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*Community ties
bear fruit for
BSU and students*





PRESIDENT R. HANSON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot say often enough that the primary goal of everything we do as a university is to prepare our students for meaningful, rewarding lives in their chosen fields. Their success is the measure of our own. This objective motivates and inspires all we do together as administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Bemidji State. Its pursuit and the results that continue to affirm our purpose can be found throughout this edition of the BSU magazine.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the tremendous and gratifying progress we have made together in the Imagine Tomorrow fund-raising campaign. In less than four years, the BSU Foundation has received gifts and pledges totaling more than \$31 million. Stop and let that figure sink in for a moment. We're closing in on our ambitious goal of \$35 million, and I have every confidence that we will get there over the next 19 months. The generosity has been staggering, and our students' increased prospect for success has already been the outcome.

The difference we are making in the lives of our students can be clearly seen in our latest examples of "Students to Watch" – young people who are defining themselves as leaders and laying the groundwork for significant accomplishment in their careers. The benefits of the guidance and motivation provided by our faculty is evident in the achievement of our alumni, including those profiled at length and the many others featured in the Class Notes section. We are so proud of our continued association with our thousands of outstanding alumni, including the remarkable individuals honored during the Homecoming Honors Gala on Oct. 17.

We also make a difference in the world through the work of our students, faculty and staff, as illustrated in the cover story on community and civic engagement. Transformative experiences of service and hands-on learning are so important to students, and they also provide enormous benefits to the greater Bemidji region and beyond.

So success begets success. Your support of our students and the university as a whole enables our mission of education and advancement, and for that we are forever grateful.

Best wishes,

Richard Hanson

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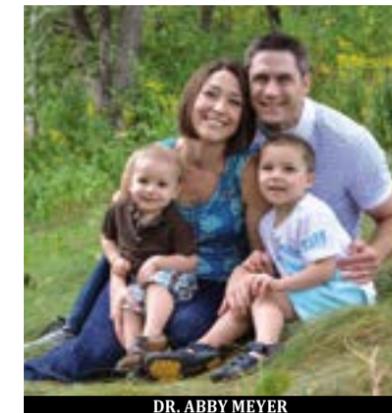
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COVER PHOTO: Katie Swanson works Sept. 10 in the Bemidji Community Food Shelf garden with fellow students from a BSU sociology course on social movements that combines service learning with in-class study.

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MAKING AN IMPACT OFF CAMPUS

Outreach efforts grow in scope and importance

By Scott Faust

In partnership with a cross-country ski club, Bemidji State University students in October installed new signs at BSU's Hobson Memorial Forest to mark seven kilometers of trails remapped in March by fellow students.

Also in October, a computer programmer at the university convened Minnesota's first chapter of Girls Who Code, a nationwide

organization that cultivates interest and aptitude in computing among middle and high school girls.

Throughout the fall semester, students in a sociology course have taken turns tending a community garden and participating in other food-supply initiatives.

All these activities exemplify a growing priority for Bemidji State: engagement by faculty, staff and students in and with the greater community to foster education, collaboration and service.

Along with pride in yearly events that bring people to campus, such as Community Appreciation Day, the high school mathematics contest and the Madrigal Dinners, outreach and hands-on learning are increasingly prized.

"We are motivated by the opportunity for students to gain a sense of connection and relevance to the real world," President Richard Hanson said. "Civic engagement can work to create a sense of responsibility for one's place while also building a capacity for leadership."

Bemidji State is actively involved in multiple projects, ranging from a downtown fine arts center that will showcase BSU artwork to a public-private student housing development planned for the former Bemidji High School site. Another example is Intern Bemidji, launched with the Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce to connect students with employer needs.

In addition, BSU administrators are at the table on efforts to grow the regional economy by developing the highly skilled



Students show off new cross-country ski trail markers installed on Oct. 10 at BSU's Hobson Memorial Forest north of Bemidji. They remapped the trails using GPS.

workforce that employers require. This connection was highlighted Oct. 1 when Chancellor Steven Rosenstone of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system began a one-day Bemidji visit by stressing the importance of community engagement over breakfast with local leaders.

"None of us can get it done by ourselves," Rosenstone said. "We have to do this together. Nothing less than the future of our state hinges on our success."

Lori Paris, president of the Bemidji Chamber, told him that has happened in and around Bemidji.

"I think all of us around the table would agree that Bemidji has been very good the past couple of years in developing partnerships and in saying we can move miles when we work together," Paris said.

Serving the region is fundamental to the role of a public university like BSU, said Dr. Martin Tadlock, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The relationships are multifaceted and growing, he said – as joyful as inviting children to skate with BSU hockey players and as ambitious as a planned off-campus Center for Community Partnerships that will coordinate the expanding interaction.

"The university is a lot more visible in the community than it used to be," said Tadlock, who returned to BSU in 2012 after previously serving as a dean from 2001 to 2006.

Typically, campus-community collaboration develops over time, as educators see ways to connect student learning with local needs.

Such was the case with students' work on new trail signage at Hobson Forest

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– Lori Paris, president of the Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce

and two other trail networks maintained by the Bemidji Cross-Country Ski Club, a project that began to take shape in 2013 through conversations between BSU faculty and the club.

"The courses needed new signage," said Dr. Patrick Donnay, a professor of political science who also serves as secretary of the club. "We're using the partnership between BSU and the ski club to make it happen."

Last winter, several geography students on snowshoes used GPS navigation to trace the exact route of the Hobson trails. Funding for the signs was provided by the ski club, BSU's Outdoor Program Center and the BSU Sustainability Office. The new signs were designed and produced in Bemidji.

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Dr. Steven Rosenstone, chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, at left, and President Richard Hanson have breakfast on Oct. 1 with Bemidji community and business leaders at the American Indian Resource Center.



BSU hockey player Megan Lushanko helps a little one around the ice in the Sanford Center during a post-game "Skate with the Beavers" event in January.

MAKING AN IMPACT OFF CAMPUS



Jennifer Theisen, a computer programmer at Bemidji State (standing), guides members of the Girls Who Code chapter through an exercise on Oct. 27 in Decker Hall.

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For BSU programmer Jennifer Theisen, who sparked creation of Northern Minnesota's Girls Who Code, the idea to involve the university in such an effort was sparked by a tech industry email group she follows – and by her own experience in a field that is still male-dominated.

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“I’d never heard about (Girls Who Code), and I saw this tiny little ad in the email and went, ‘Wow, that sounds like something I’d be interested in,’” Theisen recalled. “I’ve been in the computing field as a professional since the age of 19, and being a female, and a young female at that, was kind of hard. I had to take an assertive stance in order to make my way.”

Her interest in the national effort to develop girls’ talents at computing coincided with a BSU performance review that challenged her to think about her goals. A native of Hibbing, she recognized the need for such an initiative in rural Minnesota.

With the blessing of her bosses, Theisen connected with the group’s national staff, explained the socioeconomic challenges of the Bemidji region and followed steps to organize a club, including a background check and test of her own programming expertise.

In July she learned her application to form a Girls Who Code chapter had been accepted, and she began meeting with area school superintendents, principals and teachers to help her recruit girl participants. About 35 girls are now meeting weekly on the BSU campus, including a contingent that travels by bus from Red Lake and Ponemah.

Theisen said she believes the program will not only benefit the girls but also help develop talent to build the region’s economy.

“This is going to start the girls off earlier to get the knowledge to be able to apply for the jobs that we have here – to start here and stay here,” she said.



Dr. Carla Norris-Raynbird, professor of sociology, joins students in harvesting carrots at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf garden on Sept. 19.

learned in the classroom and accomplish their service learning in a concerted effort – as a group,” Norris-Raynbird said.

Divided into several small groups, students have worked in the garden at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf and learned about such things as beekeeping and composting through Rail River Folk School and visiting the Harmony Natural Foods Co-op, both in Bemidji.

In class, the students are analyzing their group interaction, comparing notes with other groups and applying all of that to the larger subject of social movements.

“It’s one thing to read about social movements,” said one of the students, senior Jodi Rubio of Park Rapids, “but actually going out into the community and learning about an issue in Bemidji has made me more interested in food justice.”

Learning comes by doing

The concept of problem-based learning – tackling a community issue or need – has been central to the work of BSU’s Sustainability Office, under the leadership of coordinator Erika Bailey-Johnson.



Students employed by the office, as well as members of an organization called Students for the Environment, have been involved in such efforts as the Nice Ride bicycle-sharing program, collection of electronic waste for recycling and taking unwanted household items from Goodwill for free distribution via the Bemidji Community Food Shelf.

“We talk about what we need to do to change a situation, to make it more sustainable, and what are the barriers,” Bailey-Johnson said. “In the process, they’re learning problem-solving skills, project-management skills, leadership skills and communication skills.”

Those learning experiences, combined with a desire to improve the quality of life throughout the Bemidji region, drive Bemidji State’s increased commitment to civic and community engagement.

The importance of those efforts is underscored in the university’s draft Strategic Plan for 2014-2017. One of its six major strategies is called “Connect to Our Communities, which calls for “students, faculty and staff to engage and connect with our constituents and the many communities we serve through service learning, internships, mentorships, community advocacy, field experiences, class projects and practicums.”

Hanson said those community interactions are linked to connections that extend to the state and national levels and beyond.

“There is little doubt that the world is increasingly global and interconnected,” he said. “Therefore, Bemidji State University needs to make sure its commitment to civic relevance is rock solid.”

Erika Bailey-Johnson, coordinator of the BSU Sustainability Office, left, joins with students in an electronic waste collection effort in May 2013 in downtown Bemidji.

CONTINUED GENEROSITY

*Gifts, pledges already
helping students*

By Scott Faust

Inspired by a glimpse of success over the horizon, leaders of Bemidji State University's Imagine Tomorrow campaign are determined not to let up now.

With \$31 million given or pledged as of Oct. 14, the five-year goal of \$35 million is achievable by the target date of June 30, 2016, said Dave Sorensen '72, chair of the Campaign Steering Committee.

"Support has been coming from people who have an affinity for Bemidji State, from our alums and from people who have heard about the success of our campaign and want to be a part of this wonderful university and what's happening here," Sorensen said.

Plans call for continued communication from President Richard Hanson to alumni and friends regarding both the campaign and developments on campus. BSU Foundation staff and campaign volunteers will also maintain their outreach to prospective donors and followup with individuals who have expressed interest in giving but haven't done so yet.

"We're at a stage now that we're looking at going back and talking to some people," Sorensen said.

One surprise has been a greater-than-expected propensity for outright gifts of cash or assets versus planned or estate gifts.

"It's a great story because it's money that the university can use in a quicker way and a more direct way," Sorensen said.

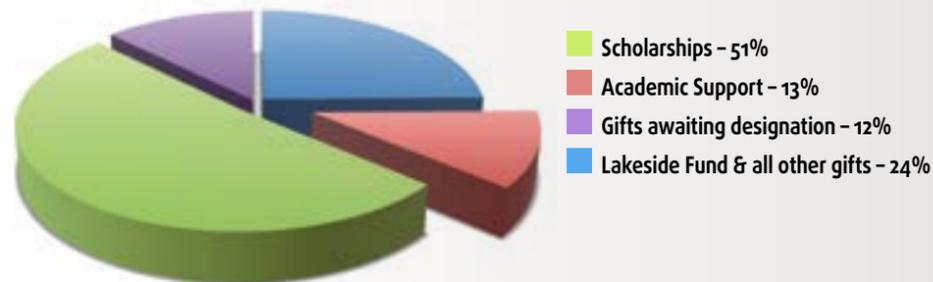
Another impressive result has been the level of participation by the university's staff and faculty. Five-year pledges for this fiscal year totaled \$423,000 compared with \$45,000 in the previous year.

Money received so far has already made a significant impact:

- Scholarships provided through the BSU Foundation have nearly doubled, from \$700,000 in 2011 to \$1.2 million this academic year.
- Donors have established 35 new endowments with a total value of more than \$4 million.
- Students in 18 academic departments are receiving newly endowed scholarships, ranging from nursing to education to environmental studies.
- Pledges will provide the latest technology in buildings such as Memorial Hall, now being renovated into a state-of-the-art home for the business and accounting programs.

BREAKDOWN OF GIVING

Designations by category for \$31 million received or pledged to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign as of Oct. 14, 2014:



Mike Roberge '90, president of the National Campaign Committee for Imagine Tomorrow, and Dave Sorensen '72, chair of the Campaign Steering Committee meet with national committee members on Oct. 17 at the American Indian Resource Center.



Mary Campbell and Lou Baron of Paul Bunyan Broadcasting in Bemidji are pictured with sophomore Cale Ubel of Williams, recipient of the Gwen (Ranzau) & Madeline Campbell Lakeside Scholarship, following the BSU Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast on Sept. 27.

"This campaign has lifted us up," Hanson said. "We will be more able to tolerate down-dips; we will be more able to support our students. Access and affordability have been greatly improved for our students, and those are two significant words. I couldn't be prouder of our staff and our volunteers. It's really working."

Another outcome has been a significant strengthening of the foundation staff, including a decision this summer to move former chief development officer Marla Patrias into a new role as prospect research manager. Her replacement, Jonathan Yordy, has significant fund-raising experience in higher education.

"One thing you want at the end of a campaign is an infrastructure that is far stronger than what you began with," said Rob Bollinger, BSU's executive director of university advancement. "We will have that at this university as we bring this campaign to a close."

Dr. Steven Rosenstone, chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, something he expressed Oct. 1 during a one-day visit to Bemidji.

"It's been an outstanding effort," Rosenstone told students. "I don't know of a university in the country that has been able to move this far with private giving."

Inevitably, as the goal inches closer and the end of the campaign draws within sight, conversation has also turned to what comes next – the possibility of a future campaign once Imagine Tomorrow has reached a successful conclusion.

Both Hanson and Sorensen continue to stress the need to continue to reinforce a culture of philanthropy within and around Bemidji State that will be crucial because state support has dramatically declined over the past several years.

Inspiration will come from the benefits that private support provide to BSU students, Hanson told members of the National Campaign Committee who met on campus at Homecoming.

"The stories of their success are moving and powerful, and it's because of people like you that we get it done," he said.

How you can get involved

Everyone connects with Bemidji State in a unique way: as a student, professor, staff member, intellectual, art lover, music aficionado, sports fan and on and on. Not surprisingly, every contribution – whether it is a financial gift, bequest or volunteer effort – reflects a donor's perspective, financial situation and time.

From a practical standpoint, here is background to inform your decision to be a part of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign:

CASH: Cash gifts are an easy way to give. Gifts of any size make an immediate impact on the Imagine Tomorrow priority area of your choice.

SECURITIES: Gifts of stocks, bonds, treasuries and mutual funds that have increased in value are a win-win opportunity for you under current tax laws. They provide an immediate benefit to the university and a current income tax savings for you.

PROPERTY: Property and real estate includes homes, cabins, commercial buildings, farmland and other property, such as works of art and other items of value.

PLANNED GIFTS: These involve giving to the university in the future. Typical types of planned gifts would be a bequest, life income gift, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, life insurance or a gift of residence with a life interest. The Bemidji State University Legacy Society is a unique organization whose members have provided for Bemidji State University through a planned gift. Members receive special invitations and other benefits.

VOLUNTEER: One of the most important gifts you can give to BSU is to tell others why the university is vital to you and the community. Attend campus events. Volunteer for committees and events that interest you. You make a difference!

Potential benefits of giving

- Make an immediate or future impact on Bemidji State.
- Help the department, college or area of your choice.
- Potentially increase the impact of your gift with a matching gift.
- Make a large gift with a small cash investment.
- Save on income tax.
- Reduce estate tax.
- Avoid capital gains tax.
- Generate lifetime income.

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**BUSINESS AND
ACCOUNTING
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Imagine Tomorrow campaign has led to creation of five new endowments supporting students in BSU's business-related programs, three of which are funded to the point that they were able to provide a total of \$13,600 in awards to six students this year.

THE WELLE FAMILY/FIRST NATIONAL BANK SCHOLARSHIP provided two awards this year.

THE RON BATCHELDER SCHOLARSHIP provided one award this year.

A CONTRIBUTION FROM MIKE AND TRACY ROBERGE has established an endowment that provided three awards this year and in 2015-16 will provide \$40,000 in business scholarships.

THE MCBRIDE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP and the George Welte Memorial Business Scholarship have been funded and will begin supporting awards soon.

Two new endowments have been launched specifically to support accounting majors:

THE JOE KOCINSKI ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP supported two \$3,000 awards to accounting majors with strong academic and leadership achievements and financial need.

THE KEVIN AND TRUDY RAUTIO ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded each year to an incoming undergraduate student who has financial need, with a preference for students from northern Minnesota.

EARLY GIFTS OFFER BOOST *to business students*

By Andy Bartlett

While gifts and pledges to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign are providing benefits across the campus, Bemidji State University's Department of Business Administration has seen a particularly dramatic impact.

Contributions have so far helped create five new endowments for business majors and two more that support accounting majors. This year alone more than \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded to nine students through these new funds, and next year the level of support provided by these new endowments will grow to more than \$50,000.

"We never know if a \$1,000 scholarship is going to be the difference between keeping a student in school or having them leave," said Dr. Shawn Strong, dean of the College of Business, Technology and Communications. "From that standpoint these scholarships are invaluable. They make a huge impact, one student at a time."

The boost also will make the department more competitive when recruiting future students, said Dr. Rod Henry, professor and chair of the Department of Business Administration.

"It definitely gives us more stories to tell when we have prospective students coming to campus," Henry said.

This support comes at an opportune time for the departments of business and accounting as they prepare to move next fall from their current locations in Decker Hall into a new home in a renovated Memorial Hall.

The renovation, part of a construction project totaling nearly \$14 million financed by state bonds, began in earnest this September and is creating a completely new setting for business and accounting classes, group projects and departmental offices.

Irvin E. Engebretson '61, retired senior director of finance for CRAY Research, has stepped forward to help ensure the new Memorial Hall lives up to its promise of providing state-of-the-art facilities.

Engebretson, who lives in Chippewa Falls, Wis., has made a planned gift through the BSU Legacy Society that will provide \$250,000 for computers and other technology needed for business and accounting students.

While scholarships and new technology to support those students are obvious, tangible benefits from Imagine Tomorrow, the campaign's most-important contribution may well be the relationships it is helping forge with its numerous alumni, Henry said.

"Imagine Tomorrow is drawing us closer to our alumni and the organizations they work for," he said. "It's drawn us tighter to that community that we were already a part of."



Michelle and Dale Ladig at home in Bemidji.

SAYING **THANK YOU** *and giving back*

By Scott Faust

Michelle and Dale Ladig have seen Bemidji State University through many perspectives – not only their own, but also those of BSU students they've met as longtime university employees, their four daughters and students at Bemidji High School.

They are very clear about the merits of Bemidji State, and they want to share it with local students who might otherwise take their talents elsewhere.

To that end, they have made a five-year pledge to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign that will endow a \$1,000 annual

scholarship and will be directed to a Bemidji High student attending BSU.

"We want to give back to our community and try to help a local student achieve success through coming to BSU," Michelle said. "It's a win for the university and the community."

In addition, they continue to support a scholarship, originally funded by General Mills in the mid-1980s, that bears their names and supports a returning student who continues to live in campus housing.

The scholarship was renamed for the Ladigs in honor of Dale's retirement last summer after a 34-year career, including 20

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THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY
AND COMMUNICATIONS





Michelle Ladig, second from left, and Dale Ladig are joined at the BSU Honors Gala on Oct. 17 by daughters Rachel Qualley (from left), Kathryn Ladig and Jessie Ladig. Not pictured is daughter Hillary Heuton.

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years overseeing residential housing and programs as the director of residential life. After previous work at Southwest Minnesota State University, he came to Bemidji State in 1978 as area director for Birch, Linden and Tamarack halls.

Michelle has worked at BSU since 2000, for most of those years as a member of the Information Technology staff, including management of a university computer store. Last year, she transferred into a faculty support role in the College of Arts and Sciences. Previously, she worked in job development and training for the State of Minnesota in Bemidji.

Both divorced and each with two daughters from a previous marriage, Michelle and Dale met through mutual friends in Bemidji. They have been married for almost seven years.

“Our kids have had a great scholastic experience here, so part of this is being able to say thanks to BSU for our careers and thanks to Bemidji High School for everything they did for our kids.”

– DALE LADIG

Raising their girls and seeing them through high school and into college has deepened the Ladigs’ appreciation of the important decisions students make along the way.

Both are supporters of the arts, and they have been especially involved with the Paul Bunyan Playhouse, where they currently volunteer and Dale was a member of the board for a decade.

Music is another passion, and they support the marching band and other music programs at Bemidji High School, where Michelle’s daughter, Rachel, is a junior this year.

“When students apply themselves to their music, they just seem to set those same standards for their education,” Michelle said.

The Ladigs say they’ve come to realize that Bemidji students don’t always recognize the tremendous educational opportunities that BSU offers right in their backyard. Their new scholarship is one way to encourage talented local students to take advantage of the university’s strengths.

Dale said the scholarship also is a way of saying thank you to both Bemidji High and Bemidji State.

“Our kids have had a great scholastic experience here, so part of this is being able to say thanks to BSU for our rewarding careers and thanks to Bemidji High School for everything they did for our kids,” he said.

As parents and as university employees, they’ve gained a deep appreciation of both the challenges and the opportunities that young people encounter on their journeys to adulthood.

Michelle recalled a student majoring in music whom she got to know and mentored while he worked at the university computer store. Her recommendation helped him land an information technology position at the Blake School in Minneapolis.

“I had contagious enthusiasm about information technology that he responded to,” she said. “I was very proud of that – the difference I could make.”

Added Dale, “Our job as staff is to help them be successful. I always appreciated seeing the students walk across the stage at commencement – the ones you thought might not make it. It’s an emotional experience.”

BSU NEWS

SCULPTURE, ARCH GIVE NEW LIFE TO OLD TREES



Sculptor Curtis Ingvaldstad discusses his work at a dedication ceremony on Oct. 13.

Minnesota chainsaw artist Curtis Ingvaldstad has used his talents to bring new life to an ancient white pine log, which now stands as a lakeside monument to the wildlife found in the air, on the land and in the waters surrounding Bemidji State University.

The log for the Shoreline Sculpture came from one of three white pine trees, estimated to be over 100 years old, which were taken down by the university during the summer of 2013 as part of a project to install a modern artificial playing surface at BSU’s Chet Anderson Stadium.

The Nerstrand native started with a rough scale drawing showing an approximate position for each of the animals organized around a tree – birds at the top, with land animals such as bears or raccoons in the middle, leading to an underwater section featuring fish such as sunfish, pike or walleye.

Ingvaldstad’s sculpture is just one of several projects the university has planned that will allow the wood from those stately trees to live on. Among them is a new entry arch into Chet Anderson Stadium, built by students in Bemidji State’s Department of Technology Art & Design and installed this summer near where the trees originally stood.

BSU receives \$623,000 grant to support STEM students

Bemidji State has received nearly \$623,000 from the National Science Foundation to fund scholarships for BSU students majoring in programs related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The grant creates a program that will provide recurring \$9,200 annual scholarships for a minimum of 22 students over a five-year period. They will be targeted toward students

with interests and abilities in STEM fields, demonstrable financial need and from groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM-related programs.

The scholarships also will spearhead the creation of support programs specifically targeting students in STEM majors. The university plans to create a STEM Scholars Learning Community that includes peer-to-peer networking and more direct mentoring opportunities with BSU faculty.



BSU begins academy for international faculty visitors

Bemidji State has launched the NorthStar Visiting Scholar Academy, intended to improve understanding and cooperation between international and U.S. scholars. The non-profit academy will welcome four visiting scholars to campus this year.

Wang Hongxia and Li Wei, both professors from the Beijing Youth Politics College in China, have been at BSU since late August experiencing life and culture on campus and in the community. They were joined in September by Xiang Fei, who works for a Beijing-based non-governmental organization, and Tao Jun, from Jiangnan University in Wuhan.

While at BSU, the scholars will attend seminars, workshops and classes focusing on cross-cultural and academic exchange. The program will help the visiting scholars better understand the U.S. education system, the cultural environment and other aspects of American life. In addition, they will have access to selected classes of their choice on a non-credit basis.

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

For the seventh consecutive year, Bemidji State has been ranked among the Midwest region's best colleges and universities in U.S. News and World Report's 30th annual review of America's Best Colleges, published in September.

BSU tied for 33rd among public institutions in the Midwest region and tied with four other institutions for 99th among all colleges and universities in the region.

The rankings also list BSU 36th on its regional "Best Colleges for Veterans" list. These are the top-ranked schools in the Best Colleges rankings that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active service members apply, pay for and complete their degrees.

University ranks high for online program affordability

Bemidji State has been named one of the most-affordable universities in the nation for obtaining an online education by Edudemic, a site that connects educators, administrators and students to the latest academic technology resources. The publication's "2014

Visiting scholar Wang Hongxia, a professor from Beijing, China, gets some information during Community Appreciation Day on Sept. 4.

Most Affordable Online Schools" listed BSU 39th in its ranking.

Edudemic's rankings score colleges and universities using a weighted formula that includes a variety of factors including retention rate, graduation rate, in-state and out-of-state tuition and breadth of offerings.

BSU's Center for Extended Learning offers seven undergraduate programs and five graduate programs that can be completed entirely online. Students enrolled at BSU and living out-of-state pay the same tuition rates as Minnesota residents.

Bemidji Opera Theatre will present "The Mikado" in February

Bemidji Opera Theatre will present Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado" on Feb. 26-28, in the main theater of the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex.

Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera, first performed in 1885, is a satire set in a stereotypical English version of feudal Japan.

BSU's production will be directed by Dr. Cory J. Renbarger, assistant professor of music. Music will be conducted by Scott Guidry, assistant professor of music. Costumes will be designed by professional designer Fred Rogers, and BSU's Tom Skime will supervise the technical production.

Auditions for the show were held in late September, and casting was completed in early October. The cast and crew will include BSU students, members of the BSU faculty and staff and residents from the Bemidji community.

NTC students partner in Laurel House reconstruction

Bemidji State University, Northwest Technical College and a number of other partners are collaborating on the construction of a new home on the site of the university's former Laurel House honors residence. The home, being built primarily by students in NTC's trade and construction programs with support from professional project managers and planners, will serve as a shared living and learning community for students in BSU's honors program.



Demolition of the Laurel House was done in early September, and the reconstruction began shortly thereafter. Reconstruction has been in planning stages for several years, and a 2013 gift from Kraus-Anderson Construction as part of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign has allowed the project to move forward. That gift included cash and funds designated for project management services related to construction of the home.

U.S. Capitol Christmas tree packaged at BSU for trip east

One of the country's most famous Christmas trees was packaged at Bemidji State in preparation for its journey to the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

On Oct. 29, a tree was cut from Minnesota's Chippewa National Forest and trucked to BSU's John Glas Fieldhouse, where it was prepared before departing for the Capitol on Nov. 3. It took a team of six to eight people approximately 25 hours to prepare the tree for shipment.

The packaging stop at Bemidji State was one of many visits the tree will make in cities and towns as it journeys from the forest to Washington, D.C. Once the tree is installed, the lighting ceremony is broadcast live on C-SPAN.

University Heights residential project moving forward

In July, Bemidji's Joint Planning Commission recommended approval for University Heights, an apartment and commercial project slated for construction on the northwest corner of 15th Street and Bemidji Avenue, where Bemidji High School once stood. The commission recommended the necessary rezoning to multi-family residential and approved a conditional use permit for future development.

Construction on Phase 1 of the project is planned to begin in April and be completed by April 2016. That initial phase would include a four-story complex with first-level accommodations for six retail businesses and 42 apartments on the upper three levels, which would be operated by the Department of Residential Life in a manner similar to BSU's on-campus residence halls. The university will have at least once facility manager on site once Phase 1 is completed and collect rent from student residents on behalf of the developer.

Plans call for further development in the future. Two additional phases of the project, which include a parking garage, additional multi-use buildings, a significant residential expansion and more retail space, could be completed by the spring of 2022.

Students from Northwest Technical College are rebuilding the Laurel House honors residence on Birchmont Drive.

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Colleen Greer named dean of College of Arts and Sciences



In June, Dr. Colleen Greer was named dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences after spending two years as interim dean. In this position, Greer provides leadership for 14 academic programs and approximately 110 faculty and staff.

In addition to her work as interim dean, Greer served as director of women's studies and gender studies at BSU from 2010-12, was coordinator of BSU's sociology program, and served as chair of BSU's Liberal Education Task Force from 2005-08. She chaired BSU's social relations and services department from 2002-08. She is a full professor with experience in curriculum development, strategic planning, faculty mentoring, student advising, accreditation and collective bargaining agreements.

Greer earned her bachelor's degree in sociology at Kearney State College and has master's and doctorate degrees in sociology from the University of Kansas.

Robert Griggs appointed to serve as interim dean at technical college



Robert Griggs, vice president for innovation and extended learning at Bemidji State and Northwest Technical College, was named interim dean at NTC in May. Griggs will help the college prepare for

a restructuring process that will enhance its value to the Bemidji region and more fully leverage its partnership with BSU.

The interim appointment has no fixed timetable, but BSU and NTC President Dr. Richard A. Hanson said Griggs will be responsible for maintaining high educational quality while preparing NTC for changes anticipated to take effect by summer 2015. Griggs came to BSU in 2000 as dean of distance learning and summer programs. He has been the university's vice president for innovation and extended learning since June

2012. He served the preceding year as BSU's interim vice president for academic affairs. Previously, he also was associate vice president for extended learning and library services and interim associate vice president for extended learning.

Griggs holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Dakota and earned his juris doctorate from the University of North Dakota School of Law. He is a member of the state bar associations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Jonathan Yordy joins BSU Alumni & Foundation



Dr. Jonathan Yordy brings extensive knowledge of and commitment to higher education in his new role as chief development officer for the Bemidji State University Foundation and Alumni Association.

Yordy gained experience as vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Missouri Western State University Foundation in St. Joseph, Mo.; executive director for major gifts at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.; coordinator of public relations and fundraising at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; among other positions. In addition, he has lectured and taught at schools in Wisconsin and New York and written works for scholarly publication.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he went on to earn a doctorate in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Jodi Monerson is university's new director of residential life



When classes kicked off at Bemidji State this fall, a new face was overseeing residential life for the first time in decades. Dr. Jodi Monerson was named BSU's director of residential life in June;

she succeeds Dale Ladig, who had been at BSU for 34 years. Monerson comes to BSU looking forward and seeking ways she

can put her experiences to work helping students find a home where they can relax, be surrounded by supportive friends and learn new things by involving themselves in a welcoming campus community.

Monerson went to Winona State University intending to be a teacher. However, her own experiences as a resident assistant and the relationships she built with the RAs and other staff in her buildings convinced her to choose a different path. An early sense of connection to her university and her adventures through the Winona State residential experience have blossomed into a career that is well into its second decade.

Monerson has a bachelor's degree in K-6 education with a minor in music and a master's degree in educational leadership from Winona State University and a doctorate in higher education administration from St. Cloud State University.

Carol Russell is new president of BSU Foundation board



Carol Russell '74 became president of the BSU Foundation Board of Directors at the organization's annual meeting in October. Russell is CEO and a founding partner of Russell Herder, an

integrated marketing communications firm with offices in Minneapolis and Brainerd. Russell leads the firm's strategic practice in representing corporate and governmental entities regionally and nationally. She has applied that experience in her leadership on foundation board as vice president and a leader in the group's recent strategic planning efforts.

Russell was a 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award recipient. She previously served on the board from 1998-2004 and rejoined in 2009.

She holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from BSU. She also has a master's degree in communications management and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Executive Program, Carlson School of Management.

BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Mahmoud Al-Odeh, associate professor of technology, art and design, presented a research paper entitled "Strategies for Teaching Online and Hybrid Courses" at the 49th National Association for Workforce Improvement conference in Portland, Ore., May 21-22. Al-Odeh also completed necessary training to become a Certified Quality Matters Master Reviewer to manage and coach peer review of online courses within the Minnesota Colleges and Universities system (MnSCU).

Dr. Jim Barta, interim dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology, and Joan Kyriopoulos, teacher at the Edith Bowen Laboratory School in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University, co-wrote an article for the October issue Teaching Children Mathematics, a publication of the National Council of Teachers in Mathematics.



The article was about the authors' work in the rural Guatemalan village of Santa Avelina where students are integrating mathematics and social studies in a cultural context.

Dr. Porter Coggins, assistant professor of professional education, wrote a column titled "How Geometric Sequences Might Have Kept the Zombies Away" that was published in the June 2014 edition of the Minnesota Council for Teachers of Mathematics' Mathbits newsletter.

Dr. Michael Urban, associate professor of professional education, in July attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities' 2014 Project Kaleidoscope Summer Leadership Institute for STEM Faculty in Crenstone, Colo.

Dr. Eric Forsyth, professor of human performance, sport and health, co-authored a chapter in Contemporary Sport Management (5th Edition) entitled "Interscholastic Sports." Contemporary Sport Management is written by Paul Pedersen and Lucie Thibault.

Dr. Janice Haworth, associate professor of music, presented "The Civil Rights Movement and the Songs They Sang" to open the fall season of the Headwaters Center For Lifelong Learning presentation series in Park Rapids.



Dr. Troy Gilbertson, professor of criminal justice, was part of a cohort of MnSCU faculty, staff and administrators who graduated from the Luoma Leadership Development Academy this summer. The academy is an 18-month leadership development program to promote effective leadership on MnSCU campuses.

Dr. Carla Norris-Raynbird, assistant professor of sociology, will serve as director of BSU's women's studies/gender studies program. She will chair the Women's Studies/Gender Studies Council, serve on the university's Academic Affairs Council and work with others to provide oversight for this critical area of study.



Dr. William "Bill" Scheela, professor emeritus of business administration, in September presented his academic paper on funding mechanisms for small- and medium-sized enterprises in Asia at an Association of Southeast Asian Nations conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. He presented his work with Dr. Janti Gunawan, an international business partnership consultant from Indonesia.

Dr. Patrick Welle, professor of economics, is nearing completion on a project to research how water levels are impacting the economic viability of resorts and other commercial water-based activities on the Rainy and Namakan Lakes and Rainy River on the northern edge of Minnesota's Voyageurs National Park.

Dr. Anton Treuer, executive director of the American Indian Resource Center, has been traveling extensively to present on a broad array of topics related to Ojibwe language and cultural preservation. In mid-September, Treuer presented as part of a panel discussion hosted by the Indigenous Scholarship Program at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., which is exploring a collaborative effort with BSU and the University of Hawaii-Hilo.



Dr. Colleen Livingston, professor of mathematics and computer science, received Quality Matters certification in August for her MATH 1100 course, Math Reasoning.



DEGREE OPTIONS EXPAND beyond Bemidji

Students in Bemidji State's RN to Baccalaureate nursing program attend an in-person course called Evidence, Practice and Profession at the Cambridge campus of Anoka-Ramsey Community College in April.

By Andy Bartlett

Bemidji State University is steadily developing alternatives for students who want a four-year degree that isn't wholly online but live too far away to attend classes in Bemidji.

BSU now offers several so-called hybrid programs – mostly online but part face-to-face – that allow students to complete bachelor's degrees or achieve professional certifications on campuses close to their homes. Plus, a new business administration program at Anoka-Ramsey Community College is now offered on ARCC's Coon Rapids campus, entirely in person.

The degree-completion programs typically come at a lower cost than other credit-transfer options, and students still have access to traditional classroom instruction from Bemidji State professors without having to travel great distances.

The university expects to continue adding locations and program options, said Lynn Johnson, BSU director of extended learning. "The business program at Anoka-Ramsey is being looked at as a model for other programs," Johnson said. "There are other departments that have an interest in delivering these programs to students in the metro area."

FasTrack teacher licensure

BSU's Department of Professional Education set an early precedent for off-campus alternatives a decade ago when it created the FasTrack program for degreed

professionals who want to become licensed teachers. Participants take coursework online and then meet in person three times a year in the Twin Cities.

The post-baccalaureate program now serves about 250 teacher licensure candidates each year. The average FasTrack student is 35 years old and can't manage on-campus study because of work and family.

These students can pursue licensure in music, physical education and special education at the K-12 levels; in communication arts & literature, mathematics, health and social studies at the 5-12 grade levels; or chemistry, earth & space science, life science and physics at the 9-12 level.

The program is also expanding its offerings through a partnership with St. Cloud State University that will allow students to obtain certification as library media specialists.

B.S. in business at Anoka-Ramsey

BSU this fall began offering the bachelor of science degree in business administration to two-year business graduates in partnership with ARCC.

The BSU@AnokaRamsey program is modeled after BSU's accredited bachelor of science degree program on the Bemidji campus. Students choose between emphasis areas in management or entrepreneurship, and all courses are daytime. Full-time, in-residence BSU faculty members teach upper-division courses.

RN-to-BSN nursing degree

In fall 2009, Bemidji State launched the first of its satellite bachelors degree-completion programs for registered nurses at ARCC's Cambridge campus. The program instantly filled to capacity, sparking an expansion to Anoka-Ramsey's Coon Rapids campus, as well as Lake Superior College in Duluth and Century College in White Bear Lake.

These programs offer registered nurses with two-year degrees a combination of on-campus and online courses, allowing them to pursue their bachelor's degrees while holding down full-time employment. The programs allow for full- and part-time enrollment options, with students visiting the host campuses every three weeks for lab work to complement the programs' online coursework. Clinical experiences are arranged to be as close as possible to students' homes.

Because of increasing demand for baccalaureate nurses, BSU is exploring additional sites at other two-year campuses in the greater Twin Cities.

"There continues to be a huge demand among Minnesota's nurses for programs like these," said Dr. Jeanine Gangeness, founding dean of the Bemidji School of Nursing. "This is part of our continuing effort to support the ability of nurses to come back to school and complete their education."

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ERIC BJORK

When Erik Bjork graduates from Bemidji State University in December, he'll leave behind a tribute to his alma mater: a handsome, white pine arch located on the west end of the Chet Anderson Stadium.

The arch is one of two projects that have incorporated wood harvested from three 100-year-old white pine trees cut down in the summer of 2013 to accommodate stadium renovations. Bjork and three other students spearheaded the project to repurpose the wood.

"We came up with the designs, drew them in CAD, had them structurally approved and helped mill the logs and construct and build the arch," said Bjork, who took the lead as an accomplished woodworker.

He is wrapping up a degree in engineering technology with an emphasis in manufacturing management. He plans to someday own a custom cabinetry and furniture business.

"My dad had a little shop in our house ... and I would build things there and tinker," Bjork said. "Then in high school, I built a cabinet and fell in love with it. I just love hands-on building."

By the time Bjork was 18, he had purchased his own tools and started a small side business crafting custom furniture. He spent the past four summers with a cabinet company, most recently as a project

manager intern responsible for bidding, estimating and analyzing costs for shop operations.

Bjork grew up hearing BSU stories from his father, Steve, who graduated in 1986. But ultimately it was the university's engineering technology program that most attracted him – that and the chance to hunt and fish. He joined the BSU chapter of Ducks Unlimited when he arrived.

Last year, he helped found the Beaver Engineering and Design Club, which in its first year built the arch and attended an industry conference in New Orleans. He has also received three BSU scholarships: Alumni, Paul Bunyan Communications and Kraus-Anderson.

"Erik is one of the finest students that I have ever taught," said his advisor Dr. Mahmoud Al-Odeh. "The quality and standard of his work is outstanding and clearly reflected in the arch."

Bjork looks forward to his final BSU project, an independent study in which he expects to spend up to 200 hours designing and building a cedar-ribbed canoe, which will go with him when he graduates.

He's proud, though, to leave the arch behind. "A person should try to leave their mark," Bjork said. "Ours will be a big arch."

In second grade, Amber Dorr of Milaca dressed up as a psychologist for career day, not fully understanding what the profession would entail.

"I didn't know anyone in psychology but maybe got the idea from a movie or TV," said Dorr, who remained intrigued with the prospect of becoming a psychologist. "I always wanted to do something to help people."

Once she took a college psychology course in high school, she developed an appreciation for the subject matter and knew from her first psychology course at Bemidji State that she had found her passion.

"I liked learning about the different disorders, symptoms and how people would think," she said. "I like the idea of working with kids and young people, when some of those things are easier to detect."

Dorr and her twin sister, Alyssa, are first-generation college students, and she plans to be the first in her family to earn an advanced degree. Her career goal is to do counseling, possibly in a college health care center. She was recently accepted as a McNair Scholar, a nationwide program to help prepare high-achieving undergraduates for graduate school.

As a McNair Scholar, Dorr will do research on racial micro-aggressions involving

Native Americans in health care settings, a newfound interest for her. Dorr is enrolled in the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe but didn't grow up immersed in the culture.

"I've learned a lot more at Bemidji State," said Dorr, who appreciates the insights, although her interests in psychology encompass all cultures.

Drawn to a helping profession, Dorr is an exemplary leader in helping others at Bemidji State. She is president of the Council of Indian Students and the Psychology Club, has been secretary for Students for the Environment and works as a peer advisor and ambassador through the American Indian Resource Center. This semester she is a teaching assistant in the psychology department. She has also been involved in TRIO, a prep program for first-generation college students.

"Amber is frequently involved in study groups and always willing to assist students who are struggling to grasp a difficult concept," said her advisor, Dr. Marsha Driscoll. "Among her peers, she is definitely one of the most motivated."

Wherever her career takes her, Dorr said she hopes to eventually return to the north woods.

"I'd like to own a cabin on a lake," she said. "I just love it here."

AMBER DORR



JORDAN MORGAN

Jordan Morgan, a passionate conservationist and bicyclist, came to Bemidji State University from St. Peter to pursue a degree in environmental studies with a minor in sociology.

He got the opportunity to attend college when he won a \$20,000 scholarship from a hometown endowment for students who triumph over hardship while doing well in school.

By the time he was 18, Morgan had been declared an emancipated minor, making him financially independent from his parents before he graduated from high school. A friend's family took him in as one of their own and that first summer introduced him to the Boundary Waters.

"I remember thinking, 'Wow, this is something that I really care about,'" said Morgan, who was impressed by the vast wilderness. "Then when I got the scholarship, the northern woods called me back. I knew I wanted to go to Bemidji. It has an amazing environmental studies program."

Last summer, Morgan became a Doris Duke Conservation Scholar, one of 24 outstanding students selected from a field of 400 applicants. He spent eight weeks studying conservation at the University of Washington.

"It was such a great experience," said Morgan, who was particularly impressed by research related to climate change, wildlife

movement and connectivity. "That's where I want to do my research in the future."

He credits his strong start in college to BSU TRIO, a prep program for first-generation and low-income students. Morgan fit the bill on both counts.

"I took full advantage of everything TRIO had to offer, and that really made the difference," he said. "I don't know if I would have been able to do the same things without it."

Morgan is president of Students for the Environment and a member of the BSU Sustainability Office. He applauds the university's signature themes of multicultural understanding, environmental stewardship and civic engagement. He has also been accepted as a McNair Scholar, a nationwide prep program for graduate school. His goal is to become a college professor so he can do conservation research and mentor others.

"What's unique about Jordan is that he finds the good in any situation," said his advisor Erika Bailey-Johnson, BSU Sustainability Office coordinator. "He's such a positive person, and that has a ripple effect on everyone."

In the face of difficulties, Morgan sees only silver linings.

"I've had really great people in my life – at St. Peter and Bemidji State," he said. "I've been fortunate."

FITZGERALD TRIPLETS SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH STUDENTS

Among the seven new faces on the 2014-15 BSU men's hockey team are three freshmen who hail from the same hometown and share a last name. The Fitzgerald triplets from Port Albert, B.C., are Leo, Gerry and Myles. Believed to be first set of triplets to play collegiate hockey, the trio visited a set of first-grade triplets – Lauren, Katie and Megan Burrow – at Bemidji's Northern Elementary School on Sept. 30. The Fitzgeralds invited the girls to be their guests at a Beavers game and spoke to students about growing up as triplets.



SPRING SPORT RECAPS

The Bemidji State baseball team completed the 2014 season with a record of 21-22 overall and a 15-15 mark in NSIC play to finish ninth in the league standings, narrowly missing out on the NSIC Tournament. Following the season, sophomore shortstop Tyler Nelson (Hayfield, Minn.) was named All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Second Team, becoming the 16th member of the BSU baseball team to earn all-conference honors under ninth-year head coach Tim Bellew ... **WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD** wrapped up the 2014 outdoor season at the NSIC Championships, where **Jolynne Denman** (So., Esko), **Ciara Brewster** (So., Crookston), and **Brittany Koss** (Fr., Grand Rapids) posted personal-bests results in their respective events to headline a group of six Beavers who recorded season-bests at the meet. Following the season, the team was selected for United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division II All-Academic Team honors. Bemidji State, which carried a 3.09 cumulative team grade point average in 2013-14, was one of 105 institutions from across the country to be honored with the all-academic award ... **MEN'S GOLF** competed in nine events in 2013-14 and posted two top-five finishes, which included a Husky Classic team title. Led by a 77.7 stroke average from Second Team All-NSIC golfer **Andrew Benson**, the Beavers' team average of 314.2 was seventh in the NSIC. Benson finished 10th at the NSIC Championship and was among the top 20 individuals at three events, which included capturing medalist honors at the Husky Classic Sept. 22-23 with a one-over-par 145 (73-72)... **WOMEN'S GOLF** placed ninth at the 2013-14 NSIC Championships. Sophomore **Olivia Knutson** (Hatton, N.D.) finished the 72-hole event at +61 (349) to lead BSU and tie for 13th place individually ... Led by the senior duo of **Nicole Dupay** (OF, Woodbury) and **Megan Bergeson** (IF/C, Spicer), the BSU **SOFTBALL** team posted an 11-31 record in 2014. Bergeson and Dupay finished their collegiate careers second and third on BSU all-time games-played list, and Dupay cemented herself among the top 10 BSU players all-time in seven offensive categories, including home runs (8), runs batted in (53) and hits (102).

Crawford earns inaugural Butch Raymond Scholarship

The NSIC named Bemidji State University senior **Kelsi Crawford** as one of 16 recipients of the inaugural Butch Raymond Scholarship for 2014. The \$5,000 scholarship is sponsored by Sanford Health and given to one student-athlete from each of the NSIC's 16 member institutions. Crawford, an outside hitter for the BSU volleyball team, is a two-time Academic All-NSIC selection. During her collegiate career she has accumulated 451 kills and 40 blocks in 255 sets played.

Kalis and VanHaafden named 2013-14 Student-athletes of the year



Logan Kalis

Bemidji State University midfielder **Tiffany VanHaafden** (Sr., Chaska, Minn.) and first baseman/pitcher **Logan Kalis** (Sr., Little Falls, Minn.) were named Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year to conclude 2013-14. The duo of All-NSIC athletes was selected from a pool of nominated student-athletes from the university's 15 intercollegiate sport programs. In addition, **Brittini Mowat** (Fr., Glenboro, Man.) of the women's hockey team and men's basketball standout **Brock Lutes** (Jr., Portland, Ore.) were selected BSU's 2013-14 Female and Male Newcomers of the Year, while **Kelly Blair** (So., International Falls), **Rachel Craig** (Jr., Wadena), **Emily Turner** (So., Windom) and **Reid Mimmack** (So., Brainerd) picked up Female and Male Scholar Athlete of the Year honors.



Tiffany VanHaafden

Brian Leonhardt is first Beaver to score in the NFL

When tight end Brian Leonhardt took the field for the Oakland Raiders in a Sept. 7 game at the New York Jets, he became the first former Beaver to see action in the NFL since 1987. Leonhardt is the first BSU player to make the NFL under current head coach Jeff Tesch, and the first since Al Wolden played for the Chicago Bears in 1987. Leonhardt opened the preseason with the Raiders against his hometown Minnesota Vikings at TCF Bank Stadium, and on Sept. 28 became the first former Beaver to score a regular-season NFL touchdown. He caught a three-yard pass from Derek Carr in a loss to the Miami Dolphins at Wembley Stadium in London.

BSU to compete in North Star College Cup

Bragging rights are up for grabs Jan. 23-24 as Bemidji State makes its inaugural appearance in the North Star College Cup. The four-team classic featuring the state of Minnesota's NCAA Division I men's hockey teams will be held at Xcel Energy Center in conjunction with the 2015 St. Paul Winter Carnival. BSU will open its bid for the coveted North Star College Cup trophy at 4 p.m. Jan. 23 versus University of Minnesota Duluth. Tickets for the four-game event are on sale now.

26 Beavers make NSIC academic list

Bemidji State landed 26 student-athletes on the 2014 spring Academic All-NSIC team. To be eligible for the Academic All-NSIC team, student-athletes must maintain a gradepoint average of 3.20 or better, be a member of a varsity traveling team, and have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his or her institution with one full year completed at that campus. The baseball team led BSU's spring contingent with eight student-athletes recognized for academic accomplishment, while six members of the women's track and field team, five from the women's golf team, three student-athletes from the softball and women's tennis teams, and one member of the men's golf team were selected to the 2014 all-academic squad.



SCANLAN RETURNS with Beaver Hockey blueprint in hand

By Brad Folkestad

As an All-American goaltender for the Bemidji State University men's hockey program in the late 1970s and early '80s, Jim Scanlan wasn't thinking about a career in coaching.

Instead, he had his sights set on extending his playing career beyond college. Little did he know, his time playing for coaching legend R.H. "Bob" Peters would open doors and lay the groundwork for his life's work as a coach, eventually leading him back to Bemidji State.

In June, Scanlan became the fifth head coach in BSU women's hockey history when he was hired to replace Steve Sertich, who retired after eight years with the program.

"It feels really, really good," Scanlan said. "I still pinch myself, to be honest with you. To come to work at the Sanford Center every day, and to work with these talented young ladies, is just phenomenal."

Scanlan's coaching career got its start in 1984 when a former teammate pitched the idea to the minor-league goaltender.

"I had a free-agent tryout with the Buffalo Sabers following my senior year, got bounced down through the minor leagues and wound up playing for the Warroad Lakers in the senior 'A' league," he said.

"I had done that for two years when Mike Gibbons, who was an assistant coach at Northern Michigan, called to asked if I would be interested in being a graduate assistant," he added. "NMU needed a goaltender coach."

"To come to work at the Sanford Center every day, and to work with these talented young ladies, is just phenomenal."

— JIM SCANLAN

"At that time, playing was what I wanted to do, but certainly with the way Coach Peters ran his practices and what he gave us in the classroom, it was almost like he was setting us up for that. If you wanted to be a coach, you had the blueprint in your hands."

Scanlan took the job, moved to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and the rest is history.

"That was my first real experience with coaching, and it was one year there and then I got a full-time assistant job at Western Michigan," he said. "I am really fortunate that worked out the way it did."

After a four-year stint at Western Michigan, Scanlan landed a job as an assistant coach at the University of North Dakota, where he remained until 1996.

For the past 18 years, he has spent time as an educator, coach and activities director in the East Grand Forks School District. He served as the Green Wave's boy's hockey coach from 1996 to 2005, during which he led EGF to a 148-109-15 record, four section titles and four state tournament appearances, finishing as high as second in 1999.

Most recently, Scanlan completed his sixth season as head coach of the EGF girl's ice hockey team, compiling an overall record of 110-51-6. His 2013-14 Green Wave team posted a 26-3-1 record, earned a Section 8A championship, and climbed to No. 1 in the state's ranking before falling in the 2014 Minnesota state championship game. After the season, Scanlan was named Minnesota Class "A" Coach of the Year.

Now back at BSU, where he met his wife, Cyndy, and earned nearly 70 wins in net en route to a pair of national titles, the NCHA Player of the Year award and NAIA All-American awards in 1981 and 1982, Scanlan is charged with propelling the BSU women's hockey team to new heights as it competes in the toughest women's hockey league in the nation.

JIM SCANLAN '85

EDUCATION: Bachelor of science in physical education and health, Bemidji State University; master of science in physical education, Western Michigan University.

PLAYING CAREER: Four-time letter winner and two-time NAIA All-American in hockey at Bemidji State University; member of NAIA championship team in 1979-80 and NCHA championship team in 1982; NCHA Player of the Year in 1982; member of BSU Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 1978-79 and 1979-80 hockey teams.

COACHING CAREER: Graduate assistant coach and assistant coach, Northern Michigan University men's hockey, 1984-89; assistant coach, University of North Dakota men's hockey, 1989-96; head coach, East Grand Forks High School boys' hockey, 1996-2005, four-time Section 8A Coach of the Year; head coach, East Grand Forks High School girls' hockey, 2008-14, and Minnesota Class A Coach of the Year 2014.

PERSONAL: He and his wife, Cyndy (Woods) '81, have a son and three grown daughters, one of whom is a freshman at Bemidji State.

Early in the season, it looks like Scanlan is settling into his new job nicely. The team is off to the best start in school history, and Scanlan is getting contributions from every player on the roster.

While he may have picked up pointers from other coaches along the way and developed some of his own coaching habits, most of Scanlan's playbook stems from the blueprint he received as a Bemidji State hockey player.

"Bemidji State has meant so much to my family and me," he said. "To be able to come back and work here as the head women's hockey coach is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's really, really special."

BALANCED PRIORITIES Meyer applies BSU LESSONS

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Dr. Abby Meyer '01 examines a young patient at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

By Maryhelen Chadwick

If your tongue gets twisted saying otolaryngology, you might see Dr. Abby (Stritesky) Meyer '01 to diagnose and treat it – but only if you're a child. No matter how old you are, you might prefer to call her a pediatric ENT (ear, nose and throat) physician.

A board-certified otolaryngologist with Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota—Minneapolis (University of Minnesota Physicians), Meyer enjoys the complex anatomy of the head and neck. She is fascinated by medical conditions that present uniquely in children, and she treasures the opportunity to help patients and their families navigate through challenging situations.

"Taking care of kids makes me happy," Meyer said, "And working with families is just such a joy."

Meyer originally thought her love of sports would transition into a career as an orthopedic surgeon. She even served as a student athletic trainer for BSU's football and women's basketball teams to prepare to study sports medicine. However, during her third year of medical school she discovered a better fit during her ENT rotation.

Although her chosen specialty deviated slightly from her original goal, it was clear from the beginning that she had a plan.

According to her BSU advisor Dr. Kerry L. Openshaw, Meyer knew what experiences she wanted to get out of the five years she planned to spend in college before she even started.

Both Meyer and Openshaw credit Bemidji State with offering Meyer a unique opportunity to compete in college sports (softball and volleyball), study abroad, participate in theater and even take a choir class. She did all those things while earning a bachelor of science in biology with minors in chemistry, exercise science and Spanish. Meyer received a full-tuition scholarship, which helped finalize her decision to attend.

"I got to do all these things that I don't think I would have been able to do at the other schools I looked at," she said, "Learning

how to multitask and take advantage of opportunities is something I still do now."

At BSU, Meyer experienced both athletic and academic success. A top infielder and pitcher in softball program history, she helped the 1999 softball team win an NSIC championship and was a Third Team Academic All-America selection in 2000. She is one of only 20 Beaver student-athletes to earn that honor since 1977.

She graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 grade point average in a pre-medical program Openshaw describes as "very challenging." He called her "a student's student whose tenacity and discipline achieved excellence in all Abby wanted to accomplish as an undergraduate student at Bemidji State University."

"I never saw Abby without a textbook, even when she worked-out at BSU's Gillett Rec-Fitness Center," Openshaw said. "The same kind of discipline she displayed as a student, she displayed as an athlete."

After graduating from BSU, Meyer went to medical school at the University of Minnesota Medical School Twin Cities campus for four years. She then completed a five-year ENT

residency at the Twin Cities campus. After finishing her pediatric ENT fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital/University of Washington, she returned to Minnesota to join the faculty at UM. She is nearing completion of a master's degree in public health (MPH) in epidemiology.

Meyer said her MPH has opened up a new side of medicine for her. She volunteers with the Minnesota Department of Health's newborn hearing screening team. They basically follow children who have been diagnosed with hearing loss.

"I think I get more out of it than they get out of me," Meyer said.

Her professional work closely aligns with the mission of Lion's Club International, of which she is a member. Meyer treats children through the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic at University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. She also raises awareness and funds by participating in events such as the Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation's "D-Feet Hearing Loss" walk.

Named one of Minnesota Monthly's "Best Doctors" in 2014, she looks forward to

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doing research to contribute to her field – to make a difference. As her practice evolves, the Ogilvie native continues to learn and apply her knowledge as a more senior partner in her practice.

She also joyfully embraces her favorite "job" – being mom to sons Lincoln, 2, and Harrison, 4. With husband and fellow Bemidji State graduate Chris Meyer '01, who is a seventh-grade history teacher and varsity football coach in Monticello, she continues to use the multitasking skills she honed at BSU at the family's home in Brooklyn Park.

Meyer believes prioritizing her time, having help from family and not fretting about the small stuff is really important.

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Dr. Abby Meyer '01 with her husband, Chris Meyer '01, and their sons Lincoln (left) and Harrison in Bemidji's Diamond Point Park before the BSU Homecoming football game on Oct. 18.

EYE ON **THE FUTURE** *has guided Reierson to* **SUCCESS**



Roger Reierson '74 is pictured in the Fargo office of the marketing and communications group that he leads as CEO and chairman, including The Flint Group and AdFarm.

By Maryhelen Chadwick

Roger Reierson '74 came to Bemidji State University with one idea in mind for his future and left with the skills and desire to follow his passion in a different field.

Growing up in a family of bankers, Reierson figured he would follow a similar career path. He interned at a bank and earned a bachelor of science in business administration with a marketing emphasis and a minor in finance, but photography, radio and speech classes – and the professors who taught them – opened up the possibilities in marketing and communications.

Using his degree to get his first job after college as business manager of a small Thief River Falls communications firm, Quillan and Associates, Reierson quickly gravitated toward creative and strategic work with clients.

Two years later, he and his wife, Arlene, moved to Fargo so she could complete her elementary education degree. He joined Harold E. Flint and Associates, thinking they would move on when she finished school. For the next several years, Reierson worked on accounts with the owner. They got along well, and he fell in love with the business.

Reierson and two partners bought the firm when he was 34. Those partners are no longer involved with the business. Nearly 40 years later, he's still there – as CEO and chairman of a group composed of several marketing communications businesses, including Flint Group and AdFarm.

"Part of success is being in the right place at the right time," Reierson said, "You also have to recognize an opportunity and be willing to take risks and put the effort in."

Under his leadership, the business has grown from a small, downtown Fargo firm of 13 to an international business that employs more than 200.

Expansion came from aggressively seeking accounts while keeping partnerships with

existing clients. They keep clients by staying in front of trends and new technology. They regularly bring in experts on the cutting edge of their fields to speak to staff and clients.

"If we don't stay ahead of the curve, our clients will look elsewhere," Reierson said.

Reierson said he first realized staying ahead of technology would be paramount to business success when he was a BSU student. He remembers learning to program a room-sized computer with punch cards, and even then the systems changed often. Despite the speed of change, he knows it's important to keep things in perspective.

"The biggest thing is not to get too excited," Reierson said, "We keep a calm, even mindset about the future. We just keep doing the work and doing it well."

Flint Group's sister company, AdFarm, is a marketing, branding and digital agency focusing on the communication needs of agriculture businesses with offices in several locations in the United States and Canada.

"To work in the ag field, we need to be where the farming is taking place," Reierson said, "Different environments require different practices."

In 2009, he accompanied Praxis Strategy Group CEO Delore Zimmerman on an economic development mission. Praxis and AdFarm formed Praxis Africa to identify and develop opportunities in agribusiness and microbusiness in the region.

They work with young farmers to find best practices to produce food with high vitamin value. Ideally, the farms will produce crops that will not just feed but commercially benefit the village.

Reierson's organization also works with groups, clients and a sister school in Minnetonka to help schools in Ghana. So far the schools have received 30 computers and solar lights so students can do homework after dark.

Chief operating officer Andy Reierson, Roger's son, praises his father's vision and ability to build relationships, always with the first priority being to help people.

"He's a genuine person, and he wants to do what he can to help businesses and communities he's involved with prosper and grow," the younger Reierson said.

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– ROGER REIERSON

The elder Reierson fosters that development and growth through civic engagement on local, state and national levels. He contributes his business expertise as a thought leader and officer for many groups, including: the Greater North Dakota State Chamber Association, the North Plains Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA).

One of his proudest professional moments came in 2011 when NAMA chose him as National Agri-Marketer of the Year. Leadership, charisma and vision were qualities cited in NAMA's announcement of its most prestigious award. Reierson established NAMA's Northern Prairie Chapter in 1986 and has served as chapter president several times.

Even though he began by pursuing a career he was not going to be happy in, Reierson remembers his days at BSU fondly and is a grateful for what he learned.

"Without those accounting classes and those business management classes, I don't think I could be where I am today," he said, "And without the instructors that showed me what mass communications could be, I wouldn't be in this position and I wouldn't be in this profession today."



Roger Reierson '74 participates in an Oct. 17 Alumni Leaders in the Classroom panel on careers in mass communication during Homecoming at Bemidji State.

HONORS GALA

More than 350 people gathered Oct. 24 for BSU's 2014 Homecoming Honors Gala in the Sanford Center ballroom. The event included recognition of Outstanding Alumni and Alumni Service award recipients, presentation of memorial videos honoring the late Joe Lueken and Peggy Johnson '67, acknowledgment of new President's and Legacy Society donors, and an announcement that the Imagine Tomorrow campaign had reached the \$31 million mark.



1. Bemidji State Alumni Choir. 2. Lauren Vogt, Dr. Lee Norman '74 and Dr. Stephen Vogt '85. 3. Joe Dunn, Dan Bennett '10, '13 and Taylor Sautbine '13. 4. John Baer, Tiffany Baer Paine and Dr. Richard Hanson. 5. Robert Krowech '72 and Gia DesLauriers. 6. Jon McTaggart '83, Dave Sorensen '72, Julie Zabloski and Jeff Kemink.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI Award

Created in 1972, the Outstanding Alumni Award is the Alumni Association's highest honor and takes into consideration an alum's professional accomplishments and community service. Including the 2014 honorees, there are 182 Bemidji State alumni who have received this award.

Kirk Gregg '81



Kirk Gregg has served as Corning Incorporated's chief administrative officer since 2002. He oversees human resources, information technology, procurement and transportation, aviation, community affairs, government affairs, business services and corporate security.

Gregg graduated cum laude from Bemidji State with a bachelor's degree in psychology and minors in economics and business administration. He attended the University of Minnesota for a master's degree in industrial relations (a/b/d) and is a Sloan Fellow from M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management.

Gregg joined Corning in 1993 as director of executive compensation. He was then named vice president of executive resources and employee benefits and later senior vice president, administration. Previously he held various roles of increasing responsibility at General Dynamics Corporation.

Prior to Corning, Gregg was corporate director, key management programs, for General Dynamics Corporation. He was responsible for executive compensation and benefits, executive development and recruiting. He previously held positions at the operating-unit level in labor relations, salaried compensation, human resource information systems, organizational training and development, and information technology.

Lori (Jones) Carmichael '86



Lori Carmichael grew up on a farm near St. Francis. She knew she wanted to attend a small school, and BSU was a great fit for her. She graduated with an accounting degree before joining the Internal Revenue Service as a revenue agent.

She became a group manager in 2000 and was involved in the hiring and training of new revenue agents. Her responsibilities included resolving a variety of issues facing taxpayers, representatives and the IRS organization.

In 2008, the IRS chose Carmichael to be a technical advisor to the small-business, self-employed Midwest-area exam director. As the technical advisor, she oversaw and supported staffing, operational reviews and a myriad of other tasks for a 10-state area.

In 2009, Carmichael was accepted to the Senior Management Readiness Program, and in 2012 she was selected as a senior manager. She now manages eight groups of revenue agents located primarily in Wisconsin and northern Michigan.

Throughout her career, Carmichael has mentored her employees and challenged them to develop their skills, confidence and professionalism as they pursue careers throughout the IRS organization.

Robert Krowech '72



Robert Krowech founded Eden Prairie-based Heat Recovery System Technology (HRST), Inc. in 1998 and remains CEO. After growing up on a dairy farm near Roseau, he began at BSU in 1964 but was not motivated. He received a post-card from an uncle who was working at a steel mill in Gary,

Ind. Krowech moved there and worked as a materials tester. He was drafted into the Vietnam War and attended training in Georgia. He re-enrolled at BSU much more motivated and got degrees in math and physics in 1972. Continuing his studies, he earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering in 1974 from the University of Minnesota.

Krowech started HRST to provide superior boiler engineering and on-site power plant technical service. According to a 2013 profile in Twin Cities Business magazine, he applied a unique approach to motivating and compensating employees as his business grew. According to the company's website, "Rather than offer lucrative salaries to attract people, our company relies on profit sharing, and to have profits, we need to work hard and smart, and have loyal clients."

The magazine article also highlighted Krowech's success as a competitive body builder and power lifter. He has won the over-50 Mr. Minnesota bodybuilding contest twice - often defeating much younger participants. He has set state, national and world records in powerlifting.

Dr. Christopher Waller '81



Dr. Christopher Waller, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, earned a bachelor's degree from Bemidji State followed by a master's (1984) and a Ph.D. (1985) in economics from Washington State University.

Waller began his career as part of the economics faculty at Indiana University. At the University of Bonn, Germany; University of Canterbury, New Zealand; Kiev-Mohyla National University, Ukraine; and the University of Mannheim, Germany. Waller's work has been published in a variety of scholarly journals such as the American Economic Review and the Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Dr. Robert Ley, one of Waller's professors at BSU underscores the impressive nature of Waller's accomplishments as well as the contributions he makes to the field and his community. "Most economists would agree he has helped in important ways to advance our understanding of monetary and financial economics, as well as effectiveness of monetary policy," Ley said.

ALUMNI SERVICE Award

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

Randy Bowen '73



Randy Bowen has been a tireless volunteer and advocate for Bemidji State since graduating with a degree in education. Bowen works as placement coordinator at the College of St. Scholastica in Hermantown.

As a volunteer, he served eight years on the BSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, including six years as an officer, with the last two as president. As president, he represented the Alumni Association at numerous events throughout the state and region, including Commencement ceremonies. After completing two terms of service on the Alumni Board, Bowen was asked to help lead the formation of the Alumni B-Club and was a founding member of the National Alumni Football Committee. He is the B-Club president and helps host the football reunion held each year during Homecoming.

A popular emcee of the B-Club Athletic Hall of Fame induction brunch and various Beaver Pride luncheons, Bowen readily offers to dedicate his time and expertise to assist his alma mater.

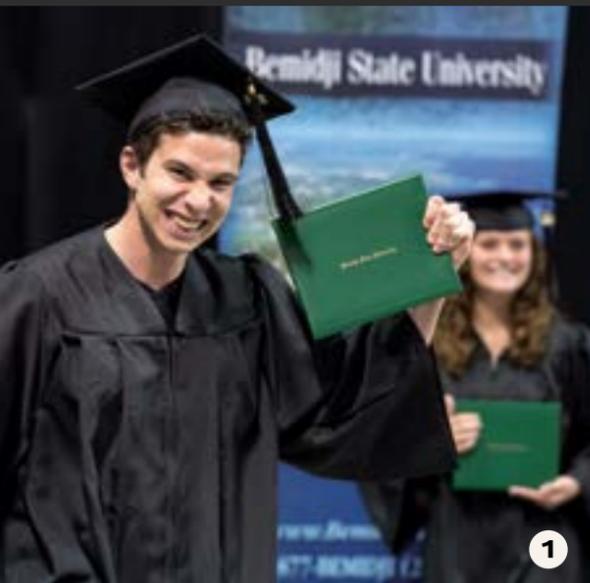
In addition to his longtime commitment to BSU, Bowen has spent many years volunteering for athletic groups in his hometown of Hermantown. He coached many youth sports and this year will serve as a volunteer golf coach at Hermantown High School for the second year.

HOMECOMING 2014



A parade, a game, a plunge and a party 1 Alumnae at the pre-game tailgate in Diamond Point Park. 2 Homecoming Parade Grand Marshalls Dr. Art and Judy Lee. 3 Carol Russell '74, BSU Foundation board president, and Jeff Kemink, outgoing president. 4 International Student Organization marches

in the parade. 5 Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Dr. Christopher Waller and Bucky. 6 Football team runs onto the field. 7 Beaver Block Party in downtown Bemidji. 8 Homecoming King and Queen Randall Riehl and Brittany Hull. 9 Post-game victory plunge in Lake Bemidji.



CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Tradition, pride, enrichment and a chilly dousing

1 Nearly 1,000 students were invited to graduate on May 9. **2** Bemidji MusiCamp was held July 20-26. **3** Poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil was among presenters at BSU's Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference June 20-26. **4** Design and drawing students sketched outdoors on Sept. 6. **5** Freshman Convocation was held on Aug. 24. **6** Time for a "selfie"

during the Outdoor Program Center's Waterfront Wednesday on Aug. 28.

7 Officials and students joined in a Sept. 4 groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of Memorial Hall. **8** Dr. Richard Hanson, president; Bill Maki, vice president for administration and finance; and Dr. Martin Tadlock, provost, took the ALS Bucket Challenge on Aug. 26. **9** International students posed with Bucky during Community Appreciation Day on Sept. 4.

President Richard Hanson throws out the first pitch July 25 before a Minnesota Twins game on MNSCU Night at Target Field.



BSU TO COMPETE IN NORTH STAR TOURNEY; MCGOVERN'S WILL BE ALUMNI CENTRAL

The Bemidji State, Minnesota State, Minnesota Duluth and Minnesota men's hockey teams will compete in the four-game North Star College Cup tournament on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24, at the Xcel Energy Center in downtown St. Paul.

The Beavers will face Minnesota Duluth at 4:07 p.m. on Jan. 23, followed by Minnesota State versus Minnesota. Game results will determine the next day's schedule. Fans will be able to come and go between games.

Join BSU fans for a pre-game gathering both days at Patrick McGovern's Pub & Restaurant on Seventh Street, within walking distance of the arena. A single ticket for \$80 covers all four games. To order NSCC tickets, contact Tony Barber at 218-441-4018 or tbarber@thesanfordcenter.net.

Six individuals, one team to be inducted into BSU Athletic Hall of Fame Feb. 21

The B-Club Athletic Hall of Fame will honor new and former inductees at a brunch on Feb. 21. BSU's 2015 honorees include: Ron Bornetun 1976-80, Bruce Ecklund 1980-83, Jim Scanlan 1978-82, and Kim (Babula) Zerr 1983-87, who will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame; the newest selection for the Alumni Coaching Achievement Award Gail (Hecimovich) Nucech 1967-69, and the 2015 John S. Glas Honorary Letter winner, Joe Dunn. In addition, Bemidji State's 1979-80 men's swimming and diving team will be enshrined into BSU's Team Hall of Fame.

Alumni Relative Scholarship application deadline is Feb. 1

Alumni can sponsor relatives attending BSU as incoming freshmen, returning and transfer students. The scholarship awards are \$1,000 and \$750 respectively. This year \$41,000 was awarded. For complete information and an application, go to: bsualumni.org/alumni/programs/scholarship. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

PCI updating information for alumni directory

BSU is working with an outside vendor (PCI) to verify alumni information for an alumni directory project. You already may have received a postcard, email and/or phone call asking to confirm your records or update them. We appreciate your cooperation with this project. Check out our frequently asked questions page at bsualumni.org, email alumni@bemidjistate.edu or call 218-755-3989 with questions.

1965 grads preparing for 50th reunion on busy weekend next summer

The class of 1965 will be heading back to Bemidji July 31-Aug. 2. Activities being planned include a dinner Saturday night at BSU's American Indian Resource Center. The event was moved to allow participants to take advantage of the Dragon Boat Festival and other area activities that weekend.

Class of 1964-65 members should update their contact information (especially email addresses). Go to bsualumni.org and click the "Update your contact information here" button or call the alumni office at 877-278-2586. Make your hotel reservations now or consider reserving a room on campus (Linden Hall). Visit bsualumni.org for more information beginning Jan. 1.

Three join BSU Foundation Board

Cynthia Cashman '85, Paul Jensen '95 and Stephen Vogt '85 are the newest members of the BSU Foundation board. They bring diverse backgrounds and a unified desire to give back to their new roles.

Cashman of Brooklyn Park is chief development officer for the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences. Jensen, who lives in Fergus Falls, is assistant general counsel for AgCountry Farm Credit Services. Vogt of Libertyville, Ill., is chief investment officer for Mesirow Advanced Strategies, Inc. They each began three-year terms in November.

Alumni Leaders in the Classroom connects students and professionals

During Homecoming Week, the Alumni & Foundation hosted five Alumni Leader in the Classroom panels (education, accounting, business, mass communication and health professions). More than 250 students were able to learn about "real world" experiences in their fields from 24 alumni at various stages in their careers.

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Courtney Bischof, his fiancé, is an accountant and office manager for Strong Insurance in Ortonville, where the



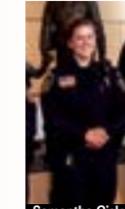
Beau Peterson & Courtney Bischof

engaged couple is looking for a farmstead to purchase ... **Brad Albano** is co-manager of Farmington Health and Fitness. A resident



Brad Albano

of Cannon Falls, he had served as an assistant football and gymnastics coach at Farmington High School ... **Bethany Thompson** is the junior varsity volleyball coach at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park. Thompson, who plans on substitute teaching this year, lives in Minneapolis ... **Maleah Pedersen** is a new fourth-grade teacher at an elementary school in Blue Earth ... **Samantha Geisler** has



Samantha Geisler

been hired as a police officer in Maple Grove. Geisler, who lives in Champlin, previously worked as a corrections officer in the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office ... **Sarah Nelson** is an administrative assistant in the Deer River City Hall. She also works part-time at a local restaurant, bank and craft store. She and her partner, Lance Kossow, live in Deer River with a young child.

'12 **Amy Guntzel** is teaching preschool classes at Heartland Christian Academy in Bemidji, where she lives ... **Capt. Mike Wedin** has been promoted to the rank



Mike Wedin

of captain and is the new commander of the Minnesota State Patrol district that serves southwest Minnesota. Wedin, whose experience also includes stints as a sheriff's deputy and police officer in North Dakota, started with the state patrol in 2004 as a road trooper. He and his wife, April, live in Marshall with their three children ... **Grant Gmeinder** of Baxter will be the head girls' soccer coach this fall at Brainerd High School. Gmeinder previously taught on the elementary level in the district, where he will serve as a substitute teacher this school year ... **Katie Mrazek** has been

hired to teach at the elementary school in Fosston. She previously taught first grade in Grand Rapids ... **Kimberly Grahek** is employed as a special education teacher at Paul Bunyan Elementary School in Bemidji, where she lives with her husband, John ... **Drew Fisher** has signed a contract to play another year with the Tulsa (Okla.) Oilers, a minor pro team in the Central Hockey League. A winger, Fisher has played in 144 consecutive games and scored 72 points for the Oilers over two seasons ... **Dustin Sluzewicz** married **Ashlee Ellefsen ('11)** this summer. Both are employed by the Spring Lake Park school district, Ashlee as a second-grade teacher at Northpoint



Dustin Sluzewicz & Ashlee Ellefsen

Elementary and Dustin as a physical education and health instructor at the high school, where he also serves on the track coaching staff. The couple lives in Blaine.

'11 **Maddie Draper** of Bemidji will move from the Red Lake school system to Bemidji Middle School this fall to teach special education.

'10 **Elizabeth Grace (Becker)** of Aventura, Fla., has authored three books: the "24 Hours Miami" travel guide as well as the children's books "A Hollywood Trail" and "Patches." Another travel book is due in 2015. She works as a marketing manager for the IT staffing firm PROTECH in Boca Raton, Fla., and as a freelance writer in Miami, Fla. ... **Josiah Hoagland** is the lead pastor at New Journey Church in Fosston while continuing his career in the U.S. Army Reserve, which included drill sergeant training this summer in Columbia, S.C. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Fosston



Josiah & Lisa Hoagland

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with one child ... **Joel Van Nurden** married Anna Dapper in a ceremony last spring. Van Nurden is a lawyer at the Waldeck Law Firm in Minneapolis. The couple resides in Minneapolis ... **Sasha (Demoret) Almendinger** has been hired as an English teacher at Bemidji High School and lives in Bemidji. She previously taught in the Red Lake school district ... **Shiloh and Trent Nelson ('09)** welcomed a new baby into their Urbana, Ill., home this summer. Trent is an academic advisor in the College of Media at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign ... **Wendy Fink** of Sauk Rapids is an account manager at Gaslight Creative, a full-service marketing firm in St. Cloud. Fink previously worked four years in banking.



Joel Van Nurden

'09 **Shawn Rakowski** has been hired as a senior software engineer at Saturn Systems, a Duluth consulting firm providing software development and quality assurance services. He telecommutes for his new position from Thief River Falls, where he lives with his wife, **Carrie (Vansickle)**, a financial accountant at Arctic Cat. The couple has one young child ... **Jamie Heurung** was named program director for



Jamie Heurung

Helping Hands, a non-profit in Holdingford dedicated to helping people with disabilities or older than 60 remain in their homes. She lives in Holdingford with her husband, Justin. They have two toddler-aged children ... **Jessica Strom** teaches math at Win-E-Mac High School in McIntosh. She and her husband, Toby, have two young children and live in McIntosh... **Stephanie Shearen** of Hackensack spent the past summer coordinating invasive species efforts at

public boat landings throughout Cass County ... **Lia Henningsgaard** is the mathematics and reading recovery teacher at Central Elementary School in Bemidji. She came to the district from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school ... **Ann Olson** was named an outstanding alumna at Itasca Community College. A licensed alcohol and drug counselor, Olson is the CEO, owner and operator of Rapids Counseling in Grand Rapids, where she resides. She and her husband, Gary, have a pre-teen daughter ... **Sean Moran** will work a dual position this year, serving as the manager for the Northwest Minnesota Foundation's entrepreneur development program as well as the program director for the Northwest Small Business Development Center. Both organizations are located in Bemidji, where he has moved ... **Charles Grolla** of Bemidji received a Minnesota Ornithologists' Union Grant to produce a book on the state's birds with their Ojibwe names and cultural associations. Grolla teaches Ojibwe language in the Cass Lake-Bena school district.



Ann Olson '09

'08 **Erin Peitso** will be moving this fall from the fourth grade to the kindergarten classroom at Tower-Soudan Elementary School, where she also serves as the facility's technology person and advises a student newspaper for grades four to six. She and her husband, Terry, have two teenagers and live in Soudan ... **Travis Whittington** is the new math specialist assigned to Horace May Elementary School in Bemidji, where he resides. He previously taught in the Cass Lake-Bena district ... **Neal Smith** recently joined URS as a scientist providing technical studies, environmental site assessment, water quality studies, discharge monitoring and compliance support in Anchorage, Alaska, where he lives ... **Becky Johnson** of Shevlin is the assurance of mastery teacher at Paul Bunyan Elementary School in Bemidji. She and her husband, Dwight, have three grown children.

'07 **Nathan and Amanda (Rezac) Allen** welcomed their first baby to their home in Huntersville, N.C., last February. Amanda

is a senior graphic designer in the proposal development center of the Compass Group of North America, while Nathan is a model builder at Electrolux ... **Carly Melin** won a 2014 Public Policy Award from Politics in Minnesota, a public affairs news service, and Capitol Report, an independent newspaper covering the Legislature and state politics. A state representative, Melin is an attorney in Hibbing, where she lives



Rachel & Ryan Hickock

with a young child and her husband, Zeb Norenberg ... **Rachel (Korbel) Hickock** is a development officer at Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota in St. Paul. **Ryan Hickock**, her husband, works as the public access lead at Suburban Community Channels in White Bear Lake. They have a young child and live in New Brighton.

'06 **Jarrid Houston** was hired by DSGW Architects as a specifications writer and estimator for offices in Virginia, Grand Rapids, Duluth and Lake Elmo. He will also assist with the construction administration process. He recently married Brandy Beeman, and the couple lives in South Range, Wis. ... **Heidi Myogeto** has been promoted to



Heidi (Myogeto) Thomson

a retail banking manager position at Roundbank's New Prague facility. She will continue in a customer service role with the institution while also co-advising the bank's newly formed Jr Board. She and her new husband, Marc Thomsen, live in New Prague ... **Tricia (Severson) Leanger** has joined Ideas that



Tricia Leanger

Kick, a Minneapolis branding and marketing firm, as a strategic account manager. She lives in Minnetonka with her husband,

Steve ... **Shane Dagoberg** has been hired as a communication program associate to assist the Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council in their interaction with wheat growers across the state and region. He and his wife, Megan, live on a farm near Alvarado with their two toddlers ... **Ryan Gall** and his wife, Katie, have a newborn in their Eagan home. Ryan is a registered nurse at Golden Living Lake Ridge.



Brandon Bjerkes

'05 **Brandon Bjerkes** is the new assistant principal at the Bemidji Middle School, where he had previously served as the dean of students. He and his wife, Angela, live in Bemidji with their young child ... **Dr. Josh Overgaard** will be joining the Lake Region Healthcare staff in Battle Lake as part of the internal medicine staff. He most recently was chief resident at Abbott Northwestern in the Twin Cities. He and his wife, Shauna, have two children.

'04 **Jeffrey Lorenson** has been named the new athletic director at the high school in Davis, Calif. He previously taught physical education and served as athletic director at two other California high schools. His wife, **Christi**, is the marketing and referral managing director at a veteran's hospital in Roseville, Calif. The couple has two young children and lives in Sacramento, Calif.

'03 **Hilary Horn** is a claims representative with the Social Security Administration office in Bemidji. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Guthrie with their three children ... **Krista Ringstrom Schmitz** is an instructional coach for special education at Rocori Schools in Cold Spring. She and her husband, Michael, live in



Erik Monson

Sartell ... **Erik Monson** has been named the new Nordhoff High School football coach located in Ojai, Calif. Monson formerly served as an assistant coach at California Lutheran University ... **Cyrus Swan** recently completed his 100th glaze firing at his pottery studio in Pine River, where he lives. The firing includes his handmade dishes,

bowls, coffee mugs, vases and other pieces. His work can be viewed at www.etsy.com/shop/cyrusthepotter. He and his partner, Tanya Ryappy, have two young



Holly Peterson

children ... **Holly and Aaron Peterson** started their own insurance agency, Up North Insurance, in Cloquet. Aaron brings 11 years and Holly nine years of insurance experience to their new venture. They have two young children and reside in Cloquet ... **Mary Proulx** won a T-shirt design contest for the annual ArtSoup Festival held over the summer in Elk River.



Aaron Peterson

Proulx is a graphic designer for DecoPac, which supplies cake decorations to bakeries ... **Ekren Miller** is in his fifth year as the head men's golf coach at Bemidji State. He also teaches Spanish at Trek North schools in Bemidji, where he lives with his wife, Kari, the director of admissions at Northwest Technical College ...



Ekren Miller

Bryan Anderson will teach math at the First City School in the Bemidji school district. He and his wife, **Heather ('04, Eidsmore)**, live in Bemidji.

'02 **Candi Walz** married Brian Seil last summer during a ceremony in Costa Rica. Walz, who is the congressional correspondence supervisor at UnitedHealthcare, had her project, Let's Talk Kids: Brainbuilder Kits, selected as a finalist in the social entrepreneurship category of the Minnesota Cup competition, which seeks ideas that could turn into businesses in the state. Walz and Seil live in Shakopee ... **Dale Knaffla Jr.** recently completed a wildlife painting project for the Silver Bay Library. A full-time artist, Knaffla has other works also displayed in the region. He lives in Finland ... **Lori Clifton** is the reading recovery and Title I teacher at Central Elementary School in Bemidji. She previously taught in Grand Rapids ... **Josh Hirschey** has been hired as a teacher



'PEOPLE PERSON' ROEHRICH BELIES PRISON STEREOTYPE

When the public talks about prison wardens, they describe a stereotypically tough, cold and hard individual. They certainly don't think about Connie Roehrich, a 1974 BSU grad who was the first female warden of an all-male prison in Minnesota and finished her 36-year correctional career managing the state's largest lockup.

"They are surprised," Roehrich said. "I'm a good people person, and that served me well in corrections. Wardens in Minnesota are down to earth and think about what is best for offenders."

She carries that people-to-people attitude in retirement to her volunteer work. A member and former chair of the Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union board, Roehrich serves because she believes in the philosophy of the member-driven cooperative. She actively participates on the 108 Degrees board as it turns lives around to support safer communities with programs for youth, adults and families.

But her people focus moves beyond state boundaries through Partners of the Americas, a nonprofit promoting economic and social development throughout the Western Hemisphere. Minnesota connected with Uruguay through the program. Roehrich has visited the country three times and locally hosted 15 correction professionals over eight years.

During the first trip in 2006, the Minnesota team encountered overcrowded, disorganized prisons run by local police with no probation or rehabilitation options. In subsequent years, Uruguay started the first national probation office in South America and centralized all prisons under one command.

"This really is a people-to-people environment," Roehrich said. "We are able to do good things and help people improve a system."

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and the head volleyball coach at Pine River-Backus High School. He lives in Backus with his wife, Nicole.

'01 Nate Olson of Westby, Mont., is the new superintendent for Garfield County Schools in Jordan, Mont. In his previous position in Westby, he was named the Region 4 Assistant Principal of the Year.



Nate Olson

He has one son just starting college ... **Katie (White) Pieper** operates SandPieper Design, which provides social media marketing, graphic design and website development for clients in the Lake of the Woods County area. Her husband, **Chris**, is the director of case management and social work at Lakewood Health Center. The couple lives in Baudette with their three young children ... **Paul Kirby** recently



Paul & Michele Kirby

received an American flag that flew in Afghanistan. The flag was presented to Kirby, a sixth-grade teacher at Jacobson Elementary by Sgt. Chelsea Peterson, a former student who watched the 9/11 terrorism attack unfold in his classroom 13 years ago. Kirby is married to **Michele ('00, Dinius)**, who is the office manager at Jeff's Outdoor Services. The couple has three children and lives in Pine City.

'99 The Rev. Eric Luedtke recently accepted the position of associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wis., where he will work with the congregation's children, youth, outreach and care ministries. He lives in Wauwatosa, Wis., with his wife, Stephanie. They have three young children



Eric Luedtke

... **Liz Boyer** is the new executive director of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, an organization created to facilitate communication between area residents and elected officials as well as foster citizen participation in community decisions. She



Liz Boyer

lives in St. Paul with her husband, Craig. They have two elementary-aged children ... **Jerry Loud** is the director of the Oshkiimaajitahdah Program, which aims to increase employment



Jerry Loud

and family income for the citizens of the Red Lake Nation. He is also the athletic director and women's basketball coach for Red Lake Nation College as well as board president of Red Lake Incorporated. He lives in Puposky ... **Deborah Hilde** has been named an Administrator of Excellence by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. Hilde retired after 38 years in public education, most recently as superintendent of Eveleth-Gilbert schools. She is now an adjunct instructor for St. Mary's University, advising students in the administrative licensure program and for the Minnesota Department of Education facilitating professional development for teachers in northern Minnesota. She and her



Brian & Jennifer Michaelson

husband, Kendall, raised four children from their Virginia home ... **Brian Michaelson** is the new principal at Mahnomen High School. He brings 15 years of classroom experience to the position, most recently at Cass Lake-Bena, where he also coached basketball. His wife, **Jennifer ('98, Pehling)**, is in her 16th year of teaching at the elementary school in Park Rapids, where the couple lives with their four children.

'98 Becky Rud has been hired to teach seventh-grade math at Bemidji Middle School. Her most recent classroom experience was in the Bagley school system. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, **Brent ('00)**, who works in the Environmental



Jeff & Darla Ostrom

Services Department of Beltrami County. The couple has two children ...

Jeffery Ostrom will teach STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) at Bemidji Middle School. He and

his wife, Darla, live in Clearbrook ... **Chris Hogan** has joined U.S. Bank in Duluth as a regional vice president in commercial banking. He lives in Duluth with his wife, Michele ...



Chris Hogan

Brock Suska works for Landscape Structures in Delano. He recently helped install and film the Charles Lindbergh-themed park in Little Falls. He and his wife, Marin, have two young children and live in Delano.



Brock Suska

'97 Corby Koehler serves the Minnesota National Guard as a full-time staff member and was recently reassigned as the executive officer to the 2-147 assault helicopter battalion currently deployed to Kuwait with Task Force



Corby Koehler

Shield. The deployment is his third overseas. He also recently wrote an intelligence issues paper on support to Army aviation that appeared, in shorter versions, in three publications. The article was selected as the 2013 Aviation Digest Article of the Year by the Commanding General of the Army Aviation Center of Excellence. He lives in Golden Valley with his wife, Angie, and their two young children ... **Gregg Parks** is the new superintendent of Nevis schools after serving for 17 years as an assistant principal and teacher at Bemidji Middle School. He and his wife, Roxanne, have three college-aged children and live in Walker.

'96 Mike Lundin directed a reunion choir for the Bagley All-School reunion this summer. A former professional opera singer, Lundin is a corrections officer in Clearwater County. Anna, his wife, is a receptionist for



Mike Lundin

Sanford Clinic in Bagley, where they live ... **John Kotaska** teaches chemistry, physics and biology at Pequot Lakes High School and was named its head baseball coach last spring. He has been with the district three years and lives in Pequot Lakes. His wife, **Jennifer ('95, Crary)**, is an ECFE teacher at Backus-Pine River schools. The couple's four children range in ages from 5 to 15.

'95 Michael Carr was seeking a third term as Wadena County sheriff this fall. A veteran of 20 years in law enforcement, he lives in Verndale with his teenaged child ... **Capt. Cary Parks** has retired after serving the Coon Rapids Police Department for more than 31 years. He started in the department as a patrol officer and advanced in rank, becoming a captain in charge of the detective division in 2005. He most recently handled the department's daily administrative operations. He lives in Coon Rapids with his wife, Sheryl. They raised two children, both BSU graduates:

Brenda ('09) is a legal assistant at a Golden Valley law firm and **Kate ('12)** is a quality-assurance engineer for a software company in Edina ... **Dan Boushee** is the assistant K-12 principal in Fosston public schools and based at Magelssen Elementary. He lives in Fosston with his wife, Angie, and their four pre-teen children ... **Raschell Collyer** will teach special education this year at the middle school in Bemidji, where she lives with her husband, **Leigh**. Her past work experience came at the Regional Interdistrict Council.

'94 Andy Oman received the Chairman's Circle Award from State Farm Insurance for his customer service and marketing ability. Oman has been a third-generation State Farm agent in Crookston



Andy Oman

since 2008. He and his wife, Lynnea, are raising their three children in Crookston ... **Jim Caldwell** is the new principal at Linwood Elementary in the Forest Lake



Jim Caldwell

school district. A former elementary and middle school educator, Caldwell had also served as a dean of students and assistant principal on the high school level. He lives in Scandia with his wife, Kari, and their three children.

'93 Dan Skinner has joined the Karvako Engineering firm as the survey department manager, where he oversees the daily operations of offices in both Bemidji and Minot, N.D. His wife, **Tami ('94)**, is the director of the Boys and Girls Club in Detroit Lakes. They live in Rochert with two school-aged children.

'91 Christine Dworzynski recently joined the health care staff at St. Luke's Hibbing Family Medical Clinic as a nurse practitioner. She and her husband, David, have one young child and live in Hibbing ... **Beth (Klosner) Hendricks**



Christine Dworzynski

performed at the 27th annual summer recital series of church musicians from the Bemidji area. Hendricks lives in Bemidji and just began her 19th year of teaching music in Red Lake schools.

'89 Kevin Gish is the administrator for Essentia Health in Fosston with responsibilities for the hospital, nursing home, ambulance and home health services, as well as clinics in Fosston, Bagley and Oklee. He and his wife, Mary, have two children and still make their home in Bemidji ... **Cindy Davis** works in quality systems for Donor



Kevin Gish

Networks of Arizona, the organ, tissue and eye transplant organization for the state. She lives in El Mirage, Ariz. ... **Des Toninato**, the first female officer in the Coon Rapids Police Department, has retired after 22 years on the force,



Cindy Davis



PIETILA GAVE TEAM ITALY BALANCE AT WORLD CUP

Dr. John Pietila of Richfield admits he isn't a sports fan and hadn't watched much soccer. Yet the 1999 BSU graduate spent much of this past summer helping Team Italy prepare for and compete at soccer's prestigious World Cup in Brazil.

A chiropractor, he did bring a new approach to injury prevention and treatment in the locker room. Pietila's system looks for neurological causes of brain-muscle imbalance and corrects any conflicts before an injury occurs. That differed drastically from a typical prevention approach of hitting the weight room hard, which often created more problems.

His NeuroTarget system caught the attention of Italy's soccer brain trust, who wanted him on their sidelines.

"I gave a presentation on injury prevention in Denmark, and the doctor of the Fiorentina squad from Italy was intrigued," Pietila said. An invitation followed to work with Fiorentina under close scrutiny from the team's medical staff. The six-month trial period produced remarkable results.

"The head doctor meticulously tracked statistics," Pietila said of his six-month tryout. "He found the injury rate dropped from 26 per 1,000 training hours to only four. He also found the average hamstring injury recovery time dropped from 54 days to 14."

Those outcomes prompted an invitation to apply the system during Italy's World Cup run, which ended with a 1-2 record in the elimination round.

Pietila brings the NeuroTarget approach when seeing patients at his Burnsville clinic, where he treats all types of conditions. "A sports injury is no different than hurting your back shoveling snow," he said.

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including the past 16 as community policing officer. She lives in Minneapolis but plans on relocating within a year to the state of Washington ...



Rick Kangas

Rick Kangas received a Distinguished Educational Professional Award from North Dakota State University for his advocacy for students' access to higher education. Kangas is the dean of student and administrative services at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, and his experience in higher education spans 19 years at five colleges. He has



Chad Sackett

one child with his wife, **Jeanine ('12)**. They reside in Baxter ... **Lt. Col. Chad Sackett** is an active guard and reserve officer assigned as the deputy post commander of the Camp Ripley Training Center. He is also a 2014-15 policy fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He lives in the Little Falls area with his wife, Jackee, and their three children.

'88 Lisa Wigand



Lisa Wigand

was recently promoted by Bremer Bank to community business manager in Brainerd, Aitkin and surrounding communities. She and her husband, David Ten Eyck, live in Brainerd ...

Dick Larson has retired from teaching math and science at Pine River-Backus School.



Dick Larson

He plans on keeping in touch with the classroom as a substitute teacher, although working with his three sons' business ventures is also a possibility. He lives in Pine River.

'87 **Diane Lapp** of Coon Rapids was named chief financial officer for the U.S. market of Nilfisk-Advance. Based in Denmark, the company is one of



Susan Hawkinson

the world's leading manufacturers of professional cleaning equipment with sales in 44 countries and distributors in 70 countries. Her office is located in Plymouth.

'86 **Susan Hawkinson** presented a reading from her book "Tina Christina Sestina" at an AAUW program in Grand Rapids. The book, nominated for a Minnesota Book Award in young people's literature, tells a story through a series of 16 sestas, a classical poetic form. A retired writing instructor at Itasca Community College, Hawkinson presents programs at schools, libraries, book clubs and other organizations when she is not writing new material. She lives in Grand Rapids ... **Terri Anderson-Schlader** was named the Middle



Terry Anderson-Schlader

School Teacher of the Year in Huron, S.D., last spring. She teaches special education in the social learning classroom at Huron Middle School. She lives in Huron with her husband, Dan Schlader, and their two sons ... **John Bolduc** was named the acting chief executive officer of the Port of San Diego, an organization in California with more than 500 employees and an annual budget of \$145 million. He had been serving the past



John Bolduc

four years as the chief of the Harbor Police Department and as police chief for Brainerd and Mora prior to his move to California. He and his wife, Dawn, live in San Diego and have adult children ... **Bill Wirtanen** has been inducted into the Mesabi Range College

Athletic Hall of Fame. Wirtanen retired 10 years ago as the athletic director and longtime coach of different sports at the college, and the school's gymnasium was renamed in his honor. He is a member of the Bemidji State, NJCAA Wrestling Coaches and Minnesota Community College Athletic Association halls of fame. He and his wife, Joan, raised three adult children from their home in Hibbing ... **Erick Enger** is the new superintendent of Lake City schools. He previously served as principal at Zumbrot-Mazeppa for 14 years. He lives in Zumbrot with his wife, Teresa, and their teenaged child. They plan on eventually relocating to the Lake City district.

'85 **Kelly McCalla** is serving as the academic dean of the arts, humanities and social sciences division at Riverland Community College, which has three campuses in southeastern Minnesota. McCalla arrived at Riverland



Kelly McCalla

after working in administration at several state community and technical colleges, and was presented the Administrator of the Year Award in 2012 by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. His wife, **Celeste ('87, Novak)**, is a former corrections officer who is a stay-at-home mom in Deerwood with the couple's two children. The family will join him later in Austin ... **Susan Freeman** brings eight years of classroom experience in the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley system to her new teaching position in math at Bemidji Middle School.

'84 **Charles P. Olson** is a retired licensed police officer, criminal investigator and private investigator. Olson also worked for 10 years at Polaris Industries. He has two children and lives in Roseau.

'82 **Mark Storhaug** has retired from teaching and coaching after 30 years in Alexandria. A science teacher, Storhaug gained national recognition for coaching, swimming and diving. His combined boys and girls record was 434 wins against 195 losses. The boys' squad had a 74 percent win ratio, once had



Mark Storhaug

a 50-meet winning streak and won two state titles. The girls' unit won 65 percent of its matches, at one point putting together a 55-meet winning streak that spanned five years. He garnered multiple coach of the year awards on the section and state level. Mark's wife, **Cindy (Burggraft)**, is an elementary teacher in Alexandria and most recently has served as a K-8 math coach and math intervention specialist. They have two grown children and live in Alexandria ...

Janey Merschman is retiring from teaching math and English in the Bagley school system. At some time during her tenure in the district, she advised the yearbook, junior high drama club, student council and Knowledge Bowl. She and her husband, Jim, live in Bagley and have three adult children ... **Andra (Hinkle) Vaughn** will serve this year as the dean of students and activities director at Bemidji Middle School. From Bemidji, she previously taught in Blackduck.



Janey Merschman

'81 **Loren Jansen** has retired after serving 32 years on the police force in St. Peter, where he lives. Jansen was a sergeant and supervised the department. He now works in campus security at Minnesota State University in Mankato ... **The Rev. Mike Herschberger**, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Marshalltown, Iowa, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination last summer. Prior to his current position, he served congregations at churches in Iowa and Minnesota. He and his wife, **Rhonda ('82, Jakel)**, live in Ellsworth, Iowa, and have two adult children ... **Pamela Hanson-Peterson** appeared as a guest soprano last spring at the Auditorio Nacional de Musica with the La Lira band in Madrid, Spain. She is an adjunct professor at Daytona (Florida) State College and performs in Florida with two early music ensembles, the Halifax Consortium and Ars Antiqua. She lives in Port Orange, Fla., with her husband, Doug.



Ken Jordan

They have one college-aged child ... **Ken Jordan** was inducted into the Elk River High School Sports Hall of Fame. Jordan was a state tourney wrestler in high school and a national place winner at

BSU, where he was an All-America selection three times. An assistant principal at Elk River High, he also coached wrestling for 10 seasons, earning four conference and three section Coach of the Year awards. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Elk River and have three children ranging from pre-teen to college aged.

'80 **Stephen J. Pitzen** has published four books online at smashwords.com: "Losing Henry," a story about a young man enlisting in the Navy during the closing years of the Vietnam War; "Acorn Island," a realistic nature of survival as seen through the eyes of a squirrel; "Manifest Gluttony," a fictionalized world where consumption equates with success; and "Flowers of Autumn," the tale of a developmentally disabled adult's struggle for acceptance. Pitzen completed the works following his retirement as a Cass County social worker. His wife, **Mary ('79, Benedict)**, retired last May as a special education teacher in area schools ... **Bruce Jarvi** retired last spring after 34 years of teaching in the Sauk Centre school district. During his tenure he taught various levels of English and also served a short stint as an administrator. Jarvi has coached the girls' tennis and boys' golf teams. His retirement plans include some substitute teaching in the area. His wife, **Julie (Tonder)**, is a teacher aide in the district and served



Stephen Pitzen

12 years as a church secretary. Residents of Sauk Centre, they have three adult children ... **Ellen Adams** was named a Western Bank Educator of the Month last year. The award is presented to a teacher in the Cass Lake area who has positively influenced students. Adams teaches kindergarten at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, where she started in 1980 with a classroom of first-, second- and



Ellen Adams

third-graders. She lives in Cass Lake ... **Steve Cairns**, superintendent of Bagley schools, was named Administrator of the Year for District



Steve Cairns

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DORN CONCLUDES CAREER AS WOMEN'S AD AT NDSU

As she prepares to conclude a 37-year career as women's athletic director at North Dakota State University, Lynn Dorn remembers well the lessons she learned as a student and athlete at Bemidji State.

Recalling an era when women were first playing on the collegiate level, she said, "We were so grateful to compete; we took every opportunity."

Dorn, who wore the green and white for volleyball, field hockey, basketball and golf before graduating in 1972, announced in August that she will retire from NDSU in March.

Since 1977, she has passed those lessons to others in her leadership role at NDSU. The Bison have learned well. During her tenure, NDSU women earned seven national titles, 98 conference or league championships, and nine conference all-sports trophies. Since 1981, 138 athletes won All-America status, while 35 were selected for 54 CoSIDA Academic All-America awards and 18 earned NCAA postgraduate scholarships.

An award-winning athletic administrator once listed among the five most influential people in NCAA Division II athletics, Dorn has seen a lot of change since 1977. Now entering their second decade of competition on the NCAA Division I level, NDSU women have better training facilities, more coaching, significant scholarship support and increased national exposure.

Dorn still sees the values of 1972 as important today. "It's great for athletes to have the opportunities they have today," she said. "But the fundamental beliefs like teamwork, trust, camaraderie and integrity are intangible, lifetime gifts."

They are lessons well learned, and well given.

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29, a Minnesota Association of School Administrators area that includes 14 school systems. He and his wife, Penni, raised three adult children from their home in Bagley.

'79 Rick Nelson teaches sports management and health education classes at Century College in White Bear Lake. A veteran of 30 years in the MnSCU system, he also does governmental relations work for Minnesota's state college faculty. His wife, Kaari, is the administrative assistant to the vice president of continuing education and customized training at Century. They live in White Bear Lake ... **Steve Adkins** of Roseau



Rick Nelson



Steve Adkins

has retired after teaching math to sixth-graders for 35 years. During his career, he also taught business courses for Northland Community and Technical College. He lives in Roseau and has two grown children ... **Paul Freude** received the Manager Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Telephone Cooperative Association-Rural Broadband Association. Now retired, Freude worked at Paul Bunyan Communications in Bemidji for 27 years, the last 20 as CEO and general manager. He continues to live in Bemidji with his wife, **Pearl ('88)**. The couple raised two adult children and spends their winters in Cape Coral, Fla. ... **Pete Maus** recently completed his 30th year as a head high school baseball coach, 29 of those in Northfield. Maus teaches math in the district's middle school and also coaches seventh-grade football. Inducted into the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011, he continues to manage amateur and VFW teams in Northfield, where he lives with his wife, Lynda. The couple has



Paul Freude

five children, ranging in age from 20 to 30 ... **Tim Cochran** of Alexandria has retired from teaching language arts in the West Central Area school district, where he also coached Mock Trial, Knowledge Bowl and a variety of sports over his career. A guitarist, he has appeared locally both individually and in several ensembles. Cochran also recorded a CD, "Muses," in his own small recording studio. He has two children with his wife, Sheree ... **Mary (Mack) Johnson** has retired from teaching in the Lake of the Woods schools, where she taught first grade for 30 years. Johnson and her husband, John, live in Baudette but hope to eventually relocate to the Park Rapids area where she was raised ... **Connie (Berberich) Bishop** retired after teaching nearly 35 years in Red Lake County Central elementary schools. Bishop and her husband, Charles, live in Plummer. The couple has an adult son, and Bishop has five stepchildren.

'78 Elwyn Ruud retired last spring after teaching third grade in Roseau for 35 years, 20 of which she also spent coordinating the Artist-in-Residence Program. She was inducted into the BSU Professional Education Hall of Fame in 2000. Ruud and her husband, Ron, live in Karlstad and have two grown children ... **Pamela Fladeland Rodriguez**, president and CEO of the Chicago-based Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), has been honored by the White House drug policy office and spotlighted in a 2014 national drug control strategy. She and TASC founder Melody Heaps were named as Advocates in Action for leadership in advancing justice interventions for people with substance-abuse disorders. Rodriguez lives in Elk Grove Village, Ill., and has two grown sons ... **Rick Van Roekel** has retired from teaching after 36 years, including 32 in New Ulm schools. Van Roekel primarily taught woodworking and construction classes, which included building nine houses. He also spent 20 years as the head football coach, where he built the team into a state contender. Other coaching assignments included roles in the district's basketball, track and baseball programs. He and his wife, Kathy, raised two adult children from their home in New Ulm ... **Gary Ross** retired as a longtime fourth-grade



Elwyn Ruud

teacher in the Roseau school district, where he also coached elementary football, varsity boys' hockey and varsity girls' golf. He lives in Roseau with his wife, Kathy. The couple has two adult children.

'77 Shari Meyer was named the Elementary Band Director of the Year for District VI in Louisiana, which enabled her to conduct the Elementary Honor Band last winter. She has taught music for the past 16 years in New Orleans, where she resides. Her current position encompasses fourth- to 12th-grade band at Ridgewood Preparatory School ... **Kathy (Bliss) Thompson** has retired from teaching elementary school in Nevis for 37 years, during which she was the district's first Teacher of the Year, a recipient of both a Minnesota Teacher of Excellence and Ashland Golden Apple Achiever awards, and one of four national winners of the annual Robert G. Porter Scholars Award. She lives on a farm near Park Rapids with her husband, John. They have two adult children, including son **Randy ('07)**, who now teaches in Menahga ... **Kathy (McMartin) Morrow** is head librarian at the Mille Lacs Area Community Library in Isle. A retired English teacher with two older children, she has worked since 2012 at the library. Her husband, Jim Johnson, also is a retired teacher. They live in Onamia.

'76 Terry Schoenborn has retired from serving elementary students in Mahanomen for 37 years, the first five as a librarian and the remaining as a teacher. She lives in Mahanomen with her husband, Darvin, who owns and runs the NAPA store in the city. The couple has three grown children.

'75 Kaye Munt is retiring from teaching first and second grades for more than 38 years at Red Lake County Central Elementary in Plummer. She and her husband, Tim, raised two children while living in Oklee.

'73 Leland Hayes donated a shallow water flats boat he built to benefit the Port Aransas (Texas) Museum in the community where he and his wife, **Rachelle**, spend the winter months. A cancer survivor, Hayes spent over 780 hours on the 16-foot boat, which is composed of more than 900 parts, two layers of fiberglass and covered with 19 coats of paint and epoxy. The boat will be raffled off to benefit a local museum, and by the first week of September more than



Leland Hayes

\$30,000 in tickets had already been sold for the boat, which is popular for tracking redfish on the saltwater flats of the Texas coast. Both he and his wife are retired educators who live in Bemidji. They have three adult children ... **Mike Silk** has retired from teaching and coaching softball at Randolph High School. A geography, history and civics educator, he was the only softball coach the school has had, amassing 416 career wins since starting the program 35 years ago. He and his wife,

Becki, raised two children from their home in Inver Grove Heights. **'72 Richard Carl Bright** published the historical book "Pain and Purpose in the Pacific: True Reports of War." Bright, who lived for seven years on the island of Saipan, uses the work to put a human face on World War II and chronicles both the destructive as well as redemptive sides of war. A retired commercial pilot, he also wrote "The Ark: A Reality?" and "Quest for Discover." He lives in Dunedin, Fla. ... **Dr. Robert Aalberts** is a new faculty member at the Penn State Smeal College of Business. Aalberts, who is the school's clinical



CRESAP'S TRUMPET CAREER SOARS SINCE GRADUATION

Andy Cresap hasn't missed a beat, from the day he stepped onto the Bemidji State campus as an aspiring musician through graduation in 2010; from acceptance into the prestigious University of North Texas graduate program to earning a chair with an award-winning group; or working his trumpet in a classical ensemble to playing in the horn section for two sellout shows headlined by Aretha Franklin.

After arriving at UNT, Cresap became part of the 1 O'Clock Lab Band, which earned Downbeat Magazine Awards last year as the best large jazz ensemble and best college Latin music group.

In September, he backed Franklin as she delighted Texas crowds at Austin City Limits in Austin and the Winspear Opera House in Dallas. "It was an amazing experience to work with an artist of her caliber," Cresap said. "Even at 73, she put on an unbelievable show."

He started looking for more stage appearances this fall by taking a hiatus from school and exploring the job market in Las Vegas. He plans to perform with different shows and eventually catch on somewhere permanently.

"I have always focused on being a well-rounded player," Cresap said when explaining how the beat will continue. "When I left UNT, I was playing mostly jazz, pop and commercial. My career goal is to perform mainly commercial and jazz music as a lead trumpet player."



Dr. Robert Aalberts

professor of business law, formerly served as the Lied Professor of Legal Studies in the accounting department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He and his wife, Barbara, have relocated to University Park, Pa.

'71 Jim Bell is owner of B's Liquor in Rockville. He is a former educator who retired after working in the human relations departments of several manufacturing firms. He lives in Cold Spring with his wife, Kathy. They have two adult children ... **Elaine (Aune) Ruud** retired after 43 years teaching elementary education classes at Tri-County schools in Karlstad. A member of the BSU Professional Education Hall of Fame, she was a Christa McAuliffe Fellow and served as president of the Minnesota Kindergarten Association for many years. Her husband, **Wayne**, retired several years ago as the city administrator and clerk of Karlstad, where they raised three grown children.



Elaine Ruud

'70 Terry Mejdrih of Swatara presented a program on the collapse of the bee population at Fifty Lakes Foundation in Fifty Lakes. During the program, he explained why the loss of honey bees could have negative outcomes and how the public can help reverse the trend. Mejdrih is a science columnist for the Grand Rapids Herald Review and has been a teacher, lumberjack, sawmill operator and writer, with five published books.

'69 Terry Fredin has retired as a member of the Windom Park and Recreation Commission, a position he served for 20 years. His background includes 25 years of teaching industrial technology and vocational construction, as well as founding a construction and cabinet building company. He and his wife, **Karen ('68, Schneider)**, formerly owned and operated an appliance and hardware store in Windom and own seven rental units in the area. Karen also works in the human relations department

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of Habilitative Services. The couple lives in Windom and has two children, both BSU graduates. **Kris ('92, Fredin) Vipond** is the city clerk in Sibley, Iowa, and **Bill ('96)** is a co-owner of Fredin Construction/Cabinetry ... **Carrol Peterson** still works part time as a security officer after a full-time career that spanned 20 years. He is also a busy author, whose work includes the published novels "Summer Mirage," "Sugarloaf Hill" and "The Pumpkin Center Outfit," as well as five screenplays. When not traveling, he and his wife, Maria Isadora, reside in Coon Rapids.

'68 John Skalko is a beekeeper who specializes in making candles and other beeswax products. He is a retired teacher from the Proctor school district, where he became involved with bees as manager of the school forest. He lives in Esko.

'64 Willis Mattison, a retired regional director for the Minnesota Pollution Control



Willis Mattison

Agency (MPCA), remains active assisting citizen groups interested in protecting Minnesota's natural resources and environment. He recently began helping the Friends of the Headwaters as a technical advisor on a proposed pipeline across the region. Prior to retirement in 2001, he directed the MPCA offices in Rochester and Detroit Lakes. He lives in Osage and has three grown children.

'63 Bill Bateman was recently hired as an investment representative by Laraway



Bill Bateman

Financial in St. Cloud. Bateman is a veteran financial advisor, starting in 1967 and building his career to form the firm Bateman, Dolan and Westlund a decade

later. He and his wife, Elna, have a blended family including six grown children ... **Gene Anderson** stays busy in retirement by entertaining audiences around the world. A chemist who retired from Dow Chemical after 32 years, he has used humor, magic and learning in performances at training seminars, speaking engagements, and special events in 21 countries on six continents. When not traveling, he lives in Midland, Mich.

'62 Tom Adamson has returned to a home in Big Fork after teaching more than 50 years. He started at Bovey Junior High and eventually moved to Itasca Community College, Central Arizona College and Phoenix College. His wife, **Carol (Trevena)**, retired in 1991 from a teaching career that also spanned several schools in Minnesota and Arizona. The couple has three adult children.

'61 Mark Paulson was named as a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions International Foundation for his financial contribution to the charitable organization. Paulson is retired after serving Bemidji State University in a variety of capacities, including directing BSU's alumni efforts. His wife, **Lanee ('88, Stevens)**, retired as an account clerk at BSU. The couple lives near Solway and has one adult child, **Bradley ('00)**. Mark also has an adult son, Brian, living in North Carolina.

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IN MEMORIAM

Listed in order of class year

Joe Lueken (Honorary Alumni '04)
 Floraine Nielsen (former music faculty)
 Dr. Victor D. Weber (former coach, Athletic Director, faculty)
 Audrey (Sauve) Johnston '38, Detroit Lakes
 Lillian V. Grandell '39, Hermantown
 LeRoy E. Maas '40, Albert Lea
 Helen B. (Cronemiller) Nelson '40, Bemidji
 Phyllis J. (McLeod) Numedahl '40, Minneapolis
 Donald J. Schmeckpeper '40, Bemidji
 Jean E. (Johnson) Hobson '43, Stillwater
 Frances E. (Nielsen) Bjorklund '44, Duluth
 Marjorie J. (Taylor) Smith '45, Rushford
 Harold Melby '46, Hopkins
 Murray L. Warren '48, Cambridge
 Wallace Haglund '50 & '72, International Falls
 Esther L. (Stefan) Jacobson '51, Naperville, Ill.
 Arleen (Nace) Sycks '51, Brainerd
 Jeanette C. (Peterson) Lindgren '52, Margaret (Campbell) Snyder '52, St. Michael
 Dionne D. (Soderberg) Moen '54, Bemidji
 Janet (Goulet) Wilson '58, Richland Center, Wis.
 Amy O. Ihle '60, Bemidji
 Herbert L. Latvala '60 & '67, Nashwauk
 Myrna M. (Swenson) Lauderbaugh '61, Centerville
 Thomas L. Wrolstad, '61, Bemidji
 Ione M. Ptacek '62, Babbitt
 Thelma McNelly '63, Bemidji
 Kathryn L. Manlove '63, Park Rapids
 Curtis Frohrip '66, Moose Lake
 Donald A. Norum '66, Bemidji
 Margaret "Peggy" A. (Marvin) Johnson '67, Warroad
 Robert W. Sadek '67 & '68, Lakeville
 William G. Smith '67, Grand Rapids
 Frances M. Lahti '68, Hoyt Lakes
 Robert Poore '68, Nevis
 Judy A. (Butterfield) Carpenter '69, Grand Rapids
 Margaret A. (Marvin) Johnson '69, Warroad
 John R. Mitchell '69, Chaska
 Beatrice A. Steinhart '69, Grand Rapids
 Linda S. (Anick) Harapat '70, Bigfork, Mont.
 Benjamin Weeks '70, Faribault
 Olga (Boardson) Engevik '71, Thief Rivers Falls
 Richard A. Howe '71, Maple Grove
 Bevin R. Leipert '71, Moose Jaw, Sask.
 Judith M. (Baltes) Ross '71, Blackduck
 Theodore W. Thorson Jr. '72, Bemidji
 Leslie R. Qual '73, Punta Gorda, Fla.
 Josephine Teggatz '73, New Ulm
 Charles R. Tuggle '73, Charleston, Ill.
 Alice M. (Hanson) Hoaglin '75, Babbitt
 Eugene W. Torgerson '76, Leonard
 Douglas A. Aldrich '78, Hamilton, Va.
 Rebecca J. (Moffett) Martinson '79, Staples
 Corene E. Olson '80, River Falls, Wis.
 Valerie A. (Charles) Vorderbruggen '81, Bemidji
 Suzanne E. "Kelly Stone" Holland '83, Bemidji
 John A. Simonis '83, Bemidji
 Rick A. Kettler '84, Eden Prairie
 Kathryn Olson '84, Thief River Falls
 Sandra L.F. (Floura) Freer '86, Prior Lake
 William H. Roy '87, Grand Rapids
 Anthony D. Aho '91, Stanchfield
 Lisa M. (Grade) Sowell '95, Conroe, Texas
 David A. Clark '97, Canton, N.Y.
 Roger R. Peterson '00, Thief River Falls
 Benjamin C. Beaudoin '01, St. Paul
 Brian J. Herbranson '07, McGregor
 Kasandra C. Solverson '07, Chaska

REPORT 2013-14 GIFTS BSU FOUNDATION



Jeff Kemink

A GREAT MANY DOING GREAT THINGS FOR BSU

Visionary Steve Jobs once said, "The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work." In the past year, donors, alumni, board members, faculty, community members and staff have contributed great individual efforts and gifts to benefit students and ensure BSU's future.

The public launch of the Imagine Tomorrow Campaign at the 2013 Honors Gala resulted in a humbling response. If we learned one thing, it's that people are passionately committed to supporting BSU. We just needed to ask.

Countless hours of research, planning, debate, execution and questions moved us from the \$12.6 million in assets the foundation held just five years ago to more than \$31 million today.

Much of that progress is due to the leadership and vision of friends like Joe Lueken and alumn Peggy Johnson, whom we lost this summer. We mourn their passing, celebrate their legacies and strive to carry on their shining examples.

Their generosity and that of donors like them already is benefiting students. Since beginning the quiet phase of the campaign in July 2011, scholarship dollars awarded have grown from \$772,664 to more than \$1 million. That translates to 711 scholarships used to fulfill 4,310 credit hours.

Nevertheless, we're not done, and we are not content to simply hope we attain our goal.

The foundation and alumni boards have developed a strategic plan for both organizations: connect, educate, communicate and engage are watchwords that will help shape events, outreach, volunteer opportunities and other efforts.

As I reflect on my time on the foundation board and as its president, I have to smile. While we may never be truly satisfied, we know many people are making great efforts to move BSU toward the tomorrow we imagine.

Jeff Kemink
 Immediate Past President
 Bemidji State University Foundation

In Tribute

By Cindy Serratore

The passing in July of both Joe Lueken and Peggy (Marvin) Johnson left their friends and communities filled with sorrow and deep gratitude for their leadership, generosity and commitment. Both were dear and supportive friends of Bemidji State University, hard-working visionaries in their communities and examples to all through the lives they lived.



1941-2014

JOE LUEKEN

A LIFE OF SUCCESS AND SERVICE

“He wasn’t going to ask anyone to do something that he wouldn’t do himself. You’d see Joe in the back crushing cardboard boxes and you’d think, ‘That’s the owner of the company.’”

– BARRY BOWER,
WAHPETON, N.D., STORE MANAGER

said Tom Welle, president of First National Bank in Bemidji, one of his early lenders. “It was his life and his passion, and he did everything he could to see it successful and leave it that way.”

By the time Lueken was 7, he worked in his father’s bakeries in Springfield and Mitchell, S.D. He graduated from high school in 1959, met his future wife, Jan, at a dance and married her in 1962.

Joe Lueken invested a lifetime into his grocery business and could have sold it for a fortune.

Instead, he turned his three stores over to his employees, making them all owners.

“The grocery business is who Joe was,”

side with his employees in Bemidji and Wahpeton, N.D.

“He wasn’t going to ask anyone to do something that he wouldn’t do himself,” said Barry Bower, Wahpeton store manager. “You’d see Joe in the back crushing cardboard boxes and you’d think, ‘That’s the owner of the company.’”

Lueken loved the grocery business.

He was a master of merchandising and knew his inventory like the back of his hand. He’d often show up by 3 a.m. to stock shelves. Every day before opening, he’d walk the aisles with the eye of a drill sergeant.

He earned everyone’s respect – from his customers to his suppliers.

“Most people give lip service to humility,” said Brent Sicard, Lueken’s president and CEO. “Joe lived it. He was always sincere. He never did things for show.”

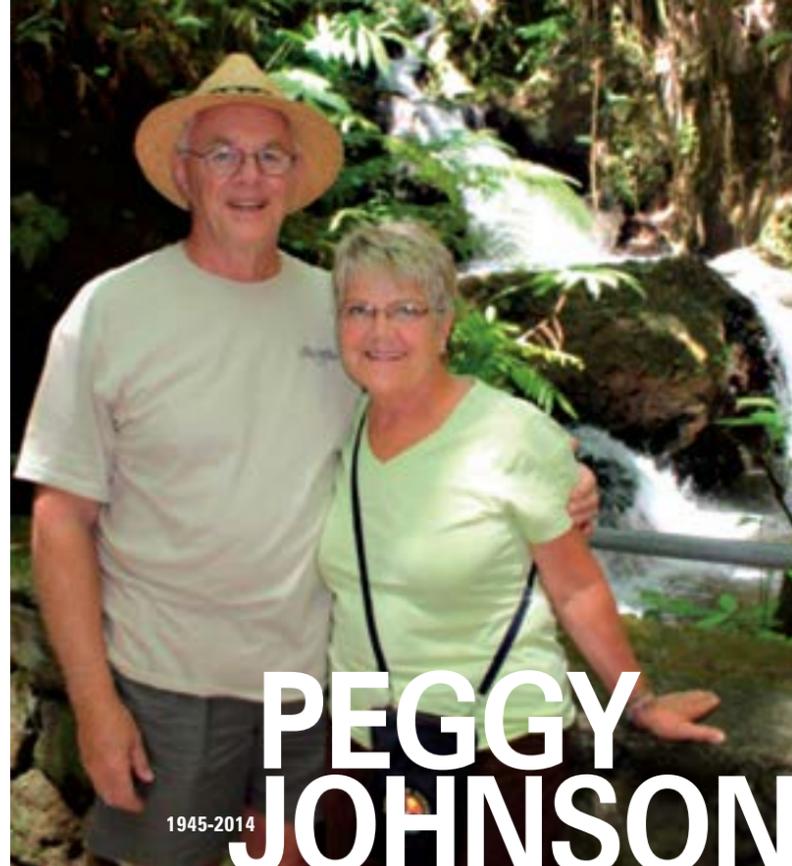
While Joe and Jan gave generously throughout the community, they remained particularly vested in the success of the university.

The couple moved to Bemidji four years later to manage a downtown grocery store, which Lueken subsequently purchased from his brother.

From the beginning, business was a family affair. Joe, Jan and their four sons – Michael, Jeffrey, Joseph Jr. and David – all played a role.

“Some of my earliest memories were of going to work with my dad on Sunday evenings to change prices,” Jeff Lueken said. “When we were done, we got pizza at Dave’s and went home to watch ‘Mission Impossible’ and ‘FBI.’”

In his iconic green apron, Lueken worked side by



1945-2014

PEGGY JOHNSON

FOR THE LOVE OF GIVING

Joe joined the BSU Foundation in 1973 and later served on its board of directors.

He was an original full-tuition scholarship donor, a gift that came full circle later in life when he needed a procedure for Parkinson’s.

As it turned out, his Mayo Clinic surgeon was a BSU alum and recipient of one of the first Lueken scholarships.

In 2003, Joe was added to the BSU Founders’ Walk for his role in the development and growth of the university.

More recently, he initiated BSU’s Community Appreciation Day and last year’s inaugural Green and White Event, which raised \$100,000 for student-athletes.

In another landmark gift, he and Jan launched an anti-bullying campaign in the Bemidji schools.

Once asked if he would do anything different, Joe said, “No, except marry Jan sooner.”

As Lueken’s top executive, Sicard said, “You don’t replace Joe, but hopefully all of us have taken in enough of Joe to keep things going and do it well.”

With boyish delight, Lueken would say: “Give until it feels good.” And he did.

“He was just a great man,” said Dean Crotty, president of North Country Business Products where Joe was a board member. “The respect he earned is in how he handled himself. He gave not ever asking to receive.”

For Peggy “Marvin” Johnson, it was never enough to greet you at the door.

“She would take you over the threshold and into her life,” said her elder brother, Frank Marvin, who calls her “the good Marvin.”

His once freckle-faced little sister never outgrew her spunk.

If something needed doing in her family, her church, her hometown, her alma mater or her beloved vacation community in Kaua’i – Johnson was there.

“She had time to do something special for everyone and closed the door to no one,” said her sister, Susan Marvin.

Johnson remained deeply committed to northern Minnesota, especially to Warroad, where she grew up and where her family continues to manage Marvin Windows, a company founded by her grandfather.

She was also committed to Bemidji State University, where she was a cheerleader, met her husband, Sam, made lifelong friends and graduated in 1967 with a degree in physical education.

“She loved Warroad! She supported the people there with her life. No person, no project was ever too small or too big for Mom.”

– PAULA HEPPNER (DAUGHTER)

She taught in Mora and then International Falls, where she started the girls track and field program and coached the team to a 1972 state co-championship.

Years later, when asked to serve on the board of the BSU Alumni Association, Johnson didn’t hesitate.

She served eight years, and together with Sam endowed scholarships in biology, physical education and music.

Her son, Jeff, noted that his mom wasn’t “on committees – she ran them, because if there was a project, she was going to get it done.”

Johnson received the Jaycee Key Woman Award and once served as state vice president. She was a scout leader, golf coach and always took the lead on the annual high school reunion, summer theater and so much more.

After the floods of 2002, she helped establish the Warroad Area Community Fund.

“She loved Warroad!” said her daughter, Paula Heppner. “She supported the people there with her life. No person, no project was ever too small or too big for Mom.”

Along with her mother, Peggy planned the Warroad library and years later built the William S. Marvin Training Center. She visited museums all over the country to make sure Warroad had the best.

But what endeared her to so many was the way she welcomed people into her life.

When Asian refugees arrived in Warroad, she taught them English, bringing them into her home, learning their culture and recipes.

In her sophomore year at Bemidji State, she met Irene Kano, a Japanese student from Hawaii, and invited her home for the holidays.

“That was just Peggy. She attracted people to her,” said Irene, who in turn introduced Peggy to Hawaii.

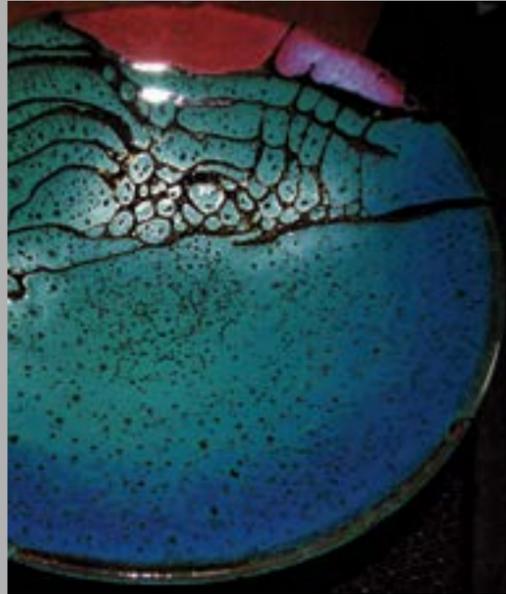
“She loved her life,” said her best friend, Teresa Larson. “You’d call her up for a campfire – or to do anything – and she’d say, ‘We’ll be right there.’”

Johnson loved her family, the outdoors, walleye fishing, hiking, swimming, shish kabobs and red toenail polish. And she did the best cannonballs into the pool. Just ask her grandkids. Not even multiple myeloma could stop her from relishing every moment.

“She was always looking out for her family, especially after her diagnosis,” said Paul Koski, a BSU alum and friend. “She said, ‘I’m not going to miss one birthday party.’ And she didn’t.”

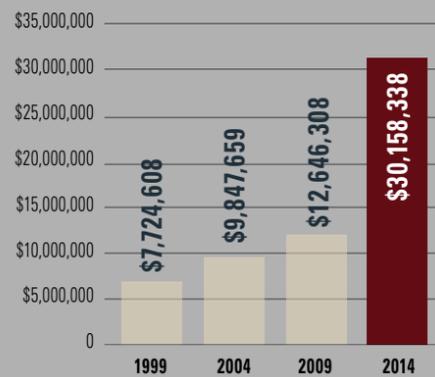
“She outdid us all. And left us with some very special memories.”

REPORT of GIFTS



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

Growth of Foundation Assets



the President's SOCIETY

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

Visionary's Society - (\$2,500,000.00+)

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Trustee's Society - (\$1,000,000.00+)

The George W. Neilson Foundation
Michael and Tracy Roberge

Chancellor's Society - (\$500,000.00+)

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Benefactor's Society - (250,000.00+)

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Katharine Neilson Cram Foundation
Kopp Family Foundation
Kraus-Anderson Construction Company - North Division
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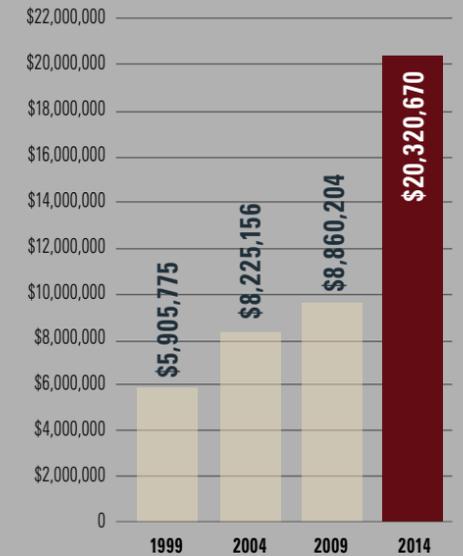
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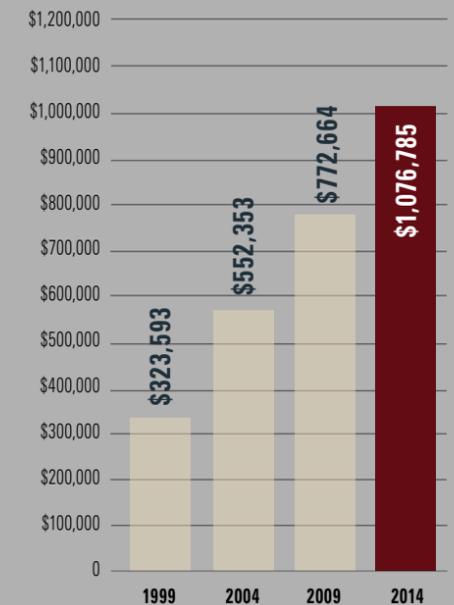
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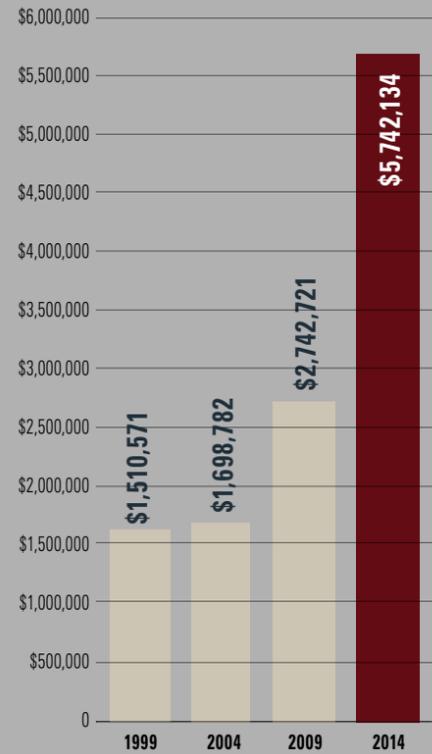
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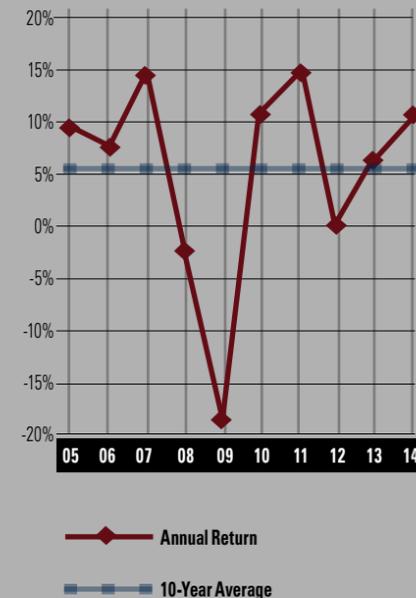
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Rate of Investment Return



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Founder's Society - (10,000.00+)

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Bravo Beverage Ltd
Linda Brew
Gurnee K. Bridgman
Phillip A. Buhn

Burger King Corporation
Louis H. Buron Jr.
Robert C. Bush*
Jeffrey P. Busse
Dr. Mark & Mishel Carlson
Dr. Raymond & Margaret Carlson
Jason & Angela Caron
Caswell International Corporation
Central Valley Food Services, Inc.
Charter Communications
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Control Stuff
Cool Threads
Bret & Veronica Cooper
Veita L. Corbin
Corner Bar of Bemidji, Inc
Country Kitchen Restaurant
William & Teresa Crews
Dean & Wendy Crotty
Scott Curb & Mary Boranian
Michael & Michelle Curfman
Dr. Caroline M. Czarnecki
Lyle E. Dally*
Dave's Pizza
Robert* & Jackie Decker
Dr. Steve & Veronica DeKrey
John & Kay Delinsky
Delta Kappa Gamma
Patrick & Barbara DeMarchi
Roxanne Desjarlait
James & Jana Dewar
Dick's Plumbing & Heating of Bemidji, Inc.
John T. Driessen
Shawn & Shaina Dudley
Jon & Beth Duncan
Dwayne Young, Inc.
Plaster & Drywall Contractor
Ed Sauer Memorial Fund
Eldercare Health Benefits Mgmt Systems, Inc
Erbert & Gerbert's Subs and Clubs
Janet Esty*
Herbert M. Fougner*
Dr. Joann Fredrickson
Michelle A. and Morris Frenzel
Laura Gaines
Dr. Fulton & Nancy Gallagher
Michael & Deanna Garrett
Dr. Daniel Gartrell & Dr. Julie Jochum
Georgia-Pacific Corp. - Superwood
Dr. James & Connie Ghostley
Col. Clark & Judith Gilbertson
Dr. Eric Gilbertson
Keith & Jeannie Gilbertson
Ordella M. Gilbertson
Marjorie & James Gildersleeve
Paul & Kathy Godlewski
Dr. Richard & Carol Goeb
Dr. Frank & Marilyn Goodell
Bruce L. Gordon
Gourmet House
Bryan & Paulette Grand
Great Lakes Gas Transmission Ltd Partnership
Dr. Colleen R. Greer
Beulah Gregoire*
James & Barbara Grier
Robert & Susan Griggs
Keith W. Gunderson*
Richard F. Haberer*
Lisa L. Haberman
Richard & Sheridan Hafdal
Dr. Harold* & Renate* Hagg

James & Joyce Hanko
Hanson Electric of Bemidji, Inc
Linda S. Hanson
Hardees of Bemidji
James & Pamela Harrison
Dr. Richard* and Dorothy Haugo
Oluf* & Margaret* Haugrud
Headwaters Shrine Club
Kenneth G. Henrikson
Beverly Henriques
Hobart Laboratories, Inc.
Hoeschler Fund - St. Paul Foundation
Honeywell Foundation
Pamela Hovland
Kenneth & Kari Howe
IBM
Insure Forward
Myriam Ivers
Iverson Corner Drug
Louise H. Jackson
Richard & Sheri Jahner
JC Penney Co., Inc.
Jerry Downs Agency
Johnson Controls
Diane & Thomas Johnson
Jeremiah D. Johnson
Dr. Terrance & Susan Johnson
Dr. Johannes M. Jordan
Thomas & Susan Kaplan
Jeff Keckheisen/Keck Sports
Keg N' Cork
Rich & Meredith Kehoe
Keith's Pizza
Dr. Debra Kellerman & Anthony Wandersee
Jeffrey D. Kemink
Ken K Thompson Jewelry
David & Charlotte Kingsbury
Knife River Materials/
MSU Resources Foundation
Drs. Raymond & Beatrice Knodel
Dr. Clayton & Ivy Knoshaug
Paul & Catherine Koski
Krigbaum & Jones, Ltd.
Derek Kringen
Lois M. Kruger Estate
Dr. Franklin & Diane Labadie
Dr. David & Alice Larkin
Lesa & Jeff Lawrence
Dr. Arthur & Judith Lee
Hazel Leland*
LePier Oil Company
Dr. Robert & Dale Ley
Paul & Teri Lindseth
Mark & Monica Liska
Brad & Dawn Logan
Dr. Kenneth & Mary Lundberg
Steven Lundeen & Jennifer Driscoll
Brian J. Maciej
Keith Marek
Mark's Frame House/Mark & Linda LaFond
Douglas & Mary Mason
MasTec North America Inc.
Allen & Susie Mathieu
John & Judith McClellan
Dr. Judith L. McDonald
James D. McElmury
Robin & Diane Mechelke
Medsave Family Pharmacy
Debra Melby*
Dr. Kathleen J. Meyer
Midcontinent Communications
Midwest Cable Communications
Minnesota Humanities Commission
James & Sharon Molde
Dr. Robert & Sally Montebello

Dr. Dorothy L. Moore*
Leo D. Morgan, Jr.
Robb H. Naylor
Gerald* & Fern* Nichols
North Country Dental
Northern Amusement
Northern Liquor Offsale
David & Jean Olderman
Bruce L. Olson
Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home
Douglas L. Onan
Royal & Diane Orser
Family & Friends of Ruth Ouverson
Dr. Donna K. Palivec
Greg & Kathy Palm
John & Lori Paris
Pat Knoer State Farm Insurance
Patterson's Men's Wear
R. Scott & Kathy Pearson
Rep. John S. Persell
Dr. Martha & Don Peters
David Lee Peterson Estate
Debra F. Peterson
Rohl & Patricia Peterson
Pickett Agency, Inc.
Productivity, Inc.
Dr. Joanne M. Provo
Jack* & Mary Betty Quistgard
Michael & Jackie Rasch
Roger Rasmussen
Dr. John & Mary Sue Redebaugh
Richard Rude Architectural
Dr. Patricia A. Rosenbrock
Ross Lewis Sign Company
Stuart & Susan Rosselet
RP Broadcasting, Inc
Dr. Samuel & Sara Sant
William & Rochelle Scheela
Kevin & Paige Schoepel
John* & Evelyn* Schuiling
Walter & Mardene Schuiling
John & Charlotte Schullo
John & Mary Seamans
Patricia & Mark Shough
Pete & Marilyn Simonson
Skyline Exhibits
Dr. Maria & Terry Statton
Irene K. Stewart
Willie & Arla Stittsworth
Stittsworth's Meats
Maurice & Lorna Sullivan
Dr. Bruce & Shari Sutor
Chet Swedmark* & Helen Kohl-Swedmark
Systec, Inc.
Doug & Lori Taylor
Teammates for Kids Foundation
Telespectrum Worldwide
Jeff & Susan Tesch
Jerry & Jane Thompson
Thorson, Inc.
Chris & Dick Tolman
Mary M. Veranth
Robert & Patricia Walrath
Ruth E. Warde Estate
Dr. Victor D. Weber*
Julie A. Wegner
George* & Paula Welte
Wes' Plumbing & Heating
Bryan & Judy Westerman
Harvey & Loris Westrom
Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates
Dr. Rodney Will & Anne Meredith-Will
Jerry & Kathy Winans
James & Lois Wood
Bud & Gloria Woodard

Statement of Position

June 30, 2014

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 52,420
Investments	22,749,992
Accounts Receivable	7,741
Contributions Receivable	2,391,258
Prepaid Expenses	3,899
Total Current Assets	25,205,310

Property and Equipment	299,969
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Other Assets

Contributions Receivable	4,484,798
Remainder Interest in Real Estate	132,485
Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance	35,776
Total Other Assets	4,653,059

Total Assets	30,158,338
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 41,794
Payroll Liabilities	25,985
Annuities Payable, Current Portion	23,234
Accrued Interest Payable	2,636
Escrow Deposit	100,000
Total Current Liabilities	193,649

Long-term Liabilities

Annuities Payable, Long Term Portion	172,980
Note Payable, Long Term Portion	732,250
Total Long Term Liabilities	905,230

Total Liabilities	1,098,879
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Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Lakeside Fund & Quasi Endowment Fund	\$ 1,543,905
Alumni House Acquisition	-45,000
Imagine Tomorrow Campaign	2,755,429
Academic Affairs/Admissions Schol Funds	1,424,035
Plant Fund	299,969
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	5,978,338

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	5,151,588
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	17,929,533

Total Net Assets	29,059,459
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	30,158,338
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* Deceased
New member

REPORT of GIFTS

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

the Legacy SOCIETY

Charles & Nancy Aldrich
Donald G. Anderson*+
Joan Campbell Anderson & David Anderson+
Boris & Caroline Andrican+
Bill* & Jessie* Baer+
Grant Bateman*
Dr. M. James & Nancy Bensen+
Evelyn Berg*
Dan and Terri Bergan
M. Fern Birstihl*+
Marie Bishop*+
Jody & Gene Bisson

Elaine Bohanon*+
Randy & Marlene Bowen
Lloyd & Katherine Bradfield
Fred Breen*
Raymond Breen*
Alan P. Brew
Gurnee K. Bridgman+
Virginia Bridgman*
Dr. William & Henrietta Britton
Lynne C. Bunt *+
Jeffrey P. Busse+
Dr. Dale and Joanne Carlson
Dr. Joseph & Jenifer Carson
Cynthia & James Cashman
Dr. Sam* & Rose* Chen+

Richard Chopp*
Bertha Christianson*
Dr. Almond & Shalyn Clark
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Lyle E. Dally*+
Dr. Donald* & Petra DeKrey+
Rebecca Eggers*
Fritz & Robin Ehlers
Irvin & Kay Engebretson
Eldridge* & Jean Erickson
Donald & Mary Erickson
Janet M. Erickson
Dr. Bruce & Mary Jo Falk
Ann Moore Flowers*+
Dr. William & Margie Forseth
Jerry & Shirley Froseth
Helen Gill*
Dr. Lowell* & Ardis* Gillett+
Ronald & Nancy Gladen
James D. Gribble+
Beulah Gregoire
Dennis & Patricia Grimes
Keith W. Gunderson*+
Cedsel J. Hagen*
Kathryn K. Hamm*
James & Joyce Hanko
Linda S. Hanson
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Russell* & Gudrun* Harding
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Oluf* & Margaret* Haugrud+

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Dr. Ruth Howe & Merrill Thiel+
Dr. Myrtie A. Hunt*+
Esther F. Instebo*+
John & Delphine Jacobsen
Christine Janda*
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Sam & Peggy* Johnson+
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Jeffrey & Marjorie Johnson
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Claude Morris*+
Richard and Susan Morris
Betty Murray
Mary Ann Mushel*
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Dr. Raymond A. Nelson*
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Irwin & Patricia St. John
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Dr. Victor D. Weber*
Robert & Jeanette Welle
Tom & Paulette Welle
George* & Paula Welle
Wesley W. Winter*
Shirley M. Yliniemi*
Robert and Sherry Young
Charles & Susan Zielin
Six anonymous
*Deceased
+Charter Member
Bolded names are new legacy society members in 2014

Statement of Activities

Year ending June 30, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$1,447,812	\$2,192,737		\$3,640,549
Endowment Gifts			1,600,850	1,600,850
Investment Income	319,163	1,879,370		2,198,533
Royalty Revenue	10,326			10,326
Lease Revenue	27,852	61,087		88,939
Increase in Cash Surrender Value				
Life Insurance and Actuarial Adjust	191			191
Net Assets Released from Restriction				
Administrative Assessment	276,593	-276,593		0
Investment Income (Loss)		-5,431	5,431	0
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	2,272,719	-2,272,719		0
Total Support and Revenue	4,354,656	1,578,451	1,606,281	7,539,388
Expenses				
Program Services				
Scholarships	1,076,785			1,076,785
Special Events and Other Services	1,884,450			1,884,450
Total Program Services	2,961,235			2,961,235
Supporting Services				
Management & General	189,380			189,380
Fundraising Expenses	679,565			679,565
Total Supporting Services	868,945			868,945
Total Expenses	3,830,180			3,830,180
Change in Net Assets	524,476	1,578,451	1,606,281	3,709,208
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5,453,862	3,573,137	16,323,252	25,350,251
Net Assets, End of Year	5,978,338	5,151,588	17,929,533	29,059,459



DECEMBER

- 6 Instrumental Jingle Jazz**
3 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex
- 5-6 Madrigal Dinners**
7 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, Hobson Memorial Union
- 7 Madrigal Dinners**
5 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, Hobson Memorial Union
- 10 Voltage Concert**
7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex
- 10 Emeriti & Legacy Society Holiday Social**
3-5 p.m., American Indian Resource Center, BSU Campus
- 12-13 Madrigal Dinners**
7 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, Hobson Memorial Union
- 14 Varsity Singers**
3 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex

JANUARY

- 23-24 North Star College Cup**
Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul
Pre-game gathering: McGovern's Pub

FEBRUARY

- 13 MN Music Educators Association (MMEA) BSU Social**
5-7 p.m., Mason's Restaurant Barre
- 14 Knife River Materials Hardwater Classic Ice Fishing Tournament**
Noon, Nymore Access, Lake Bemidji
- 20 Athletic Hall of Fame**
5 p.m., All-Athlete Social, Sanford Center, Bemidji
- 21 Athletic Hall of Fame Program & Brunch**
10 a.m., Sanford Center, Bemidji

MARCH

- 7 Mesa, Ariz., Golf & Luncheon**
Apache Wells Country Club
Golf: 8 a.m., Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Sun City West, Ariz., Luncheon**
11:30 a.m., Briarwood Country Club
- 9 Tucson, Ariz., Luncheon**
11:30 a.m., BlueFin Seafood Bistro

APRIL

- 8 Student Scholarship & Creative Achievement Conference**
- 10 42nd Annual Pow Wow**
7 p.m., John Glas Fieldhouse
- 11 42nd Annual Pow Wow**
1 p.m., John Glas Fieldhouse
- 17 Professional Education Hall of Fame**
6 p.m., American Indian Resource Center, BSU Campus
- 21 Varsity Singers Spring Concert**
7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex

MAY

- 8 Golden Beaver Luncheon**
11:30 a.m., American Indian Resource Center, BSU Campus

Commencement
2 p.m., Sanford Center, Bemidji

ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION

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