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MOSES TSANG ACHIEVES IN FINANCE WHILE PROTECTING NATURE



PRESIDENT R. HANSON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to BSU's biannual magazine – outstanding as ever, and now with a new name, *Bemidji State University*. The former name, *Horizons*, had been in place for many years, but it was time this important publication had a clearer connection to the institution. Once you're done reading about the people and progress that make us all so proud, I hope you will give your copy an honored place on your coffee table at home or at work.

As our 2013 Commencement ceremony approaches, how fitting that the cover story for this spring/summer edition features Moses Tsang. We are thrilled he will be in Bemidji to receive an honorary doctorate in recognition of his accomplishments through both career and service. I am also pleased to announce that another outstanding alum, Marine Corps Lieutenant General Thomas D. Waldhauser, will be honored as our Distinguished Minnesotan and deliver the keynote address.

These pages are filled with evidence of the enormous difference Bemidji State makes every day, especially through our wonderful students and graduates, who achieve, lead and serve in so many ways. You will read about the rapid expansion of our international studies programs under the leadership of Provost Dr. Martin Tadlock, meet several more of our "Students to Watch," catch up on university news and learn more about the lives of such impressive alums as Bill Colter, Rita Albrecht and Peggy and Sam Johnson. I hope you also enjoy the many photos of alumni in the Class Notes pages. Thanks to all who continue to share their stories with us.

I look forward to seeing you during our busy Homecoming weekend, Sept. 26-29, when we also will formally launch one of the most significant undertakings in this university's history: our first ever capital campaign, "Imagine Tomorrow." We are part of your yesterday; *you* are our tomorrow. Thank you so much for your support!

Best wishes,

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

Richard Hanson

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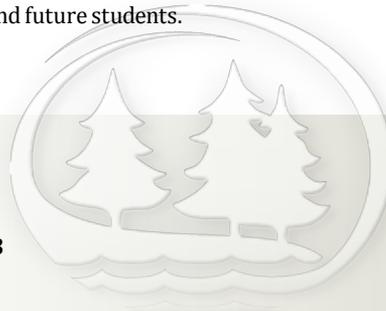


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INTERSECTING PASSIONS

A financial expert who cares for the earth

By Andy Bartlett

Moses Tsang is a two-sided coin. On one side, he is an expert in global finance who skyrocketed through one of the biggest financial service companies in the world before venturing out on his own. This is a man who now spends his days jetting around the globe to meet with the world's most influential political and economic leaders and attend fundraising galas, where he and his wife, Angela, are photographed with Hollywood stars.

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– MOSES TSANG

On the other side of that coin is a dedicated volunteer who travels worldwide championing nature conservation, sustainable living and environmental responsibility, and raising millions of dollars to support those causes.

Upon closer inspection, however, those two sides are not so very different after all. Tsang ('72) has used his financial prowess to invest in companies and technology that support clean water and renewable energy, and his success has afforded him freedom to volunteer significant time to those causes he cares so deeply about.

Bemidji State will recognize his achievement in all realms of life on May 10, when he is presented with an honorary doctorate during the 2013 Commencement ceremony.

In many ways, Tsang's life has come full circle from his days as a young boy in Hong Kong. He spent time studying in boarding schools and watching his father volunteer as an ordained Episcopalian minister in a section of the city known as Castle Peak.

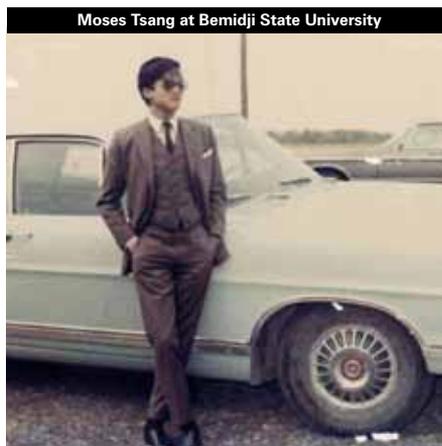
"Now it is a lot more developed, but in those days, it was very far out in the boonies," Tsang said.

He watched as his father worked to bring clinics and schools to help the families of poor fishermen and factory workers. This set him on a path to become a social worker and do the work his father had done in Castle Peak. His older brother, Benjamin ('71), had followed an increasing number of local boarding students who had traveled to a place called Bemidji for schooling in the United States two years prior, and Moses followed.

"My brother went to Bemidji, and my father thought it would be best I go there too," he said.

Tsang became a student at Bemidji State University in 1969 and immediately began to integrate himself into the community.

"Bemidji was very manageable in terms of knowing people," he said. "In a way, it's very precious. I was always like a minority there, being Asian. There were pluses and



Moses and Angela Tsang attend a fund-raising dinner for the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Art.

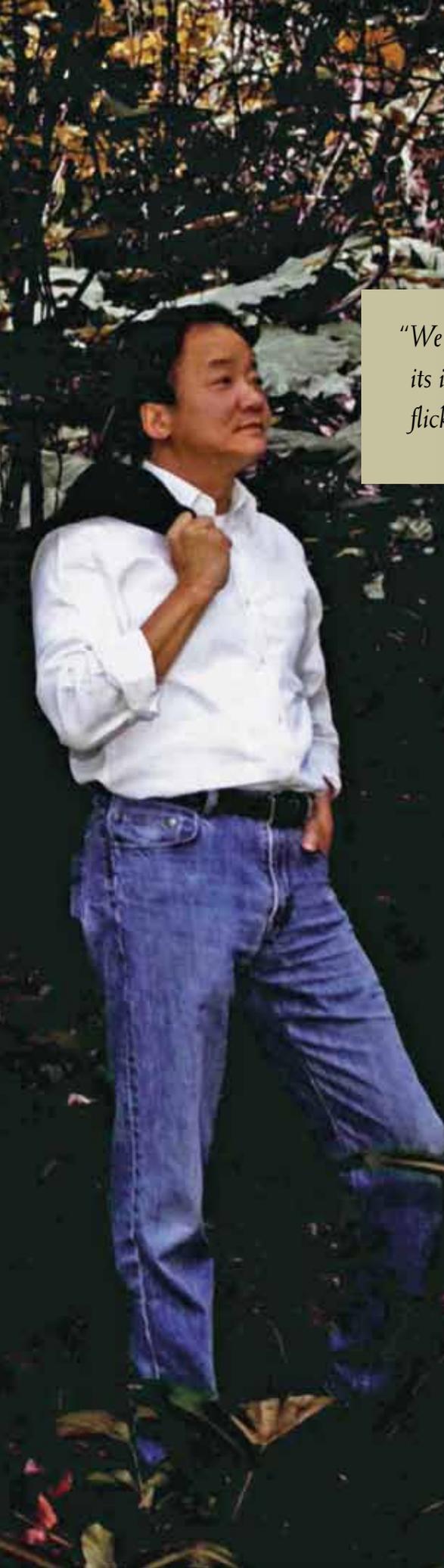
minuses; people were very courteous and nice because people wanted to know more about you and where you came from. But the negative was that you stood out."

Tsang kept busy during his years at BSU, focusing on his pursuit of a degree in social work and taking on part-time employment where he could find it. He lived with his brother for a year at the Newman Center next to campus, helping with cleaning and other odd jobs around the center in exchange for free lodging. The work supported an education that Tsang relished – particularly his connections with faculty.

"I remember Chuck Melbrook would teach a few courses here; Lloyd Johnson did the same," he said. "They were phenomenal additions to the faculty. I remember great interactions with David Nordlie, the chair of sociology. And physical education with Dr. Myrtie Hunt; I enjoyed that."

Tsang completed his undergraduate degree at Bemidji State in 1972 after only three years. From there, he went on a whirlwind tour of the Midwest that saw him earn a master's degree in social work from the University of Iowa in 1973, spend a semester doing doctoral work at the University of Minnesota and then move to

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the University of Chicago, where by 1976 he had completed all but a dissertation toward a doctorate in social work.

Then, in 1976, a close friend who had been best man at Tsang's wedding set Tsang down a new path that would change the rest of his life.

"A very good friend of mine suggested I should look at finance, because he thought I'd be good at it," Tsang said.

He began floating applications to Wall Street firms in the fall of 1976, and after a number of interviews he found himself with several offers. In January 1978, he made the decision to join Goldman Sachs.

"I chose Goldman because at that time they didn't have any Asians in the field of fixed income," he said. "I was the first Chinese to join that division."

Once Tsang settled in at Goldman Sachs, his rise through the company was meteoric. His first assignment was in New York, where he spent five years monitoring the activity of banks throughout Asia, despite the fact that Goldman had no physical presence in Asia at the time.

"I covered daytime clients in the U.S., and then at night I would get home to a Reuters screen and three phones on my desk and call Asia at night," he said. "After three or four years, the business had grown, and I felt I needed to move."

Tsang moved to Japan in 1983 to help Goldman start its fixed-income business. In 1988 he was asked to move to London and was named a general partner, becoming the first person of Chinese heritage from Hong Kong to reach that level within Goldman Sachs.

"I was sent to London with the idea of being there for five years," he said. "But obviously I was still thinking about going back to Asia."

He ultimately spent only a year and a half in London before he was asked to return to Hong Kong in 1988 and help Goldman Sachs establish its first Asian headquarters. In 1989, he was appointed chairman and managing director of Goldman Sachs (Asia) LLC, a role he held for five years until he retired as general partner in 1994.

"I retired by choice and started on my own," Tsang said.

He has been involved with a number of investment services and partnerships and banking operations since leaving Goldman Sachs. He became chairman and CEO of EC Investment Services Ltd. in 2000; was named chairman and managing partner of Ajia Partners Inc. in 2003; was named a director of Hong Kong's Fubon Bank in 2004; was named an independent non-executive director of China Central Properties in 2007; and in 2010 was named a director of SOCAM Development.

He now is executive chairman of AP Capital Holdings, Inc., a venture he founded with a partner in 2010 after the principals in Ajia Partners decided to go their separate ways.

AP Capital Holdings' investments have been wide-ranging, from a solar-energy installation on the roof of the largest shopping mall in New Jersey to buying into one of the largest privately held cattle farming companies in northwest Australia.

"We invest in companies that generate products that China needs," Tsang said. "For example, we have invested in renewable clean energy and have a food platform.

"We have probably close to 90,000 head of cattle on about 4 million acres of land. We

bought into 25 percent of this company with the intent to buy another 25 percent. Our intention is to ship very healthy beef into China, as well as into the Middle East and Indonesia.”

Here is where Tsang’s passions for finance and environmental conservation meet. His professional work on renewable energy and sustainable, healthy food with AP Capital Holdings runs parallel to his volunteer efforts with The Nature Conservancy related to preserving water and forestry resources.

The conservancy was founded in 1951 and seeks ways to protect the land and water on which all life depends and to leave a sustainable world for future generations.

“We are so insulated from nature that we have become oblivious to its importance,” Tsang said in a speech at the 2012 World Environmental Forum. “Our food comes plastic-wrapped and vacuum-packed with no sign of soil or blemish of blood, feather or scale. We forget the source of our water and energy and the destination of our garbage and sewage. For water, turn on a tap. For light or heat or cooling, flick a switch. What does nature have to do with it?”

A global leadership role

Eager to help the world understand what nature has to do with it, Tsang is one of 30 volunteer advisors with business and government backgrounds on the conservancy’s Asia-Pacific Council, and he has been on its global Board of Directors for three years.

Tsang first became aware of The Nature Conservancy more than a decade ago, when he was invited to the home of Victor Fung, who at the time was co-chair of the Asia-Pacific Council.

“I was invited to listen to the managing directors for the council,” Tsang said. “I was very impressed, and I started getting involved as a member of the council.”

In 2009, he was asked to join former Cisco Systems president John Morgridge as co-chair of the Asia-Pacific Council. After accepting that position, Tsang also was asked to join the organization’s global board.



Moses Tsang accepts the 2000 Outstanding Alumni Award during a visit to BSU in March 2005. He is pictured with Marion Christianson, vice president of the Alumni Association Board, and President Jon Quistgaard.

While his motives for becoming so heavily involved in nature conservation stem from his desire to preserve the world’s remaining natural resources and secure a biodiverse future for the planet, he also feels a personal responsibility to create a clean, sustainable home for himself and future generations of his family. The Tsangs have two daughters, Alexis and Brietta.

“I looked at myself as a long-term believer in Hong Kong and Asia,” he said. “I hope my children will come back and live there. I felt if I could change one person’s mind about conservation, it would be good.”

His efforts to preserve the world for future generations and his keen abilities to manage the fortunes of others stem from a deep appreciation for the fortunes he has been able to experience in his own life. He takes none of it for granted.

“I come from a very humble background,” Tsang said. “By good fortune and God’s blessing and luck, I was fortunate to get into Bemidji. I look at my career, and even at early stages in my life I had the opportunity to see a lot of the world – from Hong Kong to the United States, to Bemidji, to Chicago, to New York – and see the transformation of societies.

“My father has always been a very passionate person to support the underprivileged. We are not privileged ourselves, but we are fortunate. At age 64 and still working, I feel it’s very natural for me to do work that is meaningful to me.”



In May, Tsang will return to Bemidji for the first time in nearly a decade to once again be recognized by his alma mater. In 2000, he was named one of the university’s Outstanding Alumni, but could not accept the award until he was able to make a trip to Bemidji in 2005.

During his upcoming visit, Tsang will speak at Commencement as he becomes the first alum to receive an honorary doctorate.

“I feel very honored,” he said. “It is an honor more so having an honorary degree than having an earned degree, to be honest. I feel proud – I went to Bemidji, and I finished my degree there. It was my first stepping-stone into the United States, into American culture and society. I am really looking forward to that.”



Dongbei University of Finance and Economics

Taiyuan University of Technology

Weifang University

Guangzhou University

GLOBAL VISION

China sets pace for agreements abroad

By Andy Bartlett

When Dr. Martin Tadlock, Bemidji State's provost and vice president for academic affairs, arrived on campus last summer, he shared a vision of increasing partnerships between the university and institutions overseas.

The goal was two-fold: to significantly increase the number of international students on campus, and to expand opportunities for BSU faculty and students to teach and study abroad.

For the past several months, Tadlock and other university faculty and administrators have been aggressively pursuing that vision.

In November, he and a small delegation of faculty and administration signed a student transfer agreement with Weifang University during a five-day relationship-building trip to China. In addition to Weifang, Tadlock's delegation also visited Taiyuan University of Technology in Shanxi;

Guangzhou University in Guangzhou; and Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in Dalian to set the stage for future partnerships.

Then, in February, BSU signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of the Comoros, a publicly owned institution in the Comoros Islands near Madagascar, establishing a framework for faculty and student exchanges between the institutions. Faculty exchanges can begin immediately, while BSU students will be able to pursue semester-long study opportunities in the Comoros starting in spring of 2014.

BSU now has agreements in place with nine overseas universities including Lucerne, Switzerland, which was added to the list in April. Eventually, the university hopes to have agreements with 12 institutions to provide a total of 120 opportunities each semester for students to study abroad at a low cost. Tadlock's goal is to hold the cost of these programs to less than \$1,000 above the cost of studying full-time at BSU for a semester.

"We are going to set up opportunities for any student at Bemidji State University who wants to go abroad for a semester to do it at an affordable rate," he said. "At other institutions, it can cost you anywhere from \$5,000-\$12,000 above and beyond what you pay in tuition that semester."

These exchange programs will bring students to BSU as well, dramatically increasing the number of international students on campus each year. BSU currently hosts approximately 120 international students each year, and Tadlock says BSU's goal is to expand that total to 300 students within the next two to three years.

One of BSU's first sizable exchange opportunities will take place in May, when its student electronic music ensemble

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- DR. MARTIN TADLOCK

View of Hong Kong from Victoria Peak.



heads to China for a month. Dr. Del Lyren, professor of music, and five members of the student ensemble "Voltage" will spend three to four weeks at Weifang University serving as BSU ambassadors and sharing their expertise in electronic music.

In addition, BSU already has two full scholarships available for students to study at Guangzhou and is seeking opportunities to offer similar scholarships at other Chinese universities.

These opportunities and others have been bolstered by BSU's partnership with Canadian company CIBT, which is acting as a facilitator for most of the exchange opportunities available to faculty and staff in China and beyond.

BSU and CIBT also are planning to open an international English as a Second Language center in Bemidji to provide language instruction to Chinese students before they enroll in university courses. Planning for the ESL center is underway, and the university hopes to open the facility sometime in the next year.

This center will give BSU opportunities to host high school-age and younger students from China for English language training programs and other activities.

The first of these activities will take place this summer when BSU will host junior high school-age Chinese students for a nine-week program, "Summer of Learning in Minnesota." The students will live in residence halls and with host families in the Bemidji area while engaging in sports, community service, book clubs, nature programs and other activities

typical of American public school children of the same age.

Tadlock said Bemidji State plans to host more visiting faculty from international institutions, as well. This year, BSU has hosted a visiting professor from Liaoning University in China, as it has each fall semester for some time, and has plans to expand this program to as many as four visiting professors per semester.

These exchange initiatives are not solely for students; faculty also will have significant international opportunities as a result of these initiatives. Each of the four Chinese universities visited by the BSU delegation last fall now offers opportunities for faculty to teach in China, and BSU will have four or five faculty traveling to China this summer.

Through BSU's partnership with CIBT, students also are finding opportunities to teach in China. In February, four BSU students arrived in Weifang, where they will teach in accelerated English language programs. Three of the students will teach for one Chinese semester, which runs from February through August, and the fourth will teach for a full year.

"China is a growing place, their economy is strong, and they are putting money into higher education beyond anything I've ever seen here," Tadlock said. "They have the resources, and they're willing to invest in sending their people abroad. That's why every university in the United States is trying to participate in these opportunities."

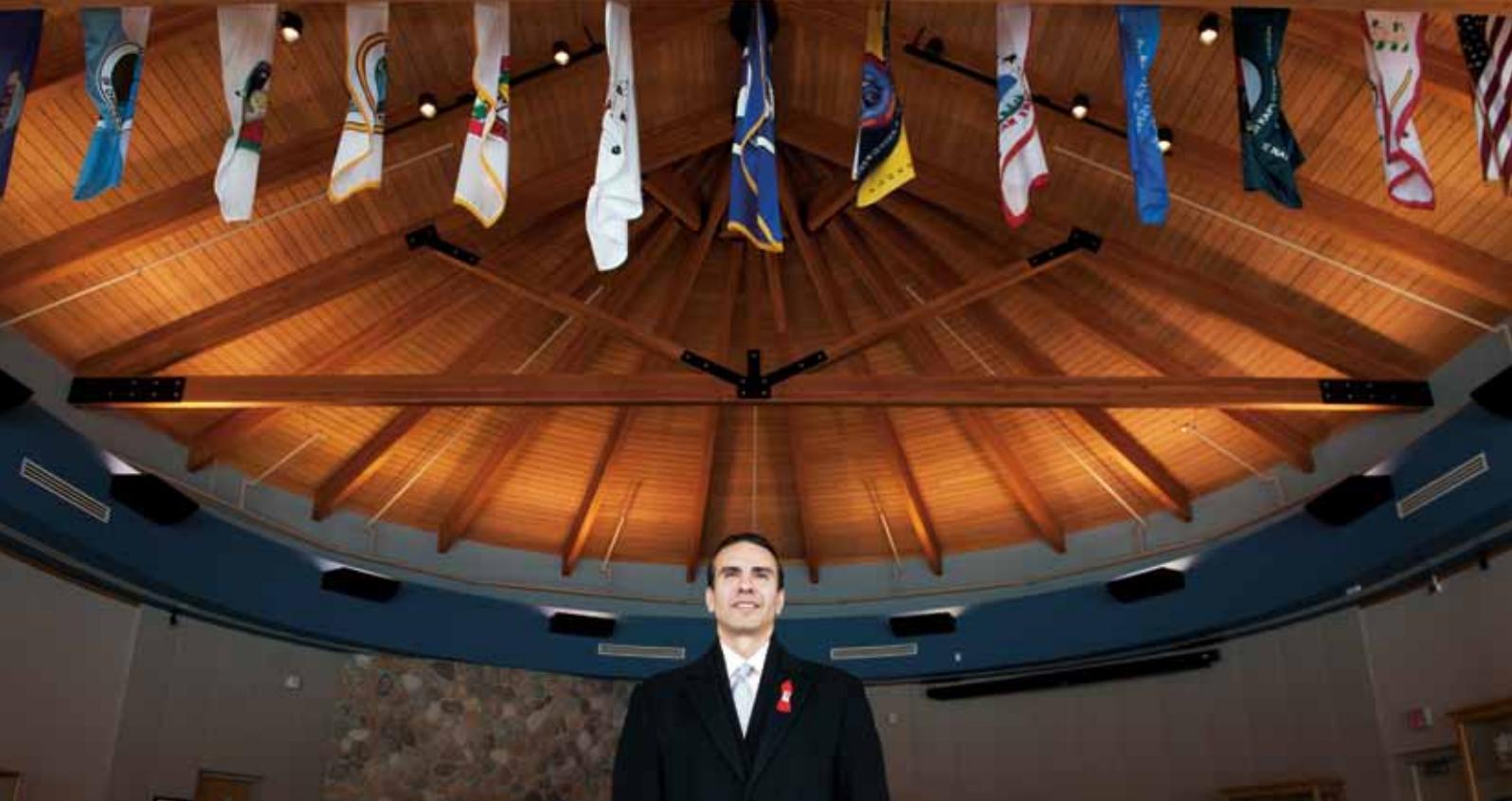


A delegation of Bemidji State deans and faculty tours the Forbidden City in Beijing, China, in November.



BSU Provost Martin Tadlock signs a student and faculty exchange agreement in November with President Wang Shoulun of Weifang University in Weifang, China.





HERE TO **SERVE**

Treuer has vision for AIRC

DR. ANTON "TONY" TREUER

was named executive director of Bemidji State University's American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) in November. Treuer was no stranger to BSU, having spent the past 13 years as a professor of Ojibwe in the Department of Languages and Ethnic Studies. Here are highlights from a conversation about his transition from faculty to administration and his vision for the center's future.

Q: *You had been on the BSU faculty for more than a decade. What led you to want to pursue this position?*

A: I agonized about that. I believe teaching is a sacred act, and it's a role I find fulfilling. Stepping into this role means stepping out of the classroom, so that was the hard part about making this shift.

There is something happening now, on our campus and in Indian Country, that led me to believe that I should do this. The current university administration is really visionary. The potential to leverage what we have into something much bigger, bolder and of greater service to Native people is more real than it's ever been.

I also feel Indian Country is well suited to a different level of service from the center (AIRC). Most of the tribes in the area are in the midst of constitutional reform, economic revitalization and a language and culture renaissance. All of those things can be catalyzed by what we do here.

And, Bemidji is home. I've got all four grandparents for my nine children within 10 minutes of the front door. We've got all of our traditional life ways, and we are right in between Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth. I've got family and ceremonial connections to all of those places. So this is a logical place for me to be.

Q: *How did President Hanson's vision for the future of the center influence your decision to pursue this job?*

A: I was excited when President Hanson came on board. He identified as a mission for the university looking for things that are innovative, distinctive and sustainable. So when he came on, I came to him with an agenda. At that point I was a professor of Ojibwe, and I was interested in developing the Ojibwe teacher training program, tribal leadership and things like that. He was very excited about those. So I think we have a good symbiotic relationship and understanding about future directions for the resource center.

Q: *How do you see your role in the AIRC's development of relationships between BSU and the local tribes?*

A: I have a service leader position, in aspects of this job. I am here to serve students, I am here to serve the community, and I am here to serve the tribes.

Right now Red Lake and White Earth are pursuing constitutional reform. They are going to shred their constitutions and come up with something totally different, envisioned by their own people. As part of their nation-building efforts, tribal governments need their history defined and their languages stabilized and revitalized. We are well positioned to help with that. It's some of the most exciting work that we do.

A lot of people go through life searching for an opportunity to make the world a better place, to make a contribution. To me those opportunities are everywhere in what we do here.

Q: *What kinds of services does the AIRC provide to students enrolled at BSU?*

A: We have a whole basket of services. The retention rates for native students in higher education are scary and not acceptable. It remains one of our areas of primary concern. We have a full-time retention counselor who has literally hundreds of students she sees on a regular basis; we have tutors and mentors for both academic and social challenges; we have financial

assistance; we have a physical space; and we have one of the most active student organizations on campus in the Council of Indian Students. All of those things provide support and connection points for our students that make it a lot easier for them to make it through school.

Q: *If you could look into the future, what would you want the AIRC to look like in 10 years?*

A: I would like it to look about six times bigger than it is, with a staff about three times bigger and several innovative programs that we haven't even done before. We have all kinds of things in the vision. We would like to have a museum and an archive so this is a destination for scholars on native history, language and culture, and for the tribes to do their nation-building and historical research work. This is the perfect place to do that.

I would like us to be – more than we already are – not just a regional leader, but a national leader in education, in retaining students, in serving tribes, revitalizing languages, cultivating the entrepreneurial spirit of Indian Country and developing future political, economic and even cultural or spiritual leaders. We have some really innovative ideas in each of those areas.



Dr. Anton "Tony" Treuer

POSITION: Executive director of the American Indian Resource Center

BACKGROUND: Treuer was named to his current role in November after 13 years as a faculty member in the BSU Department of Languages and Ethnic Studies. He founded the *Oshkaabewis Native Journal* in March 1995 and continues to edit the publication, the only academic journal of the Ojibwe language. Before coming to Bemidji State, he was an assistant professor in the history department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for nearly five years. He has edited or authored nine books. His book, *Ojibwe in Minnesota*, was named Minnesota's Best Read by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress in 2010. In 2012, he won the Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History for his book, *The Assassination of Hole in the Day*. He has won numerous awards, including the Ken Hale Prize for Linguistics from the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

EDUCATION: Treuer has a bachelor's degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a master's degree and doctorate in history, both from the University of Minnesota.

PERSONAL: He has nine children and lives in Bemidji with his wife, Blair.



BSU STUDENTS to watch

KARI COOPER arrived at Bemidji State University with her heart set on a career in marketing or public relations – preferably in the non-profit sector. Not wanting to limit herself to one field, she chose a road less traveled: a degree in liberal studies.

“So many people said, ‘Oh, you’re never going to get a job,’” Cooper said. “But I thought, ‘You don’t know me too well, because I just don’t believe that. Everyone else is going to have a marketing degree ... or a business degree. I think having a liberal studies degree might be the one thing that sets me apart.’”

From economics to environmental studies, Cooper, now a junior, has enjoyed a broad breadth of learning. “Everything about school excites me,” she said.

During high school in Sauk Rapids, she joined DECA, a business club that fosters leadership development through community service, and loved it. Then in 2007, her grandfather died of pancreatic cancer, and in his honor, her whole family – aunts, uncles, cousins – got involved in an annual 25-mile bike ride to benefit cancer research.

“I’ve been set on working for a non-profit ever since,” Cooper said. “For me, the only way I’m going to be fulfilled in life is if I know that I’m doing something that is going to benefit others.”

Cooper expects to graduate in 2014 with a liberal studies degree and a minor in mass communications. She plans to pursue a master’s in strategic communications or non-profit leadership. This year, she received the BSU David Sorensen Scholarship for leadership. She is co-president of the BSU Student Senate, a member of the BSU President’s Student Commission and an orientation leader for incoming freshmen.

“Kari brings a strong voice to the table – she’s a very purposeful leader,” said Mary Tosch, Student Senate adviser. “I appreciate her maturity.”

Through a BSU work-study partnership, Cooper is also a marketing assistant with the Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area, working in special events, marketing and donor relations.

“BSU is unique in that it emphasizes the student experience and making sure students are involved in all kinds of learning,” she said. “It’s not just about being engaged in the classroom.”

Cooper looks forward to a career that allows her to inspire people to support the things that matter to them. “A lot of different causes pull on my heartstrings,” she said. “It’s human nature, I think, to want to help others.”

— *Cindy Serratore*

KARI COOPER



VINCENT STA



VINCENT STAPLES-GRAVES wants to lead by example, especially in helping Native American boys discover and embrace Indian culture.

“So much has affected young native boys in difficult ways,” Staples-Graves said. “A lot of times, kids are lost – just looking for their identity.”

A member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Staples-Graves plans to graduate from Bemidji State University in 2015 with a degree in American Indian Studies.

At first, he aspired to be an aquatics biologist but switched majors when one of his biology courses conflicted with an Indian Studies course he really wanted to take.

“As I got into Indian Studies, I realized that so much had been kept from me,” said Staples-Graves of his native heritage. “For a lot of people, Indian studies is one chapter in the fifth grade. It’s as if prior to 1492, we didn’t have a history.”

He wanted to delve more deeply. He is especially interested in and troubled by the history of U.S. government boarding schools for Indians. “Boarding schools only lasted about 100 years, but they had lasting repercussions,” he said. “They destroyed family structure, leaving a whole generation without native role models.”

PLES-GRAVES



At Bemidji State, Staples-Graves hopes to become the role model that youth need today. He is in his second year as president of the BSU Council of American Indian Students, a member of the President's Student Commission and a steady presence at the American Indian Resource Center on campus.

"Vince has a lot of responsibilities but he always uses his humor and wit to keep things positive," said Dr. John Gonzalez, former council adviser and psychology professor. "He's going to be a leader in our community. People just like to be around him, and you know you can count on him when things need to get done."

While at BSU, Staples-Graves embraces his journey. He and his wife, BSU student Anna Goldtooth-Graves, spent a week in Norway as part of an indigenous studies program. In addition, he has been a BSU peer adviser, pow wow coordinator and participant in a national program that connects native students and native professionals in their respective fields. He also works with a program that introduces native youth to the field of medicine.

"BSU has been one of the best experiences of my life," Staples-Graves said. "I'm really learning a lot about myself and my culture."

— **Cindy Serratore**

LEXIE KRUSE dreamed in high school of one day turning her love of music into a career as an orchestral trumpet player.

"I wanted to play for a living and try to achieve my goal of having a trumpet performance career," Kruse said.

Her high school trumpet teacher in Pipestone, John Colson, guided her to Bemidji State University through a connection with Dr. Del Lyren, professor of music. As an undergraduate at South Dakota State, Lyren took classes from Colson, which led Colson to guide Kruse toward his former protégé.

"Where to start with Lexie?" Lyren asked. "She's an exceptionally rare combination of talent and drive. Students like her come along maybe once or twice in an entire career. She has the talent to go anywhere for graduate school – Juilliard, Manhattan School of Music, anywhere. Bemidji State has been lucky to have her as a student."

Now a senior, Kruse is ending her undergraduate career in style. Her spring semester already has been a whirlwind of performances and competitions, including a live tryout with the world-renowned U.S. Army Field Band and a second consecutive year as a semifinalist in the National Trumpet Competition.

"The Army Band tryout was awesome," she said. "I learned so much about having a career in a military band, and it was nice to talk to the other players who were significantly older and already have trumpet performance careers. I got to find out how they got where they are and what they would recommend for me. I loved every second of it."

Her decision to attend Bemidji State has been a blistering success. The size of the school has allowed her to participate in most of the music ensembles offered by the Music Department, and this experience led her to alter her plans for life after college.

"My goals changed when I got to play lead with Blue Ice for three years," she said of the school's jazz group. "I learned that orchestral playing was not the road I wanted to take, and I decided to head more toward commercial playing and classical solo work."

More important than the benefits of her coursework and training and having the luxury to develop her abilities in a comforting, intimate environment at BSU, though, has been the close relationship she's built with Lyren.

"Del has been a rock for me for the last four years," Kruse said. "I have never met a teacher that goes above and beyond for his students as much as Del has. He not only has taught me so many things about the trumpet, but also about how to grow and be the best person I can be. I'll never forget anything he has done for me."

— **Andy Bartlett**

LEXIE KRUSE





BSU SPORTS



Forward/Guard Lance Rongstad goes up for two in Beavers' NSIC tournament victory over Wayne State on Feb. 27.



Brian Leonhardt

Leonhardt earns national recognition on field and in class

Bemidji State University football senior **Brian Leonhardt** of Blaine was named to the 2012 Capitol One NCAA Division II Academic All-America® Football First Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Leonhardt became

the fifth Bemidji State student-athlete to earn first team academic honors since the program began in 1976. Leonhardt had a 3.72 GPA and graduated with a degree in business administration. Following the 2012 regular season, he was invited to compete in the Texas vs. The Nation Game on Feb. 2, where he garnered Offensive Most Valuable Player honors, leading The Nation to a 24-13 victory with four receptions for 62 yards and a touchdown.

Twenty-three BSU student-athletes named to 2012 NSIC Academic team

Bemidji State landed 23 student-athletes on the 2012 Fall 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 football squad, which had nine student-athletes named to the team. BSU also had seven members from its soccer team, four members of the volleyball squad and three student-athletes from the cross country team selected for the honor.

Cross country team honored for excellence in the classroom

The Bemidji State cross country team was selected to the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Division II All-Academic Team. BSU, which carried a 3.22 GPA and was one of 127 programs honored nationwide, earned the award for the fifth consecutive season.

WCHA recognizes BSU scholar athletes

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association honored 16 Bemidji State student-athletes with its seventh annual WCHA Scholar-Athlete Award in 2012-13. Bemidji State's 16 student-athletes ranked second to only St. Cloud State University, which had a total of 17 players qualify for the academic award. The BSU men ranked second in the WCHA, behind University of Nebraska-Omaha (12), with nine honorees, while seven selections placed the BSU women in a tie with St. Cloud State for fourth place in the league.

1,000 points for Rongstad and Walters

Bemidji State men's basketball seniors **Lance Rongstad** of Eleva, Wis., and **Mason Walters**, a native of Milton, Wis., both surpassed the 1,000-point plateau during the 2012-13 season. In 91 years of basketball, only 17 players have earned a spot in the exclusive BSU club. This marked the third time two BSU teammates have eclipsed 1,000 points during the same season. **Kevin Nichols** (1,125) and **Scott Kramer** (1,361) did so in 1994, while **David Lee** (2,034) and **Dale Harper** (1,158) each moved past 1,000 career points in 1987.

Four Beavers earn Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award

Lewis Baumann (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and **Ryan Brezinski** (Regina, Saskatchewan) of the BSU baseball team, track and field athlete **Ashley Larva** (Floodwood) and **Christian Metz** (Cambridge) of the Beavers football program represented Bemidji State among 80 student-athletes from the NSIC's 16 member institutions to be honored as recipients of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's fourth annual NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award—an award bestowed to seniors who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate.



Lewis Baumann

Ryan Brezinski

Ashley Larva

Christian Metz

FALL SPORT RECAPS

The Bemidji State **FOOTBALL** team earned a share of the 2012 NSIC North Division title in 2012. The Beavers finished the season 7-4 to record their 14th 500-plus record under Head Coach Jeff Tesch. Senior linebacker Cory Crosby of Cold Spring earned Daktronics Super Region #3 First Team Defense honors. ... **SOCCER** was among the top 10 teams in the NCAA's Central Region for most of 2012. Under 10th-year Head Coach Jim Stone, the Beavers finished 10-7-2 overall and 8-5-2 in NSIC play to finish sixth in the NSIC standings and clinch a spot in the conference tournament for the fourth consecutive year. Sam Lumberg, a defender from Woodbury, and Mary O'Brien, a forward from Maplewood, were named third team all-region ... **VOLLEYBALL** completed a 2012 schedule containing nine teams ranked in the national poll with a record of 4-23 overall and 2-18 in NSIC play ... **CROSS COUNTRY** capped its season with a 23rd-place finish at the NCAA Division II Central Regional in Joplin, Mo.

WINTER SPORT UPDATE

Highlighted by a victory over then-No. 9 Wisconsin to open the Badgers' new LaBahn Arena, **WOMEN'S HOCKEY** finished 6-26-2 overall with a 5-22-1 mark in the WCHA. BSU was bumped from the first round of the WCHA playoffs, dropping a best-of-three series at No. 1 Minnesota, but not before becoming the only team to take Minnesota to overtime during its perfect 34-0-0 regular-season ... **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** opened with a program-best, five-game winning streak. Led by junior Morgan Lee of Hayward, Wis., who averaged nearly 14 points per game, the Beavers finished 11-16 overall and 7-15 in NSIC play and were eliminated from the conference tournament in the first round by a nationally ranked Minnesota State, Mankato team ... **MEN'S BASKETBALL** won six of its last eight regular-season games to lock up a home playoff game for the second consecutive season. BSU knocked off Wayne State and No. 21 Winona State en route to Rochester, where the Beavers fell to Minnesota State in NSIC Championship game. Under first-year Head Coach Mike Boschee, the Beavers were 15-11, with a 13-9 mark in league play to finish the regular season third in the NSIC standings ... **INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD** placed 10th at the NSIC Championships. Junior Jessica Cagle of Grand Rapids provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in shot put with a season-best mark of 45 feet, 11.75 inches. Tamarack native Taylor Sautbine set a school record in the pentathlon (3,134) and 60-meter dash (7.88) at the NSIC Championships ... **MEN'S HOCKEY** played in 11 overtime games and matched a program record with eight ties in 2012-13. The Beavers completed the season with an overall record of 6-18-8 and a 5-14-7 mark in league play to finish 11th.

BSU ECONOMIC IMPACT ESTIMATED AT \$166 MILLION

Bemidji State University adds an estimated \$166 million per year in economic activity to the Bemidji region and is directly responsible for an estimated 2,225 jobs, according to an economic impact study released in March by St. Paul, Minn.-based Wilder Research.

The university's impact, measured during a survey of economic activity in the region during 2011, was estimated to be approximately 7 percent of the region's \$2.4 billion economy.

BSU's ability to enhance the future productivity of Minnesota's workforce was found to provide an estimated \$139.1 million of future value to the state economy. This is based on the 872 bachelor and master's degrees awarded by the university in 2011.

"Bemidji State University serves a unique and vital role as an economic engine in the Headwaters region," said Dr. Richard Hanson, president of Bemidji State and Northwest Technical College. "This research simply proves the strength and importance of the partnership between Bemidji State University, the city of Bemidji and the people of north central Minnesota."

The calculation of BSU's economic impact was part of a broader effort to determine the economic benefits of the entire Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to the state of Minnesota. The study by Wilder Research found the system to have a total annual economic impact of \$8.3 billion on the state of Minnesota, or 2.8 percent of the state's total gross regional product, while generating an estimated 80,856 jobs.

University wrapping up new strategic plan for 2013-16

Work on a three-year Bemidji State strategic plan for 2013-16 is nearing completion, with the goal of beginning to implement it this fall. The planning effort, initiated by President Richard Hanson, is being coordinated by a University Planning Council of faculty and staff.

Input has been gathered this spring from BSU students and employees, as well as from community stakeholders in the Bemidji region.

Broad areas of strategic focus include: improving outreach to and connections with the university's diverse constituent groups in local, state, national and global communities, making the most of educational innovation; continually improving access to high-quality education for a broad range of students; reinforcing the relevance of the liberal arts; and ensuring that students receive an education of enduring worth.

For more information about the strategic plan, click on "planning council" on the president's webpage at bemidjistate.edu.

Members of the University Planning Council discuss aspects of a proposed strategic plan in the Lower Union on Feb. 26.





Parker named VP for student affairs

Dr. James Parker has been named vice president for student development and enrollment at Bemidji State University.

Parker served as vice president for student affairs at Mansfield

University of Pennsylvania last year. Prior to Mansfield, Parker worked in student affairs at Texas Christian University and the University of Oklahoma and spent three years as dean of students at the University of South Dakota.

He holds a bachelor of arts and a master of education from the University of Oklahoma and a doctorate in educational leadership from Texas Christian University. He begins July 1.



Strong chosen as dean of college

Dr. Shawn Strong has been named dean of the College of Business, Technology and Communication at Bemidji State.

Strong comes to BSU after 14 years on the faculty at Missouri

State University. He has most recently served as professor of technology and construction management in Missouri State's College of Business and heads its Department of Technology and Construction Management.

Prior to his work at Missouri State, Strong was a graduate instructor at Iowa State University while completing his doctoral degree.

He has an associate's degree from Northwest Iowa Technical College, bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State College in Nebraska, and a doctorate in industrial education and technology from Iowa State University. He begins July 1.



Gora to direct summer programs

Angie Gora was hired in February as the University's first director of summer programs.

Gora brings more than 10 years of experience creating and facilitating innovative programs at community recreation centers, small private

colleges and large public universities.

She has a bachelor's degree in art and a master's degree in educational administration and foundations from Illinois State University, as well as a master's degree in recreation administration from George Williams College of Aurora University in Williams Bay, Wis.

Neilson Foundation internships re-funded

Bemidji State will again partner with the George W. Neilson Foundation to offer businesses and organizations in the Bemidji area an opportunity to hire BSU students for internship positions.

The foundation is providing employers within 30 miles of Bemidji an opportunity to hire a total of 14 interns, with the foundation covering up to \$2,500 of each intern's salary. One internship is allocated specifically for health and nursing, and 13 could pertain to any major or program offered by BSU or Northwest Technical College.

The internship program is part of Intern Bemidji, a broader collaboration between Bemidji State, NTC, Oak Hills Christian College and area business leaders. Intern Bemidji simplifies the process for employers to find bright, talented students for short-term projects, jobs and internships. For more information, visit internbemidji.org.

Nursing students plan summer journey to Belize

Bemidji State nursing students in May will head to the Central American nation of Belize to provide basic community health services as part of a group volunteer effort.

The 13-day trip is in collaboration with ProWorld Volunteers, which has placed more than 6,000 volunteers in community-based projects around the world since 1998. It will give BSU students hands-on experience with community outreach and education in rural health clinics throughout Belize.

TRiO lands \$1.1 million McNair grant

Bemidji State's TRiO program has received a five-year, \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to begin offering services under the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program.

The award will provide TRiO at BSU with \$220,000 to serve at least 25 eligible students each year during the five-year grant cycle. McNair services are awarded to qualifying students based on individual academic need.

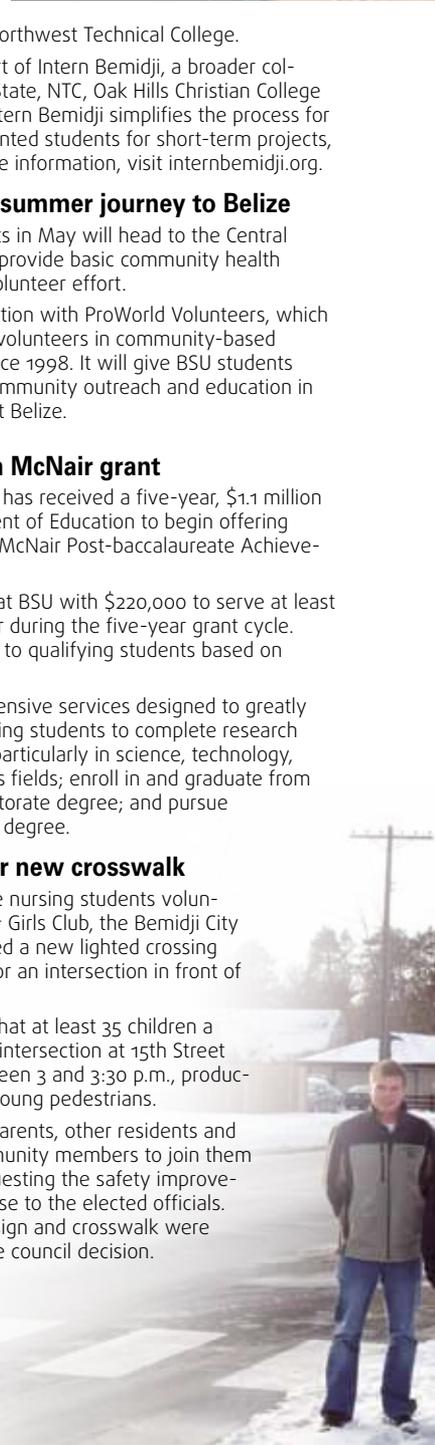
The program offers comprehensive services designed to greatly increase the ability of qualifying students to complete research or other scholarly activities, particularly in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields; enroll in and graduate from graduate school; attain a doctorate degree; and pursue a career using that advanced degree.

Students make case for new crosswalk

At the urging of Bemidji State nursing students volunteering at the Bemidji Boys & Girls Club, the Bemidji City Council in November approved a new lighted crossing sign and marked crosswalk for an intersection in front of the youth center.

The BSU students observed that at least 35 children a week crossed the unmarked intersection at 15th Street and Minnesota Avenue between 3 and 3:30 p.m., producing some close calls for the young pedestrians.

After interviewing children, parents, other residents and educators, they invited community members to join them in a letter to the council, requesting the safety improvement, and presented their case to the elected officials. The solar-powered crossing sign and crosswalk were installed within a week of the council decision.





MIDIots land gig at The Dakota club

Bemidji State's faculty electronic music ensemble, the MIDIots, performed in February at one of the Midwest's premier jazz clubs, The Dakota Jazz Club and Restaurant in Minneapolis. It was the group's first out-of-town booking at a commercial venue.

The group played two 45-minute sets featuring jazz standards and original pieces written by members of the group, as well as a selection of rock covers.

The MIDIots include BSU faculty members Dr. Del Lyren, professor of music; Dr. Erika Svanoe, assistant professor of music and Bemidji State's director of bands; adjunct faculty members Greg Gaston and Eric Sundeen; and Lee Foster.

BSU benefits from major grant initiatives

The 360° Center of Excellence, a consortium of nine two-year colleges in Minnesota led by Bemidji State, is sharing in a \$13.1 million Department of Labor grant awarded to Central Lakes College, Pine Technical College and St. Cloud Technical and Community College to

strengthen and expand Minnesota's ability to develop a highly skilled workforce for manufacturing-related careers.

The three-year program will continue efforts to expand Minnesota's educated labor pool in direct response to the needs of manufacturing employers. It will train an anticipated pool of more than 3,900 workers for high-skill, high-wage positions, with an emphasis on metals manufacturing, plastics and composites, automation technology and rapid prototyping.

BSU also is sharing in a \$2.5-million grant extension from the National Science Foundation won by the University of Minnesota and its 13 collaborating higher education institutions and three community partners. The coalition, called the NorthStar STEM Alliance, has been awarded five years of additional funding through the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program to increase the number of minority students receiving bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

University signs on to Project Degree Completion

Bemidji State is one of nearly 500 public colleges and universities to join the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) as signatories for the "Project Degree Completion" initiative.

The initiative launches an historic effort by the group, which is committed to increasing the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded in the United States by 3.8 million over the next 13 years.

By 2025, the coalition hopes to grow the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded in the United States from 1.04 million, the number awarded in 2011, to nearly 1.6 million. The commitment also pledges to reduce time to degree, enhance academic quality and limit per-student educational costs.

BSU hosts hundreds of teenagers for TRIO Day

More than 400 high school and college students from across Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin visited Bemidji State in mid-February for the Minnesota TRIO Association's 10th annual TRIO Day.

The event provided information and workshops intended to help both high school and college students alike prepare for and succeed in their educational endeavors. Workshop sessions focused on career development, academic success, financial planning and personal well-being.

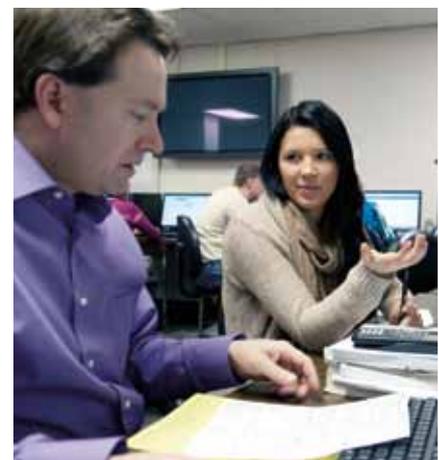
BSU sponsors Upward Bound and Student Support Services as part of its TRIO program and will soon offer services under TRIO's Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program. Upward Bound has been offered at BSU since 1966, and Student Support Services began in 1970.



Accounting students provide free tax help

Bemidji State accounting students who have completed the Tax I course and passed Internal Revenue Service certification tests once again donated their time in March and April to residents of Bemidji for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The student volunteers use their tax knowledge to provide assistance to other students, including international students with special requirements, low-income and elderly individuals in the area who may be uncomfortable or unfamiliar with tax law and filing requirements.



BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Colleen Greer, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,



was recognized for outstanding contributions to the Inter-Faculty Organization during the 2012 IFO delegate assembly in Roseville, Minn. The award was for completion of a focus-group study of

campus climate from the faculty perspective on the campuses of the seven state universities in Minnesota. **Dr. Deb Peterson**, professor of sociology, also was recognized for her contributions to the work.

Lawrence Hanus, assistant professor of counseling services, presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors in Newport, R.I. He presented "Lessons learned: Implementing a new fee for services policy," describing an initiative by counseling services at Bemidji State.

Dr. Brian Hiller, assistant professor of biology,



has been voted into the officer rotation of the Wildlife Toxicology Working Group of The Wildlife Society, an international organization. The group is composed of experts on the effects of contaminants on wildlife and wildlife systems.

Hiller will serve one year as chair-elect, one year as chair and one year as past chair.

Dr. Tim Kroeger, professor of geology in the Center for Environmental, Earth, and Space Studies, presented a research poster at the 57th Midwest Regional Groundwater Conference in Minneapolis. The poster was co-authored by **Dr. Dragoljub Bilanovic**, professor of environmental, Earth and space studies, and **Ruth Winsor**, an environmental studies graduate who completed her undergraduate thesis on this project. The poster focused on a 2008 effort to determine the cause of seasonal dissolved oxygen impairment in the headwaters of the Clearwater River near Bagley.

Jeanette Lukowski, assistant professor of English, has authored a new personal memoir, *Heart Scars*, about her experience as a single parent when her teenage daughter ran away from home. The book is scheduled for release in June by North Star Press of St. Cloud.

Mahmoud Al Odeh, assistant professor of technology, art and design, will use a New Faculty grant from Bemidji State to focus on enhancing logistics and supply-chain management within Bemidji-area manufacturing. He was also chosen as a judge for the 2013 Edison Awards competition, recognizing innovative American products and business leaders.

Dr. Patrick Welle, professor of economics, was on



a year-long sabbatical in 2011-12 conducting major research projects. He was co-investigator on a grant funded by the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources titled "Cost-Effectiveness of Management Options for Maintaining and Restoring Shallow Lakes in Minnesota."

Dr. Deb Peterson, professor of sociology, and **Dr. Janet Moen**, adjunct instructor in sociology, both presented at the Sociologists of Minnesota annual conference in October at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Peterson presented "The Process of Understanding Campus Climate," and Moen presented "Civil Relations in Contemporary Society: Perceptions and Reality."

Dr. William Scheela, professor of business administration, co-authored an article, "Do Institutions Matter for Business Angel Investing in Emerging Asian Markets?" with Thawatchai Jittrapanun of Chulalongkorn University in Thailand that was published in *Venture Capital: An International Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance*.

Sherry Shindelar, adjunct professor in English, presented in October at the Citizenship and Belonging Triennial Conference of the Society for the Study of American Women Writers in Denver. Her presentation, "Transformations in Belonging Advancement and Retreat in Augusta Jane Evans Macaria and St. Elmo," was from the first chapter of her in-progress dissertation on matrimony in Civil War-era literature.

A CHAMPION for **BEMIDJI**

By Cindy Serratore

For Rita Albrecht, being elected mayor of the city of Bemidji is a gift – a second chance to do the work she loves. The former community development director lost her job with the city in 2009 when the position was eliminated. A planner at heart, Albrecht wanted to continue to shape the city's future.

"I just felt that I had so much more to give," said Albrecht, who decided to run for the Bemidji City Council. In March 2011, two months after taking a council seat, she also landed her current position as a planner and developer with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. A year later, she ran for mayor – and won – becoming the first woman to hold the position in Bemidji.

While her election is historic, Albrecht considers even more significant what she's been able to accomplish at midlife. "I'm a big advocate of late bloomers," said Albrecht, who was 46 when she graduated from Bemidji State University in 2001, the same year that the eldest of her two children graduated from high school. "I've built my career since the age of 45. To me, that's a powerful message for women."

Albrecht became a licensed teacher with degrees in geography and social studies, but she always wanted to be a planner. She volunteered on boards and city commissions to gain expertise, and in 2005 became the assistant city planner. When the city changed its planning structure, she left but returned a year later as community development director.

A 35-year-plus resident of Bemidji, Albrecht is well versed in local and state-wide politics. She and her husband, Mike, raised their family in Bemidji and for 11 years owned and operated a local A&W restaurant. When they sold the business, Albrecht went back to school and immersed herself in civic and non-profit work.



Albrecht savors new role as mayor

"Rita is a walking encyclopedia about Bemidji," said community advocate, Jean Edevold Larson, executive director of Northern Dental Access Center. "If she doesn't know something, she knows who to ask. She's well networked, a born diplomat and she doesn't have an ego. She's one of the smartest people I know."

As mayor, Albrecht sees her role as a champion of important causes. "We have so much potential," she said of Bemidji, one of the fastest-growing micropolitan areas in Minnesota. "We just need to get the right people at the table, working together."

A self-described planning junkie, Albrecht follows planning and development throughout Minnesota and is an active member of the American Planning

Association and American Institute of Certified Planners. She has spoken nationally about downtown planning and revitalization and identifies downtown development as one of her key priorities. She also believes in celebrating success, noting that Bemidji was recognized in October as one of the top five bicycle-friendly cities in the state.

Albrecht is grateful for her Bemidji State education and second chances. She's already involved in a comprehensive city planning process, doing exactly what she loves. "I can't wait to see how it turns out," she said.

Cindy Serratore is a Bemidji-based freelance writer.



By Maryhelen Chadwick

As a U.S. Secret Service agent, Bill Colter '70 served five presidents, traveled the world and witnessed Cold War history.

But this high school dropout and Marine veteran might never have gotten the chance if not for a Bemidji State University program to admit nontraditional students.

Colter grew up in Detroit and attended three high schools before quitting in 11th grade.

He joined the Marine Corps, where he earned his GED. An event early in Colter's military service gave him the idea that college should be part of his future.

On his second day of basic training, he and the other recruits were loading chopped asphalt from a parking lot onto trucks beneath a blistering sun. Colter saw some young men about his age standing off in the shade. They had gold bars on their shoulders. They were officers. They had gone to college. The juxtaposition of contrasting duties that day gave Colter incentive to be the first person in his family to pursue a college degree.

When his Marine service was over, he briefly returned to Detroit and then decided to follow one of his sisters to the Minneapolis area. He worked several jobs, got married and applied to BSU.

Colter and his now-deceased wife, Mary, moved to Bemidji. The couple's first son, Bill, was born soon after. Colter attended classes during the day. When he arrived home, Mary went to work at the hospital. Their second son, John, also was born during their Bemidji days.

Colter readily admits he was unprepared for college. He was required to take a remedial writing course and remembers Professor John Hassler advising him after his first assignment to "read and absorb" the textbook before the next assignment, which he did.

"I probably wouldn't have been able to finish college without his input," Colter said.

Bill Colter with his wife, Doree, at a March 27 BSU alumni gathering in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

WITNESS TO HISTORY

He did finish, completing a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in history.

The timing was perfect for the new graduate, who longed for excitement, to apply for a position with the Secret Service. In the wake of Robert F. Kennedy's assassination in 1968, the organization hired hundreds of new agents to protect presidential candidates. Colter made it through the yearlong hiring process before the 1972 presidential campaign.

He began his career on protection detail for various candidates as they campaigned and dropped out. He went on to investigate countless crimes and protect five presidents: Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Colter's primary job was to conduct protective intelligence. He contacted dangerous people and known threats and investigated new threats wherever a president was traveling. He worked closely with the German police when President Reagan went to West Germany in 1987 and challenged Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

"To see the wall before it came down was something I'll always remember," Colter said. "It just seemed evil."

Often it was the people he worked with

overseas who gave Colter context for historic events, such as the Poles who knew the importance of President George H.W. Bush's visit to Gdansk in 1989 before the fall of communism in their country.

According to the Ray Rosenzweig Center for History and News Media website, "After meeting with Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski and addressing the Polish National Assembly, Bush traveled to Gdansk, where he lunched with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and addressed a crowd of 25,000 outside the factory gates of the Lenin Shipyard, at the site where Solidarity began nine years earlier, in front of a monument erected to commemorate the lives of 45 workers killed by government forces during a 1970 strike over food prices."

The Poles told Colter their country had accepted communism after World War II, but things changed when the government started killing protestors. Colter remembers poignantly that more than one person told him, "When the bastards started killing us, they lost all moral authority."

During his 20-year career, he traveled to every continent but Antarctica and every state except Wyoming. Colter said the traveling was grueling, and he spent too



Bill Colter on the tarmac in front of Air Force One in 1977.

much time away from his family. But he found the excitement he had hoped for.

"I loved the job," Colter said. "One day you could be arresting bad guys, and two days later you could find yourself outside the Oval Office while the president was conducting business, making history."

Colter retired in 1992. He and his wife, Doree, live in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he enjoys hiking and cooking. He says he will always be grateful to his alma mater.

"Without Bemidji State giving me an opportunity to go to college, my life would have been totally different," Colter said. "I got the job of my dreams and lived a great life."

Colter served five presidents



Bill Colter served, from left, presidents George H. W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon during a 20-year career with the U.S. Secret Service.

CLEAR PRIORITIES

Johnsons value



Sam and Peggy Johnson with their grandchildren at a family gathering near Loman.

By Scott Faust

Appreciation for the past, love of family and a commitment to preserving those values are pursuits woven throughout the busy lives of Peggy and Sam Johnson.

The Johnsons remain deeply connected to northern Minnesota – and especially to Warroad, where Peggy grew up and where her sister and three of her four brothers continue to manage Marvin Windows and Doors, a multi-state company founded by her grandfather.

The couple has combined their passion for travel and enjoyment of a fifth-wheel RV with frequent visits to see their son, daughter, spouses and five grandchildren, all in driving distance of Warroad.

They enjoy winters on the Hawaiian island of Kaua'i, welcoming family and friends to a modest home that Peggy's father, Bill, bought nearly 30 years ago. Sam enjoys occasional golf, but Peggy's cancer has kept her off the course in recent years.

The Johnsons also maintain strong ties as alumni of Bemidji State University. Peggy graduated in 1967 with a degree in physical education, health and recreation, and Sam completed his degree in biology education three years later. They met at BSU, several weeks before her graduation, and were married in 1969.

"Coming from a small town and venturing out in life, Bemidji State was a very good fit for me," said Peggy, who made lifelong friendships while living on campus all four years. "I was far enough away from home that it wasn't easy to travel back and forth like some of my classmates did.

"The enrollment at Bemidji State was small enough that I felt really connected. My classes were small, and many of my professors knew me by name."

Sam, a native of International Falls, came to Bemidji State on the GI Bill following Army service during the Vietnam War.

"I was older, supporting myself, and it was a school I could afford," he said. "I could pay my bills."

The surrounding north woods were an inviting laboratory for Sam's love of nature. He could translate classroom learning directly into the ecology of plants and animals that surrounded him in the Bemidji area. He continues to be an avid hunter and outdoorsman and supports many conservation organizations.

A minor in history let Sam pursue a passion he'd discovered while stationed in Germany, seeing the past all around him and wanting to know more about it.

At BSU, Sam finished his studies while Peggy began teaching physical education in Mora for a couple of years. Then she taught for four years in International Falls, where Sam went to work assisting vets like himself find jobs through the Minnesota Department of Economic Security.

tradition and service

In 1974, the couple moved to Warroad, where Sam began a 28-year career in human resources for the Marvin family business, retiring as employee relations manager for a workforce that grew from fewer than 700 when he started to about 4,300 today. The Johnsons became a family, raising a son and a daughter, while Peggy continued substitute teaching for the next 20 years.

In 2002, Peggy transitioned from teaching into a four-year special assignment at Marvin Windows and Doors, where she oversaw preparations for the company's 100th anniversary celebration, commemorating its founding by George Marvin, who came to Warroad in 1904.

The centerpiece of that effort, and her personal challenge, was the design and construction of the Wm. S. Marvin Training and Visitor Center in Warroad, a multi-use facility that is named for her father and tells the company's story through displays and interactive media.

While proud of her own contribution, Peggy is quick to credit her siblings – Jake, Frank, George, Susan and Bob (recently retired) – for their day-to-day efforts to further the company's success.

"They're the ones who really worked hard to make it all happen," she said.

Along with their many other activities and involvements, the Johnsons have given generously to the BSU Foundation in support of programs with which they have a personal connection.

Peggy said she was inspired to give by her eight years of service on the board of the BSU Alumni Association in the 1990s, seeing needs and opportunities to serve the university and its students.

The couple has endowed and continues to support scholarships in biology and physical education, reflecting their majors, and they also endowed a music scholarship and contributed to the BSU Concert Series endowment, which helps attract first-rate performers. Peggy played clarinet in the university band.



Their generosity is seen and felt in Kaua'i, as well, where Peggy volunteers at a church thrift shop, and they both support an organization called the Waipa Foundation, which helps preserve the island's Native Hawaiian heritage.

The Johnsons are following an example of service and philanthropy set in Warroad by Peggy's father and her mother, Margaret.

"My dad was so deeply involved with the business that his way of helping was to give when he had that opportunity to give," she said. "My mother had her hand in everything. She was so good at it. She took on many leadership roles and gave of her talents and time in that way."



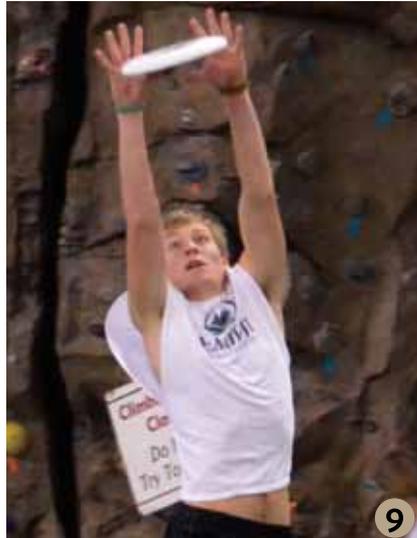
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A snowy, cold fall and winter didn't slow activity at Bemidji State University. (Clockwise, from top left:) **1** An Open World delegation of Russian scientists on Oct. 30 accompanied biology professor Dr. Richard Koch and students in his wetlands field experience course on a visit to BSU's Hobson Memorial Forest ... **2** The jester wielded his wit during the Nov. 29 dress rehearsal for the 44th annual Madrigal Dinner ... **3** Hundreds of students enjoyed a Midnight Breakfast on Dec. 12, the night before the start of fall finals ... **4** About 400 sportsmen (and Bucky the Beaver) participated Jan. 26 in the Beaver Pride Hardwater Classic ice fishing tourna-



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ment on Lake Bemidji ... **5** Incoming nursing students were inducted Feb. 16 with a traditional white coat ceremony ... **6** High school seniors admitted to BSU got a jump on registration on March 22 at one of several Academic Advising and Registration events ... **7** The Music Department presented the annual Jingle Jazz concert on Dec. 6 in Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex ... **8** One of the season's several heavy snowfalls blanketed the Alumni Arch on Jan. 29 ... **9** The Ultimate Frisbee Club held a tournament on Dec. 29 in the Gillett Recreation-Fitness Center ... **10** Einstein Bros. Bagels opened in the Lower Hobson Union following this Jan. 16 staff training day.

2013 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



BRIAN CARLETON



LAURIE (PETERSON) GROSS



DAVID LEE



ELIZABETH "LIZ" MULVIHILL



JOAN (CAMPBELL) ANDERSON

Brian Carleton '80 came to Bemidji State University as one of only three men's hockey recruits in 1976. Coach R. H. "Bob" Peters invited Carleton and his Estevan Bruins teammates Dale Baldwin and Gary Krawchuk to play for the Beavers. Carleton was an integral part of two national championship teams (1978-79 and 1979-80). He finished his career with 42 goals, 111 assists and 153 total points in 114 games played and remains 15th on BSU's all-time scoring list and fifth on its all-time assists list.

Carleton has taught high school for 32 years and has spent the past 10 years in administration. In 2006, he was selected as a member of BSU's "50 Legends for 50 Years."

He has coached Junior A, Minor Hockey and worked with Hockey Alberta as an Elite Level Coach. He still plays the game he loves.

Carleton lives in Slave Lake, Alberta, with his wife, Karen, who also graduated from BSU. They have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Kellirae.

Laurie (Peterson) Gross

1982-87 prided herself on being a complete basketball player. The three-time team MVP remains on the career top-10 lists at Bemidji State for scoring (*1,707 points-second), assists (291-sixth), rebounds (696-sixth), steals (158-seventh) and blocks (48-eighth). A four-year starter and three-year captain, the physical education major led BSU to a 70-43 overall record and an NSC title,

three NAIA District 13 championships and a trip to the NAIA National Tournament. Gross holds school records for career field goals made (740) and field goals attempted (1,591), and she posted three of BSU's top 10 single-season scoring totals. She was previously inducted into the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011 as a member of the 1985-86 team.

Gross has worked for General Mills for 20 years. She and her husband, Doug, have two children, Kayla and Kyle. They live in Wellston, Ohio.

*Achieved before the three-point shot was established.

David Lee '90 came to the Bemidji State men's basketball team in 1984 ready to play. During his freshman year, the Bemidji State squad earned the school's first playoff victory. Lee remains BSU's all-time leading scorer, with 2,034 points. His 807 total field goals rank atop the BSU all-time list. No other BSU player has made more free throws (364). He also ranks second on the career assists list (314). His free-throw percentage of 77.3 percent leads among all who made at least 250.

After graduating with a physical education degree and a health minor, Lee was an assistant coach at Rockford College in Rockford, Ill., for

former teammate and fellow Athletic Hall of Famer Tim Buckley. He went on to become a physical education teacher at Hayward High School in Hayward, Wis., where he has taught and coached for 22 years.

He and his wife, Ronda, who also is a BSU alum, have three children, Morgan, Tatum and Ricki. Morgan and Tatum are current BSU students.

Elizabeth "Liz" Mulvihill '88 excelled on the basketball court and in the field at Bemidji State. When she arrived in 1983, she helped build a successful program under basketball coach Joan (Campbell) Anderson. The 1986-87 and 1987-88 co-captain led her teams to an 83-30 overall record, two NSC championships, three trips to the NAIA playoffs and a 1987 NAIA national tournament appearance. She played in 112 games - more than any other BSU player.

In track and field, Mulvihill lettered four years and twice was team captain. As a shot putter, she was a selected All-NSC in 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 and was a national qualifier in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988. Her 51'-9 1/4" throw ranks among the top 15 Division II throws of all time. Following her senior season, she participated in the 1988 Olympic trials. As a javelin thrower, she qualified for

the national meet in 1986 and 1987. Mulvihill lives in Minneapolis with her partner, Lourdes, and their children Isabela, Emilio and Zoe.

Joan (Campbell) Anderson

'76 graduated with a physical education degree, a coaching certificate and a desire to help women take advantage of new opportunities in athletics.

After a successful start at Big Lake High School and the University of Minnesota, Anderson returned to BSU as head coach in 1982. She led BSU to its first conference title in 1986, its first 20-win season, a program record for wins in a season, its first appearance in the national polls and three consecutive NAIA State Championships (1984, 1985, 1986). Her teams set 66 BSU records during her tenure, and many still stand today. In addition, she was named NAIA Minnesota Coach of the Year in 1985.

Anderson attained a career goal of becoming a Division I head coach at Weber State University, where she served from 1986-88. She revisited her role as an assistant at Minnesota in 1988-89 before taking over at Minnesota State University, Mankato from 1989-97.

Anderson is a founding member of the BSU Legacy Society, has served as a consultant for the Bemidji State University Foundation Board and is the first president of the B-Club for athletic alumni.

In 2012, she created the Joan Campbell Anderson Endowment Fund, which will fund a scholarship for students in the BSU women's basketball program in perpetuity. Anderson and her husband, David, live in Eden Prairie.

Alumni News

The 1978-79 men's hockey team was one of three inducted this year into the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Accepting their awards at a Feb. 2 brunch at the Sanford Center were, from left, Rod Heisler, Mike Gibbons, Scott Currie, Tom Heaviland, Bill Schmitz and Pat Kinney.





The John S. Glas Honorary Letter Winner Award

was created in 2011 and is intended to recognize an individual or individuals who were not student-athletes at Bemidji State but have had a major impact on Beaver Athletics, much like the late John Glas did during his 34-year tenure at BSU, which included roles as vice president for finance and briefly as acting president. His strong support of athletics earned Glas the honor of having the fieldhouse named after him upon his retirement in 1975.

2013 Recipients – Jim and Nancy Bensen

When Bemidji State’s eighth president, Dr. M. James “Jim” Bensen retired, he and his wife, Nancy, were dubbed “First Fans” by the Beaver Pride booster group. They received Beaver spirit wear and lifetime tickets to every game. Jim and Nancy’s allegiance dates back to their student days at BSU in the 1950s. The Bensens follow Beaver Athletics literally and figuratively. They have traveled to many away competitions and met the baseball team in Arizona. They cheer from the stands, attend events, keep up with team developments, build relationships with athletes’ families and provide financial support. The Bensens have been Beaver Pride members since they first arrived back in Bemidji. Their significant gifts to various athletic-related scholarships have earned them a place as President-Level Beaver Pride members. Their contributions to athletics, combined with the Nancy and Jim Bensen scholarship they created and other gifts to the university, place them in the Benefactors Society on the BSU Foundation Donor Honor Roll. They also are charter members of the BSU Legacy Society.

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Team Hall of Fame



1972-73 MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM
23-6-1 overall record
ICHA Co-Champions
1973 NAIA National Champion

Front row (L-R): Charlie Scanlon, Assistant Coach Barry Dillon, Lyle Dunbar, Lynn Smith, Nick Novak, John Birrenkott, Pat Badiuk, Head Coach R. H. “Bob” Peters, Will Comstock. **Second row:** Glenn Chiodo, Scott Preston, Gary Sargent, Pat Russell, Joe Nathe, Tom Waldhauser, Mark Kristo, Dave Millington, Howie Borden. **Third row:** Denny Fermoye, Duff Melhus, Dan Boeke, Brian Mulally, Dave Kvarnlov, Lyle Kvarnlov, Mark Eagles, Steve Curley, Steve LeTourneau, Equipment Manager Bob Thorne, Manager Bob Bird, Manager Randy Kirk. **Not pictured:** Jeff Hallett, Robert Howells, John McGavock, James Radke, John Taylor.



1978-79 MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM
27-2-0 overall record
1979 NAIA National Champion

Front row (L-R): John Murphy, Jeff Arf, Bill Schmitz, Assistant Coach Mark Kristo, Scott Currie, Tom Heaviland, Mike Gibbons, Head Coach R. H. “Bob” Peters, Rod Heisler, Pat Kinney, Hal Burton. **Second row:** Jim Scanlan, Gary Tveit, Dale Baldwin, Gary Krawchuk, Devv Anderson, Dan Olson, Tony Montebello, Brian Carleton, Mike Rose, Mike Fairchild, Dick Thompson. **Third row:** Manager Bryan Bouchard, Manager Sandy Hafenbrak, Ron Bouchard, Alain Fournier, Wade Froelich, Jim Carey, Pat Rice, Neal Holmstrom, Kevin Delaney, Michael Milless, Mark Masterson, Joe Knudson, Manager Lowell Comstock, Manager Keith Pangman. **Not pictured:** David Nelson, Bill Parenteau.



1979-80 MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM
24-8-0 overall record
1980 NAIA National Champion

Front row (L-R): Dick Thompson, Mike Rose, Mike Fairchild, Gary Tveit, Dale Baldwin, Head Coach R.H. “Bob” Peters, Brian Carleton, Gary Krawchuk, Tony Montebello, Bill Parenteau, Jim Scanlan. **Second row:** Trainer Wally Sande, Mark Masterson, Mike Milless, Wade Froelich, Neal Holmstrom, Lee Hanson, Pat Rice, John Hansen, Alain Fournier, Joe Knudson, Manager Lloyd Brown. **Third row:** Manager Sandy Hafenbrak, Robin Anderson, Tim Rood, Kurt Dade, Stu Weston, Dan Deamon, Mike Smith, Matt Cranston, John Wilson, Manager Jim Hickerson, Manager Bryan Bouchard. **Not pictured:** Irwin Frizzell.

Professional EDUCATION HALL of FAME



CYNTHIA STORHAUG



RANDY SWEDBURG



TRACY LOKEN WEBER

Cynthia "Cindy" (Burggraf) Storhaug '82 of Alexandria, Minn.; Randy Swedburg '65 of Gore, Quebec; and Tracy Loken Weber '02, '05 of Menomonee Fall, Wis., are the newest inductees into the Bemidji State University Professional Education Hall of Fame. The biannual awards honor Bemidji State alumni who demonstrate excellence in teaching students or managing schools.

Storhaug earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from BSU and a master's degree in Human Development and Technology in 1987. She taught elementary school in Alexandria for 28 years. In 2010, she became the Alexandria School District's elementary math coach. Storhaug was a semi-finalist for Minnesota Teacher of the Year in 2006.

Swedburg is a professor emeritus and former department chair in the Department of Applied Human Sciences at Concordia University in Montreal. He was also director of the Center for Human Relations and Community Studies and a vice-president of Elderhostel Canada. Swedburg has received several professional and service honors, including the Prime Minister of Canada Citizens award. He completed his bachelor's degree at BSU and earned his master's (1968) and doctorate (1974) at the University of Idaho.

Loken Weber is president/executive director for Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services, overseeing adult education and workforce development instruction at two community learning centers. She received a Literacy Coalition of Southeastern Wisconsin Spirit Award in 2010 and was a *Milwaukee Business Journal* "Forty Under 40" honoree in 2012. Weber earned both her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her masters in education in curriculum and instruction and educational technology from BSU.

B-Club 100 Golf Marathon to support BSU Athletics

On June 5 at Madden's on Gull Lake in Brainerd, the B-Club, an organization for alumni athletes, will conduct an inaugural golf marathon to raise money to support operations and provide scholarships for future student-athletes. The event is sponsored by Paul Bunyan Communications in Bemidji.

Regardless of weather, up to 40 golfers and their caddies will be taking the challenge to complete 100 holes of golf in one day. Prior

to play, participants representing each sport at BSU will be asking for pledges from those they know (family, friends, former teammates, alumni, co-workers and local businesses) and competing to see who can raise the most money for BSU Athletics. The fund-raising goal is \$50,000. To get involved as a golfer, a caddy, a volunteer or an event sponsor, contact the Beaver Pride Office, 877-755-2294 or beaverpride@bemidjistate.edu.

The B-Club will hold its 100 Golf Marathon for BSU Athletics on June 5 at Madden's on Gull Lake in Brainerd.

1963 grads invited to 50-year Reunion May 9

BSU classmates from 1963 will reunite May 9. The wraparound classes (class of 1962 and 1964) are also invited to attend the reunion and related events on campus:

3:15 p.m. – Campus Tour.

Meet at David Park House

5 p.m. – Class of 1963 Reception.

David Park House

6:15 p.m. – 1963 Class Photo.

Steps of Sanford Hall

6:30 p.m. – Reunion Dinner & Program,

American Indian Resource Center

Class of '63 to join Golden Beaver Society

People who graduated in 1963 or before (more than 50 years ago) are invited to an annual luncheon for alums at the American Indian Resource Center at 11 a.m. May 10. The Alumni Association will present a bronze medallion to each new member. Following the luncheon, all members of the Golden Beaver Society may participate as honor guard in the Commencement walk and ceremonies. The cost is \$10. Contact the Alumni Office, 877-278-2586 or alumni@bemidjistate.edu.

Brainerd alumni event set for June 4 at Madden's

All alumni and friends are invited to attend a reception from 5-7 p.m. June 4 at Madden's on Gull Lake in Brainerd. The event will be hosted by Linda Hanson, Pete Nelson, Bill '76 and Cindy '75 Potvin and Carol Russell '74. Contact the Alumni Office at 218-755-3989 or 877-278-2586 or alumni@bemidjistate.edu for more information.



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

'12 **Michael Meehlhause** was elected to the Bemidji City Council in November and began serving in January. He is a substitute teacher in area schools ... **Samantha Race** is a fourth-grade teacher at the elementary school in Lancaster, where she now lives ... **Nick Jelacie** spent this summer racing Mod4 stock cars across central Minnesota, primarily



Nick Jelacie (right)

in Brainerd, where he lives. He works as a survey technician for KLD Surveying ... **Nathan Chesney** lives in Owatonna and is teaching music for the Wabasso school system ... **Britney Greenwaldt** is teaching eighth-grade and high school science in the Morris area school district. A resident of Morris, she is also co-coaching varsity tennis ... **Michael Lien** is a sales associate for Coldwell Banker Clack and Dennis Real Estate in Park Rapids. From Nevis, he also has run the Musky Bite Guide Service since 2005 ... **Michael Stitt** of Ramsey completed eight weeks of basic training at the U.S. Navy Great Lakes base ... **Christine Malm** is the social studies teacher at South Star Concept High School in Okabena. A resident of Park Rapids, she will also serve as the school's head volleyball coach ... **Julie Neby** of St. Michael is the elementary physical education and developmental adapted physical education teacher at Delano schools ... **Jeremy Monson** has been hired to teach health, physical education and developmental-adapted physical education in the Eden Valley-Watkins elementary schools. He lives in Sartell ... **Mitch Rigelman** of Frontenac is working as a fish creel clerk for the Minnesota DNR Lake City office.

'11 **Brooke (Boroos) Brateng** is a kindergarten teacher at Roseau Elementary School. She and her husband, **Blaine**, have a young daughter and live in Roseau ... **Stacy Finck** of Verndale will work in both toddler and preschool classrooms at Little Cardinals Academy in the new Motley Family Center ... **Seth Schmitz** is the chemis-



Brooke Brateng

try, physical science and physics teacher at Norman County East schools in Twin Valley. A resident of Red Lake Falls, Schmitz will also teach one class at Norman County West ... **Shane Powell** has been hired to serve as liaison officer at Clearbrook-Gonvick schools, where he will work to cultivate a safe and positive learning environment. He and his wife, Marie, live south of Bagley with their young daughter ... **Tyler Baker** is teaching industrial technology at Goodhue School. He lives in Inver Grove Heights with his wife, **Brittany (Becker, '10)**, who works as a graphic designer with Southern Graphics Systems in Brooklyn Park ... **Linnea Asbury** married Jacob Kluber in Alexandria shortly after the new year. Asbury works for United Minnesota Bank of New London in customer relations and bookkeeping, while her husband is a conductor for Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad. The couple makes their home in Spicer ... Roseau's **Brady Johnson** is a social studies instructor in Badger schools, where he will also be a class advisor and be active in the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.

'10 **Mac McDowell** is in his second year of teaching science at Ellsworth High School and completed his first season last fall as the volleyball coach for the EHS Panthers. He previously had served as assistant boys' basketball coach and lives in Ellsworth ... **Matt Johnson** is the industrial tech teacher at Norman County East High School in Twin Valley. Previously a teacher in Alaska for two years, he now lives in Gary ... **Karie Hickman** began teaching English last fall in the Chokio-Alberta school system. She and her husband, Todd, live in Morris with their four children ... **Bill Quistorff** has been named head football coach at Rochester Community and Technical College, where he was defensive coordinator, linebacker coach and conditioning coach. He is a special education teacher at Willow Creek and Kellogg middle schools in Rochester, where he lives ... **Katie Templin** will be teaching third- and fifth-grade Title I at Onamia schools while continuing to live in Isle ... **Ashley Leopold** of Afton completed the St. Paul Police Academy



Mac McDowell



Karie Hickman



Katie Templin

training to become a police officer in the city ... **Joe Gould** is the legislative assistant for the Education Finance Committee in the Minnesota House of Representatives in St. Paul, where he lives.

'09 **Scott Laufenberg** of Preston is teaching a combined fifth- and sixth-grade class in the Grand Meadow school district. A photograph by **Samantha Eyre** of grass and grains early on a fall morning earned first place in the 2011 Focus on Maple Grove photo contest. Eyre, who lives in Maple Grove, is a graphics coordinator with Showdown Displays ... **Angela Liedke** is the foundation and marketing coordinator for Rainy Lake Medical Center in International Falls, where she also resides ...



Samantha Eyre

Nate Brandt of Bemidji has been hired as a soil conservation technician at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service office, where he will be implementing conservation practices throughout Beltrami County ... **Kyle Peterson** has been hired by Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services and will work as a construction services technician in the company's Minot, N.D., office ... **Stephanie Clairmont** married Joel Youngman last summer in Cloquet, where she works as an assistant manager at Blockbuster Video. He is a technical writer at Amsoil in Superior, Wis. The couple lives in Esko ... **Gordie Haug** was an offensive assistant coach with the North Dakota State University Bison team, which won a Division I football championship last fall. The Moorhead resident had primary responsibility for guiding the squad's running backs ... **Sarah Christine** married Shaun Myre last June in Roseau. The newlyweds live in Bemidji, where she is employed by Pinnacle Publishing and he works in physical therapy for Sanford Health ... **Greg Wiegand** is a physician assistant at the Sanford Medical Center in Tracy and will spend time at satellite clinics in Balaton and Walnut Grove. He and his wife, Steph, moved to Balaton with their daughter ... **Maria Lucio** has created one-of-a-kind glass candle holders, picture



Greg Wiegand

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frames, jewelry, vases and other artwork from shards and fragments she encountered while fishing along the Red Lake River. Lucio lives in Crookston, where she works as a lab services coordinator in math, sciences and technology at the city's University of Minnesota campus ... **Nate Statton** of Bemidji is teaching high school special education in Nevis ... **Jesse Bullock** is teaching social studies at Stephen-Argyle Central schools after working three years in the Remer district. He and his wife, Jessica, have three young children ... **Leif Eidsmo** of Salol is teaching earth science, biology and environmental science in the Roseau school system, where he also coaches grade-school flag football ... **Ryan Lavanger** is head athletic equipment manager at the University of Nebraska Kearney.



Nate Statton



Jesse Bullock



Leif Eidsmo

'08 **David Deterding** and **Abby Evavold** ('07) were married last summer in East Grand Forks. Dave is a marketing representative with Federated Insurance, and Abby taught elementary education for three years before marrying Dave and moving to their home in Alexandria ... **Ramsey Miller** is a life science teacher at Stewartville High School, where he also serves as an assistant varsity wrestling coach. He lives in Stewartville ... **Justin Kaney** and his partners in the Bemidji Brewing Company sold their first keg of pale ale when a pub in Bemidji started serving the beer on tap. The start-up company was approved by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau to commercially brew and sell beer last fall. He lives in Bemidji ... **Melissa Tate** is principal at Falls Elementary and West End Elementary schools in International Falls, where she lives. She came to the district after seven years as a teacher in Grand Rapids, Nashwauk-Keewatin and Littlefork-Big Falls ... **Travis Grimler** is a reporter for the *Pine River Journal* and *Lake Country Echo*. Until last July, Grimler was an English instructor and English language consultant at Liaoning University in China, where he also periodically provided stories to the Minnesota newspaper chain. He now lives in Backus ... **Elaine Benson** self-published the novel *Jane*, set just after the



Justin Kaney

American Revolution. A genealogy hobbyist, she based the main character after one of her great grandmothers. Benson and her husband, David, live in Hill City.

'07 **Esther Simon** has been promoted to member services manager at Itasca-Mantrap Electric Cooperative Association after serving as a customer services representative in the company for five years. She lives in Park Rapids, where the cooperative is based ...



Luke Erickson

Luke Erickson of Roseau has joined Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a financial representative in the northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota regional office. A former hockey player for the Arizona Sundogs of the Central Hockey League, Erickson will develop financial strategies and deliver a range of financial products when serving clients ... **John** and **Brooke (Schneider, '06) Kinsley** operate the Alternative Roots Farm, where they utilize community-supported agriculture techniques. John works full-time as a



Carly Melin

county planning and zoning employee, while Brooke is employed part-time in a local restaurant. Residents of Madelia, they also share management duties for an apple orchard near New Ulm ... **Carly Melin** was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives last fall to represent District 6A. Melin is an attorney in the Prebich Law Office in Hibbing, where she makes her home when not in St. Paul.

'06 **Jim Jacobson** last fall was named Frazee High School Teacher of the Year. He is in his seventh year in the Frazee school district, where he teaches freshman and advanced algebra courses. He lives in Frazee ... **Tom Hill** and his partners in the Bemidji Brewing Company sold their first keg of pale ale when a pub in Bemidji started serving the beer on tap. He lives in Bemidji ... **Patrick Weerts** was named a project manager for the Kraus-Anderson Construction Company regional office in Bemidji.



Tom Hill

'05 **Beau Lofgren** is teaching third grade at the elementary school in Hawley, where he resides. He also coaches junior high football and will be the head baseball coach this spring ... **John Horgeshimer** was chosen to present a paper at the Society of Composers national student convention last fall. Enrolled in the doctoral program for music composition and saxophone performance at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., he teaches band, music theory and music his-

tory at Herron High School in Indianapolis... **Mindy (Siegert-Horgeshimer, '00)**, his wife, is a therapist at the Indiana Sex Offender Management and Monitoring Program based in New Castle. She earned a master's degree in forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. The couple lives in Noblesville, Ind. ... **Amber Hildebrandt** is an associate attorney at Brouse, Woodke & Meyer, which has offices in Bemidji and Fosston. She previously served as a law clerk to two judges in Stearns County. Inducted into the National Order of Barristers in 2010, Hildebrandt lives in Bemidji ... **Jennifer Dietz** lives in Mankato and is a special education teacher for Eagle Lake schools after serving two years as a Head Start teacher and three years as a special education instructor ... **Angie (Mohn) Olson** has returned to



Angie Olson

her hometown of Frazee to teach second grade at the community's elementary school. She is married to Brandon ... **Julie Ehrman**, a personnel development coordinator at Boise Cascade, is chair of the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's Koochiching County Advisory Board. She lives in International Falls ... **Sarah Roed** of Fosston is managing the new FARMCheck office in Ada. FARMCheck provides tax planning and preparation, retirement services and general business consulting ...

Joanna Dymond has published the book, *Crazy as a Loon*, a crime novel set in the 1980s. Dymond has relocated to Bemidji after working in public relations in San Francisco, New York and London ... **Thea (Kinney) Feierabend** has opened the Lone Oak Chiropractic Spa & Wellness Center in Brainerd after completing a doctor of chiropractic and a certificate in acupuncture from Northwestern Health Sciences University College of Chiropractic in Bloomington. She lives in Brainerd with her husband, **Mitch ('04)**.



Joanna Dymond



Thea Feierabend

'04 **Marie Shanks** has been selected to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer for two years in Thailand. From Eveleth, Shanks will support school teachers from rural areas to improve learning methods, especially in the English classroom ... **Tim Honek** is teaching special education on the elementary level in Isle. His wife, **Jennifer**



Tim Honek

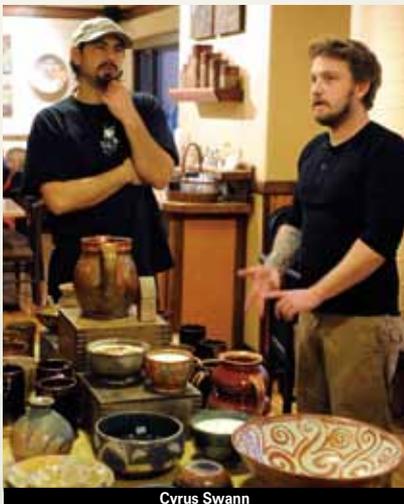
(Goenner, '05), is a substitute teacher in the Onamia area when not at home with their three children. The family recently moved from Onamia to Isle ... **Eric Walker**, a contract analyst for Aon Benfield, a national lending reinsurance and capital advising service, completed the Marine Corps Marathon and raised \$2,800 for the Wounded Warrior Project. **Lisa (Smith, '05)**, Eric's wife, is a high school physical education and health teacher in Shakopee, where the couple lives with their young daughter ... **Mark Frank** brings lessons from



Mark Frank

seven years teaching in Milaca public schools to a new position in a fourth-grade classroom at Menahga schools. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Nevis with their two children ... **Dan and Sara (Ellenson, '01) Carpenter** were vocal soloists for a performance of "The Messiah" in Thief River Falls. Both alums are teachers and live in Greenbush.

'03 **Cyrus Swann** has sold his mugs and other functional ceramic pieces to coffee houses in Bemidji, Nisswa and Cross Lake. Swann, who has a resident display at the McRostie Arts Center in Grand Rapids, received a Five Wings Arts Council grant to purchase a slab roller, which allows him to expand his artistic interests to create large-scale tile projects and wall art. Swann lives in Pine



Cyrus Swann

River with his partner, Tanya Ryapy, and their two children ... **Wendy Mayer** is working in the special education department of the Floodwood public schools ... **Lee Lamon** is the service manager and funeral director at the Neptune Society in Waukesha, Wis.

'02 **Therese (Olejniczak) Masters Jacobson** has been commissioned by the city of East Grand Forks to create mayoral portraits that will be hung in the City Council chambers. She and her husband, Dale, live in Alvarado.

'01 **Michael Lupella** is teaching special education at Burnside Elementary School in Red Wing, where he now lives ... **Lisa Lommen** is teaching math part-time at Ogilvie High School and lives in Milaca ... **Sarah Butler** of Minneapolis is a financial counselor in the Crystal office of the Village



Tom Smith

Financial Resource Center ... **Amy (Jones) Knowles** is owner of Heritage Arts and Gifts. Knowles purchased the store from her mother in 2006 and had been an employee in the shop since she was 13 ... **Tom Smith** is the industrial arts teacher at Sebeka schools. He and his wife, **Katie (Malone, '02)**, have four children and live in Sebeka. Katie regularly does substitute teaching in area schools.

'00 **Eli Hill** is the technology education teacher for grades five through eight in the Henning school system. Married to Sarah, Hill previously taught in Grand Marais and Spring Valley ... **Renita (Revier) Refshaw** and her husband, Jeremy, were named the Mahnom County Emerging Leadership Couple for 2012-13. They will be meeting with other couples from northwest Minnesota to learn more about community leadership. The Refshaws operate a ranch where they raise sheep and registered cattle. She also works at the USDA Farm Services Agency. The couple has two children and lives in Waubun ... **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. She and her husband, Rick, live in Crookston ... **Dan Stacey** was elected to the Hubbard County Commission last fall. A property manager with D.W. Jones Management, he formerly worked in law enforcement as an officer, corrections agent and pre-sentence investigator. He lives in Akeley with his wife,

Tammy (Malmskog, '97) ... **Andrew Fougner** returned to become principal at Red Lake County Elementary School last fall. He had previously taught in the district, as well as in Littlefork-Big Falls and International Falls, where his wife, **Stacey (Stratton)**, teaches kindergarten. The couple and their three children have a home in Plummer.



Andrew Fougner

'99 **Dana (Kemper) Syverson** is a kindergarten teacher in Pelican Rapids, where she and her husband, Ryan, make a home for their two young children ... **Aaron Vlcko** is defensive coordinator for the football team at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He lives in Plover, Wis., with his wife **Michelle (Varriano, '97)** ...

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FOLGELSON PERFORMS SURGERY ON GOVERNOR

When Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton needed back surgery in December, he went to Minnesota's premier medical facility, the Mayo Clinic. For the procedure, Mayo called on one of their bright, young neurosurgeons, **Dr. Jeremy Fogelson ('00)**.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Fogelson completed a neurosurgery internship and residency at Mayo as well as a fellowship in orthopaedic spinal deformity surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

Fogelson performs highly complicated back surgeries at Mayo, including those involving scoliosis and deformities. Each week he sees 20 to 30 patients and performs up to 15 surgeries, depending on their complexity.

In 2011, he completed deep brain stimulation surgery on retired Bemidji grocer Joe Lueken, who helped launch a BSU Full Tuition Scholarship that he received.

Fogelson, who lives in Rochester with his wife, Megan, and three children, also serves as an instructor in neurosurgery at Mayo Medical School.

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Richard Buchholz

Richard Buchholz was named Teacher of the Year in Hutchinson, where he lives and has taught on both the senior and middle school levels. An owner of his own construction company in 1987 at age 30, Buchholz never lost sight of his goal to teach ... **Ty Techar** has become police chief of the combined departments serving the cities of Biwabik and Gilbert. He lives in Gilbert with his wife, Jolyn, and their two sons.

'98 Brandy Toft,

air quality specialist for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, is the recipient of the 2012 Virgil Masayesva Environmental Excellence Award, which recognizes the enhancement of tribal sovereignty through building environmental management capacity. She lives in Bemidji ... **Torrey Westrom** was elected to the Minnesota State Senate representing District 12.

A lawyer and longtime state representative, Westrom was elected to the Senate in his first attempt. He and his wife, Anna, live in Elbow Lake ... **Andrew Brouwer** began working last fall in Spring Valley as the technology education instructor in Kingsland schools. He and his wife, Pamela, live with their two sons in Rochester ... **Troy Reynolds** is the technology integration teacher in the Win-E-Mac school system. His



Greg Lien

wife, **Mia (Yliniemi, '97)**, teaches seventh-grade English in Bagley, where they live with their young son ... **Greg Lien** is the seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher at schools in Warroad, where he lives with his two sons and wife, Missy.

'97 Jeff Swenson

was selected to fill a vacancy on the Royalton school board. An accountant for the Stearns County auditor's office,

he resides in Royalton with his wife, **Candy (Fanning, '98)**, and their two children. Candy works at the Central Minnesota Health Center in St. Cloud ... **Brent Glass** has been appointed director of student life and leadership development director at Metropolitan State University. He lives in Inver Grove Heights ...



Brent Glass



Jeff Schuster

Jeff Schuster will serve as vice chair of the Sauk Centre school board after he was elected to the post last fall. A stay-at-home dad, he lives in Sauk Centre with his wife, **Kim (Mellegaard)**, and their three children. Kim is a nurse at St. Cloud Hospital.

'96 Aaron Clusiau

brings 14 years of banking experience to his position as vice president for commercial lending at Security State Bank in Hibbing. He and his wife, Christy, make their home in Nashwauk.

'95 Joe Chandler

has been hired as a mortgage loan originator at American Bank of the North in Grand Rapids, originating mortgages for residential purchases, as well as refinancing and construction projects. He also is a member of the Grand Rapids City Council ...



Joe Chandler

Jay B. Jones is the art teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. He lives in rural Clearbrook with his wife, Mistie, and one son ... **Kay (Korpi) Edberg**, a Spanish teacher at Mora High School, received one of six Star Awards for professional development and study outside the classroom. The award was presented by the Minnesota Council on



Jay Jones

the Teacher of Languages and Cultures, for which Edberg also serves as vice president. She lives in Mora ... **Michelle Kangas** of Baxter has been named registrar at Central Lakes College, which has campuses in Brainerd and Staples.



Michelle Kangas

'94 Julie (Powell) Ashbaugh

completed two four-year terms on the Hutchinson District 423 Board of Education when she decided not to run for election last fall. She worked in the Twin Cities for several years before moving back to Hutchinson, her hometown, to raise her three daughters and be closer to family.

'93 Robert Nelson

was inducted in the Ameriprise Hall of Fame last year. Following graduation from BSU, he began his career as a financial advisor at Investors Diversified Services (IDS), which later became Ameriprise. Nelson lives and works in Minneapolis ... **Kara Tomazin** has been promoted to web development coordinator for CentraCare Health System in St. Cloud, where she makes her home ... **Shawn Brandt** is the girls cross country coach at New Prague High School. The district's technology integration specialist, he had served as the middle school track and cross country coach. His wife, **Kara (Monroe, '94)**, teaches first grade at Raven Stream Elementary in New Prague, where the couple lives.



Kara Tomazin

'92 Mike Stevens

is the pastor of Good Hope Church in Cloquet, where he led local volunteer efforts following last summer's flooding. Stevens brought a lot of experience to the effort, having worked in New Orleans, La., after Hurricane Katrina; Galveston, Texas, after Hurricane Ike; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after a flood; and Joplin, Mo., after last year's tornado. He lives in Cloquet with his wife, Tranette, and three sons ... **Marion (Daniels) O'Neill** was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 29B elections last fall. She was the owner of Irish Setters Tile and Glass Block while working full-time at the Minnesota Senate. She and her husband, **Thomas**, live in Buffalo with their two teenagers ... **Melissa (Franz) Marcotte** is chief financial officer at Rainy Lake Medical Center in International Falls. She and her husband, Glen, are residents of International Falls.



Marion O'Neill

'91 K. C. (Knoll) Douglas

is teaching K-3 music at Roseau Elementary School. She and her husband, **Eric ('92)**, have four children and live in Roseau ... **Joanie (Crui-kshank) Ilstrup** is a senior print estimator and planner at Target Corporation's in-house printing plant. She and her husband, Tim, have two sons and live in St. Louis Park.



K.C. Douglas

'90 Bob Enger

is a recipient of a 2012 Attorney of the Year Award presented by the *Minnesota Lawyer* magazine. Recipients are chosen based on their leadership, involvement in



Bob Enger

major cases, and excellence in their work. Enger is supervising attorney for the Bemidji office of Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota. He and his wife, Becky, have three grown children and live in Bemidji ... **Rhonda (Flinck) Pena** was named one of the 2011-2012 Teachers of the Year in the Mission, Texas, school district, where she teaches third grade.

'89 **Steven Otto** joined the Bremer Bank in its Brandon office as a business and agricultural banker. He and his wife, Sandi, live in Alexandria.

'88 **Jennifer Johnson** has started as a licensed social worker at the Thief River Care Center after working at Oakland Park Communities in Thief River



Barb Erickson

Falls since 1988. A native of Thief River Falls, Johnson lives there with her husband, Paul, and two teenage children ... **Barb (Kuzel) Erickson** is newsroom production editor at the *Rochester Post-Bulletin* newspaper. Her husband, **Dale ('87)**, is a senior information security specialist for US Bank. The couple has two children and lives in Rochester.

'86 **Kay (Aultman) Mack** has been selected from 28 applicants to serve as Beltrami County administrator. Mack had served the county for 35 years, first as a deputy treasurer in 1977 and eventually as the elected treasurer and auditor.



Kay Mack

Her husband, **Larry ('79)** is maintenance supervisor at St. Philip's Parish in Bemidji, where the couple lives and raised three grown children ... **Jeffrey Putnam** was elected mayor for the city of Dassel last fall. An employee of the Wright County



Jeffrey Putnam

public works area, he and his wife, Kimberly, have one daughter ... **Brent Grimsrud** has been hired by the United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond, Va., as a resource manager ... **Pam (Miller) Raden** was elected to the Sartell-St. Stephen school board. Raden is co-owner of Johnson Group Marketing with her husband, Scott. They are raising their family of two children from their home in Sartell ... **Don Zeman** was elected to serve another term as mayor of Hinckley, where he operated a retail business until his retirement.



Pam Raden

'85 **Raymond Schenkel** was named Teacher of the Year at Moss Street Elementary School in Reidsville, N.C., where he has a fifth-grade classroom. His wife, **Ruby (Schaumburg, '85)**, is a third-grade teacher in the same school district.

The couple has a college-age daughter and lives in Reidsville, N.C. ... **Elizabeth (Topp) Klammer** was one of four recipients of the Excellence in Science Teaching Award presented by the Texas Medical



Elizabeth Klammer

Association. Klammer teaches seventh grade at St. John's Episcopal School in Dallas, where she lives with her husband, Brian. She was recognized for her energetic and passionate approach to teaching science, which has included creating superheroes or villains based on the scientific elements ... **Liz (Backes) Herberg** was inducted into the Dassel-Cokato High School Athletic Hall of Fame in January. Herberg is a marketing specialist for Sport NGIN, which produces software applications for team and athletic governing bodies. Her husband, **Wayne**, is a software engineer at PTC, a company that provides technology solutions to 27,000 clients worldwide. The couple and their three daughters live in Rush City ... **Pete Kalar** was elected to a councilor-at-large position serving the city of International Falls. He is a corrections officer and dispatcher for Koochiching County ... **Kelly McCalla** was elected to another term on the Crosby-Ironton school board. McCalla is dean of liberal arts and sciences as well as the interim vice president for academic affairs at Central Lakes College, which has campuses in both Brainerd and Staples. He is married to **Celeste (Novak, '87)**, and lives in Deerwood with their two children.

'84 **Dr. Maria Statton** was appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton to a term on the Minnesota Board



Dr. Maria Statton

of Medical Practice, which protects the public's health and safety by ensuring that doctors and allied health professionals are competent and ethical practitioners. Statton practices family medicine at the Sanford Clinic in Bemidji, where she resides with her husband, Terry... **Mark Saiger** is owner of Saiger's Steam Clean in Grand Rapids, a family cleaning business in which he was involved part-time throughout his 25-year career teaching instrumental music in the Grand Rapids middle and high schools. He and his wife, Shari, raised three children in Grand Rapids.

'83 **Carol (O'Brien) Erickson** was chosen the 2012 Teacher of the Year by Education Minnesota Lake of the Woods in Baudette, where she has taught second grade for most of her 29-year career. She and her husband,



Carol Erickson

Roger ('75), are long-time residents of Baudette and have two children ... **Mike Siems** retired as the



DWORAK HONORED AS DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Justin Dworak ('97) was named the 2012 Designer of the Year by the Exhibit Designers and Producers Association (EDPA), marking the second consecutive year a BSU alum earned the national honor after Shawn Bicker ('96) received it in 2011.

Dworak is creative director at Star, a Twin Cities-based marketing agency providing comprehensive design, fabrication, installation and property management services to support events, trade shows and a variety of corporate environment initiatives.

The EDPA recognized his innovative designs, contributions to the profession and extensive volunteering for the Bemidji State exhibit design program.

"The level of talent graduating out of the department is world-class and has built a strong reputation in the exhibit design industry," he said.

Dworak lives in Mahtomedi with his wife, **Dawn (Bigaouette, '03)**, who teaches at O.H. Anderson Elementary School. The couple has two young sons.

Greenbush police chief last fall, concluding more than 27 years as a law enforcement officer in the city. He and his wife, Noralee, live in Bemidji and are parents of three children.



Mike Siems

'82 **ArMand Nelson** was elected mayor of Champlin last fall. The information technology director at Gander Mountain was a city councilor prior to running for mayor. He and his wife,

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Pam, have two children ... **Myrna Taylor** recently became the receptionist at The Village office in St. Cloud, where she lives.

'81 Debby Anderson teaches American Sign Language in Windom and also works part-time at the local McDonald's restaurant. Anderson was the first deaf student to graduate from BSU ... **Dale Umlauf** was named the Minnesota Business Finance Corporation Member of the Year for 2012. Umlauf is vice president for business development at West Central Initiative, a regional community foundation serving nine Minnesota counties. He was recognized for supporting the growth and success of small business.

'80 Dr. Dan DeKrey was appointed senior executive vice president of Sanford Health Northern Minnesota. He works with Sanford management in the day-to-day operations of the Sanford Bemidji clinics as well as branch facilities throughout the region. He and



Dr. Dan DeKrey

his wife, Beth, live in Bemidji... **Mark Nohner** is in his first year as superintendent of schools in Foss-ton. He and his wife, **Sue (Nelson)**, relocated to Mc-Intosh from Baudette, where Mark was the principal of Lake of the Woods High School. Sue continues to work as an autism consultant for the Bemidji Region Interdistrict Council, a special education cooperative serving six schools in north central Minnesota. The Nohners have two grown daughters.

'79 Dr. Jim Tuorilla is serving a term as the Veteran of Foreign Wars surgeon general. In this position, he serves as an advisor to the VFW commander-in-chief regarding health issues affect-ing the 2 million combat veterans who are members of the organization. He previously served a term as surgeon general from 2008-09, and his current term will be completed in July. Tuorilla is also serving his sixth term as Minnesota VFW state surgeon and as the VFW post commander in St. Cloud, where he lives with his wife, Diane. A psychologist who worked at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for 20 years, he now has a private practice ... **Mark O'Neill** received the Steve Kerzie - Delegate Service Award from the Minnesota State High School League. O'Neill teaches physical education at Champlin Park High School, where he is head girls track coach and an assistant football coach. He lives with his wife, Cheryl, in Champlin ... **Jean (Renes) Whitefeather**

has retired as principal of Red Lake Elementary School after serving the district for 33 years. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, Vernon. The couple has one grown son.

'78 Kate (Uhrinak) Pearson, a second-grade teacher at Horace May Elementary School in Bemidji, was selected to receive the 2012 Woman of Achievement Award from the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society of women educators that promotes the profes-sional and personal growth of its members as well as excellence in education. Pearson and her husband, **Scott ('77)**, reside in Bemidji. Scott is a senior marketing representative for Federated Mutual Insurance.

'77 Gary Ward is teaching junior and senior high band and choir in Norman County East schools in Twin Valley. He will also instruct seventh- and eighth-grade students in general music. Ward had taught for 20 years before work-ing as a communications director at a marketing company for 12 years ... **Alan Pendleton** received the 2012 Outstanding Judge Award from the Minnesota District Judge Association. Pendleton was honored for his commitment to improving the judicial system and promotion of judicial efficiency, including the design, coordination,

BSU sends Super Bowl wishes to Baalke



Super Bowl XLVII had special significance for Bemidji State because alum **Trent Baalke ('87)** is general manager of the San Francisco 49ers, who were narrowly defeated by the Baltimore Ravens in one of the best games in recent memory.

Baalke and his team played with the good wishes of BSU alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends. About 200 people gathered Jan. 27 on a snowy field in Chet Anderson Stadium to be photographed as

they cheered on the Niners. Most wore Bemidji State colors.

The photograph ricocheted through Facebook, was featured on the 49ers' team website, shared in a *San Francisco Chronicle* football blog and printed in the *Bemidji Pioneer*. A framed copy was later sent to Baalke by President Richard Hanson, who was among those in the photo.

Baalke responded with gratitude, extending his appreciation to all involved.

"I'm very touched by the gesture - please let everyone know that," he wrote in an email to Rob Bollinger, executive director of the BSU Alumni & Foundation.

Baalke became GM of the 49ers in 2011, continuing a 16-year NFL career that includes work as San Francisco's director of player personnel, as well as scouting for the Niners, Washington Redskins and the New York Jets. He previously was athletic director at Shanley (Fargo, N.D.) High School, defensive line/strength and conditioning coach at South Dakota State and a graduate assistant and defensive line coach for North Dakota State.

A double major at BSU, he received his bachelor's degree in health and physical education, going on to earn his master's degree in secondary education and sports administration at North Dakota State. Baalke played outside linebacker and was a two-time All-Northern Sun Conference and an All-Midwest Region honoree at Bemidji State.

He and his wife, **Beth (Buckingham, '89)**, have two daughters, Katy and Cassie.

and fund raising for the construction of the state's first fully integrated electronic courtroom. He also has learned that the Minnesota State Bar Association will publish his book, *The Minnesota Handbook on Motor Vehicle Stops and Warrantless Search*, penned primarily for judges, attorneys and law enforcement. He lives in Hopkins, with his courtroom chambered in Anoka County ... **Brad King** of Orr is a volunteer tutor coordinator through Volunteers in Education for the North Woods K-12 and Nett Lake elementary school ... **Dr. Don Day** is president of Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake. Day previously directed the BSU American Indian Resource Center. His wife, **Priscilla ('84)**, chairs the graduate school of social work at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The couple has three adult children and makes their home in Walker.

'76 Dale Blanshan presented a program entitled "Minnesota's Other Civil War – the Sioux Uprising of 1862" as part of the Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning Program in Bagley. Blanshan is a retired minister, attorney and educator who lives in Rochester with his wife, Linda ... **Joe Sczublewski** was inducted into the Minnesota State High School



Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last fall. Sczublewski is tied for 20th in the state for wins as a head baseball coach, first at Sauk Centre and later Albert Lea. He and his spouse, Marcia, live in Albert Lea.

'75 Richard Flatau has authored the book *Cordwood Construction: Best Practices*. The work serves as a resource for individuals investigating cordwood masonry as a cost-effective building method. Flatau and his wife, Rebecca, built their cordwood home in Merrill, Wis., in 1980 at a cost of \$15,000 ... **Joe Rossi** showed and described his photographs of nature during a Polar Fest program hosted by the Detroit Lakes Library. An award-winning photojournalist, Rossi worked for the *Marshall Independent*, *Worthington Globe* and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* newspapers before retiring to the Blackduck area with his wife, Judy. He continues capturing visual images as a freelancer and recently had the book *Nature's Alphabet* published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press ... **Roger Erickson** was elected last fall to the Minnesota House of Representatives to represent District 2B. A retired elementary teacher and coach in Lake of the Woods schools, he lives in Baudette with his wife, **Carol (O'Brien, '83)**. The couple raised two children.

'73 Suzie (Berg) Lohse has retired as the county assessor for Grant County. She began her professional life as a coach and teacher in the Kensington and Elbow Lake-Wendell school systems. She and her husband, Robert, live in Elbow Lake ... **Bob Dettmer** was reelected to serve his fourth term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. His



Bob Dettmer

previous three terms were in District 52A, but recent redistricting moved him into District 39A. Dettmer is a retired teacher and coach at Forest Lake High School and a retired chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Colleen, live in Forest Lake ... **Gordy**

Dault was elected to the International Falls school board and will serve as the group's vice chair this year. A retired educator and school administrator, he works part-time as a guardian ad litem, advocating for children in the juvenile and family court systems. He and his wife, **Kathy (Sheasby, '71)**, live in International Falls.

'72 John McEachran marked his 40th season on the sidelines as the offensive line coach for the Perham High School football team during the fall 2012 season. McEachran is a reading specialist in the



Mardy Karger

district who lives in Frazee with his wife, Marcia ...

Mardy Karger presented a program on the impact of media in his life during an Adventures in Lifelong Learning presentation in Bemidji. An Outstanding Alumnus at BSU, Karger has been involved with local radio in Bemidji for more than 40 years, where he lives with his wife, **Lynn ('91)**.

'71 Ruth (Lund) Holmgren received the Pelican Rapids Pride Award presented last fall by the city's chamber of commerce. Both Ruth and her husband, **Van ('77)**, are retired teachers and were involved in many community-building activities over four decades in Pelican Rapids, where they reside. They have one daughter.



Ruth (Lund) Holmgren

'70 Gregg Hanson is CEO of Hanson Silo Company, which was founded by his grandfather and specializes in precast concrete and other agribusiness products. Hanson and his wife, Linda, reside in Spicer.

'69 Buzz Olson received the Chet Steward Award from USA Hockey for contributions to the organization's officiating education program and years of service to the hockey community as an official and volunteer. Olson is the north vice president of the Minnesota Hockey Officials Association. A registered official for more than 30 years, he has officiated on the state, collegiate and national amateur levels. He retired following a career in education and coaching in the East Grand Forks school district ... **Richard Longtine** has been named to the board of directors of the Region 2 Arts Council. An



BOSS USED HIGH TECH TO TRACK DINOSAURS

Dr. Steve Boss ('81) is a modern-day hunter tracking ancient animals. He is director of the Environmental Dynamics Program and a professor of geosciences at the University of Arkansas. He spent part of last summer using laser scanners to create high-resolution images of dinosaur tracks imprinted in Arkansas 115 million years ago on the shallow mud flats of what was then the continent's edge.

"We're not sure what the animals were doing here, but clearly they were here in some abundance," said Boss, who lives in Fayetteville, with his wife, Rebecca. "We have some large predatory dinosaurs that have never been described in Arkansas before. We've speculated for a long time what kind of dinosaurs lived in this area, and now we have direct evidence."

Boss received his master's degree from Utah State University and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina.

Scientists from three universities are using the footprints to uncover dinosaur travels, how they walked, and how much the animals weighed.



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elementary education teacher with a background in visual arts, theater, crafts and folk art, Longtime is on the board of the Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning. He and his wife, Sarah Loktu, live in Park Rapids ... **Gail (Hecimovich) Nucech** retired last fall after guiding the Hibbing High School volleyball team for 44 seasons. During that time, she compiled a Minnesota record of 884 match wins. Nucech was at the vanguard of girls sports in the state, starting the Hibbing program and coaching at various times the Bluejacket girls' gymnastics, basketball, softball and track squads. She lives in Hibbing with her husband, Dennis ... **Lee Olson** was elected last fall to serve a second term on the Foley school board. He retired in 2008 from teaching and coaching for 34 years in Foley schools. He and his wife, Judy, live in St. Cloud.

'65 Mike Shaw was elected mayor of Jordan last fall. A retired teacher and coach at Jordan High School, he is an IRS registered tax



Mike Shaw

return preparer and Realtor with Shaw Realty. His and his wife, Lorraine, have two grown children.

'60 Bev Edland and her husband, Gary, are active volunteers in the Grand Meadow area. Both are now retired – Bev as a teacher and Gary from work at a medical facility. Grand Meadow Lutheran Church, the American Legion, the GM Healthcare Center and the Root River Antique Historical Power Association are among the recipients of their time and talents. The couple lives in Grand Meadow, where they raised two daughters ... **Roger and Margaret (Bowers, '58) Chase** live in Wittenberg, Wis., where they are enjoying travelling and volunteering following their retirement as educators.

Other alumni

James Ellisor is continuing his basketball playing days in Russia, where he leads the Planeta-Universitet team in the Russian Basketball Superleague. An NCAA Division II All-America selection, Ellisor finished his two-year career at BSU last winter with 1,129 points. His new team is based in Ukhta in western Russia.

AT 100, PARISI INSISTS, 'I HAVEN'T RETIRED YET'

Beulah Parisi '37 has never been one to sit still as a teacher, mother, adventurer, librarian or volunteer. The nickname that stuck with her throughout her lifetime is Bee, as in the busy kind. She hasn't slowed down a bit despite celebrating her 100th birthday on Dec. 1, a milestone she celebrated by sending a \$100 check to Bemidji State.

Parisi graduated from BSU while she was teaching in a rural schoolhouse in Shotley, a township north of Bemidji. After earning her degree, she taught in Walker and Minneapolis before vacationing in Alaska. Returning to the lower 48 took awhile.

"World War II broke out, so I stayed there," she remembered. "I worked with the GIs as a USO director." After the war, she and friends returned to the states via the ALCAN Highway, driving an Army truck converted into a homemade RV, complete with wood heat.

Back in Minnesota, Parisi married a veteran and started a family, raising four children and eventually settling in 1956 in Portland, Ore., where she still lives.

With three of her kids in college, she began volunteering as the librarian at La Salle Catholic College Preparatory High School near her home. The cataloging system at the time consisted of cards in a shoebox. Eventually she became the school's full-time librarian, a position she held until 1972.

"I haven't retired yet," Parisi corrects those who imply that her days on the go are over. "I'm busy all the time."

For a centenarian, that means staying wired to the Internet, which she says is the change in life that has delighted her most. In fact, she's taking on a new digital challenge. "I'm learning to use the iPad my daughter and her family gave me," she said. "It looks like so much fun. It's only as thick as a piece of cardboard and it lets you hook up to the world."

IN MEMORIAM

Listed in order of class years

Dr. Raymond Milowski (retired faculty), Bemidji
Jean (Given) Melony '34, Chanhassen
Eva Mae (Cann) Regnier '45, Stevens Point, Wis.
John E. "Jack" Luoma '49, Bemidji
Donald D. Barron '50, Thief River Falls
Mary A. (Dunham) Mushel '51, Elmo, Mont.
Elizabeth A. (Gruer) Bettcher '55, Lester Prairie
Delores Doogan '56, Juneau, Alaska
Beatrice M. (Berg) Johnson '57, Duluth
John D. Karpan '59, Grand Rapids
Francis J. Gyger '60, Clinton Township, Mich.
Richard L. Sears '61, Brainerd
Irene Glebe '63, Vero Beach, Fla.
DeVee (Hubbard) Thiele '63, Mission, Texas
Kenneth J. Hansen '64, Rockport, Texas
Kathleen (Gunhus) Megorden-Lee '64, Cass Lake
Neil I. Jokinen '65, Ham Lake
Richard L. Nelson '65, Osseo
Joyce E. (Bumgarner) Adams '66, Coleraine
Frances (Whelan) Crummy '66, Fargo, N.D.
Kathryn V. Renning '66, Longville
Fern J. (Nelson) Dalby '67, Solway
Chester N. Lundsten '67, Williams
Allyn R. Kendall '68, Bemidji
Marie K. Luoma '68, Bemidji
Catherine P. Ferraro '69, Grand Rapids
Robert D. Laufenburger '69, Redwood Falls
Peter J. Riley '69, Bovey
Janice L. Greene '70, Oberon
Lee. B. Goplin '71, Grand Rapids
Rodney E. Nowacki '71, Kent, Wash.
Esther R. (Bluemke) Whalen '71, Oklee
Constance G. (Rindahl) Copeland '72, Houston, Texas
Donald D. Drong '73, Austin
Connie L. (Sandeen) McLinn '73, Hanover
Richard J. Vesely '73 & '82, Bemidji
Sharon M. (Woodylla) Chapman '74, Bemidji
Irene E. (Sikorski) Erickson '74, Greenbush
Lanford L. Larson '74, Hendricks
Dennis R. Sandnas '74, Virginia
Viola H. Anderson '75, Argyle
William G. Carlson '75, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba
Robert L. Madson '75, Bemidji
Sandra L. Thunstrom '75, International Falls
Patricia Bredenkamp '76, Coon Rapids
Carol L. (Johnson) Bruns '76, Perham
Helen S. Gill '76, Bemidji
Mary J. (Rose) Skelly '76, St. Cloud
Karl D. Bremer '78, Stillwater
Michael M. Murray '78, Mora
Lloyd G. Olson '78, Detroit Lakes
Rev. Nanette L. (Hagen) Hinck '79, St. Croix Falls, Wis.
Matthew R. Shetka '80, New Prague
Arlin G. Melgaard '81, Bemidji
Dorothy J. Ojala '81, Aurora
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Thomas B. Torgerson '85, Detroit Lakes
Margaret Listberger '85, Bastrop, Texas
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John E. Hynes '89, Little Falls
Steven R. O'Shea '89, Eagan
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Marcus J. Johnson '92, Chaska
Max R. Wells '93, Milton, Wis.
Jason C. LaFlair '97, Lake Park
Nick C. Lindgren '99, Grand Rapids
Christine M. Gieseke '01 & '02, Greenbush
Joshua O. Boock '04, Bemidji
Terri L. Qual '09, Winger
Joshua B. Sznajder '09, River Falls, Wis.
Riley R. Burnell '10, International Falls

ALUMNI & FOUNDATION

2013

EVENTS

- 50-Year Reunion, Class of 1963**, American Indian Resource Center, Thursday, May 9
- Golden Beaver Society Luncheon**, American Indian Resource Center, Friday, May 10
- BSU Commencement**, Sanford Center, Friday, May 10
- Brainerd Alumni Reception**, Madden's on Gull Lake – Brainerd, Tuesday, June 4
- B-Club Golf Marathon**, Madden's on Gull Lake – Brainerd, Wednesday, June 5
- BSU Night at the Twins**, Target Field, Friday, June 14
- Gordy Skaar Memorial Golf Tournament**, Bemidji Town and Country Club, Friday, June 21
- Coach Lee Ahlbrecht's Men's Swimming & Diving Alumni Reunion**, Castle Highlands, Saturday, June 22
- Galen Nagle Memorial Golf Tournament**, Bemidji Town and Country Club, Friday, July 12
- Jeff "Bird" McBride Memorial Golf Tournament**, Oak Marsh Golf Course – Oakdale, Sunday, July 21
- Men's Basketball Golf Outing**, Blueberry Pines Golf Course – Menahga, Friday, July 26
- Community Appreciation Day**, BSU Campus, Tuesday, Aug. 27
- Sauer Golf Outing**, Tianna Country Club – Walker, Friday, Aug. 30
- Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast**, BSU Campus, Saturday, Oct. 12
- BSU Green & White Auction**, Sanford Center, Saturday, April 12, 2014

Contact the Alumni Office to register or for more information:

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June 26 – OPC Sea Kayak Safety Course, 5-7 p.m., Boathouse Waterfront, 218-755-2999

June 29 – OPC Sailing Skills Course, 1-4 p.m., Boathouse Waterfront, 218-755-2999

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July 6 – OPC Sea Kayak Safety Course, 5-7 p.m., Boathouse Waterfront, 218-755-2999

July 14-19 – Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference, 218-755-2851

July 19-20 – Headwaters Film Festival, 12-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 218-755-2851

July 20 – BSU Green and White Sailing Regatta, Boathouse Waterfront, 218-755-2999

Aug. 24 – Move-in Day, 218-755-3750

Aug. 25 – Convocation, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall and Beau Arts Ballroom, 218-755-4226

Aug. 27 – Community Appreciation Day, 4:30 p.m., BSU Pavilion and Lakeside Areas of Campus, 218-755-2762

Sept. 14 – Football vs. Concordia-St. Paul (Shrine Game), 6 p.m., Chet Anderson Stadium

Sept. 21 – Volleyball vs. Minnesota Duluth, 4 p.m., BSU Gymnasium

Sept. 27 – Beaver Pride Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Walnut Hall, 218-755-2827

Sept. 28 – Football vs. Southwest Minnesota State, 1 p.m., Chet Anderson Stadium

Oct. 4 – Volleyball vs. Minnesota State, 7 p.m., BSU Gymnasium

Oct. 5 – Volleyball vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 4 p.m., BSU Gymnasium

Oct. 11 – Women's hockey vs. Robert Morris, 7:07 p.m., Sanford Center

Oct. 12 – Scholarship Appreciation Banquet

Oct. 12 – Football vs. University of Mary, 1 p.m., Chet Anderson Stadium

Oct. 12 – Women's hockey vs. Robert Morris, 7:07 p.m., Sanford Center

Oct. 18 – Volleyball vs. U-Mary, 7 p.m., BSU Gymnasium

Oct. 18 – Men's hockey vs. University of Minnesota, 7:37 p.m., Sanford Center

Oct. 18 – Women's hockey vs. Lindenwood, 7:07 p.m., Sanford Center

Oct. 19 – Volleyball vs. Minot State, 4 p.m., BSU Gymnasium

Oct. 19 – Men's hockey vs. University of Minnesota, 7:07 p.m., Sanford Center

Oct. 19 – Women's hockey vs. Lindenwood, 7:07 p.m., Sanford Center

Oct. 22 – Volleyball vs. Minnesota Crookston, 7 p.m., BSU Gymnasium



HOMECOMING

September 2013

WEEKEND

Thursday, Sept. **26** **Alumni Leaders in the Classroom**, BSU Campus

Friday, Sept. **27** **Alumni Leaders in the Classroom**, BSU Campus
Beaver Pride Luncheon, Walnut Hall, BSU Campus
Honors Gala, Sanford Center

Saturday, Sept. **28** **Sara Labraaten State Farm Run/Walk for BSU Athletics**,
 Chet Anderson Stadium

Homecoming Tailgate Party, Diamond Point Park

All-Football Alumni Reunion Reception & Program, Beaux Arts Ballroom

Football vs. Southwest Minnesota State University

Beaver Block Party, Downtown Bemidji

Sunday, Sept. **29** **Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert**





Join us for the celebration

We look forward to seeing you on campus for Homecoming 2013, Sept. 26-29! This year's theme is "BSU Beginnings," in recognition of all the ways Bemidji State University has been a starting point in the lives of our graduates.

The weekend will be a time to look back and remember the learning, experiences and opportunities you had as a student and to share those good memories with fellow alums.

Together with you, we also will formally launch the university's first capital campaign, "Imagine Tomorrow," which will enable new beginnings in the lives of future students and open new horizons for the university and those we serve.

The weekend's activities will begin Thursday and Friday, Sept. 26 and 27, with the popular "Alumni Leaders in the Classroom" panel discussions, when alumni guests meet with student to share their experience and expertise. Topics will include: accounting, business and mass communication, among others. These sessions will take place on campus and are free and open to students and the public.

The Honors Gala on Friday evening promises to be very special. The blacktie-optional event will take place at the Sanford Center. The Alumni Association and the BSU Foundation will honor Bemidji State's Outstanding Alumni, Young Alumni and Alumni Service Award winners at this sit-down dinner. The event also illuminates the generosity of President's Society level donors and Legacy Society members. It is open to all, and those who attend will be among the first to hear details of the Imagine Tomorrow fund-raising campaign.

Saturday morning, Sept. 28, will kick off with the Sara Labraatan State Farm Run/Walk for BSU Athletics. Participants will start and finish in Diamond Point Park. All proceeds will contribute to scholarships for BSU athletes.

Our tailgating tradition will get underway late Saturday morning, with food and beverages in Diamond Point Park before the Beavers take on Southwest Minnesota State in football at 1 p.m.

The fun will continue Saturday night at a Beaver Block Party in downtown Bemidji. Beaver fans from far and wide will enjoy an open-air dance party with live music. The Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter hosts this annual event.

Homecoming activities will come to a close with the Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert on Sunday, Sept. 29.

See you there!



IMAGINE TOMORROW

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS **ALUMNI**

2013 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Thomas G. Anderson '70, CEO
Minnesota Thermal Science, Baxter

Pamela Hovland '83, Senior Critic, Graphic Design
Yale University, Wilton, Conn.

Keith Johanneson (1966-69), President/CEO
Johanneson Companies, Bemidji.

2013 ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Kay L. (Aultman) Mack '86, County Administrator
Beltrami County, Bemidji.

2013 YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Carri Jones '03, Chair
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake

SHARE YOUR BSU BEGINNINGS

What began for you at Bemidji State University – independence? friendships? career? love? service? Submit your story (200 words or less) and a photo, if possible, to alumni@bemidjistate.edu. Also include your name, graduation year, address and phone number. If you submit photos, please identify people, places and activities they contain.

We will share the stories and photos we receive during Homecoming activities, as well as in promotional materials and social media. We also will add them to the BSU archives. By submitting items, you agree that your stories and/or photos may be shared. Call 218-755-3989 with questions.

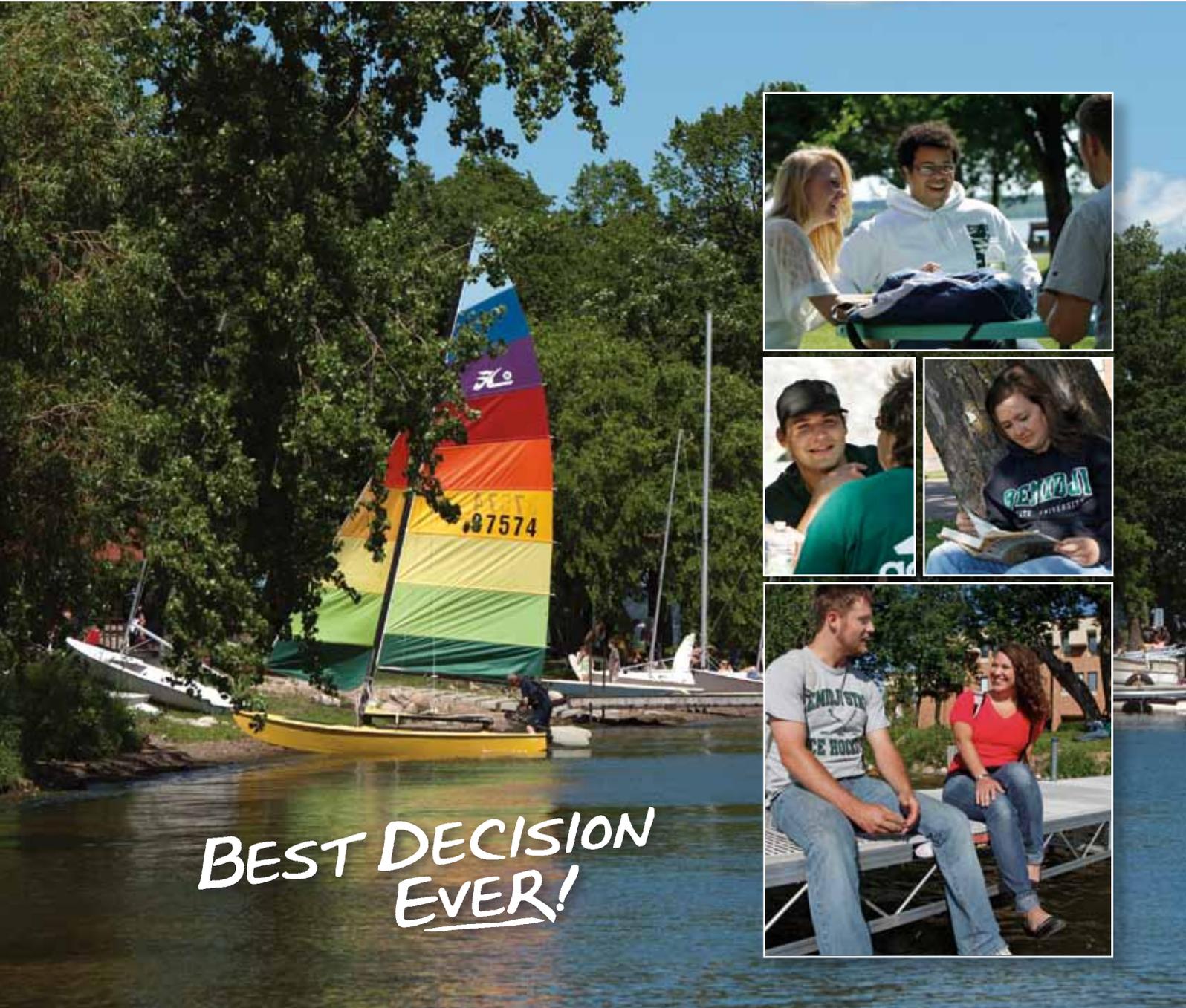




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