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*Jones blazes trail
as tribal chair*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With pride in our University and with gratitude to our alumni and friends, we bring you another issue of *Horizons* magazine. So much is happening at Bemidji State University and in the work of our Alumni & Foundation that it's vital we share these regular updates with you. It is also an opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of our students and faculty and the contributions we are making in northern Minnesota and far beyond.

In these pages, you will get to know Carri Jones, the newly elected chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, learn about a successful Neilson Foundation internship program with great promise for the future, and hear directly from Dr. Martin Tadlock, our new provost and vice president for academic affairs, among many other articles. We've included more photos of campus events and highlighted the success of our wonderful alumni. This edition of *Horizons* includes the annual report of the Alumni & Foundation, which features profiles of exemplary donors, lists our major contributors and provides a financial summary of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

We also have news to share about the magazine itself. After many years under the *Horizons* name, we are giving this publication a new name beginning with the next issue: Bemidji State University. The renaming reflects a determination to make sure we showcase all aspects of BSU and its tremendous impact in the world, through students, faculty, alumni and other supporters. Watch for our spring/summer issue in mid-April 2013 and then again next October. We also expect to offer the magazine in an online format within the next year, giving you more ways to read it.

Thank you so much for being a part of Bemidji State. As our new tag line says, we think you made the "Best Decision Ever" to attend and support BSU. With your help, we will continue to uphold that promise to all our students.

Best wishes,


Richard Hanson

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BRINGING • *passion* TO THE JOB

Alumna Carri Jones makes history as the first woman to be elected chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.



Leech Lake's first woman leader is also its youngest

By Cindy Serratore

As an undergraduate at Bemidji State University, Carri Jones once failed a test in the middle of a difficult semester. Discouraged, the high school honors student thought about quitting. But her mother urged her to stick with it. She did, graduating in 2003 with a double major in accounting and business administration.

That perseverance, along with the knowledge she gained at Bemidji State, has helped Jones advance her career through a series of promotions as a financial officer with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – starting as a file clerk and culminating as the chief financial officer of the multimillion-dollar organization. She thought she could do more. So last year, she ran for secretary-treasurer, the band's second-highest elected office. She lost, but her supporters encouraged her to run again, this time for the top spot.

In a series of firsts, the 32-year-old was elected chairwoman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe on June 12, becoming the first woman and youngest person ever to hold the tribe's highest office and lead the tribal council. By appealing to younger voters and promising more collaborative leadership, she defeated the incumbent by seven votes. She is also the youngest chair among the six bands that comprise the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, which for the first time has four seated chairwomen, including Melanie Benjamin, another BSU graduate, who leads the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Jones already is in contact with her fellow women leaders, and she hopes the foursome will help the bands work more closely together. While at BSU, Jones interned with the Mille Lacs Band and later became gaming controller for the Black Bear Casino with the Fond du Lac Band in Cloquet. The different bands "can learn from one another," she said.

The youngest of three daughters, Jones grew up on the reservation in a working-class neighborhood on the outskirts of Cass Lake. Her father, a native, owned a

business crafting dentures. Her mother, a non-native, worked as a home health aide. Although Jones straddled two cultures, she never saw it that way. The reservation was home, and she identified with her native roots. Her father organized pow wows in Cass Lake and brought his daughters to events from Wisconsin to Montana and north to Canada so they could learn about different Indian cultures.

Part of her upbringing was an appreciation of American Indian spirituality and her own religion, Jones said.

"Even though we are Christian, our parents and grandparents wanted us to understand where we came from and the teachings," she said.

Jones graduated in 1998 from Cass Lake-Bena High School, where she excelled in math, played volleyball, worked on the yearbook, and was a standout softball player. Her parents encouraged her to be involved.

Perhaps that experience with extending herself beyond what was required is what drove her to seek new responsibilities with the tribe, in addition to being a single mom with two young children.

TAKING IT ALL ON

Following her election in June, Jones relinquished her position as chief financial officer to take on her new responsibilities as chair. She heads the five-member Leech Lake Tribal Council, which oversees all the divisions of tribal government – including the tribal college and a K-12 school – in addition to three small businesses and gaming operations for three casinos. Combined, the two divisions employ 2,100 people to serve the 9,600 band members. The chair is a full-time, hands-on position as chief executive officer, gaming commissioner and political leader all rolled into one.

"I could never do what she's attempting to do here," said Steve Howard, a long-time colleague of Jones and the band's current interim executive director. "We have limited resources here, so it's really hard to

decide how to distribute those resources. You want to help everyone, but you have to keep an eye on the bottom line."

Jones said she knows it won't be easy, but she wants to break the stagnation of recent years when there was a lack of new tribal programs, no improved services and no fresh economic development. In her first month in office, she spent a week in Washington, meeting U.S. senators and

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At a glance

- POSITION:** Chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council
- DUTIES:** Lead the five-member Leech Lake Tribal Council, which oversees nine government divisions, as well as law enforcement services, the tribal college and a K-12 school, and act as chief executive officer for tribal gaming and small businesses
- AREA:** Leech Lake Reservation comprises 11 communities among Beltrami, Cass, Hubbard and Itasca counties.
- POPULATION:** 10,456 on the reservation (42% American Indian)
- TRIBAL BUSINESSES:** Three casinos (White Oak Casino in Deer River, Palace Casino in Cass Lake and Northern Lights Casino in Walker) and three small businesses



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other officials and rekindling discussions about land resolutions, timber sales and the Nelson Act, which concerns a \$20 million land settlement. She also is lobbying for funding to improve or replace an aging Indian Health Services facility in Cass Lake.

"I'll be going down to the state capitol and lobbying there, as well," Jones said, "to make sure that we're being heard on all levels."

In pursuit of economic development, she said, the tribe is analyzing the rural demographics of the reservation to see if it would be feasible to own a lumber mill or attract a mid-size manufacturing plant to create jobs beyond the casinos.

A PREMIUM ON EDUCATION

Another major area of focus for Jones is better access to education. Leech Lake Tribal College is seeking to partner with Bemidji State or other institutions and expand its

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ROGER AITKEN, LEECH LAKE TRIBAL MEMBER
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS RETIREE

degree offerings. Already in progress are plans to establish a work training center and to engage non-native businesses to support scholarships for native students.

Jones said education has always been a defining experience in her life, and she appreciates the support she got from her parents and her alma mater.

"I liked that the BSU instructors really cared about the individuals," she said. "I know there was a time that I just wanted to give up, but I'm glad I didn't."

When Jones moved into her new office, the first thing she did was hang her diplomas, one from Bemidji State and the other from Arizona State University, where she earned a minor in fraud examination and certification in tribal financial management. One of her proudest moments, captured in a snapshot with her parents, is her graduation from Bemidji State.

Her father passed away two years later, but she knows he would be proud to see her now.

"My father always said, 'You have to get your degree because nobody can ever take that away from you,'" Jones said. "A degree can take you anywhere."

His advice well-heeded, Jones supports a movement to encourage tribal employees to get degrees. She leads by example. This fall she plans to begin her master's in hospital administration in hopes of someday

working with Indian Health Services, another area where the tribe can benefit from educated leadership. Jones is encouraging her two assistants to pursue degrees, as well.

BALANCING RESPONSIBILITIES

Beyond work, she is mother to Brayden, 5, who started kindergarten this fall, and Izabella, 2, who has learned to say "bear" in Ojibwe. Being involved with her children "is going to come before any job," said Jones, who - with the support of family - brought her children campaigning and plans to include them in Tribal Council events and travels. Her whole family attended her swearing-in ceremony in July

at the tribal-operated convention center in Walker. Fittingly, her sisters Carol and Tara - who always looked after their baby sister - administered the oath of office to a standing ovation.

"People see Carri as my dad's daughter, and he was a well-respected elder," Tara Jones said. "He cared about the people of Leech Lake and so does Carri. It's really incredible what she's doing. We're all very proud."

One of Jones' biggest strengths, said Dan Erickson, tribal gaming controller, "is that she knows she can't do everything herself. She's willing to work with people. I was on the budget committee with her the last two years, and we all understand where

we have to head to make the reservation more successful."

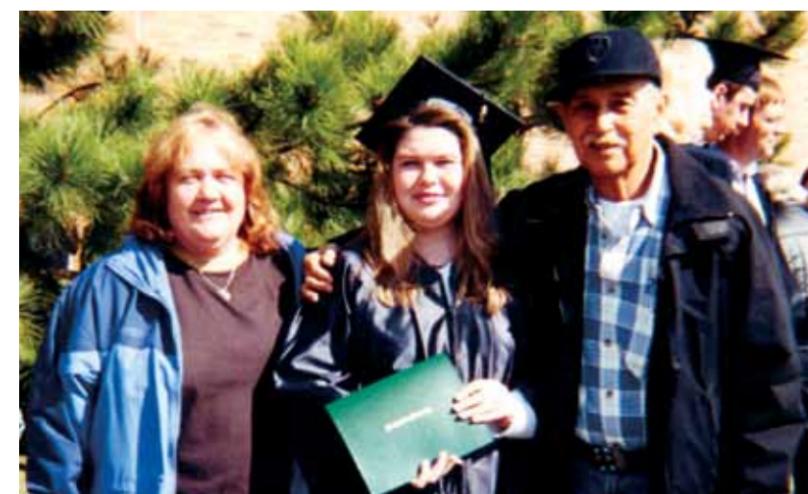
Whatever Jones does, she sees herself as part of something bigger than herself, and her supporters embrace that.

"You can tell from the enthusiasm of the crowd; it's such a joy," said Leech Lake tribal member Roger Aitken, who is retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. "A lot of people have waited for many years for the opportunity to change our direction and create an atmosphere where we can carry on business in a meaningful and respectful manner."

Inspired by her own childhood, Jones said she wants to pursue policies and practices that help more children have a good life on the reservation and beyond.

"I'm passionate about what happens with our kids and with our elders," she said, noting that too many members of the Leech Lake Band live in poverty. "I want to do what's right by them ... try to restructure our budget to put more money into education and look at ways to provide for economic development."

Cindy Serratore is a Bemidji-based freelance writer.



Carri Jones with her parents, Diane and Sidney, following her graduation from Bemidji State University in May 2003.

BSU Students TO WATCH

By Cindy Serratore

AARON CARTER enjoys the science of nursing – the pathology and pharmacology – but what really motivates him is the potential nurses have to give patients comfort.

Now in his fourth year of nursing at Bemidji State University, with plans to graduate in 2013, Carter has worked extensively in the intensive care unit and emergency room settings.

“When people come in, there’s really an opportunity to reach out,” he said. “You’re on the front line, really doing patient care. It’s not just the pathology that matters.”

Carter, a 2007 graduate of Bemidji High School, grew up playing hockey and became a personal trainer at a local club.

He eventually managed a health club in Kansas. His experience working with clients of all ages and abilities led to an interest in holistic and preventative care.

“I loved the health aspects of training,” Carter said.

On his own initiative, he spent last summer in Oaxaca, Mexico, where he was immersed in

the Spanish language and worked in triage for a medical clinic with a seven-bed hospital in one of the country’s poorest regions.

“We performed a lot of amputations as a result of complications from diabetes,” Carter said. “I was impressed with how much they were able to do with so little. It’s so humbling.”

While attending BSU, he works as phlebotomist at Sanford Health in addition to completing BSU nursing rotations in everything from surgery to mental health.

“BSU leads the way for opportunities,” Carter said, noting the diverse career paths available to BSU graduates.

Dr. Jeanine Gangeness, dean of the Bemidji School of Nursing, said Carter has outstanding potential in the field.

“His ability to evaluate information, develop team support and implement a plan is what it will take to improve health care delivery,” she said.

Carter especially enjoys the fast-paced hospital setting and working with underserved populations. He plans to continue his education to become a nurse practitioner, perhaps working with Indian Health Services. He draws correlations between the poverty he saw in Mexico and the poverty on northern Minnesota’s reservations. In impoverished communities, he said, “Preventative health care is one of the biggest shortcomings.”

While Carter is interested in public health and policy, he said his heart is with his patients and hands-on care: “I want to be working directly with people – providing care and comfort and building confidence in their future.”

ROXANNE GRAVES



ROXANNE GRAVES first enrolled at Bemidji State University in 1989 when one of her technical school instructors – impressed by her insatiable curiosity – told her, “Roxanne, you should be in college.” So Graves enrolled and remembers loving it.

“When I first got here, I wondered, ‘What is physics?’ So I took physics and tried to explain physics to my grandmother,” said Graves, whose grandmother raised her on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. “My major was physics; then I took Ojibwe language, but by the spring, I decided computer science.”

Some 23 years later, Graves is determined to finish what she started. She plans to graduate from Bemidji State in 2013 with a bachelor of science in management information systems, the first in her family to earn a four-year degree. She hopes others, especially her six children and five grandchildren, will be inspired to pursue higher education.

A 1980 graduate of Red Lake High School, Graves left the reservation in 1981 to pursue a medical laboratory technician diploma in Minneapolis. Three years and two children later, she completed the program and returned home. After the birth of her fourth child, she enrolled in a residential electrician and carpentry program and was encouraged to go to college.

“I didn’t have the confidence or self-esteem then to think I could make it here at BSU,” Graves said. “Like a lot of Red Lake youth, I was afraid.”

But once she got started, she found a whole world of possibilities. “I got on the dean’s list, not that I was trying to,” she said. “It was just a byproduct of me wanting to learn everything.”

A single mother, Graves has always worked, and often gone to school, too. In addition, she advocates for youth, most recently helping Red Lake students through the YouthBuild/AmeriCorps program.

“She was a strong advocate in that capacity and truly demonstrated her belief in the power of education to change lives,” said Dr. Leah Carpenter, assistant professor of accounting, who met Graves as an online student.

In May, Graves joined the Red Lake Forestry Development Center, where she finds “life balance” in gathering seeds and nurturing seedlings. She hopes her degree will allow her to assume more responsibilities there.

If she could, Graves said, she would mentor Red Lake youth who want to attend BSU. She believes many, with support, would thrive in the stimulating BSU environment.

“I love this school,” she said.

LAURA LEE grew up in Becker, where she played soccer and softball, taught swim lessons and followed the Minnesota Twins. Those passions ultimately shaped her choice of studies at Bemidji State University, where Lee has immersed herself in learning everything she can about how to help people embrace fitness and healthful living through sports.

After student teaching, she will graduate from BSU in 2013 with a double major in k-12 physical education and sports management, a coaching specialty and a minor in mass communication. She once aspired to work for the Twins, but knows now she wants to teach and coach.

“I was undecided when I got to BSU, but I knew I wanted to coach – I like kids and I like athletics – so I started with physical education and then added sports management,” said Lee, who has also considered becoming an athletic director.

She discovered she was good at teaching when she was 16. She had signed up for a life-guarding course, which turned out to be a course on teaching swim lessons, so she gave it a try. She’s been teaching ever since. This year, she also ventured into coaching as head coach of the Bemidji Middle School girls soccer team.

“Soccer is really my thing,” said Lee, who started playing as a 7-year-old and still plays intramural soccer. “I really like working with middle schoolers. I know that I will coach no matter what I do in life.”

She also is intrigued with ideas on how to curb national obesity trends, including

in-school fitness programs for faculty, staff and students. “That’s something that I would like to pursue,” she said. “I want to help kids and families be healthy.”

While at BSU, Lee has interned with Bemidji Community Education, led a club for physical education majors and completed a sports management practicum with the BSU Athletic Media Relations. She writes a blog for the men’s hockey program. This summer, she also adopted more healthful eating habits herself and completed her first triathlon.

“One of the things that really amazes me about Laura is the diversity of experiences she’s created for herself,” said Dr. Donna Palivec, chair of Human Performance, Sport and Health. “She takes charge of any opportunity that is afforded to her.”

No matter where Lee starts her career, she believes Bemidji State has prepared her well. “I’ve just had so many opportunities here,” she said. “I feel connected. I’ve had a really good experience. It’s been everything I hoped for.”

LAURA LEE



AARON CARTER



LEARNING while earning

NEILSON FOUNDATION INTERNS MAKE THEIR MARK

By Andy Bartlett

For some time, Sanford Health has been scouting Bemidji as a potential home for its third Sanford POWER athletic performance center.

When the health care giant ran a pilot project at Bemidji High School this past summer, an internship program sponsored by the George W. Neilson Foundation allowed Bemidji State students to play crucial roles in the experiment.

"Bemidji High School has run an off-season conditioning program in the past that meshed well with Sanford POWER principles," said Brad Neis, a physical therapy coordinator with Sanford Health in Bemidji. "With their program, our protocols and the extra staffing from the internship program, this was a great fit."

BSU interns Kendra Cobb, a senior exercise science major from Nashwauk, and Brian Leonhardt, a senior in business administration from Blaine, worked the summer camp with around 250 middle and high school athletes. They started as early as 7 a.m. on daily 90-minute training regimens covering all aspects of conditioning and training.

"We designed, implemented and operated an eight-week program, with sessions that lasted about an hour and a half a day," said Cobb, who said she gained much from the opportunity to interact with students and co-workers she hadn't met before. "It was an amazing experience."

Sanford was pleased, as well.

"Having a high school student up to work out at 7 a.m. is a feat to be bragged about on its own," Neis said. "But Kendra was



Kendra Cobb works with a Bemidji High School student on conditioning during her 2012 summer internship with Sanford Health.

great. She fit in really well and had a great attitude. She was a role model for the student athletes. There wasn't a day that she didn't have a smile on her face."

Sanford was just one of a dozen area businesses to hire interns through the summer program. Interns were available to businesses within 30 miles of Bemidji, with the Neilson Foundation paying half of each intern's hourly salary, up to \$2,500. Internships could pertain to any major or program offered by the university.

Bemidji State originally approached the foundation with a request to provide funding for 10 internships, but high employer demand led to 13 positions being created at 12 businesses. Now plans are being made to renew the program next summer, possibly with even more students.

Another Bemidji business that took advantage of the Neilson program in 2012 was Karvacko Engineering. With plans already in place to hire summer interns, the program was a natural fit for the Bemidji-based civil engineering specialists.

The company tapped computer science major Santipab Tipperach, a senior from Thailand, for its internship. Tipperach helped Karvacko with 3D rendering projects and landscape rendering to help

homeowners visualize what completed landscaping projects would look like.

More importantly, his work during the summer earned him another internship through this academic year.

"My boss liked my work and wanted me to continue working there in the fall so I can make more 3D models for them," Tipperach said. "They're hoping my work will help them develop a broader client base and have a better advertising campaign."

2012 Neilson internships

Employers that hired Neilson Foundation summer interns and their focus of work:

- Bemidji Chrysler Center** (service & repairs)
- Bemidji Woolen Mills** (marketing, website)
- Design Angler** (advertising, web design)
- EXB Solutions** (standards implementation)
- Karvacko Engineering** (3D modeling and visualization)
- Minntex Quick Lubes** (employee handbook revision)
- Murray** (marketing, GIS)
- Potlatch** (industrial technology)
- Sanford Health** (athletic training, business administration)
- Team Industries** (engineering)
- TJ Design** (computer support)
- Yellow Umbrella** (art, graphic design)

'Now it's time to DECIDE'



DR. MARTIN TADLOCK'S

first few months on the job as Bemidji State's provost and vice president for academic affairs have been a whirlwind as he begins his work to guide the university's academic future. In late August, he sat down to talk about what brought him back to BSU after six years away and what he envisions for the future of the university. The following are highlights from that conversation:

Q: You left Bemidji State in 2006 to pursue leadership roles at other state universities. What made you decide to come back?

A: My reasons for leaving were to gain experience at other levels. I never lost contact with people here, and I followed what was going on. It was always at the front of my mind that if the opportunity did come to return here, I would definitely try to make it happen. I love the quality of life here; I love the people; I love the location; I love the university.

Q: How did President Hanson's work over the past two years influence your decision to want to return to BSU?

A: The president took action that needed to be taken. The budget had to be balanced, and painful decisions had to be made. After those kinds of decisions are made, then you start thinking about where you are going to go and what direction the university is going to take so we don't go through that again. That's the opportunity in coming here now – for people to really be engaged and deciding where we're going as a university. We can't go back to the way we were, or we'll end up in the same out-of-balance mess we were before. Now it's time to decide where we're going to go as an institution. I found that to be a real opportunity, coming here to be involved with those decisions. That's exciting.

Q: How did your experience in Oklahoma at Northeastern State University influence your perspective as provost at BSU?

A: Northeastern State is a public, regional, masters-granting university just like Bemidji State. A lot of the initiatives we worked on there are applicable here – how to be financially sustainable; how to internationalize the campus and community; how to become academically distinctive. Those are three key areas that all regional universities have to be engaged in. And, I was interim president at Northeastern, which really gave me insight about what a president has to face. That's helpful in this role as provost.

Q: What do you see as some of the biggest challenges and opportunities in leading academic development here at BSU?

A: Deciding what our program array is going to be. No matter what we come up with, it's never going to be set in stone; that's not the world we live in anymore. You can design new programs now that in a few years you may be rethinking. We don't know what students will need 10 years from now to be successful.

Students need to come out of here being globally fluent. It doesn't mean they need to speak Chinese; but they will be comfortable going into a setting where they're the only person who looks like them and talks like them and acts like them. We're not there yet as a campus community.

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Now it's time to decide

Q: *With the reality of changing finances, do you see BSU continuing to re-examine its mix of academic offerings?*

A: Recalibration is not over. It's in process. Part of that examination is the creation of a new university strategic plan and a new academic program plan. We also have to rethink our budget model. Those have to occur over the next year. Right now, we need to plan, and we've got to be aggressive. I was here five years; I do not consider BSU to be very aggressive as an institution, and I think that needs to change.

Q: *What are some ways BSU can be creative as it seeks new ways to finance itself?*

A: One thing we have to grow is our endowment. We have to be more like a private university in that respect. We've also got to be more like a for-profit in terms of program revenue generation. We have to set up a budgeting model that allows academic programs to invest and grow so they can provide access for new students who would not have normally come here.

Q: *What do you think is the biggest opportunity for BSU to take advantage of this year?*

A: The planning process – deciding where we're going as an institution, deciding what our priorities are. We're not a big institution, but that doesn't mean we can't think big and we can't do big things. Tinkering around the edges doing small things over time led us to a budget situation that was unsustainable. Tinkering doesn't work any more.

How do we get people to start thinking bigger? How do we get people to start taking those big, bold steps? Rethinking our financial model, rethinking our array of programs, rethinking our student mix, rethinking our partnerships so we can become sustainable are all big steps that have to be taken. That's the message I'm trying to get out. That's what we were doing at Northeastern, and that's what we were doing at Oshkosh before that. And it was working.



Dr. Martin Tadlock

POSITION: Provost and vice president for academic affairs.

DUTIES: chief academic officer for BSU; develop academic master plan, including array of current programs and potential future programs; budget oversight for BSU's colleges.

BACKGROUND: Entered higher education in 1990 at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville as assistant professor and chair of Middle Level Education Team and director of the Center of Education for the Young Adolescent. Spent eight years at Utah State University from 1993-2001 as associate professor of elementary education and one year as interim associate dean of the College of Education. Moved to BSU in 2001 as dean of College of Professional Studies and School of Graduate Studies. In 2006, became dean of College of Professional Studies and graduate dean at California State University, Monterey Bay, then was assistant vice chancellor at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh from 2007-09. In 2010, became provost and vice president of academic affairs at Northeastern State University, where he also served as interim president from August to December 2011.

EDUCATION: bachelor's degree in English, Utah State University; master's degree in English secondary education, Utah State University; doctorate in educational administration and leadership, Miami University, Ohio.

PERSONAL: Dr. Tadlock and his wife, LaRae, have four adult children and seven grandchildren, with twin great-grandchildren on the way. Their youngest son, a daughter-in-law and a niece are BSU alumni.

BSU NEWS



Former BSU President M. James "Jim" Bensen and his wife, Nancy, acknowledge the congratulations of the audience on Sept. 28 after unveiling a framed certificate commemorating the renaming of the former Education-Arts Building in Bensen's honor.

Education-Arts Building renamed to honor Jim Bensen

Bemidji State University's Education-Arts Building has been renamed Bensen Hall in honor of its eighth president, Dr. M. James "Jim" Bensen.

Bensen accepted the honor from President Richard Hanson during a Sept. 28 ceremony in front of the building, which was built in 1950 and renovated in 1986. Bensen served from 1994-2001 and is the only BSU alumnus to serve as president.

During his tenure, BSU received national reaccreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and was integrated into the MnSCU system. The A.C. Clark Library was renovated and remodeled and funding for construction of the American Indian Resource Center was secured during his term as president, as well.

A proclamation presented during the ceremony hailed Bensen's leadership, concluding, "May we and those who follow us continue to strive toward the bright future that his contributions have illuminated."



Griggs named VP for innovation and extended learning

Bob Griggs has joined President Hanson's cabinet as the University's vice president for innovation

and extended learning. In this role, Griggs will guide efforts to seek out new and effective approaches to deliver coursework to students and expand summer programming and other initiatives to help BSU deliver innovative education. He will oversee the Center for Extended Learning, Optivation, information technology, summer programming and sponsored research.

Griggs has been with the University in a variety of administrative roles for 12 years, most recently as interim vice president for academic affairs. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and a juris doctorate, both from the University of North Dakota. He is a member of the state bar associations in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

International Program Center Seeks students in China

In October, representatives from BSU's International Program Center traveled to China to participate in a college recruitment fair in Beijing.

The recruitment fair visit is one of several initiatives BSU is planning to grow the international student population on campus. It is part of a renewed focus on the university's global and multicultural

understanding signature theme. More details about these initiatives will be forthcoming as plans are finalized in the months ahead.

360° receives \$3 million NSF grant

In June, the 360° Center of Excellence housed at BSU received a \$3 million advanced technological education grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will allow the center to create a regional center for technical education, with goals of enhancing educational pipelines for manufacturing-related careers, refining industry-driven educational curricula and assessing student learning. The grant award also meant a name change for the center, which will now be known as the 360° Manufacturing and Applied Engineering Advanced Technological Education Center of Excellence.

Rec Center elliptical machines being used to generate electricity

The Gillett Recreation-Fitness Center now has Renewable Energy Revolution devices on seven of its nine elliptical exercise machines, enabling them to draw energy from riders to generate electricity.

The project, completed in June, was devised by students in BSU's People for the Environment course. Those students requested and received funding from BSU's Green Fee to jump-start the project, which took nearly two years of planning. Each elliptical machine equipped with a ReRev device can generate about one kilowatt-hour of electricity every two days, which is enough to power a laptop for 24 hours.

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BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



Birch Hall

Roommates Lauren Meckle and Betsy Pribyl enjoy their newly renovated and refurbished quarters in Birch Hall.

Renovated Birch Hall opens for students

After a \$6 million, 16-month renovation project, Birch Hall was reopened to house students in August. Ground was broken on the project in May 2010, immediately after school ended and students had moved out, and construction wrapped up this summer.

This renovation, and the Linden Hall renovation completed in 2008, were part of a master plan for BSU's residence facilities. It's the first in a series of changes coming to the BSU campus, as the University has received funding to demolish Maple Hall and has planning funds from the Legislature for a renovation of Memorial Hall. The work will move the business and accounting departments from outdated quarters in Decker Hall, providing "smart" classrooms, learning laboratories and other assets in keeping with modern needs and standards.

Optivation receives Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grants

Bemidji State's Optivation venture has received a pair of grants from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership totaling nearly \$70,000. The grants will help Optivation provide project management for a performance improvement project in Park Rapids and provide Building Operator Certification to staff members at three Seven Clans Casinos facilities.

Optivation will provide project management for a community quality improvement pilot project in Park Rapids, with the goal of

offering the program to other organizations or communities in the future. The building certification will help Seven Clans Casinos operators increase the efficiency of HVAC, electrical and water systems in buildings they manage.

More high marks from magazine ratings

Bemidji State again is highly ranked among colleges and universities in *U.S. News'* "America's Best Colleges 2013" report. BSU ranked 33rd among public master's-granting institutions in the publication's Midwest region, which includes North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The University was ranked among the top 100 of all colleges and universities in the region, both public and private, for the fifth consecutive year. BSU also made *G.I. Jobs* magazine's list of military-friendly schools for the fourth consecutive year. That publication honors the top 15 percent of colleges and universities in the nation doing the most to support America's military veterans as college students.

Seven faculty earn emeriti status

Seven faculty members with a combined 201 years of service to BSU were named professors or directors emeriti during the University's 93rd commencement exercise in May. Faculty who retire from the university with at least 15 years of service are eligible for emeritus status.

The 2012 emeriti were: Dr. Muriel Gilman, professor emerita of human performance, sport and health, 37 years at BSU; Dale Ladig, director emeritus of the Department of Residential and Student Life, 35 years; Dr. Russell Bennett, professor emeritus of psychology, 34 years; Satish Davgun, professor emeritus of geography, 26 years; Dr. Hal Gritzmacher, professor emeritus of professional education, 25 years; Louise Mengelkoch, professor emerita of mass communication, 23 years; and Sharon Gritzmacher, professor emerita of TRIO/Student Support Services, 20 years.

Campus weathers thunderstorm

In July, the Bemidji area was slammed by severe thunderstorms. The worst was a July 2 storm of historic proportions during which winds of 70 to 80 mph downed thousands of trees, including several large ones on the BSU campus.

Birchmont Drive was blocked by trees that fell in front of Birch Hall, and about half the trees in Diamond Point Park were lost. BSU lost a pontoon boat that was moored at the Outdoor Program Center Boathouse at Diamond Point, athletic fences were knocked over, and a tree fell against the west wall of Deputy Hall, but the campus suffered no severe damage.

High winds during a storm on July 2 downed trees on the BSU campus.



Mahmoud Al-Odeh, assistant professor of technology, art and design, presented three research papers at a conference in Orlando. His presentations covered data management to help predict product life cycles, economic analysis of a tracking system at Indiana State University, and an examination of the current supply chain management and technology structure at Al-Hassan Industrial Estate in Jordan.

Dr. Dragoljub Bilanovic, professor of environmental, earth and space studies, presented the results of a research project on microalgae at a conference in Italy. This is a cooperative project between Bilanovic, **Dr. Tim Kroeger**, professor of environmental, earth and space studies, Dr. Mark Holland of Salisbury University and Dr. Robert Armon of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. It is funded in part through the Minnesota Space Grant.

Anne Conaway, assistant professor of technological studies, co-authored "Scholastic Journalism Teacher Use of Digital Devices and Social Networking Tools," with Dr. Bruce Plopper from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The paper received the Lawrence Campbell Research Award for top faculty paper in the Scholastic Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's annual meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Mike Morgan, professor of English, had an article on wikis accepted at writingcommons.org and also participated in MOOC MOOC, a week-long constructivist massive open online course.

Dr. Mark Fulton, professor of biology, attended the 97th meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Portland, Ore. With BSU graduate student Trista Little, he presented a poster titled "Physiological and Environmental Differences Between the Top and Bottom of a Pinus Strobus Canopy During Cold Hardening." He also presented a single-author poster titled "Predictability of Fine-scale Dynamics in a Mixed Forest Stand: The Effect of Abundance Measures."

Lawrence Hanus, assistant professor of counseling services, was one of five participants on a panel presentation entitled, "Creating Respectful and Inclusive Wellness Community: A Workshop Addressing Physical and Mental Health of LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults." The panel was moderated by **Dr. Angela Fournier**, associate professor of psychology.

Natalia Himmirska, associate professor of visual arts, participated in a pair of juried international art competitions and had work in a group show in Russia. She was invited to participate in the print competition International Gravurag Print IMPRIMA 2012 in Brazil; she had two prints accepted for the Second July International Print Exhibition in Fushin, China; and her work was displayed in a group show in Moscow.

Dr. Tim Kroeger, professor of geology in the Center for Environmental, Earth and Space Studies, presented a research poster entitled "Baseflow contribution to seasonal hypoxia, Clearwater River, Clearwater County, Minnesota" at the 57th Midwest Regional Groundwater Conference in Minneapolis. The poster was co-authored by **Dr. Dragoljub Bilanovic**, professor of environmental, earth and space studies, and Ruth Winsor, a BSU graduate in environmental studies who used this project as her undergraduate thesis. They focused on the group's 2008 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency-funded effort to determine the cause of seasonal dissolved oxygen impairment of the headwaters reach of the Clearwater River near Bagley.

Dr. Mark Lawrence, professor of geography, spent the 2011-12 academic year on sabbatical. He spent the fall studying the environmental history of eight villages in Kenya, then gave a presentation on service learning at a conference in Romania. For the first half of 2012, Lawrence was a visiting professor at the University of Applied Sciences in Erfurt, Germany, and gave presentations in Austria, Germany, Croatia and Spain.

Dr. Colleen Livingston, professor of mathematics and computer science, participated in a conference on game theory at Winona State University sponsored by a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence housed at Rutgers University.

Dr. Janet Moen, adjunct instructor in sociology, presented "Civil Relations in Contemporary Society: Perceptions and Reality" at the Sociologists of Minnesota meeting. Dr. Debra Peterson, professor of sociology, also presented at the meeting; her presentation was entitled "The Process of Understanding Campus Climate."

William "Bill" Scheela, professor of business administration, has made presentations about economic policy, investing and venture capital at conferences in the United Kingdom, Malaysia and in Boston.

Anton "Tony" Treuer, professor of languages and ethnic studies, in June won an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History for his book, "The Assassination of Hole in the Day." The book explores the 1868 murder of the Ojibwe chief, Hole in the Day the Younger, which made national news and inspired a variety of theories and potential conspiracies that survive to this day. It was named Minnesota's Best Read by the Library of Congress in 2010.

Dr. Marty Wolf, professor of mathematics and computer science, was one of three authors of presentations on machine ethics and morality given at a conference in the United Kingdom. He also wrote a chapter in the book "Luciano Floridi's Philosophy of Technology: Critical Reflections" and had an article on the processing of instructional information published in "Philosophy and Technology."



Fodness named BSU tennis coach

Bemidji High School tennis coach Mark Fodness has joined BSU Athletics as head coach of the Bemidji State women's tennis team.

A long-time resident of Bemidji and 1982 graduate of BSU, Fodness makes the transition to the collegiate coaching ranks after serving as head coach of the Bemidji High girls' and boys' teams from 1986-93 and again during the past two seasons.

He has directed the Lumberjacks to a 194-98 overall record and led the BHS girls to their first state tournament appearance in 1989. Fodness will continue to teach at Bemidji Middle School and maintain his coaching duties at Bemidji High.

Bemidji State athletics rolls out text message update system

In a continuing effort to enhance the fan experience, Bemidji State athletics has begun a partnership with Textcaster, a text-messaging communication service, for the 2012-13 academic year.

The Textcaster technology allows fans to track the Beavers wherever they are by registering to receive text message updates, scores and links to BSUBeavers.com stories featuring their favorite BSU athletic programs.

TXTUpdates from BSUBeavers.com is free, and fans can opt in or opt out at any time. Signup for TXTUpdates is available on BSUBeavers.com.



Hougen earns national recognition for academic excellence

Bemidji State cross country/track and field senior Alison Hougen (Bemidji) was named to the Capitol One NCAA Division II Academic All-America®

Track and Field/Cross Country Third Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) this past spring.

Hougen, a 12-time letter winner and nine-time Academic All-NSIC selection participating in cross country as well as indoor and outdoor track and field, she earned the 2012 NSIC/Myles Brand Academic with Distinction Award and was a member of three USTFCCCA All-Academic Cross Country Teams during her career at BSU. She participated in a variety of mid-distance and distance running events on the track and was a staple among BSU's top five cross country participants.

Hougen was the third BSU student-athlete to earn academic All-America laurels in 2011-12

and became the 18th student-athlete to earn an Academic All-America in Bemidji State athletics history.

A senior majoring in mathematics education, she carried a 4.0 GPA into her final semester at Bemidji State and graduated May 4.



Tesch inks extension to remain with BSU football through 2017

Bemidji State and its head football coach Jeff Tesch have agreed to a six-year contract extension, keeping BSU's all-time leader in coaching victories and winning percentage at the helm of the Beaver football program through 2017.

Tesch's teams have posted seven or more wins in 11 of the past 13 seasons and account for 13 of the school's 33 winning campaigns. His 2006 squad matched a school record nine wins while posting a perfect 8-0 mark in league play to earn the team's first outright regular-season conference title in more than 40 years.

To cap that momentous season, Tesch led the Beavers to the first post-season appearance in school history as the team received a bid to participate in the Mineral Water Bowl.



Braun becomes BSU's first NCBWA Division II Baseball All-America selection

Bemidji State sophomore catcher Zach Braun (Lakeville) earned a pair of All-America awards following an outstanding 2012 season. The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) honored him as a 2012 NCBWA Division II All-America Second Team member, and Braun was named to the 2012 Daktronics NCAA Division II Baseball All-America Second Team.

An All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference First Team catcher, Braun took the Beavers' batting title in only his second season in the green and white. His .391 batting average placed him fifth in the NSIC. His .578 slugging percentage tied with junior Logan Kalis (Little Falls) for the team lead and ranked 13th in the league, while his .477 on-base percentage was fifth in the conference. In 128 at-bats he recorded 50 hits, 32 RBIs, 28 runs scored, nine doubles, five home runs and 74 total bases.

In 24 starts, Braun recorded 143 putouts behind the dish, with six assists and six errors for a .961 fielding percentage. He caught four runners stealing.

FALL SPORTS UPDATES

FOOTBALL posted a 35-2 win over Minnesota, Crookston on Homecoming, giving the Beavers 12 Homecoming wins in 17 seasons under head coach Jeff Tesch ... **SOCCER** has been ranked in the Top 10 in the NCAA's Central Region rankings for most of the season after a 9-4-1 start ... **VOLLEYBALL** defeated Minot State in its first NSIC match of the season, marking the second time in three years under head coach Wayne Chadwick the Beavers opened league play with a win ... Tina Larson, a senior from Morris, has been BSU's top finisher in each of **CROSS COUNTRY**'s first five official meets this fall, including a first-place finish at BSU's Greenwood Run in September ... **MEN'S GOLF** sits in seventh place, but only four shots out of fourth, after the fall portion of the NSIC Championships. John Hafdal, a sophomore from Prior Lake, leads BSU and is tied for 14th ... **WOMEN'S GOLF** is ninth after the fall portion of its NSIC Championship. Rachel Wold, a junior from Crookston, is the leading BSU individual, in a four-way tie for 16th place.

SPRING SPORTS RECAPS

BASEBALL had one of its best seasons in years, finishing with a 23-27 record. The 23 wins marked the third-highest single-season total in school history... Zach Braun, a catcher from Lakeville, and Logan Kalis, a utility player from Little Falls, earned First-Team All-NSIC and First-Team All-Central Region honors, and Braun was a Daktronics Second-Team All-America selection ... **SOFTBALL** finished with a 10-37 record under first-year head coach Rick Supinski, a five-game improvement over 2011 ... **WOMEN'S TENNIS** finished with an overall record of 3-14, with all three victories coming in NSIC play ... **OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD** set a school record in the 4x100m relay at the 2012 NSIC Outdoor Championships with a time of 48.75 seconds, and BSU's 4x400m relay team set a season-best time to finish eighth... Taylor Sautbine, a junior from Tamarack, had a hand in 10 of the 11 points BSU scored at the championships, including a seventh-place finish in the 100m dash that narrowly missed her own school record at 12.38 seconds... **MEN'S GOLF** finished 13th at the NCAA Super Regional in Litchfield Park, Ariz., the program's best finish at a regional since the NCAA moved to a 20-team format in 2008... Hutchinson native Danny Menton tied for 12th among individuals to lead the Beavers ... **WOMEN'S GOLF** finished 10th out of 13 at the 2012 NSIC Spring Championships, led by freshman Rachel Kristofferson from Park Rapids, who tied with two others for 31st overall amongst individuals.

New era in BASKETBALL

Boschee to build on team's success

By Brad Folkestad

When the Bemidji State University men's basketball team takes the floor in November to defend its 2011-12 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) championship, a new floor general will be pacing the Beavers' sidelines.

Mike Boschee, the program's 16th head coach, replaces Matt Bowen, who left to take the head coaching job at University of Minnesota Duluth.

A 22-year coaching veteran, Boschee comes to BSU after nine years at NCAA Division III Central College in Pella, Iowa. After inheriting a program that failed to reach .500 in eight previous seasons, the Valley City, N.D., native achieved winning records in four of five seasons and attained the No. 3 spot on the program's all-time wins list.

Boschee seemed to have Central running on all cylinders, but the opportunity to move closer to family and take over a program with the fingerprints of one of his mentors was too good to pass up, he said.

A four-year letter winner at University of North Dakota, Boschee played for Bemidji State great and Athletic Hall of Fame member Rich Glas. He consulted with Glas before finalizing his decision to take the reins at Bemidji State.

"I knew of Bemidji State from Rick Glas, and I knew he had some history here. That excited me quite a bit," Boschee said. "The more I found out about BSU, I just felt like it was the perfect fit for us at this time. We are excited and thankful to be here."

He and his family are beginning to settle into their new surroundings, and the change of scenery and new challenges have invigorated him.

"I think an easy way to describe how things are going right now is that I am excited to come to work every day," Boschee said.

He was able to get a feel for his team through individual fall workouts — an opportunity not allowed at the Division III level. The Beavers are returning nine players from a 2011-12 squad that experienced tremendous success.

While noting the loss of a couple of key components to the team's championship run, namely NCAA Division II player of the year James Ellisor, Boschee is upbeat about this year's squad.

"I like the group we have coming back," he said. "They filled their roles very well last year but may have to take on new roles and create more scoring opportunities for themselves."

One of the players who likely will be called upon to carry a larger scoring load is senior guard and 2011-12 NSIC Newcomer of the Year Dermaine Crockrell. The Mesa, Ariz., native last season posted four 20-point performances, which included a season-high 27, and finished the conference season second on the team and 23rd in the NSIC in scoring with 12.7 points per game. He added 4.4 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.1 steals in 31.9 minutes per game, while shooting 52.1 percent from the field and ranking as one of the top 10 three point shooters in the league (44.0 %).

"We also have a few newcomers that we can inject into our program to bolster our lineup to give us more flexibility and a little bit more scoring," Boschee said. "When you combine those two things, I expect good things.

"I never go into a year expecting to be .500. I expect these guys to play like champions. We have a long way to go, but that is what we are expecting to do."



EXPERIENCE: 2003-12, head men's basketball coach at Central College in Pella, Iowa, where the team won the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in 2009-10, and he was named coach of the year in the IIAA, Iowa Basketball Coaches Association and D3hoops.com West Region. Previously served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter from 1993-2003.

EDUCATION: Master of Arts in Teaching at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., and a bachelor's degree in recreation management from the University of North Dakota in 1991. He was an all-conference and all-region player for both Rich Glas and former BSU head coach Dave Gunther, and he captained a squad that earned conference and regional championships en route to a third-place finish at the NCAA Division II National Tournament in 1990.

PERSONAL: Boschee and his wife, Amy, have three sons and a daughter.

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES *Anderson finds destiny in decisions*



Tom Anderson is pictured in his Baxter office with examples of Minnesota Thermal Science products and a U. S. Army award.

By Scott Faust

Tom Anderson identifies two crucial experiences that steered him toward his current success as CEO of Minnesota Thermal Science in Baxter, a global leader in vacuum-insulated packaging that saves lives.

The first was a summer accounting internship, and the second was participation in a highly selective study abroad program while attending Bemidji State University.

The internship, which he hustled up in his hometown of Brainerd just to make certain he really wanted to be an accountant, forged a link that would later prove vital.

"I said I'd work for free: 'You don't even have to pay me. I just want the experience,'" Anderson recalled.

During his year at England's Manchester College, part of Oxford University, Anderson studied mathematics and sociology and was a novice member of the school's boxing team. He's convinced that opportunity – gained through BSU – helped distinguish his resume.

"If somebody has 100 applications, they're only going to talk to 10 people, so which 10 are you going to pick?" he said.

A 1968 graduate of Washington High School in Brainerd, where he lettered in four sports, Anderson headed to Bemidji State as the first in his family to attend college. He'd set his sights on accounting back in junior high when a career interest survey suggested it would suit him.

"I read about it, and I was like, 'OK, I am going to be an accountant,'" Anderson said. "I put my mind that that was what I was going to be doing."

But after his first year at BSU, living in Maple Hall, he said, "I wanted to know what accountants really do."

So he scouted four accounting firms around Brainerd and was hired by Darrell Johns, then a sole practitioner. Johns made room for his new assistant by moving a chair into a supply closet.

After his year abroad, Anderson completed an associate degree from BSU in 1970 and went on to earn a bachelor's in accounting from the University of Minnesota.

Years later, he was working for Midwest Vision Center in St. Cloud when Johns encouraged him to apply for the controller's job at Universal Pensions in Brainerd, where Johns served on the board of directors.

Anderson wasn't looking, but Beth, his wife of 39 years, convinced him to apply. The rest is history.

The majority owner of Universal Pensions was a man named Arnie Johnson, who now is majority owner of Minnesota Thermal Science, where Anderson leads a team of 35 full- and part-time employees. The company began as a startup. This year, it will have worldwide revenue of \$12 million, plus a near-term annual growth forecast of 40 percent.

Anderson said that when he first started as CEO, he felt like a one-man accounting and information technology department. The main players were still working out of their homes and garages. They huddled once a week at a Minneapolis motel to map strategy.

"It's just amazing the amount of effort and risk that really are involved in getting companies like this up and running," Anderson said. "It always takes more time and money than you ever think."

Minnesota Thermal Science's products are essentially cardboard boxes of varying sizes that contain vacuum-insulated panels filled with specialized refrigerants that can maintain the temperature of their contents anywhere from hot to freezing cold. Called Credo Cubes, they are primarily used to transport pharmaceuticals and blood products, as well as organs and tissue.

A contract with the U.S. Army got Minnesota Thermal Science started during the first Gulf War with Iraq, and the company received the Army's Greatest Inventions award for 2003-04. Military needs still account for 15 percent of its business, primarily because maintaining the temperature of blood is vital to saving lives on the battlefield.

Anderson told a story of how at an industry conference, an Army medic made a point of visiting Minnesota Thermal's booth.

"He came over to say, 'We use that product, and it saves lives,'" Anderson recalled. "Damn, that felt good."

In addition to his professional success, Anderson has been active in volunteer board service and leadership around the Brainerd Lakes area. He enjoys action-packed visits with his three young granddaughters, as well as hobbies of golf, boating and running.

His son, Joshua, is a chemical engineer with General Mills, with whom he interned in college. His daughter, Kirsten, works in marketing for Target Corp., where she interned as well.

Anderson firmly believes that life's opportunities don't happen by accident, and he counts his decision to attend Bemidji State among his smart choices.

"It's amazing," he said. "I try to tell my kids: 'You make connections like that, and you never know where it's going to come back and touch you again.'"

OUTSTANDING

2012 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



JAMES "JIM" KARNER

Dr. James "Jim" Karner '94

Likely the first Beaver to blog from Antarctica, Dr. James "Jim" Karner developed an interest in planetary geology while studying at BSU. After graduating as the Student of the Year in 1994, he went on to study planetary mineralogy at the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. He earned his master's in 1997 and his doctorate in 2003. Now a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, he has authored numerous scientific papers and is a member of the Antarctic Search for Meteorites team. Each year, the team leaves in November, stages training in South America and embarks by plane to the frozen ice sheets of Antarctica where they spend 45 days (weather permitting) searching for meteorites. The samples they collect are curated for research and public education around the world.

Karner also was a member of Bemidji State's 1994 men's ice hockey team, which won the NCAA Division II national championship. Honored as a Second-Team All-American and an Academic All-American in 1994, the Grand Forks, N.D. native continues to share his love of hockey as a volunteer coach at CWRU and as a recreational player. Ever competitive, Karner also has won several national age group championships in handball and recently completed his first half-marathon.

Karner, who lives in University Heights, Ohio, married his wife Kristin in 2012.



PAMELA (FLADELAND) RODRIGUEZ

Pamela (Fladeland) Rodriguez '76

Pamela (Fladeland) Rodriguez graduated from BSU in 1978 with a social work degree and began work in juvenile justice at the Hennepin County Home outside of Minneapolis. Two years later, she began graduate work at the University of Chicago to pursue a master's degree in social service administration. Between the first two years of her postgraduate studies, Rodriguez worked temporarily at TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) a state agency that provides alternatives to incarceration and diverts substance-abusing offenders from the court system into community-based substance abuse treatment. Rodriguez earned her master's degree in 1982 and returned to TASC. She became the organization's president in 2009 and oversees organizational development, operations and public policy.

In 2007, Rodriguez was named one of nine juvenile justice experts in the nation to serve on the Federal Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She also lobbied the Illinois Legislature to address disproportionality in race punishment systems, which resulted in law requiring the Sentencing Policy Advisory Committee to consider the racial impact along with fiscal and other factors when establishing sentencing requirements. The legislation received unanimous approval.

Rodriguez lives in Elk Grove Village, Ill. She has two grown sons, Michael and Joseph.



JOHN "TERRY" BERGUM

John "Terry" Bergum '72

When a family friend invited John "Terry" Bergum to visit the Bemidji State University campus, he never imagined he would also be enrolling in classes and finding a place to live for the coming year that day. Initially, he thought he would complete his first two years at BSU and finish his engineering degree at the University of Minnesota. But, he decided he liked where he was and chose to complete his studies through the Industrial Technology program.

After graduating in 1972, Bergum moved to Minneapolis and worked for National Polymer and Toro Company until spring of 1973. He then moved back to Bemidji to pursue a teaching degree. However, during student teaching, he realized education was not a good fit. Instead, he worked at General Diesel and Electronics in Hibbing for the next 17 years. In 1992, he worked as a sales engineer for Minnesota Milltech and move to Minnesota Twist Drill in 1994. Bergum and several business partners purchased the company in 2003.

Currently vice president of sales and marketing/owner of Minnesota Twist Drill, Bergum has been recognized for his business contributions to the northeast Minnesota economy. In 2008, the Northeast Minnesota Business Development center presented him with the Joel Labovitz Award for Emerging Entrepreneurs.

Terry and Gail, his wife of 33 years, live in Hibbing. They have two grown children, Christopher and Emilee, and two grandchildren, with one on the way.



XIHAO HU

2012 YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD Xihao Hu '97

Xihao Hu came to Bemidji State University from his home in Shanghai, China, to study accounting. What he found, in addition to strong accounting skills, is a place he calls his second home. Hu graduated summa cum laude in 1997, and his accounting acumen earned him the top score on the Certified Public Accountant exam in Minnesota. He graduated summa cum laude in 1997. Hu began working at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Minneapolis in audit and enterprise risk services in 1997. He moved to the Chicago office in 2000, quickly working his way up to become a partner/senior manager in the financial accounting and reporting services department by 2005. During his time at Deloitte & Touche, Hu managed a large staff, authored several publications and spoke at international and domestic industry events. In 2010, Hu was named senior vice president and chief accountant for the Toronto-Dominion Bank - the position he holds today.

In addition, in his role as the vice chair of the Chief Accountants' Committee with the Canadian Bankers Association, he helps determine standards with the International Accounting Standards Board, the BASEL Accounting Task Force and the International Banking Federation. A certified public accountant in Minnesota and Virginia, Hu is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He lives in Toronto.



ELAINE J. HAZARD

2012 ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD Elaine J. Hazard '70, '73 MA English

The late Elaine J. Hazard earned her first bachelor's degree from Cornell University/New York Hospital School of Nursing in 1953. From 1953 to 1955, she worked as a pediatrics RN at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Hazard family moved to Bemidji in 1958, where she worked at North Country Hospital for 17 years. Hazard attended BSU, where she graduated summa cum laude in 1970 with a bachelor of arts double major in biology and English. She went on to earn a master's in English in 1973. She and her husband, Evan, generously supported the University, where he was a professor of biology. They created the Elaine Hazard Scholarship in English, the Hazard Scholarship in Biology and the Rhonda Severson Levinsky Scholarship in Biology.

Her service to Bemidji took many different forms. She was president of the American Association of University Women, served on the advisory board for Planned Parenthood, taught Sunday school at Bemidji United Methodist Church (UMC) and became a Certified UMC Lay Speaker. In addition, she was active in Bemidji United Methodist Women and was the church's parish nurse. She was also passionate about theater and served as president of Bemidji Community Theatre.

Hazard died in December 2010. She is survived by Evan, their grown children Brian Hazard, Stuart Hazard and Kathryn Larsen and three grandchildren.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR

2013

The Alumni Association and the B-Club are seeking nominations for Outstanding Alumni and the Athletic Hall of Fame, respectively. Most nominations for these awards come from other alumni and friends of candidates. Nomination forms are available at bsualumni.org (click on Alumni, then Awards). Thank you to all who take the time to submit a nominee for consideration.

ALUMNI HONORS

These awards are presented annually at the Honor's Gala during Homecoming. Current faculty, staff and members of the board of directors of the Bemidji State University Alumni Association are not eligible to be considered for these awards. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 1.

Outstanding Alumni Award

The Outstanding Alumni Award is the highest honor presented by the BSU Alumni Association. Recipients of the award bring much recognition to their alma mater through distinguished professional achievements. All nominees must have graduated no fewer than 10 years ago from Bemidji State University.

Alumni Service Award

Initiated in 2011, the Alumni Service Award is given to a Bemidji State graduate who has made significant volunteer and service contributions to his or her community, state or nation.

Young Alumni Award

Initiated in 2011, the Young Alumni Award recognizes Bemidji State graduates 40 years of age or younger who have had outstanding achievement in career, public service and/or volunteer activities.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The BSU Athletic Hall of Fame has three award categories. To be eligible for consideration for the first two alumni awards, former athletes must have earned an athletic letter at BSU, have attended BSU for at least two years, and not have graduated from another university. Nominations are due by March 1.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The BSU Athletic Hall of Fame has four award categories. To be eligible for the first two awards, former athletes must have attended BSU for at least two years and not have graduated from another university. Nominations are due by March 1.

John S. Glas Honorary Letter Winner Award

The John S. Glas Honorary Letter Winner Award recognizes an individual or individuals who were not student-athletes at BSU but have had a major impact on BSU Athletics.

BSU Alumni Coaching Achievement Award

This award recognizes former BSU athletes whose major accomplishments were in the field of coaching after leaving BSU.

BSU Coaches Hall of Fame

BSU has a long tradition of exemplary coaches and this award recognizes those individuals whose significant accomplishments were achieved while coaching at Bemidji State University.



The BSU Honors Gala, held for a second year on Sept. 28, includes presentation of Outstanding Alumni awards. Here, Young Alumni Award recipient Xihao Hu accepts his award from President Richard Hanson. They are joined by Mike Spry, president of the Alumni Association board, and Molly Aitken-Julin, Alumni Association director.

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Note: Towns are located in Minnesota unless otherwise noted. Alumni names appear in bold.

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HESSE'S DEBUT HITS COUNTRY SCENE

Angela Hesse ('11) is busy touring radio stations to promote her debut album "Bittersweet" and her first single release on the country charts, "Hot Summertime." It is the pursuit of a dream.

Raised on a farm near Comfry, Hesse carried a love of music to BSU, where she sharpened her performing skills. After graduating, she started composing and wrote all but two of the songs on "Bittersweet." Her dream naturally led to Nashville.

Hesse is also pursuing a cause, the fight against cancer. Both her mother and grandmother are cancer survivors, and she plans on making regular appearances at Relay for Life events to sing "He Smiles." The song was inspired by a Facebook post from a young woman with terminal cancer who still had the spirit to smile on her wedding day.

"Despite everything going on in her life, she still smiled," Hesse said. "I saw this and instantly went to the piano and wrote this song."

A music video for "Hot Summertime" and iTunes information for "Bittersweet" are available on the website angelahesse.com.

'12 **Alyssa Thorson** of Bagley has joined the laboratory staff at Essentia Health in Fosston after passing the American Society for Clinical Pathology exam ... **Montana Vichorek** has been named one of three recipients of a 2012-13 Western Collegiate Hockey Association post-graduate scholarship. From Moose Lake, Vichorek captained the BSU women's team this past year and finished third in league scoring among defensive players. She plans to pursue a doctorate in pharmacy ... **Alexis Wall** is teaching seventh- and eighth-grade math in the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School District ... **Nicole Olson** is coaching the Fridley High School volleyball team this fall. Originally from Baudette, she lettered four years as a member of the Beaver volleyball team ... **Shea Walters** signed a professional contract with the South Carolina Stingrays, a member of the East Coast Hockey League located in Charleston, S.C. Walters, originally from Hibbing, will play defense for the team that is affiliated with the NHL Washington Capitals.

'11 **Jon Billing** had the exhibit "Taker Culture" featured in the Minnesota Gallery at the MacRostie Art Center in Grand Rapids last spring. Billing's sculptures showcased the sense of loss seen in Minnesota lakes and woodlands caused by civilization's intrusion into wild places. He lives in Park Rapids ... **Tena Spletstoeszer** leads a Head Start Program for the Tlingit and Haida tribes in the island community of Petersburg, Alaska. Each year the program serves 16 to 20 children ages 3 to 5 ... **Casey Dainsberg** of Laporte has been promoted to loan technician at Bank Forward in Walker ... **Charles Wulff** is the newest police officer serving the community of Babbitt, where he now lives.

'10 **Chee Jien Too** was a featured speaker during a CultureLink program at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where she discussed the differences between life in the United States and her native Malaysia. Too is enrolled in a graduate human resource program at St. Thomas ... **Army Spec. Ryan Lindberg** graduated from the multiple-launch rocket system crewmember advanced training course at Fort Sill in Lindburg, Okla. Originally from Princeton, Lawton is now trained in launch operations for weapons in quick strike combat ... **James Preiner** has been hired as a sales associate at the Clack and Dennis Coldwell Banker Real Estate Agency in Park Rapids, where he lives with **Hycinth Mosse** ('08), and their newborn son. Hycinth works in the White Earth mental health area ... **Ryan Grambart** started the company Coppersmith, which specializes in the installation of copper rain gutters. Although the business installs other forms of rain gutters, Coppersmith is creating a niche with this high-end product that is low maintenance, long lasting and attractive. He resides in Rogers ...

Josh Weckman is teaching elementary and adaptive physical education in Roseau schools. He also serves as assistant baseball coach and lives in Roseau.

'09 **Celin Manlove** accepted a position as an outpatient therapist with the Range Mental Health Center, which serves patients throughout northeast Minnesota. Manlove, an Ely native who earned a master of social work from the University of North Dakota, will be working in Hibbing ... **Brandon Hagerty** works as an aerospace engineer for the aeromechanics branch of NASA in California. As part of his job, he helped test a supersonic parachute, the largest ever made, as part of a mission to Mars. He is originally from Northfield ... **Amy Erickson** married Leonard Will last May. Erickson works as a graphic designer at DigKey in Thief River Falls, where the newlyweds make their home.

'08 **Dana Robinson** teaches math in Lake Park, where he lives. He's also a bass player and front man for the band Contention, which features musicians originally from Sauk Centre.

'07 **Garrett Roth** has been named assistant coach of the Bismarck, N.D., Bobcats of the North American Hockey League Central Division. A resident of Bismarck, Roth set career-points, goals and single-season scoring records when he played for the Bobcats a decade ago ... **Carly Melin**, a Minnesota State Representative, presented a program on leadership and the benefits



of taking the initiative during a meeting of the American Association of University Women in Hibbing, where she lives. A practicing lawyer and a member of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, Melin was elected to the state House in 2011 ... **Jason Edens** is the founding director of the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREA), a nonprofit based in Pine River that provides clean, energy-independent solutions to heating and cooling systems for low-income families. He started the company of volunteers in 2000 while teaching full-time, and RREA now employs seven staff members. Edens lives in Backus ... **Patrick Schuett** of Bismarck, N.D., received training last spring for recent developments in vapor intrusion and groundwater clean-up methods at the North American Environmental Field Conference. Schuett works for Western Plains Consulting, which serves private and government clients across the Upper Midwest on their

environmental and natural resource concerns ... **Tessa Haagensohn** of Leeds, N.D., was named the 2012 Outstanding Senior by the Grand Forks Branch of the American Association of University Women. After graduating from Bemidji State, Haagensohn continued her education at the University of North Dakota, where she completed an engineering degree ... **Todd Geiger** is a real estate agent for Grimes Realty of Bemidji, where he lives.

'06 **Chris Canter** works as a lead broker sales representative at BenefitMall, Colorado's largest general insurance agency. Canter lives in Highlands Ranch, Colo., with his wife, Kim, and twin sons.

'05 **Krista Hager** has been hired as a high school English teacher in Crookston ... **Jason Groth** is the new morning show co-host on KOZY/KMFY Radio in Grand Rapids. From Cloquet, he will also serve as sports director for the stations ... **Tony Altobelli** has opened a Prudential office in Virginia. Altobelli will serve clients in cities across the Iron Range from his home in Virginia.

'04 **Nick Heisserer** was named director of admissions and advising at Central Lakes College, which has campuses in both Brainerd and Staples. Heisserer, who lives in Pillager, has been with Central Lakes since 2004 ... **Mitch Feierabend** was promoted to general manager of Hy-Tec Construction, a firm specializing in commercial, industrial and residential projects. Feierabend has worked since 1998 for Hy-Tec and now oversees all the day-to-day activities for the company. He lives in Brainerd with his wife, **Thea Kinney**, '05).



'03 **Ryan Welle** is an investment and commercial loan officer at First National Bank in Bemidji. Welle, who in June completed the Escape Alcatraz Triathlon, lives in Bemidji with his wife, Bryn ... **Connie Salgy** was appointed director of product innovation for Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, the state's largest integrated care organization. With regional offices in Honolulu, Kaiser Permanente serves 220,000 members from a 275-bed medical center, at 18 outpatient clinics, and through independent primary care providers. In her new position, Salgy will align product strategy with business priorities, investment targets and operational capabilities.

'02 **Michael Stenseng** works as a technician with Clearwater County Environmental Services and lives near Leonard with his wife, Heather ... **Brian Spielbauer** has been named athletic di-

rector at Presentation College in Aberdeen, S.D. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters.

'01 **Ryan Donovan** has joined Bremer Bank as a business insurance sales specialist in the Alexandria market. Donovan brings 10 years of insurance experience to his new job, where he will focus on serving business clients with their commercial insurance needs. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Alexandria ... **Valerie (Paskvan) Johnson** is the owner of Roger's Wireless, which has opened a new store in Bagley. Roger's Wireless has two locations in Bemidji and services customer needs in smart phones, wireless options and DirecTV. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, Jeffrey ... **Tina (Vaughn) Myers** moved this summer from Willmar to Hong Kong with her husband, Jerry, and three young children to teach second grade at the Christian Alliance International School. This is the family's second move to Hong Kong, where they lived from 2006 to 2008 ... **JoAnn Swiggum** received Sanford Health's Radiology Excellence Award for her work at Sanford Bemidji Imaging. The award from the Sanford Health Radiation Physics Department was presented to a Sanford employee who demonstrated the firm's values of passion, courage, family, resolve and advancement. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, Joshua Kelsey ... **Anthony Hommes** teaches industrial technology, works with Project Lead the Way, and is involved in the First Robotics Program at Bagley High School. He lives in Bemidji with his wife, Tiffany, and two children ... **Susan (Difflay) Haasken** and her husband, Nathan, of Eden Prairie have welcomed a second child to their family. Haasken is a stay-at-home mom.

'00 **Jeff Peura** is the new superintendent for Lake of the Woods School in Baudette. His wife, **Kathleen Sonsteng** ('76), has retired from a career in education. The couple raised five sons, who now range in age from 21 to 33 ...

'98 **Torrey Westrom** has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and received the Medal of Courage from the organization. At age 14, Westrom lost his eyesight but continued his athletic pursuits by joining his high school wrestling team. During his three years of competition, he was named the most valuable wrestler at the Lake Park Tournament. Westrom now serves as a state representative from Elbow Lake ... **Gurnee Bridgman** is president of the Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorder Center, which provides free speech and communication therapy to prepare needy children for their education. The center is located in Fargo, N.D., where Bridgman lives.



'97 **Mark Biberg** will be teaching social studies through Delta Cyber School in Alaska. The school is an online, fully accredited public school for any Alaskan student ages 5 through 19 not attending another public school. Biberg lives in Anchorage ... **Jill (Mitchell) Carlson** had her photographs displayed in the exhibit "Random Joy" at the Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm. A teacher, Carlson has been an avid photographer since her days on the BSU campus and features many everyday images in the solo exhibit. She lives in Keewatin with her husband, **Joel** ('03), and daughter ...

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BICKER WINS DESIGN AWARD

The Exhibit Designers and Producers Association presented **Shawn Bicker** ('96) with the 2011 Designer of the Year Award for his contributions to raising professional standards.

The honor from the national organization recognized more than one particular design or exhibit, encompassing his entire career so far.

Among the first graduates of the BSU exhibit design program, Bicker worked in Nevada, Georgia and North Carolina before he returned to Las Vegas to join the firm Exhibit Fair International.

The challenge of navigating design from concept through construction begins with understanding and assessing client needs, he said: "It's always the challenge to come up with something new. It really keeps me on my toes. I wouldn't want to do anything else."

Samples of Bicker's designs can be seen at shawnbicker.com.



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Dr. Cherish (Erickson) Prutzman has joined the Erickson Medical Clinic in Park Rapids. An internal medicine specialist, she left a practice in Dayton, Ohio, to return to her hometown of Park Rapids.

'96 Dave Kobilka presented a program on cosmology and astronomy as part of the Center for Lifelong Learning series at Central Lakes College in Brainerd. Kobilka teaches earth science and astronomy at the college in Brainerd, where he also lives ... **Bill Markovich** is an investment financial advisor with Invest Forward, a Bank Forward affiliate located in Crookston, where he lives with his wife, Kori ... **Jeremy Fayette** in June climbed Mt. Rainier in Washington state. Fayette works for Edward Jones Investments, while his wife, **Stacey Bender-Fayette ('09)**, is the technology specialist at Schoolcraft Learning Community. The couple has two young children and lives in Bemidji.

'95 Jay Jones of Clearbrook is teaching and creating art at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Jones will be teaching drawing and painting for the community art studies program in the center.

'93 Allison (Kaul) DeLeone is serving as the president of The Production Network, a Seattle, Wash., company that specializes in designing and producing events as well as exhibits. Their client list includes Boeing, Microsoft and Sephora beauty products. DeLeone started in the exhibit and event industry in 1994 and worked as a sculptor, graphic designer and project manager. She joined The Production Network 11 years ago. She lives in Snohomish, Wash., with her husband, **Christopher ('95)** ... **Nancy (Pester) McDonald** works at Drees, Risky and Vallager, an accounting firm in Crookston. She and her spouse, John, live in Fisher ... **Wayland Denny** has been selected as the principal of Winfair Elementary School in Windom. He and his wife, Lesa, will relocate to the new town from Reno, Nev. ... **Maurice "B.J." Berg** will serve as the principal for Washington and Greenhaven schools, which serve kindergarten to second-grade students in the Hibbing School District. He and his wife, **Heather (Marhula, '92)**, and their three daughters will relocate to Hibbing.

'91 Bonnie (Dehlin) Wensloff teaches music at Roseau Elementary School, and her husband, **Tracey ('86)**, teaches math at Roseau High School, where he also serves as head baseball coach. The couple lives in Roseau.

'90 Robert Enger has assumed the presidency of the Minnesota State Bar Association, an organization of 16,000 members that provides legal education and public service opportunities for lawyers. Enger is an attorney at the Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota office, where he focuses on meeting the legal needs of low-income and elderly clients. He lives in Bemidji with his wife, Rebecca ... **Brian Bissonette** is marketing supervisor for Paul Bunyan Communications in Bemidji, where he lives. He and his wife, Kristi, celebrate each anniversary by volunteering for the city's Dragon Boat Festival, where they met in 2008 ... **Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro** was recognized for her contribution to public education by receiving an Outstanding Central Office Leader Award presented by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. A resident of Prior Lake, she is an assistant superintendent for Bloomington schools.

'89 Todd Turner was named assistant regional director for the midwest region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In his new position, he will provide leadership in programs, issues and policies related to the protection of fish and wildlife resources in the eight-state region. He and his wife, **Laurie ('87)**, live in Cannon Falls.

'88 Colleen Cardenuto is director of curriculum as well as teaching and learning for Faribault public schools. In her position, she is responsible for the overall academic growth of students, including curriculum instruction, staff development, assessment and technology. She is from Lakeville ... **Frank Ivancich** teaches social studies in the Ely school system, where he is also varsity baseball and girls' basketball coach.

'87 Chris Yearling has joined the staff of Technology Navigators as a sales representative and account manager. The business provides full-service information technology consulting in Owatonna, where Yearling makes his home ... **Mitch Steien** is a 20-year veteran of the Grand Forks (N.D.) Fire Department, where he serves as fire apparatus specialist. He lives in Karlstad with his wife, **Michele (Pagnac)**.

'86 Ken Gagner is the new principal at Morris Area Elementary School. He and his wife, Jill, live in Fergus Falls and have three grown children ... Karen Bodway, the widow of **Brett Bodway**, published his children's book "The Waterslide" after he passed away in 2010. The book portrays how children can learn to face their fears and experience the joy of finding their true gifts. Karen and her son live in Fargo, N.D.

'85 Betty (Gunderson) Arvidson has been named the chief financial officer at RiverView Health, which operates clinics and care facilities in Crookston, East Grand Forks, Fertile and Red Lake Falls. Arvidson served on the organization's

board of directors while she was clerk-treasurer for the city of Crookston. She and her husband, Bruce, have two grown daughters and live in Crookston ... **Kelly McCalla** is interim chief academic officer at Central Lakes College, which has campuses in Brainerd and Staples. A previous recipient of the Outstanding Academic and Student Affairs Administrator of the Year Award from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, he will also continue in his position as liberal arts dean at the institution. He and his wife, **Celeste (Novak, '87)**, live in Deerwood.

'83 Dan Ninham is the new head boys' varsity basketball coach at Bemidji High School. Ninham brings one of the state's most accomplished records to his new post, having guided the Cass Lake boys' team to six state tournaments. Ninham and his wife, **Susan ('00)**, live in Bemidji, where he teaches at the middle school.

'82 Sally (Okerstrom) Mayasich received the Annette Boman Women's Fellowship for Cancer Research through the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota Medical School. Mayasich is a doctoral candidate in the UMD integrated biosciences program. She is researching proteins that are key to endocrine and immune systems signaling in backbone animals and are often overproduced in human cancer cells. Mayasich and her husband, **Joe ('78)**, live in Cloquet ... **Scotty Allison** is the new veterans service officer who will advocate for Beltrami County veterans and their families seeking federal or state benefits earned from their military service. Allison, who retired as a colonel after serving in the Army for 31 years, lives in Bemidji with his wife, Leanne ... **Doug Ryant** was presented with the Golden Deeds Award from the Greater Federation of Women's Club's Library Club. The honor is bestowed on an individual who often works behind the scenes while volunteering within communities and organizations. Ryant has taught woodshop classes in Mahnomen schools for 23 years and has served in leadership roles in local service organizations, built items to donate to fundraisers, and volunteered widely across the region. His wife, **Julie (Boettcher)**, teaches industrial arts at Waubun High School. The couple has three adult children and lives in Mahnomen ... **David Workman** retired after serving the Mahnomen School District in a variety of capacities for 37 years. He started as an elementary teacher in the sixth grade and later served as Title I coordinator, director of federal programs and elementary dean of students. He and his wife, Claudia, now live in West Fargo, N.D., after raising three children in Mahnomen.

teaches sixth-grade math at Franklin School in Thief River Falls, where they live. The couple has two adult children ... **Diane (Mosbeck) Johnson** presented a vocal concert in Middle River. Johnson is a music specialist in the Thief River Falls School District, operates a vocal music studio and directs the choir at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, where her husband, **Gary**, is pastor. The couple makes their home in Red Lake Falls.

'80 Terry Ogorek has been inducted into the Minnesota Football Hall of Fame. The athletic director at Kittson Central School in Hallock, Ogorek coached football for 30 years, retiring in 2010 with a career record of 207-92 while guiding teams to five conference championships, five section titles and two first-place finishes in the state's nine-man division. His awards include two state and eight conference coach of the year honors. He and his wife, Roxanne, have three adult children and live in Hallock ... **Dave Terdan** is stepping down as executive director of the Development Achievement Center, an organization he started

'81 James Baron has retired after 31 years of teaching English in Red Lake County Central schools. His wife, **Sharon (Kauppila, '89)**,

DAHLSTROM STARTS NEW BOOK SERIES

The author of six books in the Good News Club series, **Kathryn Dahlstrom ('81)** found a new project in a familiar source: the Bible books Genesis and Numbers. Both referenced Nephilim, offspring who resulted when angels came to earth and fathered children.



"For me that was a fantasy up for grabs," Dahlstrom said. "I wondered, what if the genes of the Nephilim resurfaced today in a kid?"

The result is Children of Angels, the first in a series for 9- to 14-year-old readers. Jeremy Lapoint, the central character, has a dad in prison and a financially-strapped mother. When he discovers he can fly and pass through walls, his guardian angel explains he is a



Nephilim, a human-angel hybrid. He now faces a destiny of battling human and superhuman forces who oppose truth. Dahlstrom, who has two screenplays optioned by film companies, lives in Cambridge with her husband, Tim, and a teenage daughter.

36 years ago in Cass County and expanded 20 years ago to serve clients in Beltrami County. He and his wife, **Julie (Alborn, '75)**, live in Akeley and have three grown children ... **Debby (Schmidt) Baxter** was the featured speaker at a spring luncheon in Malmo. From Linn Grove, Iowa, Baxter spoke on the topic of a new life in Christ. Baxter and her husband, Terry, are full-time missionaries with Global Compassion Network, an organization committed to providing disaster relief nationally and internationally.

'79 Dr. James Tuorila is serving as the American Legion Surgeon General for 2012-13. Tuorila, who served in the Army and was stationed at the demilitarized zone in Korea, is founder, past president and a pilot for Freedom Flight, a hot air balloon team that focuses attention on wounded veterans and those still missing in action. A psychologist, he specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder during 20 years at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center. He practices in St. Cloud, where he lives with his wife, Diane.

'78 Allan Lavalier is an instructor in a California-based program promoting biointensive, sustainable mini-farms. The approach teaches gardeners to nurture soil fertility and conserve resources while still producing high food yields. Lavalier and his wife, Lynn, operate the house painting company called Midlife Painters in the Stillwater area ... **Bill Brockberg** was endorsed for commander of the second district by American Legion Michael-Boock Post 6 in Pipestone. Brockberg served 24 years in the Army or Army Reserve, with two decades of active duty. After leaving the service in 2007, he was hired as the Nobles County veterans service officer in Worthington. Brockberg lives in Slayton ... **Paul Johnson** has joined Old Dominion Electric Cooperative in Glen Allen, Va., as director of power supply, where he will undertake economic analysis to support the company's strategic planning decisions for evaluating current resources and selecting future power alternatives. He and his wife, **Gail**, live in Glen Allen ... **Mark Buschena** of Bismarck, N.D., has written the book "Kick Ass' Home Security" where he reveals simple ways to protect the household from burglars, thieves and criminals. Buschena is a sergeant with the Bismarck Police Department, which he has served for 33 years, and is the supervisor in the crime prevention section and public information officer ... **Cheryl (Lund) Larson** is retiring after a career in education that started shortly after her graduation from BSU. Larson spent the final 12 years teaching eighth-grade math at Annandale Middle School and had prior experience in Elk River, St. Cloud and Maple Lake. Her husband, **Lowell ('79)**, is the band instructor at Annandale Middle School. The couple resides in Clearwater and has three children ... **Dave Barnett** retired from teaching after 33 years in



the Staples-Motley School District. He started teaching math and reading across the district, and finished in the sixth-grade classroom at the middle school. He lives in Motley with his wife, **Pamela (Hylle)**.

'77 Carla Headlee discussed writing and her novel "Lifelines" during a program last spring at the Pequot Library. Published in 2010, her book is a bittersweet story about a 21st-century woman wanting to be a mother. She lives with her husband and son in Eden Prairie, where her second novel is nearing completion.



'76 Dale Blanshan presented a program in Clearbrook on Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address as part of the Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning series. A retired minister, attorney and educator, Blanshan gives musical and historical programs across Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Knoxville, Iowa ... **John Olson** of Frazee is retiring from teaching but will be spending more time at the city's OK Lumber & Hardware Store, which he and two partners purchased two years ago. Olson taught industrial arts at Frazee High School and spent 35 years in education before retiring last spring ... **Diane (Shoffner) Pettis** coached the Sebeka High School softball team into the Minnesota state tournament last spring. Pettis has taught physical education and health in the school during her entire career in education and has coached softball, volleyball, cross country and track during her tenure. She lives in Sebeka with her husband, Norman ... **Doug Michael** has taught woodworking at Browerville High School since 1983 and also operates Pine Haven Cabinets and Design, which custom-makes all forms of cabinetry and furniture. Michael lives in Browerville with his wife, **Sue (Springer)**, who teaches third grade ... **Connie Kampsula** is a founding member of the



Sonoran Paperworks Collective in Catalina, Ariz. Kampsula taught several years in schools across Minnesota before moving to Arizona, where she also taught for six years. She recently had a work featured in the "Healing in Tucson" exhibit at the University of Arizona that was a response to the 2011 shooting of 18 individuals, including U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

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RAUTIO NAMED CEO FOR CARLSON

Trudy Rautio ('75) was named CEO of the Minneapolis-based Carlson companies in August.

For 15 years, Rautio had been a senior executive at Carlson, which counts the Radisson hotels and T.G.I. Fridays among its holdings. For the past eight years, she served as Carlson's executive vice president and chief financial and administrative officer, where she was responsible for directing all financial and information technology operations. Rautio, a member of the BSU Foundation's Board of Directors, is only the fifth person to hold the CEO position in Carlson's 74-year history.

In 2009, she was named CFO of the Year for large, privately held companies by *Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal*. In addition to her accounting degree from BSU, Rautio also has an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. She is a certified public accountant and certified management accountant.

'75 Jan (Huss) Ellingworth has retired after teaching English and French for 37 years, all but two of them in Redwood Falls, where she lives with her husband, **Richard ('76)** ... **Mike Lein** presented a program at the Chanhassen Library on writing columns and making publication submissions. Lein, director of environmental services in Carver County, is a freelance writer specializing in creative non-fiction for magazines. He lives in Norwood with his wife, **Marcie (Targeson, '76)** ... The paintings of **Cindy (Schilling) Potvin** were featured in the exhibit "Inspira-

tion of Color" shown at the Evelyn Matthies Porthole Gallery in Brainerd, where she resides with her husband, **William ('76)**. Her works reflect still-life themes, landscapes, women, florals and whimsical interpretations rendered in watercolor and acrylic ... **Sandy (Laplante) Marr** retired last spring following a teaching career that spanned 37 years, including 20 years most recently in Waubun, where she lives with her husband, Mallory ... **Don Yrjo** has retired after spending nearly two decades as principal of Redwood Valley High School in Redwood Falls. Yrjo began teaching in North Dakota schools before moving to Redwood Falls, where he still lives, as an industrial arts instructor in 1977.

'74 Connie Roehrich was appointed as the board chair for the executive committee of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union. Roehrich joined the financial institution's board of directors in 2008. She worked in the Minnesota Department of Corrections for more than 30 years, including 20 where she served as warden at three different correctional facilities. She lives in Shakopee ... **Wayne Woolever** has retired after a career in education that spanned his early days as an industrial arts teacher in Rushford to his time working in the special education classroom at Pequot Lakes from 1987 to 2012. Woolever and his wife, Janet, live in Erhard.

'73 Shirley Gunderson has been honored as the 2012 First Lady of Clearwater County in recognition of her long record of volunteering with many organizations, strong community roots and promotion of civic responsibility. A teacher in a country school near Argyle early in her career, she later taught children with special learning and behavior problems in Naytahwaush. She and her husband, Nels, raised four daughters in their Bagley home ... **Dave Tukey** received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Central Regional Science Fair. The award noted Tukey's dedication in preparing students for science, technology, engineering and mathematics projects for presentation on the regional and state level. Tukey has served since 2002 as an eighth-grade teacher at Jackson Middle School in Champlin, the Anoka education system's specialty school for science and math. He and his wife, **Lori (Lee, '75)**, live in Ramsey ... **Cecil Ballard** is retiring after serving the Waubun-Ogema-White Earth School District for 38 years. He started as a third-grade teacher and worked in many other capacities before ending his career in a social studies classroom for fifth- and sixth-graders. He has two daughters and lives in Detroit Lakes ... **Connie (Iverson) Backes** decided to leave the classroom after teaching 39 years in Paynesville-area elementary schools. Her assignments included kindergarten as well as first, third and fourth grades. She also had administered

the Accelerated Reader Program in the schools. She and her husband, Roger, live in Richmond and have two daughters.

'72 Beryl Wernberg is the 911 supervisor and emergency management director for Beltrami County. In her job, she oversees the 911 Dispatch Center and works with other organizations in developing, maintaining, and implementing emergency plans. She and her husband, Myron, have two daughters and make their home in Bemidji ... **The Rev. Terry Tilton** has added the pastor duties at the Chisholm United Methodist Church to the ones he holds as pastor of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Hibbing, where he resides with his wife, Cheryl. The couple has two grown children.

'71 Nordy Nelson has been named superintendent of School District #361 in International Falls for the 2012-13 school year. He spent most of his educational career in administrative roles at several Minnesota schools and most recently was a consultant with School Financial Assistance helping districts with budget management and contract negotiations. He will be spending time in International Falls while his wife, Bettye, maintains their home in Sartell and works in the area.

DEKREY BECOMES PRESIDENT OF ASIAN INSTITUTE



A new position as president of the Asian Institute of Management has taken **Steve DeKrey ('75)** from Hong Kong to a new home in the Philippines.

Prior to taking the new job, DeKrey spent 15 years at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology building its MBA and Executive MBA programs. For each of his last three years at the school, "The Financial Times" ranked the Executive MBA program - which he founded in 1998 - as the world's best and the MBA program in the top 10.

DeKrey has a degree in psychology from Bemidji State. He also holds a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, a doctorate from the University of Iowa and an MBA from Northwestern University.

He and his wife, Veronica, keep a home in Bemidji, where they visit during Christmas and for about a month each summer. In July, President Richard Hanson held a reception for DeKrey at the David Park House on the BSU campus.

'70 Jeanette (Eklund) Erickson was selected by Ross Township as its 2012 One Woman for service to her community, teaching career and dedication to conservation. Erickson taught 26 years, including 20 at Roseau Elementary School, and helped run the family farm in Ross Township with her husband, now deceased. The couple had four children. She now lives in Badger ... **Peter J. Miele** is a writer, musician and traveler who drew from his life experiences to create a publishing career. He is best known for his Trapman series of comics, first published by Phantom Comics in 1994. He also published the Trapman Game and had a radio show broadcast on 1,000 stations across 26 states. He lives in Red Wing.

'68 Nancy (Pulliam) and Richard Weis ('66) were featured in the exhibit "Shared Visions" at the Jackson Gallery in the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, Vt. The couple has been creating art for 40 years. Their most recent show included his paintings and her collages that combined natural objects with encaustic painting. Also educators, she has taught on the adjunct level at Castleton (Vt.) State College and the Community College of Vermont system and he at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt., where he enjoys emeritus status. They maintain studios in both Poultney and Castleton, where they live.

'66 Dennis Martin works at the 825,000-acre King Ranch as a bilingual guide on historical and agricultural tours. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Kingsville, Texas.

'59 Don Kassube was honored at the Alaska high school basketball tournament for his 49 years of officiating basketball games and mentoring hundreds of aspiring officials through such organizations as the Anchorage Basketball Officials Association, which he served as president for 11 years. In Alaska, Kassube was selected to officiate region and state tournaments 28 times,

and is one of only two officials from the state nominated to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. He lives in Anchorage ... **Don Niskanen** was inducted in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame. Niskanen retired in 2010 after coaching the Bemidji State men's golf team for 17 years. During his tenure, the Beavers won four conference team titles, and he was named the league's Coach of the Year four times. He and his wife, Janet, live in Bemidji.



'58 Al Spray is a pottery instructor at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Spray is retired from teaching art at Bagley High School for 27 years. He and his wife, **Mary ('59)**, live in Gonvick.

'44 Helen (Rasmussen) Tangen was the recipient of a 2012 Top Aggie Award, the highest honor presented by the Northwest School of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Tangen taught for 31 years in schools across Minnesota and North Dakota while also working with prospective teachers at the University of Wisconsin, Superior. She lives in Bemidji.

Other Alumni

Teresa Rankin of Thief River Falls made her directorial debut at the Long Lake Theater by staging "Over the River and Through the Woods" last summer in Park Rapids ... **Daniel Kimball** recently left Japan after completing a three-year tour at the Naval Air Facility in Misawa. A senior chief master-at-arms, Kimball is a 21-year Navy veteran ... **Suzann Risberg-Elliott** joined the RE/MAX Lake Country agency in Cook ... **Brad Strand** has accepted an administrative position in the Pelican Rapids school system.



A group of alumni friends gathered again in June for their annual get-together at a resort in Walker. Pictured (from left) are members of the former Lambda Alpha Beta fraternity: Ron Neva, '72, Duluth; Jerry Bottelson, '75, Albert Lea; Rick Engh, '73, Minneapolis; Tom Anderson, '74, Crookston; Joe Hess, '71, Burnsville; Kirk Skallman, '73, Ranier; Dick Winkels, '72, Stewartville; Dave McCollum, '70, Mahanomen; Tim Fairchild, '72, International Falls; Bob Esnough, '71, Crystal; John Nelson, '72, Prior Lake; and Ed Hewitt, '70, Minnetonka.

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Summer and fall are always busy at Bemidji State University, and 2012 has been no exception. (Top row, from left) Children enjoy music at Community Appreciation Day on Aug. 28 ... A girl prepares her robotic car to compete during the VEX Robotics Camp in July ... Native American students take part in the Indians into Medicine program in June ... Freshmen participate in Convocation on Aug. 26 ... (middle row, from left) Women's basketball players share a smile at Community Appreciation Day ... BSU's staff and faculty team "Beaver Fever" wins a silver medal in Bemidji's Dragon Boat Festival on Aug. 4 ... (bottom row, from left) Revelers enjoy the BSU Homecoming Street Dance in downtown Bemidji on Sept. 29 ... President Richard Hanson congratulates Outstanding Alum Dr. Jim Karner '94 on Sept. 29 ... (from left) Mary Jo Falk, Dr. Bruce Falk '71, Outstanding Alum Terry Bergum '72, Gail Bergum, Paula Wallestad at the pre-game tailgate in Diamond Point Park on Sept. 29 ... Jodi Tower (left) and Kelly Schultz '09 get into the spirit of the Honors Gala on Sept. 28 ... (Below and right) The Beavers celebrate their Homecoming victory with a traditional lake plunge ... Runners lead the Bemidji State/Sara Labraaten Insurance Run/Walk for Women on Sept. 29 ... Alumni and fans tailgate on Sept. 29.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

REPORT of gifts



ROB BOLLINGER

PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

The President's Society recognizes the University's most generous contributors. Based on lifetime cumulative giving to Bemidji State University, membership includes individuals, families and organizations. Members are recognized for gifts and pledges at the levels listed on the next few pages.

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



COMBINING IMPACT AND VISION

The word "impact" is immediate, and it well describes the positive effect donors have on Bemidji State University every day. This past year, \$766,413 in scholarships gave students the support they needed to focus on their academic pursuits. Knowing there is financial support for their educational endeavors also encourages prospective students to enroll at BSU.

"Vision" calls to mind images of what can be – the important goals toward which we are constantly making strides, thanks to help from generous alumni, friends, faculty, staff, businesses and organizations. Every donation is uniquely inspired and helps make up the mosaic of the BSU Foundation's assets, which reached \$17,311,335 in 2012. Annual revenues of \$3,641,426 marked an historical high. BSU received more than \$800,000 in additional gifts that are building momentum for giving that will help fulfill visions for this great north woods institution.

During the past 12 months, we restructured the BSU Alumni & Foundation. We brought on additional staff and developed new programs to connect alumni to one another and the campus, to engage the community in our university identity, and to help donors accomplish their charitable goals. Our development officers serve specific regions of the country, and they now are joined by Twin Cities-based development officer Gia DesLauriers. Another new hire, Keir Johnson, specializes in planned giving and is happy to share his expertise. Both are ready to impact BSU today and build for BSU's tomorrow. In addition, Marla Patrias accepted a new role as chief development officer, and Molly Aitken-Julin was selected as director of alumni relations. The final staff addition was Maryhelen Chadwick, who will serve as our communications and marketing specialist. We have built an outstanding staff of dedicated professionals to more effectively and efficiently enhance the engagement and support systems for the University.

Sincerely,
Rob Bollinger
Rob Bollinger
Executive Director for University Advancement

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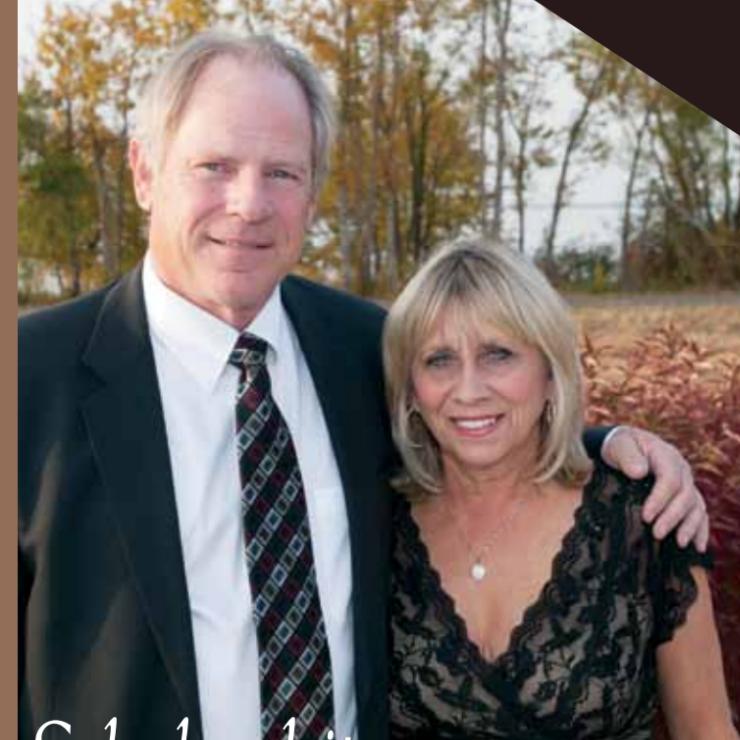
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The Power of Love TRIBUTE

JEFF MCBRIDE



Scholarship

Demonstrating the power of love and friendship, a scholarship fund in memory of Bemidji State University student Jeff McBride has generated more than \$70,000 since his death last January at age 24.

For Jeff's parents, Gary and Ruth McBride of Oakdale, the outpouring of support in tribute to their late son has been both overwhelming and comforting in the face of their enormous grief.

"It's a way of keeping his memory alive, a way of keeping him going," Gary McBride said "People will be benefiting through him. That has really helped our family out."

Soon after Jeff's passing, Gary's business partners in RJ Ahmann Company, an insurance agency, and family friends launched a memorial scholarship fund that raised \$50,000 within months. This past summer, the sold-out inaugural Jeff McBride Memorial Golf Tournament added almost \$18,000 more.

Items donated for the golf tournament included game jerseys signed by BSU star Matt Read of the Philadelphia Flyers, Ryan Carter of the New Jersey Devils and Neal Bratton and Buzzy Schneider, formerly of the University of Minnesota Gophers. Country singer Easton Corbin donated a signed guitar. Members of the Minnesota Vikings cheerleading squad made an appearance, as well.

"It was so amazing what people did," McBride said. "The tribute was unbelievable."

Participants already are signing up for a second annual tournament, scheduled for July 21 at Oak Marsh Golf Course in Oakdale.

Jeff's friends have contributed to the scholarship fund out of their own savings accounts, and equally important, have reached out in numerous ways to support his parents and older sister and brother, Angie and Sean.

"We get calls from friends, emails from friends and Facebook messages from

friends - literally all the time," McBride said. "They want to know, 'How you doing?' They want to make sure we're OK."

Known by the nickname "Bird," Jeff graduated from BSU in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in sports management and a minor in business administration. He was preparing to begin a promising job with 3M when he was stricken with a rare form of heart attack.

He had been a member of the BSU golf team, a goalie for the school's club hockey team and buddies with the Beavers hockey squad. He had a legion of friends on campus and in the area where he grew up.

Jeff was a huge fan of Bemidji, where he enjoyed being a student, forged deep friendships and indulged his love of hunting, fishing, hockey and golf. He remained in town

for a year after graduation, working for Sears, and then decided to move back home and work for 3M.

"He loved the town, he loved the school," said his father, a 1980 alum. "He did not want to leave Bemidji, and when I graduated, I felt the same way."

The McBride Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to student-athletes in hockey and golf, beginning next fall.

"We want to meet whoever receives it," McBride said, "so they get to know about Jeff."

- Scott Faust

Bold and highlighted = New members to that giving level | Asterisk* = Deceased

Preparing a LEGACY

FREDERICKSON



Endowment

across North America, developing new market opportunities and helping deliver complex projects for customers.

But Frederickson never gave up on earning a college degree. Early in his years with Blattner, he squeezed in biology and business law courses at St. Cloud State but was still missing one electronics course that he would need to take in Bemidji.

Finally, in 2010, BSU awarded him that electronics credit based on his extensive professional expertise and experience. Former President Jon Quistgaard and Rob Bollinger, executive director for University Advancement, came to Blattner's headquarters that summer and surprised him with a presentation of his degree in front of 90 fellow employees.

Frederickson said he and Susan, who reside in the St. Joseph area, have lived frugal lives as they raised their son and daughter, Ben and Morgan, now both grown, educated and successful. Susan pursued her own career as a licensed practical nurse after completing a degree at St. Cloud State.

With their new BSU endowment, they see an opportunity to create a "forever" benefit from their hard work and good fortune – a permanent resource to create scholarships that will have a permanent benefit in the lives of recipients, their families, their communities and their descendants.

Scholarships funded by the endowment will be restricted to students who have already completed their freshman year and who demonstrate an ability to make the most of the opportunity.

"We want to find the person who is most able to benefit and perpetuate its value," Frederickson said.

– Scott Faust

From the outside looking in, college appeared to be the road not taken for Doug Frederickson when he quit Bemidji State University as a freshman in 1976 to work in construction.

In truth, Frederickson was traveling a longer road that finally earned him a bachelor's degree in industrial management from BSU – in 2010. His journey also has brought him to the position of executive vice president for Blattner Energy, an electrical generation contractor in Avon.

Frederickson and his wife, Susan, are now making a Bemidji State degree possible for promising students with an endowment they created through their Big Oaks Foundation.

"If nothing else, it's just to recognize that places like BSU have to exist so a Doug Frederickson can stumble in," he said.

Frederickson grew up in Bemidji and graduated in Bemidji High's class of 1975 before his family moved to Detroit Lakes, where his father worked in construction and his mother worked for Northwestern Bell. His dad helped him land

construction work as well, and suddenly Frederickson was earning more money than he dreamed possible.

Then something else happened. A friend who was also working construction – someone Frederickson said was "the last guy I thought would go to college" – announced he was going to Bemidji State in the fall. He encouraged Frederickson to enroll that winter when construction work stopped for the season.

Frederickson did, and he paid his own way through the winter and spring before returning to construction over the summer. He didn't make it back to school until the next winter, a pattern he continued at BSU for six years, eventually falling just shy of the credits he needed to complete his degree.

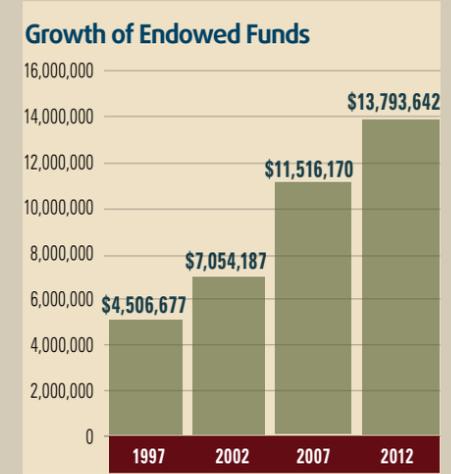
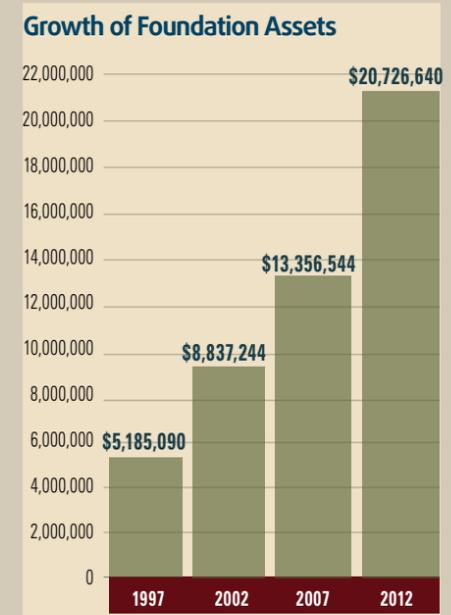
Meanwhile, Frederickson's career in construction was taking off. He began as a heavy equipment operator, but soon Blattner offered him a path into management. Now he is a part owner.

Over more than 35 years with the company, he has worked on heavy civil and power projects

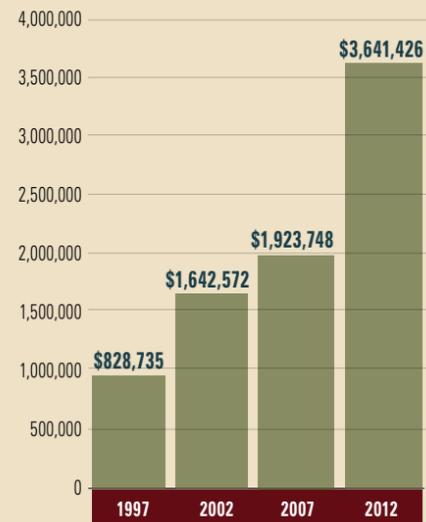
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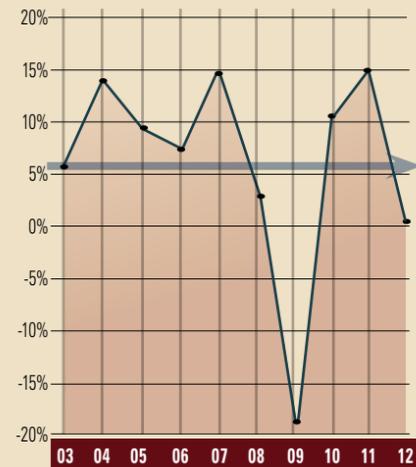
| Assets | |
|---|---------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 208,025 |
| Investments | 15,628,217 |
| Accounts Receivable | 8,530 |
| Contributions Receivable | 1,462,112 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 4,451 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>17,311,335</u> |
| Property and Equipment | 315,052 |
| Other Assets | |
| Contributions Receivable | 2,929,916 |
| Remainder Interest in Real Estate | 138,994 |
| Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance | 31,343 |
| Total Other Assets | <u>3,100,253</u> |
| Total Assets | 20,726,640 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 54,655 |
| Payroll Liabilities | 21,597 |
| Annuities Payable, Current Portion | 18,072 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 2,644 |
| Other Accruals | 4,617 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>101,585</u> |
| Long-term Liabilities | |
| Annuities Payable, Long Term Portion | 174,894 |
| Note Payable, Long Term Portion | 732,250 |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | <u>907,144</u> |
| Total Liabilities | 1,008,729 |
| Net Assets | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | |
| Lakeside Fund & Quasi Endowment Fund | \$ 424,203 |
| Alumni House Acquisition | -55,000 |
| Imagine Tomorrow Campaign | 4,703,246 |
| Plant Fund | 315,052 |
| Total Unrestricted Net Assets | <u>5,387,501</u> |
| Temporarily Restricted Net Assets | 1,654,238 |
| Permanently Restricted Net Assets | <u>12,676,172</u> |
| Total Net Assets | 19,717,911 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$20,726,640 |



Total Revenue Received



Rate of Investment Return



Annual Return
Ten Year Average

Annual GIVING



HENRIQUES Lakeside Fund

Beverly Henriques has never hesitated to include Bemidji State University's Lakeside Fund in her philanthropic giving.

Her ongoing and significant support honors her late husband, Kenneth Henriques, who was a BSU professor emeritus of English. She considers it an expression of two things they shared over 33 years of marriage: a love for the university and a belief in the importance of higher education.

"We're just hurting our country if we're not making it possible for our bright kids to be able to go to school," said Henriques, expressing dismay at the rising cost of college tuition nationwide.

Retired from a teaching career, the majority of it spent guiding fifth-graders at Lincoln Elementary in Bemidji, she said the value of education was a constant theme during her upbringing in Moorhead.

In particular, Henriques remembers the words of her German immigrant grandparents: "They always said to me, 'Kid, get an education. It's the only thing that cannot be taken away from you.'"

Taking that lesson to heart, she became the only one among her siblings and cousins to go to college, where she discovered her abilities as a teacher. "I was so lucky that I happened to hit on the thing that I loved, and I was good at it," she said.

Henriques began teaching in a country school in rural Moorhead while taking courses at night and during the summer to complete her undergraduate degree in teaching at Moorhead State.

"I just kept on going to school," she said.

Henriques moved to Bemidji with her husband, a California native and Oxford University graduate who taught at BSU for 24 years, from 1965 to 1989. In addition to his

commitment to teaching the classics of English literature, such as Chaucer, Milton and Shakespeare, Ken Henriques had a passion for travel that Beverly shared.

He pioneered study abroad at BSU, including the Eurospring program, and also guided area teachers on countless continuing education trips, which he enriched through his own knowledge of history and culture.

"He was always ahead of his time – always ahead of his time," Henriques said. "He just lived his life the way he wanted it."

One legacy of his 40 years of travel was a collection of hundreds of antiquarian and rare books dating from 1543 to 1929. She donated 230 volumes to the A.C. Clark Library at Bemidji State, where a room bears the couple's name.

She has continued her studies at BSU, where she received a master's in education in 1974. She particularly enjoys history, art history and literature. "I like the classroom," she said.

Henriques said she has been welcomed by her fellow University students, and she gives high marks to her instructors.

"Every teacher I've had there is way above average in my estimation," she said, "and I think I'm a pretty good judge. They are excellent."

Her support for BSU, both through annual giving and a planned gift, is something she knows her late husband would approve of, even though they never specifically discussed it before his death in 2000.

"Sometimes it's just an understanding," Henriques said. "You don't have to talk about it. You're on the same wavelength."

– **Scott Faust**

BEMIDJI STATE

the Legacy SOCIETY

The BSU Legacy Society recognizes those who have made a deferred or planned gift to the BSU Foundation. The society has grown from 43 charter members in 2002 to 201 members today.

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- Boris and Caroline Andrican+
- Bill* and Jessie* Baer+
- Grant Bateman*
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- Evelyn Berg*
- Dan and Terri Bergan
- M. Fern Birnstihl*+
- Marie Bishop*+
- Jody and Gene Bisson
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- Charles and Susan Zielin
- Six anonymous

Bold = New Member | * = Deceased | + = Charter Member

Planned GIVING



JACOBSEN Legacy

Delphine and Jack Jacobsen say their best decisions were first to attend Bemidji State University and second to return to the Bemidji area, where Jack worked on the BSU financial aid staff and she taught school.

Even as they enjoy a northern Minnesota retirement filled with travel, hunting and fishing, and longtime friendships, the couple has stayed close to the University as alumni, athletic boosters and donors.

"Our story is just one of the many hundreds that could be told by alumni and friends of BSU," Jack said. "We are proud to be among the donors who are helping BSU be an outstanding higher education institution."

The Jacobsens' financial support includes annual gifts and an endowment that has laid the groundwork for a planned gift through the BSU Legacy Society.

"I think we just felt we needed to give back," Delphine said. "We got a lot from our education there and having people care about us."

Both grew up near Bemidji – he in Laporte and she in Nary – and they met in Hubbard County 4-H. As the first in their families to attend college, they both chose BSU mostly because it was affordable and close to home. Delphine studied education, and Jack chose business administration.

"It was a good fit," Delphine said. "It worked out really well. I had some great instructors, and I never thought about other schools once I was enrolled at Bemidji."

After graduation in 1964, Jack was drafted and spent two years in the Army at the start of the Vietnam War. The couple married in 1967.

Delphine began her teaching career in the Bloomington schools. Then Jack found a job with the University of Minnesota, Grand

Rapids, and she took a position in nearby Coleraine. After learning that a financial aid job had opened up at Bemidji State, they decided to come back "home" in 1969.

Jack spent 26 years with BSU until he retired in 1999 as assistant director of financial aid. Delphine taught in the Bemidji School District until she retired in 1998. She continued to work at BSU as a student teaching supervisor and served two terms on the alumni board of directors. Both also continued their studies at BSU, with her earning a master's in education and he completing a master's in counseling.

While Delphine saw the potential and aspirations of her students, Jack saw in his financial aid work what a difference even a modest scholarship could mean for BSU students and their families, both in terms of dollars and recognition.

"I had a front row seat to see the joy on the face of the student and for mom and dad when they found a scholarship was in the offing," he said. "Sometimes a \$300 or \$400 scholarship does a lot more than you might think."

Jack also recalls times when BSU staff and faculty would pitch in to help students, particularly working mothers and other non-traditional students, whose situation didn't quite match up with any formal program of student aid.

"For many of them, starting a career in college was a huge undertaking, and they appreciated any encouragement given by faculty and staff," he said.

In their own giving, the Jacobsens make a point of providing funds for scholarships in a variety of majors, believing it is best for the University to direct the money "where the need is greatest."

"They know a lot more where the need is than I do 13 years after being retired," Jack said.

– Scott Faust

BSU CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Nov. 15 – Honors Council Lecture Series/Don & Gladys McDonald Philosophy Lecture in Applied Ethics – Luciano Floridi. Time and location TBA. (218) 755-2825

Nov. 15 – Bemidji Trombones, 7:30 p.m., Thompson Recital Hall, (218) 755-2915

Nov. 26 – Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Hall Main Theatre, (218) 755-2915

Nov. 29 – Honors Council Lecture Series – Michael Murry. 7 p.m., Hagg-Sauer Hall, (218) 755-3984



Nov. 30 – Madrigal Dinners, 7 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, (218) 755-2915

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 – Madrigal Dinners, 7 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 2 – Madrigal Dinners, 7 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 6 – Bemidji Concert Series: Jingle Jazz with Dave Pietro, 7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Hall Main Theatre, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 7 – Madrigal Dinners, 7 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 8 – Madrigal Dinners, 5 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 9 – Wind Ensemble, 3 p.m., Bangsberg Hall Main Theatre, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 10 – Varsity Singers, 3 p.m., Beaux Arts Ballroom, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 11 – Voltage electronic music ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Hall Main Theatre, (218) 755-2915

Dec. 12 – MIDlots, 7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Hall Main Theatre, (218) 755-2915

JANUARY

Jan. 26 – Beaver Pride Hardwater Classic, Lake Bemidji, (218) 755-2294; hardwaterclassic.org

FEBRUARY

Feb. 8-7 – Beaver Pride Bonspiel, Bemidji Curling Club, (218) 755-2294, bsualumni.org/alumni

Feb. 23 – 60th Northwestern Minnesota Regional Science Fair

MARCH

March 19 – 8th Annual Northern Minnesota Safety Conference

Save the Date ALUMNI & FOUNDATION 2013

Beaver Pride Hardwater Classic, Lake Bemidji,
Jan. 26, hardwaterclassic.org

Athletic Alumni Reception, Sanford Center, Feb. 1

Athletic Alumni Reunions, men's hockey and men's and women's basketball, Feb. 1-2

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet,
Sanford Center, Feb. 2

Beaver Pride Bonspiel, Bemidji Curling Club,
Feb. 8 – Feb. 9

Alumni & Friends Gathering, Southern California,
March 23

Alumni & Friends Gathering, Fountain Hills, Ariz.,
March 27

Professional Education Hall of Fame Banquet,
AIRC, April 19

Class of 1963 50-Year Reunion, Hobson Memorial Union, May 9

Golden Beaver Society Luncheon, AIRC, May 10

Contact the Alumni Office to register or for more information:

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APRIL

April 10 – Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference

MAY

May 2 – Student Athlete Appreciation Banquet, Sanford Center

May 10 – Commencement, Sanford Center.



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