club based in Bemidji, where he lives with his wife, Judy. He and his black Labrador, Yogi, have risen to the top ranks in the American Kennel Club's field trials to become a field champion in the open division and win the organization's Amateur Field Champion title.

'69 **Dr. Linda (Christofferson) Shadiow** retired last spring from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where she directed the faculty development program and was professor of educational foundations. Her book, "What Our Stories Teach Us: a Guide to Critical Reflection for College Faculty", was published in April by Jossey-Bass/Wiley. She and her husband, **Bob ('70)**, a retired educator, are relocating from Flagstaff to St. George, Utah ... **Patrick Bowman** retired after a 44-year career teaching science, all at Esko High School. He and his wife, Carrie, raised three children from their home near the school where he began his career in 1969.

'66 **Andy Wells** was featured in the magazine Twin Cities Business as an entrepreneur who connects manufacturing with his Native American roots. He founded Wells Technology, which employs 40 workers, about one-fifth of them American Indians, in Bemidji, where he still makes his home with his wife, Carol.

'61 **Tony Price** was inducted into the Burlington (Wis.) High School Hall of Fame. Price was a longtime math teacher and coach at the school, where he was part of 23 conference championships in football, boys' tennis or boys' and girls' track. He lives in Burlington with his wife, **Evelyn (Smith)**. They had five children.

'60 **James Enfield** has been inducted into the Panther Athletic Hall of Fame at Park Rapids High School. Now retired, Enfield taught and coached football, basketball, wrestling and track for teams in Lake Park, Winnebago, Ill., Battle Lake and

'51 **Bruce and Burna (Krugler) Jamieson** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last spring with a family celebration at Calaveras Big Trees State Park in California. Both retired from careers in education in 1987, Bruce as an administrator and Burna as a teacher. They reside in Lincoln, Calif.

'45 **Millie (Kortuem) Gjertson** was recently featured in Brainerd and Osakis newspapers for her lifetime travels to all 50 states. Gjertson, who worked for many years as a bookkeeper and secretary, made her first trip out of Minnesota in 1930 and filled in the final state of the U.S. map when she visited Hawaii last year.



Millie Gjertson

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# REPORT 2012-13 GIFTS BSU FOUNDATION



Rob Bollinger

## LEADERSHIP AND GENEROSITY HELP BSU 'IMAGINE TOMORROW'

Every student who has attended Bemidji State University (or College) imagined a unique future. Bemidji State was a step toward a dream. After 94 years, the university is undertaking its first comprehensive fundraising campaign to help solidify BSU's place in future students' dreams. With \$25.4 million dollars raised, we are off to a positive start toward our \$35 million campaign goal.

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

Through the leadership and generosity of individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations, BSU Foundation's net assets increased from \$20,726,640 to \$26,375,045 during the 2012-13 fiscal year (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013).

The Imagine Tomorrow campaign is off to a very strong start. BSU President Richard Hanson, foundation and alumni board members, campaign volunteers, administrators, faculty, alumni and staff are all reaching out to alumni, friends, businesses and corporate leaders located around the globe. With each contact, they see the impact the university makes and the enthusiasm and commitment these people are expressing for giving back.

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

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

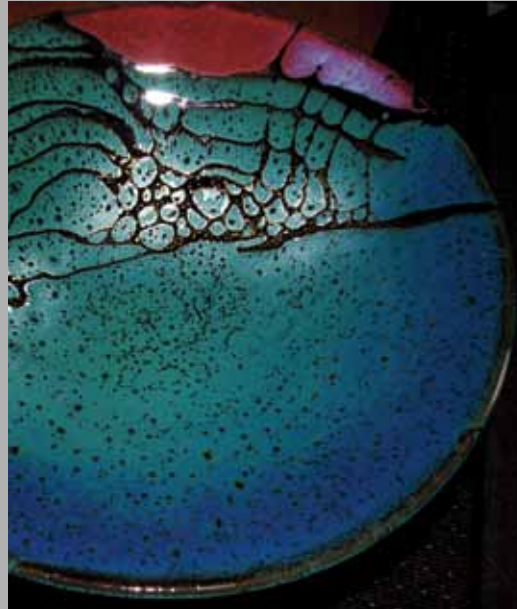
Sincerely,

*Rob Bollinger*

Rob Bollinger, Executive Director for University Advancement

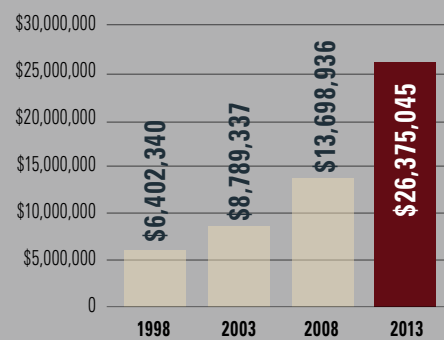


# REPORT of GIFTS



Custom chargers (as pictured above) are created especially for the President's Society by visual arts professor and department chair John "Butch" Holden. They are "awards of distinction," honoring donors with cumulative giving of \$50,000 or more.

## Growth of Foundation Assets



# the President's SOCIETY

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

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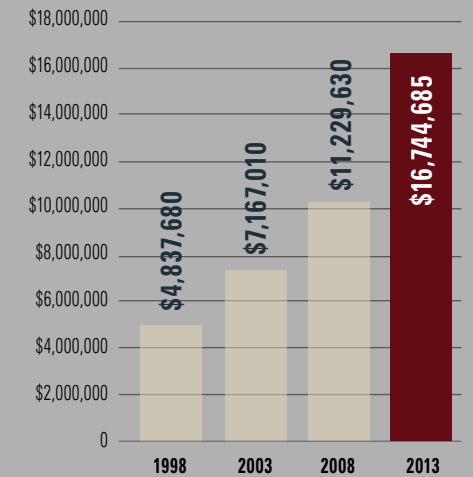
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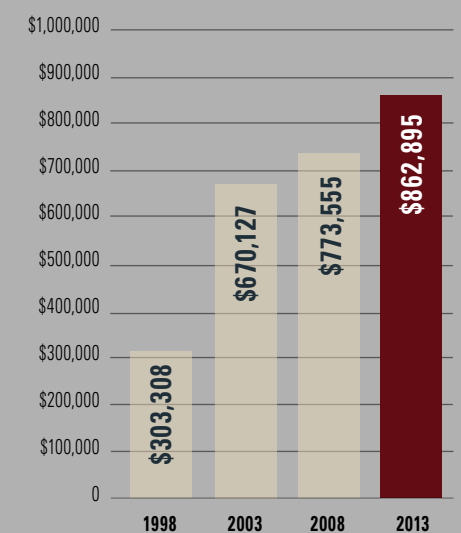
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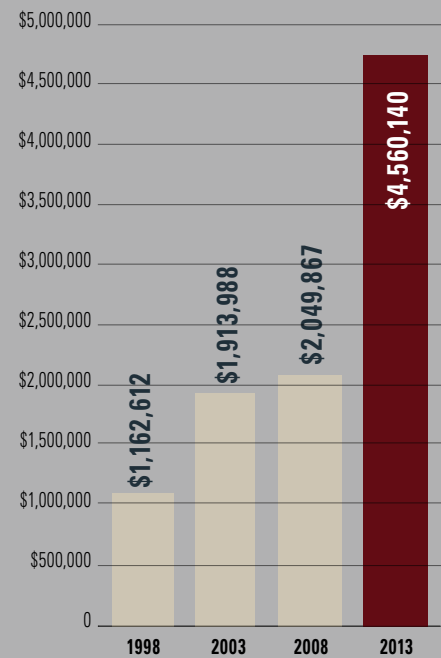
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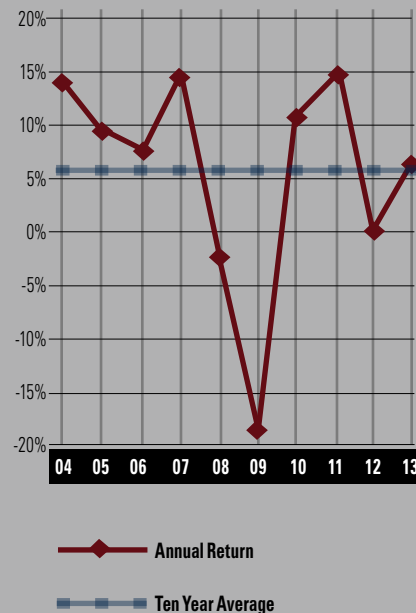


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## Total Revenue Received



## Rate of Investment Return



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George & Joann Gardner  
Michael & Deanna Garrett  
Dr. Daniel Gartrell & Dr. Julie Jochum  
Georgia-Pacific Corp. - Superwood  
Dr. James & Connie Ghostley  
Col. Clark & Judith Gilbertson  
**Dr. Eric Gilbertson**  
Ordella M. Gilbertson  
Marjorie & James Gildersleeve  
**Paul & Kathy Godlewski**  
Dr. Richard & Carol Goeb  
Dr. Frank & Marilyn Goodell  
Bruce L. Gordon  
Gourmet House  
Bryan & Paulette Grand  
Great Lakes Gas Transmission Ltd. Partnership  
Beulah Gregoire  
James & Barbara Grier  
Richard F. Haberer\*  
Lisa L. Haberman  
**Richard & Sheridan Hafdal**  
Dr. Harold\* & Renate\* Hagg  
James & Joyce Hanko  
Linda S. Hanson  
**Paul & Paige Hanson**  
Hardees of Bemidji  
James & Pamela Harrison  
Dr. Richard\* & Dorothy Haugo  
Oluf\* & Margaret\* Haugsrud  
Gary & Diane Hazelton

Headwaters Shrine Club  
Ken Henrikson  
**Beverly Henriques**  
Hoeschler Fund - St. Paul Foundation  
Honeywell Foundation  
Dr. Howard & Mary Hoody  
**Pamela Hovland**  
Kenneth & Kari Howe  
IBM  
Insure Forward  
Iverson Corner Drug  
Louise H. Jackson  
Richard & Sheri Jahner  
JC Penney Co., Inc.  
Jerry Downs Agency  
Johnson Controls  
Diane & Thomas Johnson  
Jeremiah D. Johnson  
Dr. Johannas M. Jordan  
Thomas & Susan Kaplan  
Jeff Keckheisen/Keck Sports  
Keg N' Cork  
Keith's Pizza  
Dr. Debra Kellerman & Anthony Wandersee  
**Jeffrey D. Kemink**  
Ken K Thompson Jewelry  
David & Charlotte Kingsbury  
Knife River Materials/  
MDU Resources Foundation  
Drs. Raymond & Beatrice Knodel  
Dr. Clayton & Ivy Knoshaug  
**Paul & Catherine Koski**  
Krigbaum & Jones, Ltd.  
**Lois M. Kruger Estate**  
Dr. Franklin & Diane Labadie  
Dale & Michelle Ladig  
Dr. David & Alice Larkin  
Hazel Leland\*  
**LePier Oil Company**  
Dr. Robert & Dale Ley  
Paul & Teri Lindseth  
Brad & Dawn Logan  
Dr. Kenneth & Mary Lundberg  
Lutheran Community Foundation  
**Brian J. Maciej**  
William & Jodi Maki  
Keith Marek  
Marvin Windows & Doors  
**Douglas & Mary Mason**  
MasTec North America Inc.  
Allen & Susie Mathieu  
John & Judith McClellan  
Dr. Judith L. McDonald  
James D. McElmury  
Neil B. & Patricia\* McMurrin  
Robin & Diane Mechelke  
Medsave Family Pharmacy  
Debra Melby\*  
Dr. Kathleen J. Meyer  
Midcontinent Communications  
Midwest Cable Communications  
Minnesota Humanities Commission  
James & Sharon Molde  
Dr. Robert & Sally Montebello  
Dr. Dorothy L. Moore\*  
Leo D. Morgan, Jr.  
Robb Naylor  
Gerald\* & Fern\* Nichols  
Dr. Lee A. Norman  
North Central Door Company  
Northern Amusement

### Oak Marsh, L.P./Jeff "Bird" McBride Memorial Golf Tournament

David & Jean Olderman  
Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home  
Douglas L. Onan  
Family & Friends of Ruth Ouverson  
Greg & Kathy Palm  
John & Lori Paris  
Pat Knoer State Farm Insurance  
Patterson's Men's Wear  
R. Scott & Kathy Pearson  
John S. Persell II  
Dr. Martha & Don Peters  
David Lee Peterson\* Estate  
Rohl & Patricia Peterson  
Pickett Agency, Inc.  
Productivity, Inc.  
Dr. Joanne M. Provo  
Jack\* & Mary Betty Quistgard  
Michael & Jackie Rasch  
Roger Rasmussen  
Dr. John & Mary Sue Redebaugh  
Richard Rude Architectural  
Dr. Patricia A. Rosenbrock  
**Ross Lewis Sign Company**  
Susan & Stuart Rosselet  
RP Broadcasting, Inc  
William & Rochelle Scheela  
Kevin & Paige Schoepel  
John\* & Evelyn\* Schuiling  
Walter & Mardene Schuiling  
**John & Charlotte Schullo**  
John & Mary Seamans  
Pete & Marilyn Simonson  
**Skyline Exhibits**  
St. Joseph's Area Health Services  
Dr. Maria & Terry Statton  
Irene K. Stewart  
Willie & Arla Stittsworth  
Stittsworth's Nymore Food Mart  
Maurice & Lorna Sullivan  
Chet Swedmark\* & Helen Kohl-Swedmark  
System, Inc.  
Doug & Lori Taylor  
Teammates for Kids Foundation  
Telespectrum Worldwide  
Jeff & Susan Tesch  
**Dr. Jerry & Jane Thompson**  
Thorson, Inc.  
Dr. James & Diane Tuorila  
Mary M. Veranth  
Robert & Patricia Walrath  
Ruth E. Warde Estate  
Dr. Victor D. Weber  
Julie A. Wegner  
**George\* & Paula Welte**  
Wes' Plumbing & Heating  
**Harvey & Loris Westrom**  
Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates  
**Dr. Rodney Will & Anne Meredith-Will**  
Jerry & Kathy Winans  
**James & Lois Wood**  
Bud & Gloria Woodard

\* Deceased  
New member

## Statement of Position

June 30, 2013

| Assets                                   |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                | \$ 107,796          |
| Investments                              | 18,511,255          |
| Accounts Receivable                      | 17,172              |
| Contributions Receivable                 | 2,119,315           |
| Prepaid Expenses                         | 2,284               |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>              | <b>20,757,822</b>   |
| <b>Property and Equipment</b>            |                     |
|  | 293,953             |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                      |                     |
| Contributions Receivable                 | 5,148,780           |
| Remainder Interest in Real Estate        | 140,666             |
| Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance      | 33,824              |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>                | <b>5,323,270</b>    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                      | <b>26,375,045</b>   |
| <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>        |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         | \$ 60,161           |
| Payroll Liabilities                      | 28,396              |
| Annuities Payable, Current Portion       | 21,634              |
| Accrued Interest Payable                 | 2,644               |
| Other Accruals                           | 0                   |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>         | <b>112,835</b>      |
| <b>Long-term Liabilities</b>             |                     |
| Annuities Payable, Long Term Portion     | 179,709             |
| Note Payable, Long Term Portion          | 732,250             |
| <b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>       | <b>911,959</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                 | <b>1,024,794</b>    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                        |                     |
| <b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>           |                     |
| Lakeside Fund & Quasi Endowment Fund     | \$ 403,308          |
| Alumni House Acquisition                 | -50,000             |
| Imagine Tomorrow Campaign                | 4,806,601           |
| Plant Fund                               | 293,953             |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>     | <b>5,453,862</b>    |
| <b>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</b> |                     |
|  | 3,573,137           |
| <b>Permanently Restricted Net Assets</b> |                     |
|  | 16,323,252          |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                  | <b>25,350,251</b>   |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>  | <b>\$26,375,045</b> |



# REPORT GIFTS

The Legacy Society recognizes and honors those alumni and friends who have provided for Bemidji State University in their wills or have exercised one of the several planned giving options available through the BSU Foundation.

## the Legacy SOCIETY

### Charles & Nancy Aldrich

Donald G. Anderson\*+  
Joan Campbell Anderson & David Anderson+  
Kenneth & Joan Anderson+  
Boris & Caroline Andrican+  
Bill\* & Jessie\* Baer+  
Grant Bateman\*  
Dr. M. James & Nancy Bensen+  
Evelyn Berg\*

Dan & Terri Bergan  
M. Fern Birnstihl\*+  
Marie Bishop\*+  
Jody & Gene Bisson  
Elaine Bohanon\*+  
Randy & Marlene Bowen  
**Lloyd & Katherine Bradfield**  
Fred Breen\*  
Raymond Breen\*  
Alan P. Brew  
Gurnee Bridgman  
Dr. William & Henrietta Britton  
Lynne C. Bunt\*+  
Jeffrey P. Busse+

### Cynthia & James Cashman

Dr. Dale & Joanne Carlson  
Dr. Joseph & Jenifer Carson  
Dr. Sam\* & Rose\* Chen+  
Bertha Christianson\*  
Dr. Almond & Shalyn Clark  
Dr. Caroline M. Czarnecki+  
Lyle E. Dally\*+  
Dr. Donald & Petra DeKrey  
Rebecca Eggers\*  
Fritz & Robin Ehlers  
Irvin & Kay Engebretson  
Eldridge\* & Jean Erickson  
Donald & Mary Erickson  
Janet M. Erickson

### Dr. Bruce & Mary Jo Falk

Ann Moore Flowers\*+  
Dr. William & Margie Forseth  
Jerry & Shirley Froseth  
Helen Gill  
Dr. Lowell\* & Ardis Gillett+  
Ronald & Nancy Gladen  
Beulah Gregoire  
James D. Gribble+  
Dennis & Patricia Grimes  
Keith W. Gunderson\*  
Cedsel J. Hagen\*  
Kathryn K. Hamm\*+  
James & Joyce Hanko  
Linda S. Hanson

### Luther & Diann Hanson

Russell\* & Gudrun\* Harding  
Margaret H. Harlow\*+  
Oluf\* & Margaret\* Haugsrud+  
Beverly Henriques  
Dr. Annie B. Henry  
Dr. Ruth Howe & Merrill Thiel+  
Dr. Myrtie A. Hunt\*+  
Esther F. Instebo\*+  
John & Delphine Jacobsen+  
Christine Janda\*  
Edwin\* & Myra\* Johnson  
Sam & Peggy Johnson+  
Margaret H. Johnson\*+  
Jeffrey & Marjorie Johnson  
Vince Johnson\*+  
Wilbur Johnson\*+  
Dr. Johannas M. Jordan

### Robin Norgaard Kelleher

William & Patricia Kelly  
Richard & Sharon King+  
Lillie M. Kleven\*+  
Eva Lind\*+  
Keith Malmquist\*  
Neil & Patricia\* McMurrin  
Nelmarie Melville  
Kathryn & Donald Mertz  
Margaret A. Miles

John & Susan Minter  
John & Walli Mitchell  
Dr. Dorothy L. Moore\*+  
Harry Moore\*+  
Claude Morris\*+  
Richard & Susan Morris  
Betty Murray  
**Mary Ann Mushel\***  
Norman\* & Judy Nelson  
Dr. Raymond A. Nelson\*  
Albioni Nelson\*  
Dr. John & Monica O'Boyle  
Dr. Charles K. O'Connor  
Beulah M. Parisi  
David & Dianne Parnow  
Lawrence W. Perkins  
Robert & Mary Lou Peters  
David Peterson\*+  
Rohl & Patricia Peterson  
Dr. Joanne M. Provo+  
Drs. Jon & Patricia Quistgaard  
David & Kim Ramsey  
Dr. Tom & Sandra Richard  
Bill & Lois Robertson  
Dr. Patricia A. Rosenbrock  
Carol A. Russell  
John & Charlotte Schullo

### Mark & Margaret Schultz

Duane & Marilyn Sea  
Ken\* & Betti Sherman  
Hazel Shimmin\*  
Lowell & Lois Sorensen  
Duane & Celeste Sperl  
**Michael & Melinda Spry**  
Irwin & Patricia St. John  
Jack & Marie St. Martin  
J. Ruth Stenerson\*  
Willie & Arla Stittsworth  
Maurice & Lorna Sullivan+  
Melanie & Michael Teems  
Dr. Dave & Peggy Tiffany+  
Joanne E. Torfin

### Dr. Ken Traxler

John Traxler  
Bennett & Joan Trochil  
Dr. James & Diane Tuorila  
Floyd A. Tweten  
**Richard & Nancy Vyskocil**  
Mervin Wagner\*  
Jeff & Christel Wallin  
Dr. Victor D. Weber  
Robert & Jeanette Welle  
**Thomas & Paulette Welle**  
George\* & Paula Welte  
Wesley W. Winter\*  
Shirley M. Yliniemi  
Robert & Sherry Young  
Charles & Susan Zielin  
Six anonymous

\* Deceased

+ Charter member

**New member**

# ALUMNI & FOUNDATION

# 2013-14 CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

**21 Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter Social,**  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Hot Toddy's Pub and Grub.

## DECEMBER

**1 Alumni Relative Scholarship** applications  
available at [www.bsualumni.org](http://www.bsualumni.org).

**11 Emeriti Holiday Social,**  
5 p.m., American Indian Resource Center.

## JANUARY

**16 Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter Social,**  
5:30 p.m., The Garden, Bemidji.

**19 Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter Family Ski Day,**  
Buena Vista Ski Area, north of Bemidji.

## FEBRUARY

**1 Alumni Relative Scholarship** application  
deadline.

**1 Beaver Pride Bonspiel,** Bemidji Curling Club.

**14 Minnesota Music Educators Association,**  
BSU Alumni Social, 5-7 p.m., MMEA  
Convention, Key's Café & Bar.

**14 All-Athletic Alumni Social,** 5-6:30 p.m.,  
Lakeside Rooms, Sanford Center, Bemidji.

**15 Knife River Materials Hardwater Classic Ice  
Fishing Tournament,** 10 a.m., Lake Bemidji.

**15 B-Club Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch &  
Induction Ceremony,** 10 a.m., Sanford  
Center, Bemidji.

**15 Alumni Track & Field meet,** 3 p.m., followed  
by dinner and social

**15 Women's Alumni Hockey social.** TBD

**15 Men's Hockey Alumni Social** after men's  
hockey game.

## MARCH

**8 BSU Alumni Lunch in Phoenix, Ariz.,**  
11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., location TBD.

**8-10 BSU Winter Rendezvous in  
Laughlin, Nev.,** Aquarius Resort.

**11 BSU Tucson Alumni Lunch,**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., location TBD.

**22 Volleyball alumni match,** time TBD,  
BSU Gymnasium.

## APRIL

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

## MAY

**8 50-Year Reunion - Class of 1964,**  
American Indian Resource Center, BSU .

**9 Golden Beaver Society Luncheon,**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., American Indian Resource  
Center, BSU.

**9 2014 Commencement,** 2 p.m.,  
Sanford Center, Bemidji.

## SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 17-19

**BSU HOMECOMING 2014**

## ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION

☎ 218-755-3989 or 1-877-278-2586 (toll free)

✉ [alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu)

🌐 [www.bsualumni.org](http://www.bsualumni.org)

## Statement of Activities

Year ending June 30, 2013

|                                      | Unrestricted     | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Support and Revenue</b>           |                  |                        |                        |                  |
| Contributions                        | \$608,489        | \$3,232,727            | -                      | \$3,841,216      |
| Endowment Gifts                      | -                | -                      | 3,503,546              | 3,503,546        |
| Investment Income                    | 155,445          | 987,158                | -                      | 1,142,603        |
| Royalty Revenue                      | 11,149           | -                      | -                      | 11,149           |
| Lease Revenue                        | 27,852           | 61,087                 | -                      | 88,939           |
| Increase in Cash Surrender Value     |                  |                        |                        |                  |
| Life Insurance and Actuarial Adjust  | 1,930            | -                      | -                      | 1,930            |
| Net Assets Released from Restriction |                  |                        |                        |                  |
| Administrative Assessment            | 315,611          | -315,611               | -                      | 0                |
| Investment Income (Loss)             | -                | -143,534               | 143,534                | 0                |
| Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions | 1,902,928        | -1,902,928             | -                      | 0                |
| <b>Total Support and Revenue</b>     | <b>3,023,404</b> | <b>1,918,899</b>       | <b>3,647,080</b>       | <b>8,589,383</b> |

## Expenses

|                                   |                  |          |          |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| Program Services                  |                  |          |          |                  |
| Scholarships                      | 837,095          | -        | -        | 837,095          |
| Special Events and Other Services | 1,253,667        | -        | -        | 1,253,667        |
| Total Program Services            | 2,090,762        | -        | -        | 2,090,762        |
| Supporting Services               |                  |          |          |                  |
| Management & General              | 134,977          | -        | -        | 134,977          |
| Fundraising Expenses              | 731,304          | -        | -        | 731,304          |
| Total Supporting Services         | 866,281          | -        | -        | 866,281          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>2,957,043</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>2,957,043</b> |

**Change in Net Assets**      **66,361**      **1,918,899**      **3,647,080**      **5,632,340**

**Net Assets, Beginning of Year**      **5,387,501**      **1,654,238**      **12,676,172**      **19,717,911**

**Net Assets, End of Year**      **5,453,862**      **3,573,137**      **16,323,252**      **25,350,251**





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