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# BUILDING BRIDGES

## *Transforming Lives*

Dr. Faith C. Hensrud inaugurated as 11th president



# PRESIDENT F. HENSRUD

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**T**his edition of the BSU magazine feels like a time capsule of sorts from my first six months as president. The photos and stories remind me of all that has happened in so short a time and, also, what an amazing institution I'm privileged to lead as a partner with all of you.

Although the pace often has been intense, I have felt extremely welcomed by our faculty, staff and students, by the Bemidji-area community and by you, our alumni and friends. Everything about the experience so far tells me my decision to join Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College was the right one, and I fully expect to look back on it as my "best decision ever."

My inauguration was especially meaningful, and the theme we chose for the occasion – "Building Bridges, Transforming Lives" – continues to resonate as I join with colleagues to begin work on a new strategic plan for the university. We have a tremendous opportunity to clarify and integrate our fundamental strengths and goals in such areas as promoting all aspects of diversity, serving the region through leadership in sustainability, and, above all, intensifying our focus on the success of our students.

Our ability to achieve these objectives will depend on many of the endeavors highlighted in this magazine, not least of which is the investment you made in the Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign. We also look to the work of our talented students, exemplified by the "Students to Watch" and the competitive and academic success of our student-athletes. And we are constantly inspired by our alumni and their appreciation for BSU's role in their lives, as reflected in the stories of Leah Pigatti and Dale Greenwalt and in the many Class Notes.

Thank you all for your continued support of Bemidji State University. It means a great deal to me, our employees and our students. I look forward to meeting you at our events on and off campus.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faith C. Hensrud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Faith Hensrud

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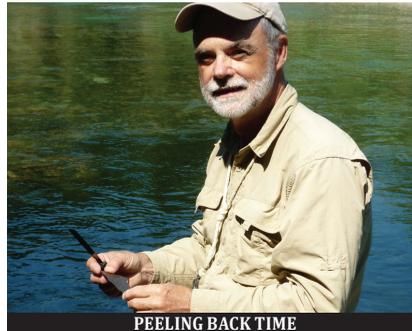
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**COVER PHOTO:** President Faith Hensrud leads the recessional out of the BSU Gymnasium following her inauguration on Oct. 14.

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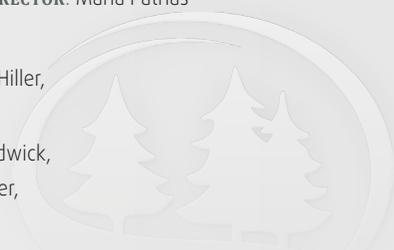
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A reporter for Lakeland News interviews President Faith Hensrud on Move-In Day, Aug. 19.

# QUICK OFF THE MARK

## *Hensrud listens and sets early priorities*

By Andy Bartlett

**T**hough Dr. Faith C. Hensrud became president of Bemidji State University on July 1, her work actually began weeks before, even as she wrapped up her provost duties at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

After being formally introduced as president-elect of BSU and Northwest Technical College on April 25, Hensrud began a two-month orientation and briefing ahead of her first day, which fell on the Friday before Fourth of July.

"It was my assumption I would show up on July 1st, and 'here you are; you're president,'" she said, "so it was great they would give me that chance to get up to speed."

Hensrud used her lead time to learn as much as she could about the university and college, get acquainted with her direct reports and their responsibilities and talk frequently with her predecessor, Dr. Richard A. Hanson, and his executive team.

"It was a lot of conversations, questions and just learning at that point," she said.

Hensrud completed two executive-level staff hires before she officially took office. In mid-June, she promoted Marla Patrias from chief administrative officer for the BSU Alumni & Foundation to executive director for university advancement, and tapped Dr. Michael Anderson, formerly of Wayne State (Neb.) University, as interim provost and vice president for academic and student affairs. In late August, she announced that Paula Langteau would serve as interim dean of Northwest Technical College.

Hensrud has seen opportunities in the turnover of several senior administrators – not only to round out her executive leadership team, but also to recruit people enthusiastic about helping implement her vision for both institutions.

"While you don't necessarily have people with history with the institutions, you have the opportunity to bring in someone with fresh ideas and fresh eyes," she said. "I have that right now with the people I have hired as interim (provosts) – it's quite positive, and I'm pleased with the way both of them are working out."

The new president also has moved quickly to connect with leaders in the Bemidji-area community and gather input for how BSU and NTC can best fulfill their vital roles in the region. Among her many activities were a gathering with business leaders at a Bemidji Chamber After Hours mixer; cheering BSU's Education Cup-winning

team at the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival; meeting hundreds of people at BSU Community Appreciation Day; joining the Greater Bemidji Economic Development board and Rotary Club of Bemidji; cutting the ribbon to unveil BSU's new University Heights housing partnership; and waving to the BSU Homecoming Parade crowd from a 1976 Beaver green Cadillac convertible purchased for the occasion by her husband, Neil, who is an avid automobile collector.

Hensrud was officially invested into her presidency during an Oct. 14 inauguration ceremony held in conjunction with Homecoming. Invoking the event's theme of "Building Bridges, Transforming Lives,"



President Faith Hensrud rides through downtown Bemidji in the Oct. 14 Homecoming Parade atop a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado purchased by her husband, Neil, and driven by her son, Joshua.



**Bemidji Area Chamber President Lori Paris with Dr. Hensrud at a BSU-sponsored Chamber After Hours mixer in Bemidji's Mayflower Building on July 12.**



**Dr. Hensrud greets junior Daniela Maltais of Bemidji during a Sept. 17 dinner for McNair Scholars at the American Indian Resource Center.**

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**– PRESIDENT FAITH HENSRUD**

she challenged both BSU and NTC to build bridges to the future through transformative teaching and service to students and the Bemidji region.

Her intense preparation and first two months on the job helped her establish a short list of initial priorities she would pursue as president. During the traditional President's Welcome Breakfast before the start of fall classes, Hensrud asked faculty and staff to join with her in strengthening efforts to recruit and retain students from the Bemidji region's native nations; elevate student academic success; and continue BSU's focus on sustainability and connection to the north woods environment.

"I was listening to what people were saying at both institutions. They asked questions, and that led me to the conclusion that these are significant priorities for the community and the institutions," she said. "Since I've been here, my thinking has not changed significantly, because I am hearing the same things yet today."

Hensrud met with presidents of each of the region's four tribal colleges – representing the Leech Lake, White Earth, Red Lake and Fond du Lac nations – at an on-campus ceremony in early August. Since that meeting, she has visited those four colleges, joined by Anderson and Bill Blackwell, Jr., director of BSU's American Indian Resource Center. She said those visits are helping strengthen BSU's existing partnerships with the tribal colleges, which already have led to initiatives such as a

shared video-conferencing network made possible by a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant in 2014.

A firm believer in taking the long view, Hensrud intends to launch a strategic planning initiative covering both BSU and NTC this month. Her goal is to establish clear direction and goals for both schools while making sure they remain responsive to change over time.

"You have to be flexible and nimble enough so you can react when you need to," she said.

Groundwork for the strategic planning process will include a series of topic-specific listening sessions to gather feedback from Bemidji-area stakeholders in business, workforce development, education, government, social services and the environment.

"I look forward to learning more about what our community and business partners believe our two schools are doing well, and what we should do more of, or do better," Hensrud said.



**Dr. Hensrud tours Leech Lake Tribal College on Oct. 3 with Dr. Michael Anderson, left, and Bill Blackwell, Jr.**



**Dr. Hensrud visits with guests on BSU's Lakeside Lawn during Community Appreciation Day on Sept. 1.**

President Faith Hensrud delivers her inaugural address.



# 'WE ARE THE INDISPENSABLE STEWARDS'

*Hensrud proclaims BSU's 'unlimited possibilities'*

The following are excerpts from the address President Faith Hensrud delivered during her Oct. 14 inauguration in the BSU Gymnasium:

As the 11th president of Bemidji State University in its 97-year history — and of Northwest Technical College at its mid-century mark — I accept a mantle of leadership enwoven with the tireless work of my esteemed predecessors.

Each one of us, faculty, staff — and you students, above all — carry a torch for our highest ideals that we must one day pass on to others who will be counting on our efforts.

This torch has illuminated the lives of tens of thousands of graduates, who have brought their knowledge, skills and a newfound confidence into the world — and made it a better place.

Over nearly a century, Bemidji State has grown from a teachers' college on the

northern edge of a lakeside lumber town to a comprehensive university in the midst of a vibrant regional center.

In its 50 years, Northwest Technical College has evolved from a basic vo-tech to a sophisticated center of preparation for highly relevant careers.

Both schools are indispensable, not only for northern Minnesota but, dare I say, for the entire world. And we are the indispensable stewards — not only of a university and a college but of a precious planet.

Earth's uncertain future rests on our ability to overcome waste, destruction, intolerance and greed, and instead foster understanding, innovation, respect, compassion and justice.

This and nothing less, is our calling.

Our capacity to shape the future lies in our ability to remain a place where students from Minnesota and around the world acquire knowledge and discover the profound power of their unique gifts.

... If BSU and NTC are to continue helping students embark on their own journeys of accomplishment, we will need to preserve and expand on our fundamental strengths.

We must continually intensify our focus on student success, with an ongoing examination of our academic priorities and an eye on global change.

We must uphold faculty excellence through professional development and sharpened recruitment.

We must embrace strategies to protect fiscal sustainability through enrollment growth and enable continued improvement of our campus facilities.

... Above all, we must continue to listen — to one another, to our students and to the communities and employers we serve.

In combination, the phrases "building bridges" and "transforming lives" convey the almost unlimited possibilities of our work.

...We are building bridges to and for our communities through teaching, learning and research.

Our academic programs support sustainability in the most holistic sense, not only through environmental stewardship but in health care, commerce, education, the arts and sciences, social services, criminal justice and trades and manufacturing.

Northwest Technical College is building bridges as a hub for multiplying initiatives to create the highly skilled workforce this region needs in order to thrive and grow.

We are actively working to strengthen the bridge of partnership between the university and the college, which offers so many opportunities to better serve our students.



Dr. Hensrud is accompanied in the processional to the BSU Gymnasium by former BSU presidents Dr. Jim Bensen (1994-2001), at left, Dr. Linda Baer (1993-94) and Dr. Jon Quistgaard (2001-10).



**Trustee Elise Bourdeau of the Minnesota Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees, administers the oath of office to Dr. Hensrud.**



**Dr. Hensrud receives a standing ovation after completing her address.**

Our institutions are a bridge that connects our region to a higher quality of life, through the arts, athletics and other enrichment.

... And we emphatically seek to build bridges to diverse peoples:

- Through recruitment and support of American Indian students, other students of color and international students, as well as diverse faculty, staff and administrators;
- By appreciating our individual differences and insisting on mutual respect;
- And by continuing to build campus cultures that promote and celebrate diversity in all forms.

We are constantly building bridges to knowledge and opportunity for our students.

... As for the goal of transforming lives, both for our students and for people throughout the region, we see it happen every day.

You make it happen.

... We will seek to define and express our institutions' distinctiveness in order remain compelling to prospective students and employees.

At BSU, I suggest we look to the distinct intersection of our north woods location; our

increasing emphasis on American Indian enrollment, languages, culture and governance; and a breadth of academic programs that support sustainability, both environmental and otherwise.

... Ultimately, what we are building together is a bridge to the future.

Many of our students will live to see the 22nd century. It is up to us to prepare and inspire them to meet the challenges and opportunities they will encounter, both as individuals and as contributing members of an increasingly diverse society.

I find that prospect thrilling, and I hope you do, too.

Thank you all for inviting me to join with you, and do my best to lead you, in this great endeavor.

And thank you for making this such an unforgettable day for me and my family.

May we all – students, staff and faculty; alumni; elected, civic and business leaders; and our many other partners and friends – be united in this common purpose: to build bridges and transform lives.

Our power for good is enormous, and together our success will be certain.

Thank you!



**Dr. Hensrud embraces her daughter, Christine, as her husband, Dr. Neil Hensrud, and son, Joshua, wait in a receiving line at the reception following the inauguration in the BSU Gymnasium.**

## Inaugural Remarks

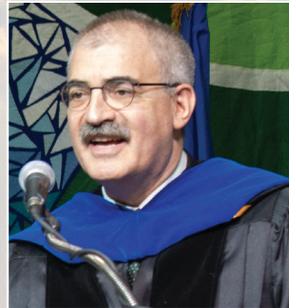
**"I bring greetings on behalf of the nearly 400,000 students from all walks of life who turn to our colleges and universities each year as a place of hope and opportunity, seeking to create a better future for themselves, for their families and for their communities."**

**— Elise Bourdeau, trustee, on behalf of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees**



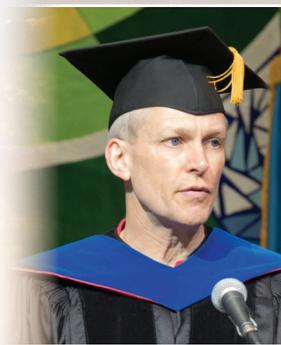
**"This celebration of community and solidarity in support of Faith Hensrud provides a wonderful feeling that makes us know that life is good and full and meaningful. And for those of us who know Faith Hensrud and have the privilege of working with her, today is a moment of great pride."**

**— Dr. Steven Rosenstone, chancellor of the Minnesota State system**



**"We welcome your guidance and insight into enriching the character of our academic programs and faculty. Most importantly, we look forward to your support of the academic and intellectual success of the students who are entrusted into our care."**

**— Dr. Marty J. Wolf, professor of computer science, on behalf of BSU faculty**



**"We want you to know that we trust you with our precious institutions. We believe you are a leader whose compass points true north. We are inspired by the history of our campuses, and we are ecstatic to see where you take us next."**

**— Kayley Schoonmaker (left), president, BSU Student Senate, and Charity Johnson, vice president, NTC Student Senate, on behalf of students**





# IMAGINE TOMORROW

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY

## Imagine Tomorrow FINISHES IN STYLE

By Scott Faust

Three years after publicly launching its Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign at the Homecoming Honors Gala, Bemidji State University used the same occasion to celebrate its success: \$36.54 million in total gifts and pledges that eclipsed a \$35 million goal.

Gold glitter rained down Oct. 14 as a crowd of 350 alumni and friends in the Sanford Center ballroom toasted their achievement with champagne, then hit the dance floor as a 12-piece band kicked in with "Celebration."

Dr. Faith Hensrud, who was making her first gala appearance on the evening after her inauguration as president of Bemidji State and Northwest Technical College, said the university's first-ever comprehensive campaign will yield benefits far into the future.

"Thanks to your continued support, and the incredible generosity that have made the Imagine Tomorrow campaign so successful," Hensrud said, "BSU will remain indispensable in the lives of its students and in helping shape the world our grandchildren will live in."

The five-year campaign began in low-key mode on July 1, 2011, and concluded on June 30, 2016. Staff of the BSU Alumni & Foundation worked with donors to wrap up final gifts and arrive at the official grand total revealed at the gala.

Nearly half of the total raised — \$17.9 million — will support scholarships, doubling the amount of scholarships BSU provides its students, from about \$700,000 in 2010 to more than \$1.4 million this year. That includes new scholarships specifically designated for students in 17 academic departments.

An additional \$4.2 million will support academic programs, \$11.2 million from annual giving can be spent on the university's highest priorities, and \$3.2 million in planned gifts will be received upon donors' passing.

More than 5,600 donors contributed to Imagine Tomorrow, including 1,434 who had not previously contributed to the university.

Hensrud thanked alumni leaders from around the country who supported and helped guide the campaign, along with foundation and alumni staff, and former President Richard Hanson, who made the campaign a major priority during his six-year tenure.

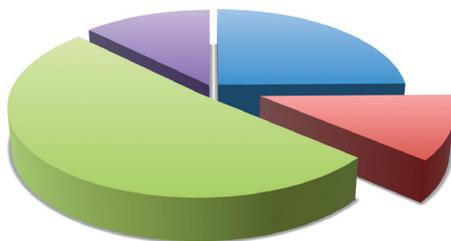
"His leadership of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign will be a tough act to follow," she said, "but at the same time, what an inspiration."



Leading a toast following the reveal of the total raised and pledged for the Imagine Tomorrow campaign at the Oct. 14 Honors Gala are, from left, Marla Patrias, Carol Russell '72, Dr. Faith Hensrud, Ben McAninch '99, Mike Roberge '90 and Dave Sorensen '72.



Members of the Imagine Tomorrow National Campaign Committee meet with President Faith Hensrud, second from left, and Marla Patrias, executive director for university advancement, rear left, on Oct. 14 in Memorial Hall to review campaign results and look ahead.



**BREAKDOWN OF GIVING**  
Designations by category for \$36,536,302 received or pledged to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign as of June 30, 2016:

- Scholarships - 49%
- Annual giving - 31%
- Academic support - 11%
- Undesignated - 11%

The campaign's volunteer chair, retired General Mills executive Dave Sorensen '72 of Minneapolis, said that not only did the campaign reveal the generosity and capacity of BSU's alums, it confirmed their appreciation for their own years as students.

"Thanks to each and every one of you who engaged in this campaign with a gift," Sorensen said, "for without you, this campaign would have never reached its goal."

He added, "Each gift came with a story, and, I tell you, it's just thrilling to hear them. It just makes this whole campaign real."

Sorensen also thanked volunteer campaign committee members from around the world and the staff of the BSU Alumni & Foundation for their efforts.

"They are dedicated people who have been a joy to work with," he said. "They've worked unbelievably hard, and it's been extremely motivating just to be around these folks."

In addition to enabling dramatic growth in

scholarships, Imagine Tomorrow funds have gone to support a BSU Gallery in the downtown Bemidji's Watermark Art Center, travel for BSU musical groups, new artificial turf in Chet Anderson Stadium, a total upgrade of BSU's student media facilities, emergency financial support for American Indian students, and a new residence and meeting place for Honors Program students.

"Thank you for making so many things possible at BSU," Hensrud said. "Thank you for imagining tomorrow."



Dave Sorensen '72, left, chair of the Imagine Tomorrow Campaign Steering Committee, and Mike Roberge '90, chair of the National Campaign Committee, before the Oct. 14 Honors Gala at the Sanford Center.

## THE IMPACT OF IMAGINE TOMORROW

Highlights of how the five-year Imagine Tomorrow campaign has and will benefit Bemidji State University and its students:

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- The value of annual scholarships awarded by the BSU Foundation have grown from \$700,000 to more than \$1.4 million this year.
- The total number of scholarships awarded by the BSU Foundation have increased by 20 percent, now totaling 832, while named scholarships are up by 50 percent, to 389.
- Seventeen BSU academic departments have received additional scholarships designated specifically for their students.
- New scholarships for incoming freshmen have contributed to Bemidji State University's 2 percent enrollment growth for two straight years.

### ACADEMICS

- \$500,000 from the Joseph and Janice Lueken Family Foundation will fund a BSU Gallery within the new Watermark Art Center in downtown Bemidji.
- \$160,000 from the Joseph and Janice Lueken Family Foundation will fund travel by choral and instrumental music groups.
- \$250,000 from the Joseph and Janice Lueken Family Foundation supplemented university funds to upgrade the new Student Media Center in Deputy Hall.

### STUDENT SERVICES

- Cash and in-kind gifts supported construction of the new Laurel House, a living, gathering and learning space for Honor Program students.
- Two new endowments will assist American Indian students with small cash awards to overcome short-term financial challenges that might otherwise force them to drop out.
- A major campaign gift to BSU Athletics for \$425,000 helped pay for new artificial turf at Chet Anderson Stadium.

### FUNDRAISING

- More than 5,600 donors contributed to the campaign, including 1,434 who had never previously donated to the university.
- Annual, unrestricted giving to the Lakeside Fund has increased from \$174,415 to \$546,300.
- Total BSU Alumni & Foundation total assets have grown from \$16.2 million to more than \$27.8 million.



# THANK YOU

*The following donors gave or pledged at least \$10,000 to the five-year Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign that concluded June 30:*

## **\$2,500,000+**

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## **\$10,000+**

Ace on the Lake  
Charles Aldrich\*  
Boris and Caroline Andrican





*"Not only do these projects enhance student learning, they also allow students to work directly with business partners, gaining experience and making connections that may open doors in the future."*

— MIKE MULRY

BSU Director of Engagement Marketing Mike Mulry, second from right, joins members of the BSU Collegiate Fishing Team on Dec. 2 at the Hard Water Ice Fishing Expo in Blaine, where they showed off the university's Fossil Fuel-Free Fish House, designed and built by students from BSU and Northwest Technical College.

# MARKETING FOR A CAUSE

— *in support of BSU*

**A** new member of the BSU Alumni & Foundation team is excited about finding win-win opportunities for businesses to market themselves while enriching the learning experience for Bemidji State University students.

Mike Mulry, who joined the staff in September as director of engagement marketing, is broadly responsible for forging creative connections with alumni and students.

He's especially enthusiastic about what's known as "cause marketing," in which vendors reach audiences through monetary or in-kind support of a non-profit venture. This strategy was a focus in his last job, in which he worked with the American Red Cross, among other clients.

"Corporations have traditionally given money in return for having their logo placed somewhere," Mulry said. "That has obvious benefits, but I've found companies are very much interested in two-way

connections. They want to partner in an authentic way that involves their products and services."

One example of Mulry's work so far involves the BSU Collegiate Fishing Team, a club sport whose participants have successfully competed at the highest level.

Team members had already enlisted Bemidji Marine to furnish a 2017 Ranger bass boat and trailer for them to use at tournaments around the country. Mulry has raised the students' sights with a plan to recruit an auto dealer willing to furnish a pickup truck to haul the boat.

But first, he plans to involve BSU design students in a competition for a vinyl wrap around the truck, boat and trailer. The winning design will be the centerpiece of a sponsorship pitch to one or more dealers, hopefully this spring.

Mulry and several fishing team members traveled to Blaine for the Hard Water Ice Fishing Expo on Nov. 18-20 to show off another project, a solar-powered fish house completed last year by students at BSU and Northwest Technical College.

Already, the Fossil Fuel-Free Fish House has sparked conversation with Ion Augurs, which is interested in how solar power could be used to recharge its battery-powered fishing augurs.

Mulry also is exploring the possibility of gathering sponsors to help convert an ice house that's been used as the BSU ticket booth into an on-ice lab for aquatic biology students.

Other projects that may lend themselves to cause marketing include a student-designed tiny house, which could feature energy-efficient windows and other innovations, and a recumbent bicycle whose fairing, or housing, may bear sponsor logos.

#### To learn more

Contact Mike Mulry, director of engagement marketing, at (218) 755-2122 or at [mmulry@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:mmulry@bemidjistate.edu).



Incoming freshmen pose for a group portrait on Aug. 19 — Move-In Day — in Chet Anderson Stadium during Fall 2016 Orientation.

## Enrollment continues upward trend in 2016

**F**or the second straight year, Bemidji State University's total enrollment has grown by more than 2 percent. The head count on the 30th day of classes, the traditional date for counting official fall enrollment, was 5,120 students – the most since 2011 and the fourth highest in 17 years.

A 107-student year-over-year gain stemmed from across-the-board increases in undergraduate students, graduate students and incoming freshmen.

The number of undergraduates on campus grew 1.2 percent to 4,795, graduate students were up 18.6 percent to 325, and BSU's freshman class grew 9.2 percent to 809. More than 1,300 students are living in BSU's residence

halls this year, an 89.6 percent occupancy rate that is the highest in decades.

Bemidji State's fall 2016 enrollment is also becoming more diverse, with non-white students now making up 21 percent of the student body. American Indian student enrollment has grown by 19 students to 134, 3 percent of all students. In addition, there also was year-over-year growth in the number of black students (101, a gain of 11), Latino students (121, a gain of 7) and multi-racial (164, a gain of 20). The university has significantly more international students, with a 22-student increase over 2015 to 115 students. International students now make up more than 2 percent of BSU's student body.

### U.S. News again ranks BSU among top tier in Midwest

For the ninth consecutive year, U.S. News and World Report has named Bemidji State one of the best colleges and universities in the Midwest.

In the magazine's annual review of America's Best Colleges, released Sept. 13, BSU tied for 35th among public institutions in the region and tied with seven other institutions for 115th among all colleges and universities, public and private, in the region.

The magazine also tapped BSU for its Short List on affordability, naming it one of the most affordable colleges or universities in the nation for out-of-state students.



The university offers its \$8,386 in-state rate for tuition and fees to all students across the country. BSU ranked seventh on the U.S. News Short List, which is separate from the publication's overall rankings.

### 360 Center of Excellence wins grant from National Science Foundation

The 360 Manufacturing Center of Excellence, a BSU-led consortium with 14 Minnesota two-year colleges, in September was awarded a \$2.25 million grant from National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Regional Center. This grant will support efforts to increase graduates in advanced manufacturing programs at 360-partner colleges through 2019.

The 360 consortium was founded in 2006 as an education and industry collaboration to recruit, educate and train workers for dynamic careers in manufacturing through the Minnesota State system.

### Mitchell Hamline partnership offers streamlined law degree

Thanks to a new transfer partnership with the Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Bemidji State students can complete their undergraduate and law degrees in a total of six years, rather than the traditional seven. The agreement was signed Nov. 4 by President Faith Hensrud and Mark Gordon, president and dean of law at Mitchell Hamline.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our students who are interested in going into the field of law, to be able to start here in Bemidji and then transfer to get a degree at each institution," Hensrud said. "It's a great opportunity for them to get their educational footing started and then go on to get a law degree."

The "3+3" transfer program will require BSU students to complete a minimum of 92 undergraduate credits before transferring to Mitchell Hamline. There, students will complete both their final year of undergraduate coursework and their first year of law school, transferring between 12 and 28 upper-level credits back to BSU to complete their bachelor's degree. After this crossover year, students will then spend two additional years at Mitchell Hamline, allowing them to complete both their undergraduate and law degrees in six years.



A representative from the Mitchell Hamline School of Law answers a student's question in the Lakeside Food Court following the signing of a law school partnership on Nov. 4 at BSU.



**KBSU-TV Station Manager Shawn Campbell shows Alumni & Foundation Trustee Gina Deeds the broadcast control room during a Dec. 7 open house for a new Student Media Center in Deputy Hall.**

### New Student Media Center in Deputy will be hub for multimedia learning

A ribbon-cutting and open house on Dec. 7 officially opened Bemidji State's new Student Media Center in Deputy Hall, part of the newly renamed Department of Integrated Media, previously Mass Communications.

The media center includes a larger television studio and control center, a new radio broadcast booth and two interactive classrooms. It will serve as a hub for the student-run Northern Student magazine, FM 90, the Headwaters Film Festival, KBSU-TV and students in a course called News Team, which will produce breaking news content.

President Faith Hensrud said the facility will help students prepare to succeed in the media job market.

"The new Student Media Center reflects a challenging new expectation for media professionals: the ability to effectively employ multiple communications channels to achieve a desired outcome, whether it be journalism, entertainment or marketing," Hensrud said.

The \$1 million facility, which occupies space vacated when Lakeland Public Television relocated to its new building in April 2015, was supported by a \$250,000 contribution by the BSU Alumni & Foundation Board from funds donated by the Joseph and Janice Lueken Family Foundation. The remainder came from the university budget.

### Alumni who won election Nov. 8 will serve at local, state levels

At least seven Bemidji State alumni won election Nov. 8:

- **Rita Albrecht '01**, third two-year term as mayor of Bemidji.
- **Bob Dettmer '73** of Forest Lake, seventh term, District 39A in Minnesota House of Representatives.
- **Dr. John Gonzalez '99**, associate professor of psychology, board member, Bemidji Area Public Schools.
- **Ron Johnson '75**, fifth term, Ward 3, Bemidji City Council.
- **Michael Meehlhause '12**, second term, Ward 1, Bemidji City Council.
- **Marion O'Neill '92** of Maple Lake, fourth term, District 29B, Minnesota House.
- **Torrey Westrom '98** of Elbow Lake, fifth term, District 12, Minnesota Senate.

### Minnesota P.E. teachers can earn DAPE licenses online at BSU



Minnesota physical education teachers or undergraduate students majoring in physical education can earn Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE) licensure at Bemidji State through a new online program.

DAPE licensure certifies physical education teachers to instruct students with special needs in ways that meet individual education program goals in the physical education or movement setting.

"The majority of K-12 physical education and health teaching positions that

become available require that applicants have a current DAPE licensure," said Dr. Jim White, professor and chair of the Department of Human Performance, Sport and Health. "Students who earn this licensure are also earning teaching degrees in P.E. and health and are optimally positioned to compete for K-12 teaching positions."

Interested students must apply to BSU as graduate students, although courses may be taken for undergraduate or graduate credits. Graduate-level credits may be applied to future graduate programs. For more information, call the School of Graduate Studies, (218) 755-2027.

### Tunnels renamed "Beaver Trail" and get new signs to guide users

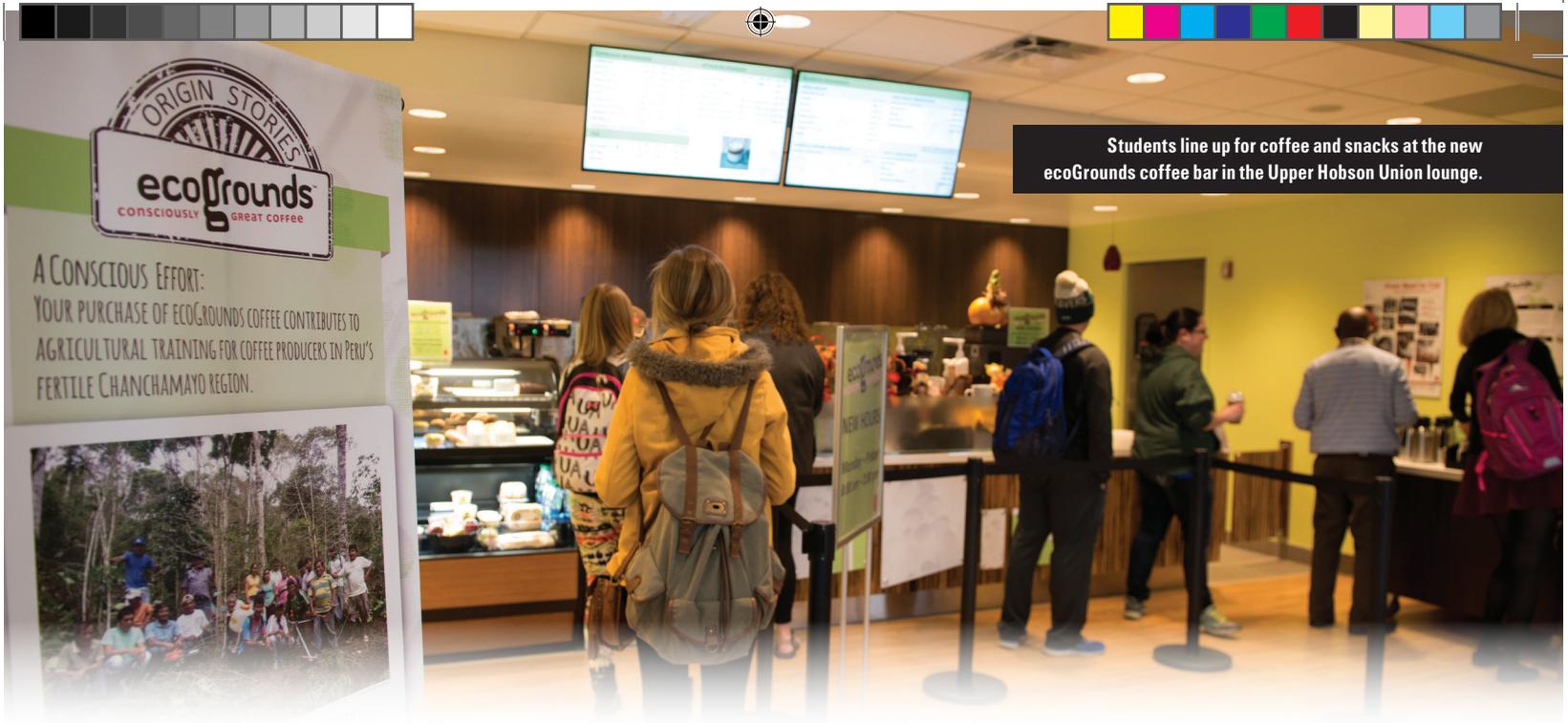
New directional signage installed in November throughout the Bemidji State tunnel and skywalk network have given the system a new name – "The Beaver Trail."

A cross-campus task force on wayfinding and campus branding identified the tunnel signage replacement as an urgent priority because both students and visitors rely on the underground network in inclement weather.

The green directional signs, soon to be complemented by "you are here" maps, give the network a more distinctive name than "the tunnels."



**New "Beaver Trail" signs guide pedestrians in BSU's tunnels.**



Students line up for coffee and snacks at the new ecoGrounds coffee bar in the Upper Hobson Union lounge.

### Renewal of food-service contract leads to extensive improvements

A five-year renewal of Bemidji State's food services contract with Aramark, completed in spring 2016, has brought a number of changes to dining facilities across campus.

The most significant changes came to the Lakeside Food Court in the lower Hobson Memorial Union, which was entirely remodeled. The remodel focused on changing traffic patterns and reducing the amount of time spent standing in lines. Customers can now select their food station and pay there, rather than going to another checkout line. The area also received new wall murals designed by BSU's Office of Communications and Marketing. Wally's Dining Center and the Upper Deck snack bar also received updated signage.

The upper Hobson Memorial Union has welcomed a new coffee bar, ecoGrounds, to its lounge area overlooking the Central Plaza. The shop replaces the Java City stand in the Lower Union and makes coffee more centrally available to the entire campus. EcoGrounds, a subsidiary brand of Java City, serves Fair Trade-certified coffees and teas and reinvests in the communities that grow its beans.

Aramark also has added a new clinical dietician to its campus staff, Jean Swailes, who will oversee a new allergen-free food station in Wally's and is available for individual nutrition counseling.

### Minnesota State system honors Hanson as president emeritus

Dr. Richard A. Hanson, who served six years as president of Bemidji State and Northwest Technical College from 2010-2016, was granted president emeritus status by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees on Oct. 19.

Hanson's tenure in Bemidji included leadership of BSU's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, Imagine Tomorrow, which concluded in June and surpassed its \$35 million goal. He also placed renewed emphasis on international recruitment and education abroad and championed BSU's distinction as a north woods campus that offers residential students a transformative college experience.



Former BSU President Richard Hanson with Chancellor Steven Rosenstone after being granted president emeritus status on Oct. 19 in St. Paul.

### Students succeed in push for Bemidji to mark Treaty Day



Dr. Vivian Delgado

A community-wide effort spearheaded by Bemidji State students convinced the City of Bemidji to recognize the federal Columbus Day holiday as Indigenous Peoples' / Treaty Day.

The local effort was supported by students in BSU's Federal Indian Law course, taught by Dr. Vivian Delgado, BSU's current interim assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and by the BSU Sustainability Office through its partnership with the community group Ebiyang.

Delgado's students, who typically have worked on a semester-long project with representatives from native nations at Red Lake, White Earth or Leech Lake, decided instead to pursue Treaty Day recognition with the city of Bemidji.

On Oct. 3, Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht signed a proclamation recognizing that "historically and currently, Bemidji has been an indigenous village" and that indigenous peoples have substantially shaped the city's character.



## MINNESOTA STATE

### System drops "MnSCU" acronym in favor of "Minnesota State" brand

The system of 30 colleges and seven universities that form the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will now be known collectively as "Minnesota State."

The system's Board of Trustees of Minnesota in June approved the change, seeking to shed the acronym "MnSCU, which lacks meaning and fails to highlight the breadth of institutions that comprise the nation's fifth-largest system of higher education.

The move does not change the legal name, which is written in state statute, but it does include new visual branding elements to help distinguish Minnesota State schools from other colleges and universities in the state.

# BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Erika Bailey-Johnson**, sustainability coordinator, presented at the annual Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education conference, Oct. 9-12, in Baltimore, Md., on "Sustainability, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Across the Curriculum," "Assessing Course Impact: Three Models of Sustainability Evaluation," and "Campus Resilience: Prioritizing Goals and Strategies Through Collaborative Gaming." **Dr. Laurie Desiderato**, professor of psychology, collaborated on the third of those.

**Dr. Joann Fredrickson** and **Dr. Kelly La Venture**, professors of business, received Quality Matters peer-review certifications for online courses — Fredrickson for her Organizational Behavior course and La Venture for her Marketing Management course in BSU's MBA program.

**Dr. Mahmoud Al-Odeh**, associate professor of technology, art and design, has been named director of BSU's Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference, an annual celebration of academic achievement that will be held April 5. He also organized a 2016 Global Technology



Management Conference held at BSU on May 26-28.

**Dr. Drago Bilanovic**, professor of environmental, economic, Earth and space studies, presented "A global facility for microalgal reduction of atmospheric carbon dioxide" at the Green Chemistry-Gordon Research Conference held July 31-Aug. 5 in Stowe, Vt. He also published several papers: "Preparation of



biodegradable xanthan-glycerol hydrogel, foam, film, aerogel and xerogel at room temperature" in the journal Carbohydrate Polymers along with two co-authors; "Rust dissolution and removal by iron-reducing bacteria; a potential rehabilitation of rusted equipment" in the journal Corrosion Science with three co-authors; and "Cross-linking Xanthan and Other Compounds with Glycerol" in the journal Food Hydrocolloids with two co-authors. In addition, Bilanovic and three co-authors wrote "Co-cultivation of microalgae and nitrifiers for higher biomass production and better carbon capture," which has been accepted for publication in the journal Bioresource Technology.

**Dr. Angela Fournier**, associate professor of psychology, and BSU alumna Sara Fritsch co-authored "It can W8: A community intervention to decrease distracted driving" in the Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community. Fournier also published "The Human-Animal Interaction Scale: Development and Evaluation" in the journal Anthrozoös, recapping her work with collaborators to develop the Human-Animal Interaction Scale, which can be used to describe and quantify behaviors performed by humans and nonhuman animals during their interactions.



**Dr. Todd Frauenholtz**, professor of mathematics, led a group of 13 students to the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics' annual spring conference, April 29-30 in Duluth. The conference allowed BSU students to interact with current mathematics teachers. The trip was supported by BSU grants from the President's Mini-Grant program and the NASA Space Grant.



**Dr. Janice Haworth**, professor of music, spent six weeks teaching at Changzhi University in Shanxi Province, China, this summer. She taught a group of 11 Chinese percussion majors to play traditional rhythms of Guinea in West Africa. They concluded with a public presentation and concert.



**Dr. Elizabeth Hagensen**, assistant professor of criminal justice, delivers a presentation on punishment, discipline and corrective action at the Minnesota Association of Court Managers conference on Sept. 29 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji.



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**Dr. Brian Hiller (left), associate professor of wildlife, joins with wildlife biology students on Oct. 19 to assist in a deer population survey within Bemidji.**

The largest gallery in Bemidji's new Watermark Art Center has been named for **Dr. Marley Kaul**, professor emeritus of visual arts, and **Dr. Sandy Kaul**, who directed BSU's Talley Gallery for more than 20 years. Kaul, a nationally renowned acrylic and egg tempera painter, taught at BSU for more than 30 years. The gallery will be more than 2,000 square feet and feature windows providing views of Lake Bemidji. The naming was made possible by a gift from an anonymous donor during the center's capital campaign.

**Pete McDonnell**, systems, distance learning and circulation librarian at the A. C. Clark Library, edited a book titled "The Experiential Library: Transforming Academic and Research Libraries Through the Power of Experiential Learning." McDonnell also wrote its preface and final chapter, "Conclusion: An Experiential Librarian's Creed."



**Dr. Denise Meijer**, assistant professor of nursing, presented a poster "Community Health Nursing in a Global Setting" during the International Rural Nursing Conference in Rapid City, S.D., in July. She also led a group of BSU nursing students on a trip to experience nursing in South Africa.



**Dr. Carla Norris-Raynbird**, associate professor of sociology and gender and women's studies, presented "Moving Away from Dichotomy? Trends in Gender Studies Programs in the U.S." at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences conference, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Freiburg, Germany.

**Dr. Donna Palivec**, professor emerita of human performance, sport and health, received the George Hanson Developmental Adapted Physical Education Award at the fall conference of the Minnesota Society of Health and Physical Educators, Nov. 11-12 in Wayzata. The award recognizes outstanding service and contributions by a professional in elementary, secondary, higher education or other area of developmental-adapted physical education.



**Dr. William "Bill" Scheela**, professor emeritus of business administration, wrote the following articles: a chapter on Thailand with two co-authors in the book "Angel Financing in Asia Pacific;" "Business Angels in Emerging Economies: South East Asia," in the "Handbook of Research on Business Angels;" and "Born-Global Start-

ups in Emerging Economies" in "Global Entrepreneurship: Past, Present & Future," the most recent volume in the book series, "Advances in International Management."

**Dr. Marty J. Wolf**, professor of computer science, has joined the editorial advisory board for the Journal of Information, Communication and Ethics in Society. As vice chair for its Committee on Professional Ethics, he is helping lead an update of the code of ethics and professional conduct for the Association for Computing Machinery. Wolf also published and presented several papers at the annual meeting of the International Association for Computing and Philosophy, June 14-17 in Ferrara, Italy.



### University Scholars, 2016-17

Bemidji State's first group of University Scholars was announced by former President Richard Hanson at the 2016 Commencement on May 6. They were chosen for outstanding teaching, service or scholarship over three successive years, as judged by their academic department and immediate supervisor. The scholars are: **Dr. Joann Frederickson**, professor of business; **Dr. John Gonzalez**, professor of psychology; and **Dr. Marty J. Wolf**, professor of computer science.

### Newly tenured faculty, 2016-17

- **Dr. Mahmoud Al-Odeh**, associate professor of technology, art and design
- **Dr. Porter Coggins**, associate professor of professional education
- **Dr. Keith Gora**, associate professor of psychology
- **Andrew Graham**, assistant professor of technology, art and design
- **Dr. Andrew Hafs**, associate professor of biology
- **Dr. Brian Hiller**, associate professor of biology
- **Dr. Donna Pawlowski**, professor of speech communication and English
- **Dr. Susan Rickers**, associate professor of social work
- **Dr. Janine Wahl**, associate professor of professional education
- **Dr. Young Seob Son**, associate professor of business administration



## KENNETH BENTLEY

**K**enneth Bentley launched his career in photography by specializing in portraiture, work that allowed him to play with details and lighting to capture the humanity of his subjects.

He studied visual arts at a Philadelphia high school where he enjoyed drawing people, using pencil and paper to explore the human form. Now a senior at Bemidji State University, Bentley uses words and ideas to explore a bigger canvas of how social order, culture and institutions shape people's lives.

A native of Philadelphia, he enrolled at BSU after he moved with his family to Laporte. He started with a degree in sociology and then added minors in leadership studies and mass communication.

"When I was doing photography, I thought, 'This is fun,'" Bentley said. "But I wanted to know more about the people in my photos. For a long time, I was completely against going to college, but I wanted a career change, and I started reading a lot about sociology."

Now he plans to pursue a doctorate in sociology, possibly to teach at the college level. At BSU, he participates in the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant program. His dream job would be to teach a course on the culture of hip hop, a style of urban popular music featuring rap with an electric backing.

"Hip hop has its own language about life," Bentley said. "It's a part of the history of our times, a way for people to express what's going on in their communities."

As a first-generation college student, he is a TRIO McNair Scholar. His research interests include cultural trends across historical time periods and how media reflects or influences culture. He's also done a sociological exploration of hip-hop culture. His other interests include poverty in urban and rural areas, incarceration in America and gender politics. On a recent visit to Philadelphia, he undertook a photojournalistic study of poverty on urban streets.

"Kenneth has been a welcome addition to the leadership program," said Dr. Dennis Lunt, director of leadership studies. "He is an open-minded and serious thinker who has a bright future."

Bentley has presented his research at the Sociologists of Minnesota annual meeting in St. Cloud, the BSU Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference and at a McNair Research Conference at Florida International University in Miami.

"Everything that I chose to do academically has been aimed at self-improvement," said Bentley, who finds he is a scholar at heart. "Five or six years ago, I never would have thought about presenting or all the things that I've done at Bemidji State."

**A**manda Kooiker enjoys the methodology of lab work, setting up experiments, testing hypotheses and making contributions that may eventually improve people's lives.

A junior biology major from Pipestone, Kooiker spends 10-15 hours a week in labs at Bemidji State University. She appreciates the connections she finds from classroom to lab to real life.

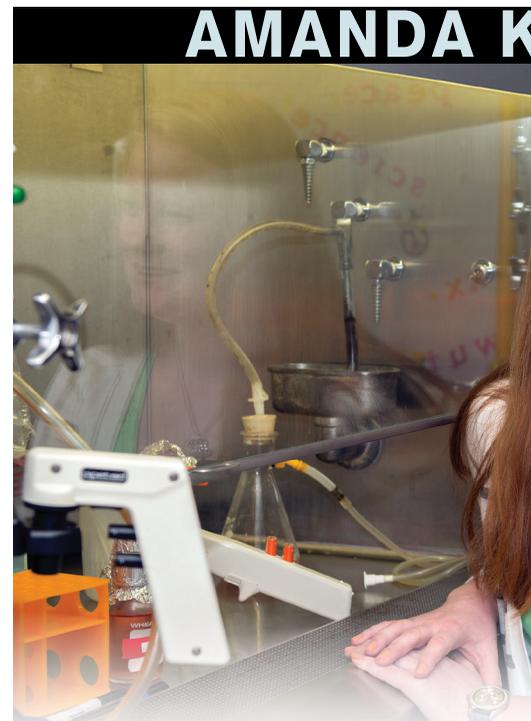
"In high school, we didn't go so in depth, so to come here and go into some more complicated biology has really opened my eyes to how much there is to learn," said Kooiker, who plans to pursue a medical-related career.

A standout student, she earned the BSU Campus Honor and Presidential Honor scholarships and another scholarship sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

"I've gotten more opportunities here than I ever imagined," said Kooiker, whose scholarships allow her to concentrate fully on experiences related to her studies. As a peer academic adviser, she also helps freshmen adjust to college academics.

Last summer, she completed an internship at the Rochester Mayo Clinic working in an osteoporosis lab.

At Bemidji State, she has been an undergraduate assistant to Dr. Mark Wallert, associate professor of biology, whose research relates



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to non-small cell lung cancer. Kooiker lost two grandparents to lung cancer, so she finds the work meaningful.

"I've had several family members with cancer, so cancer research has always interested me most," she said. "That's also motivated me to want to help others."

Kooiker has been invited to present her work in April at the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology National Meeting in Chicago, a five-day event attended by up to 14,000 scientists. She is the main author of one abstract and a contributor on two others.

"To be part of three different presentations at the national meeting is pretty much unheard of," Dr. Wallert said. "It makes her competitive with the best biology students across the country."

This spring, Kooiker will work part-time as a pharmacy technician as she considers whether to continue with research, pursue pharmacy or possibly attend medical school.

One of the advantages of pharmacy or medicine, she noted, is that they offer more career options in small towns and more opportunities to interact with patients. Those personal relationships are important to her, which is part of the reason she chose to attend BSU.

"I'm not just a number here," Kooiker said. "I'm a face, and that's what I wanted."



**SARAH STRAM**

Illinois native Sarah Stram first heard about Bemidji State University when she was recruited as a high school soccer player in 2012.

She and her dad drove 10 hours from the Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village to visit the campus.

"We didn't even know how to pronounce 'Bemidji,'" Stram said.

She did know she wanted to play soccer and study pre-veterinary medicine. When she learned she could do both at BSU, she committed.

"Bemidji was the only place that I visited," Stram said. "I've always loved small towns. And being on a team, you automatically have 20 best friends."

She excelled athletically and academically. Even with a double major in chemistry and biology, she finished a semester early, graduating this December, and was recognized as BSU's Outstanding Analytical Chemist. She also received the American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award.

In addition, Stram was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America College Division Academic All-America® First Team. She was also the first Beaver to be named First-Team all-NSIC for three consecutive seasons.

Growing up the youngest of four children, Stram often hung out at her father's veterinary hospital. Eventually, she started helping at the clinic and decided to pursue

veterinary medicine. She also inherited one of her father's former patients, Miller, a black Lab mix, who moved to Bemidji State with her.

"I've always loved animals," said Stram, who enjoyed daily runs with Miller as he chased squirrels and ducks along the shore of Lake Bemidji.

While she liked working with her father in Illinois, Stram said she hopes to practice veterinary medicine in a more rural area, maybe Wisconsin or Minnesota — "someplace without tollways," she quipped.

Stram, who already has completed an internship at a veterinarian emergency care center, will do an externship this month at an equine hospital in North Carolina. With her applications already submitted to veterinary schools, she awaits her next move. By mid-December, two institutions had already invited her for interviews, the first step in the acceptance process.

"Sarah is a hard-working student, very intelligent, dedicated and an excellent leader in the classroom and the lab — the same strengths she demonstrates on the soccer pitch," said Dr. Kenneth Traxler, chair of the Department of Chemistry. "She's a complete package."

For Stram, graduating from Bemidji State is bittersweet. She and Miller will miss their lives in Bemidji, a place without tollways and traffic jams and with plenty of wide-open spaces.

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## Bowl title caps big season for Beaver Football

Bemidji State Football claimed its first postseason victory by beating Washburn University on Dec. 3 in the Mineral Water Bowl. Following an 8-3 regular season in which the Beavers finished second in the NSIC North Division and narrowly missed the NCAA Playoffs, BSU earned its second bid to the game in Excelsior Springs, Mo., the only sanctioned NCAA Division II postseason bowl matchup. Sophomore QB **Jordan Hein** completed 16 passes for 261 yards and four touchdowns, while **Gena Adams** scampered for 159 yards and **Kameel Al-Khouri** pulled in two interceptions. Hein was named the game's Most Valuable Offensive Player and Al-Khouri garnered the Defensive MVP award.

In addition to matching a program-record nine wins, the 2016 team averaged 524.9 yards per game to establish school records for total offense (6,299 yards), rushing yardage (2,775) and passing yardage (3,524), while averaging 45-plus points per game. They also capped the season with 17 players selected for 2016 All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference honors. **Gena Adams, Jesse Hein** and **Brandon Schindler** were named to the NSIC North Division All-Conference First Team Offense, while **Damon Benham, Alex Burgess, Jamison Evans, Gunner Olszewski** and **Trysten Ross** were named First Team Defense. BSU's All-Conference Second Team selections were **Jordan Hein, Blake Holder, Jake Krause** and **Matthew Valentine** on offense, **Jake Wirsching** on defense and **Juwaan Richard** for special teams. Seniors **Kameel Al-Khouri, Vince Dinkel** and **Blake Petrich** joined the All-NSIC Honorable Mention team.

**Jordan Hein** received additional honors as one of 42 student-athletes across the country nominated for the 2016 Harlon Hill Award, annually given to the NCAA Division II College Football Player of the Year. A junior from Perham, he broke multiple BSU career records, including total passing yards (6,377), total touchdowns (82) and passing touchdowns (63). Hein also set the BSU single-season passing efficiency record (165.3), established the program's single-season passing yardage record (3,007) and passed for a program-record 31 touchdowns. He finished the season ranked among the top 20 in the nation in seven categories, which included finishing second in passing yards per completion. The 2016 Harlon Hill winner was announced Jan. 6 in Florence, Ala.



Jordan Hein

**Gena Adams**, the team's leading rusher, also turned heads in the classroom. The senior business administration major was named to the 2016 College Sports Information Directors of America College Division Academic All-America® First Team. He is the first BSU football player to earn the honor since Brian Leonhart, a tight end with the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals, received it in 2012. In addition to leading the team with 1,154 rushing yards, setting a program record with 7.9 yards per carry, and accounting for 12 touchdowns, Adams has a 3.87 cumulative GPA.



Gena Adams



The Bemidji State football team celebrates following its 36-23 victory over Washburn University on Dec. 3 in the Mineral Water Bowl, held in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

## Tronick and Yost in the ranks of BSU Volleyball elite

Senior outside hitters **Amanda Tronick** and **Jessica Yost** finished their collegiate careers among the greatest in BSU Volleyball history. Tronick and Yost each recorded her 1,000th kill during the 2016 campaign, becoming the ninth and 10th BSU players to do so. In addition, Yost became the third player in BSU history to collect 1,000 career digs and 1,000 kills. The Wadena native finished her career as BSU's all-time leader with 1,381 kills. Following the season, NSIC coaches voted Yost to the All-NSIC Second Team, making her the first BSU player to earn a spot on the team since Bethany Thompson in 2012.



Amanda Tronick

## Soccer sends seven players to All-NSIC team

A record seven members of the Bemidji State Soccer team were selected to the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Team. The honors capped a 2016 season in which they posted a 13-4-1 overall record and finished third in the league standings, owning an 11-3-1 mark in league play. Senior **Christine Szurek** headlined the first-team group and was also chosen the league's Defensive Player of the Year. In addition to Szurek, **Sarah Stram** and **Raquel Thelen** were named to the first team, **Catherine Arneson, Bayley Ertl** and **Miranda Famestad** each earned a second-team spot, and **Rachael Norton** collected third-team honors. NSIC colleagues selected Head Coach **Jim Stone** as the conference's Coach of the Year.



Christine Szurek

In addition, for a third straight year, the 2016 team was selected for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America College Team Academic Award. BSU, which carried a 3.65 cumulative team grade point average to rank 16th in the nation, was one of seven NSIC women's teams and 578 teams from all collegiate levels nationwide to earn the honor.

## Otto joins U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame as member of 1996 World Cup team

**Joel Otto**, who played for the Beavers from 1981-84, was inducted into U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in November as a member of the USA team that won gold in the 1996 World Cup of Hockey.



Joel Otto

Team USA finished the tournament 6-0-1-0 in the tournament and outscored its opponents, 37-18. Otto played in all seven of Team USA's games and scored three points — including a goal and two assists — to help lead Team USA to victory.

Otto, originally from Elk River, holds BSU's second-highest BSU single season-scoring record, with 75 points. In 1984, he began a 14-year professional career, first with the Calgary Flames then with the Philadelphia Flyers. He is now an assistant coach with the Calgary Hitman of the Western Hockey League.

# ALUMNINEWS

## New president and officers named for Alumni & Foundation Board

The Alumni & Foundation Board of Directors approved a leadership change at its annual meeting on Nov. 18 at Bemidji State.

**Ben McAninch '99** became president, replacing **Carol Russell '71**, who is now immediate past president. **Peggy Ingison '74** is taking on the dual roles of president elect and treasurer, and **Tom Anderson '70** is the new vice president.

## Eligible students have until Feb. 1 to seek Alumni Relative Scholarships

First-year, returning and transfer students with a BSU alumni relative who has contributed to the university through the BSU Alumni & Foundation may apply for an Alumni Relative Scholarship.

Awards of \$1,000 are allocated in payments of \$500 for each semester of the academic year. Apply at <http://bit.ly/ARSAPP> or call (218) 755-3989 for more information. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

## Don't miss North Star College Cup or the fun at McGovern's Pub

The new Twin Cities Alumni Chapter is gearing up for the North Star College Cup on Jan. 27-28 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

The Beavers will take on St. Cloud State at 4 p.m. on opening day of the four-team tournament. The University of Minnesota Duluth and Minnesota will play at 7 p.m. The championship and consolation games will be played at 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Ticket information is available at the Sanford Center or by calling (218) 441-4031. McGovern's Pub (225 Seventh St. W) will be BSU's pre- and post-game gathering place.

## Athletes, coaches and backers to join B-Club Hall of Fame

The B-Club Athletics Hall of Fame will welcome its 2017 inductees on Feb. 18 in the Lakeside rooms at the Sanford Center.

Individual inductees will be **Lora (Weiers) Angileno '88**, women's basketball (1983-88); **John Backes '74**, Football/Track & Field (1970-1974); **Malachy McCarthy '82** - Men's Swimming (1977-81); and **Robert Eckert '79**; Wrestling (1975-79).

**William "Charlie" Scanlon '74**, Men's Hockey (1971-75), will be honored with the Alumni



Among foursomes at the Go Green at Green Haven golf event on June 20 were, from left, Walt Thoreson, Tom Enger '72, Dana Rose and Randy Bowen '73. More than 100 alumni and friends teed up for the inaugural event at the Green Haven Golf Course in Anoka, which was presented by the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter and sponsored by Liberty Mutual Insurance. Participants raised nearly \$5,000 for BSU Athletics.

Coaching Achievement Award for his success as a high school soccer coach. The BSU Coaches Hall of Fame will welcome **Donna Palivec** into its ranks. The 1966-67 men's basketball team has earned its place in the Team Hall of Fame, and **Willie Stittsworth '53** and **Cindy Holter** both will be celebrated for their contributions to and support for BSU Athletics.

Visit [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org) for brunch tickets.

## President Hensrud will attend 2017 Southwest events in March

New BSU President Faith Hensrud will head southwest this spring to meet alumni and friends at the Alumni & Foundation's annual Southwest events.

Activities are scheduled for March 3 in Tucson and Scottsdale, Ariz. The Tucson luncheon will be at Teresa's Mosaic Café at 11:30 a.m. A BSU Hockey viewing party is set for 5:30 p.m. on March 3 in the 18 Degrees Grill at the Ice Den in Scottsdale. Golf (optional), and a luncheon will take place March 4 at the Apache Wells Country Club on March 4.

Call (218) 755-3989, email [alumni@bemidji-state.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidji-state.edu) or visit [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org)

## Feb. 1 is nomination deadline for 2017 alumni award honors

Nominations are due by Feb. 1 for several awards that recognize alumni for their contributions to Bemidji State, their professions or their communities.

Outstanding Alumni, Young Alumni and Alumni Service Awards are presented

annually at the Homecoming Honors Gala to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their industries and communities.

Online applications are available for the following categories at [www.bsualumni.org](http://www.bsualumni.org).

## Alumni & Foundation adds six to alumni and fundraising teams

These individuals have joined the BSU Alumni & Foundation staff in recent months:

- **Jana Wolff**, director of annual giving, academics. She previously worked for Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.
- **Stephanie Common**, office administrative specialist senior. She previously was assistant to the president and CEO of Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, Ariz.
- **Nadine Gessner**, accounting officer. She previously worked in health care financial management and investment advisory services in the Brainerd Lakes area.
- **Mike Mulry**, director of engagement marketing. He previously worked at WeWIN, a cause marketing technology company based in New York City.
- **Kim Smith**, administrative assistant, Alumni Association. She previously was resource development coordinator at the Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area.
- **Stephanie Winter**, administrative assistant, foundation. She previously was sales manager at the Country Inn & Suites in Bemidji.



# HOMECOMING

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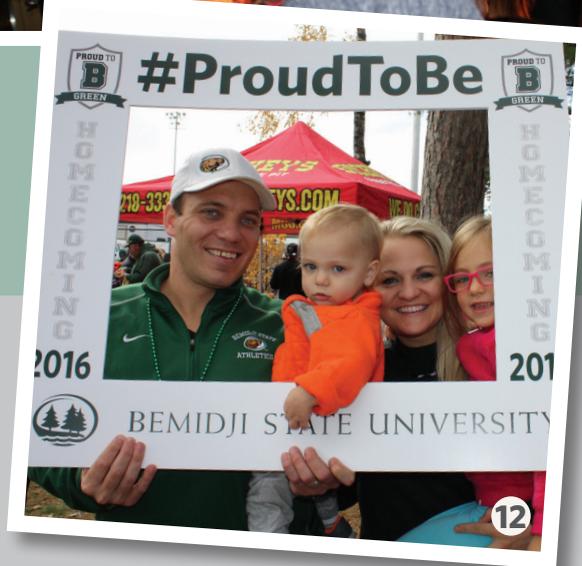
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Homecoming 2016 at Bemidji State University celebrated leadership, tradition and vision. Alumni returned to campus to share their professional experiences and advice by serving on Alumni Leaders in the Classroom panels. Dr. Faith Hensrud was inaugurated as BSU's 11th president. Distinguished alumni and generous donors were honored in style at the Honors Gala, which also marked the successful conclusion of Bemidji State's Imagine Tomorrow campaign. Saturday brought the community downtown for the Homecoming parade, and fans filled Chet Anderson Stadium for the Beavers' victory over Minot State. Winning meant a joyous plunge into Lake Bemidji and fueled a football reunion and a street dance on Beltrami Avenue.



# 2016



**1** Outstanding Alumnus Mark Ploen '80-84 and wife, Arlette, in the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 15. **2** Scott Guidry conducts the BSU Wind Ensemble during the Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert on Oct. 16. **3** Gena Adams heads for a score against Minot State on Oct. 15. **4** Football Cheer Team members march in the parade. **5** The BSU Pep Band performs atop their float. **6** Football players take their traditional lake plunge following their 52-28 win. **7** Football players participate in the pre-game parade. **8** Adrian Dunn, director of annual giving for athletics, works a tailgating grill on Oct. 15. **9** Design alums Mitch Blessing '04 and Ashley Kiecker '16 participate in an Alumni Leaders in the Classroom panel on Oct. 14. **10** Parade Grand Marshal Willie Stittsworth '53. **11** The Front Fenders perform during the Oct. 15 Street Dance on Beltrami Avenue. **12** Jake Bluhm '08, Melissa (Fogelson) Bluhm '07 and children Addison and Eli.

# HONORS *Gala*

**M**ore than 350 people gathered Oct. 14 for BSU's 2016 Homecoming Honors Gala in the Sanford Center ballroom. They celebrated the Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign and its final total of \$36.5 million in gifts and pledges. The event also included recognition of new members of giving societies based on individuals' total lifetime giving or planned gifts.



# OUTSTANDING **ALUMNI** *Award*

Created in 1972, the Outstanding Alumni Award is the Alumni Association's highest honor and takes professional accomplishments and community service into consideration. Including the 2016 honorees, there are 185 Bemidji State alumni who have received this award.

## Bruce Sutor '86



Bruce Sutor '86 earned a master's degree in biology from Bemidji State after graduating from St. John's University. He stayed at BSU until 1989, serving as director of the university's MedCareer program and as an instructor in the Division of Science and Mathematics.

Sutor completed his residency in psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester in 1993. He served as a psychiatrist at St. Cloud Hospital before returning to Mayo in 1998 to become medical director of the Psychiatry Emergency Service Department for the Department of Psychiatry & Psychology. The various positions he has held with Mayo have led to his post as chair for Clinical Practice in the Department of Psychiatry & Psychology at the Rochester clinic, assistant professor of Psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and consultant with the Department of Psychiatry & Psychology at the Mayo Clinic.

He has given presentations both nationally and internationally, served as co- or principal investigator on over a dozen Institutional Review Boards and has published numerous articles, book chapters, editorials, letters and abstracts.

Sutor and his wife, Shari '84, who is a researcher at the Mayo Clinic, live in Rochester.

## Tracie Curb-Crowser '90



Tracie Curb-Crowser '90 graduated magna cum laude from Bemidji State University with a degree in industrial technology and an emphasis in graphic design. Her degree and experience prepared the

Bemidji native to build a 22-year relationship with General Mills, Inc., working as a freelance creative director on all of their brands.

In 1994, Curb-Crowser and her husband, Tom '89, combined graphic design skills, branding acumen and entrepreneurial spirit to launch the Curb-Crowser Agency. The Minneapolis-based firm provides a variety of strategic and creative services. She serves as chair of the board for Curb-Crowser 2.0.

In addition, Curb-Crowser is certified by the Women's Business Enterprise Council, has earned industry awards and has volunteered for community organizations such as MoveFwd, Phoenix Learning Center and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The couple live in Hanover. They have two daughters, Taylor and Sydney.

## Mark Ploen



Mark Ploen ('80-84) began at BSU as a business major but followed the appeal of "hands-on" courses to pursue a degree in industrial education. Just a few credits shy of a degree, he and his then-girlfriend, now wife, Arlette, headed to Alaska with two friends.

Ploen went to work for an environmental services firm pioneering procedures for drilling safely in sensitive surroundings and researching accident responses. His experience prepared him to respond when the Exxon Valdez ran aground in 1989. He was among those who worked on the nine-month cleanup of Prince William Sound.

In 1992, Ploen became founder, president and owner of Qualitech Environmental in Houston, Texas. In 1997 he relocated the firm to Minnesota. The Chaska-based business provides equipment and services for oil spill response and prevention worldwide. In addition to being called on to respond to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico, Ploen has been involved with virtually every aspect of the industry that plans for and responds to oil spills.

The Ploens have two grown children, Saren and Marissa. They have homes in Minnetrista and Naples, Fla.

- 1 Tracie Curb-Crowser '90 accepts her Outstanding Alumni Award.
- 2 Rich and Sheri Jahner, left, and Valerie and Dan Olson.
- 3 Kayley Schoonmaker, Sen. Tom Saxhaug, Joe Wolf and Josh Lively.
- 4 President's Society members Dr. Ruth Howe and Merrill Thiel, with Marla Patrias, at left, and Dr. Faith Hensrud, are recognized for cumulative giving of more than \$250,000.
- 5 Mary Lou Antell, left, Jan Lueken and Dr. Will Antell '59.
- 6 Susan and Tim Dondelinger.
- 7 Dr. Abby Meyer '01 and Dr. Donna Palivec.
- 8 Dancing to the Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome.

# YOUNG **ALUMNI** *Award*

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

## Dr. Abby Meyer '01



Dr. Abby (Stritesky) Meyer '01 used her full-tuition academic scholarship to major in biology at BSU, where she was a stand-out athlete, competing in volleyball and playing on the 1999 NSIC Champion softball team. Meyer was a student athletic trainer for the university's

football and women's basketball teams and rounded out her student experience by acting in a play and studying abroad. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biology and minors in chemistry, Spanish and exercise science.

Meyer is a pediatric ear, nose and throat doctor with Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota and is board certified in otolaryngology with a specialty in pediatric otolaryngology. She also is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School and in the process of completing a master of public health degree in epidemiology. She received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota in 2005 and then completed a five-year residency in otolaryngology at the University of Minnesota Medical Center and a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at University of Washington/Seattle Children's Hospital. Meyer is board certified in otolaryngology with a specialty in pediatric otolaryngology.

A member of Lion's Club International, she volunteers with the Minnesota Department of Health's Newborn Screening Advisory Committee and was named one of Minnesota Monthly's "Best Doctors" in 2014 and 2016. Meyer is married to Chris Meyer '01 and is mother to Harrison and Lincoln. The family lives in Brooklyn Park.



# LEADING WITH INSPIRATION

## *Pigatti takes pride in life of service*

By Cindy Serratore

**L**eah Pigatti launched her career as a Head Start teacher in 1978, helping adults make their children proud by being the best parents they could be.

"It was my dream job," Pigatti recalled. "I would go into the homes of low-income people and work with the child and the parent together because the parent is the first and most important educator in a child's life."

The second eldest of seven children, she always admired her own parents, Neil and Angela ('77) McCluhan. And by example, they inspired her to a life of service.

Pigatti retired in November after 16 years as executive director of the Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership, a non-profit corporation based in Detroit Lakes. The agency serves low-income people in Mahnomen, Hubbard, Becker, Ottertail and Wadena counties.

At its helm, she supervised a staff of 155 and 40 consultants and managed an annual budget of \$25 million. She also worked with an 18-member board representing elected officials, private enterprise and low-income people. During her tenure, the agency renovated offices, built a Head Start Center and constructed four new office buildings. In 2012, it also expanded in one of Pigatti's most ambitious undertakings.

But that gets ahead of the story.

Pigatti grew up in Sioux City, Iowa. Her father, an attorney and judge, did

pro-bono legal work for those in need. Her mother, a registered nurse, started her career with Indian reservation hospitals in Nebraska.

"My parents were always concerned about people who had less, and I was proud of the work that they did," she said.

As a student at Briar Cliff College, Pigatti met her husband, Tim, and they eventually moved to Park Rapids to raise their daughter, Tina.

By 1978, Pigatti was the Head Start coordinator and teacher for the Mahube

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— LEAH PIGATTI '83, '89

agency and a student at Bemidji State University, where she found her studies well aligned with her work. She graduated magna cum laude in 1983 with a community service degree and in 1989 with a master's in applied behavioral science. She remembers working hard to juggle career, family and studies.

"I got my master's when Tina was in high school, and I thought I wasn't doing enough for her," Pigatti said. "But when I got my Ph.D., she told me, 'I never remember you not being there when I needed you.' That meant so much to me."

Looking back, she is grateful for how her experience at Bemidji State shaped her career. She did her master's thesis on

**Dr. Leah Pigatti '83, '89 is pictured in the Northern Virginia home of her daughter, where she was on an extended visit over the holidays.**



**Dr. Leah Pigatti presents an award in May 2015 as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.**

employer-provided child care and was able to apply her findings to her work. "I think that's why I did so well," Pigatti said. "I was living what I was learning at school. And Bemidji State was such a perfect match for me."

She was promoted to Head Start project development director before she completed her bachelor's and served in that position for 18 years. She made it her mission to listen to struggling parents and deliver services to meet their needs.

"There was a fierceness and determination to her commitment, in addition to her obvious grace and smarts," said long-time colleague Joelle Hoelt. "Leah was an important person to pay attention to for all things Head Start in our state."

When Pigatti became executive director of the Mahube organization, Hoelt said, "She brought these impressive strengths to a new sphere of impact."

She also brought her boundless energy. "She would be at work at 6 a.m. every day even though she commuted an hour to work," said Marcia Otte, the agency's family development director. "Then one day Leah was diagnosed with cancer, and I saw her in a fight for her life."

"When she lost her hair, I cried for her. Little did I know that in a few years, I too would be in a fight for my life."

While the women bonded through their battle with cancer, they also bonded in their work to help the agency thrive and grow. "Leah was the hardest working executive that I ever met," Otte said.

From its inception, Mahube served three counties -- named by the first two letters of each county -- Mahnomen, Hubbard and Becker. Then in 2012, Otter Tail and Wadena counties were required to restructure within nine months. Pigatti's staff worked night and day to incorporate

them into what became Mahube-Otwa.

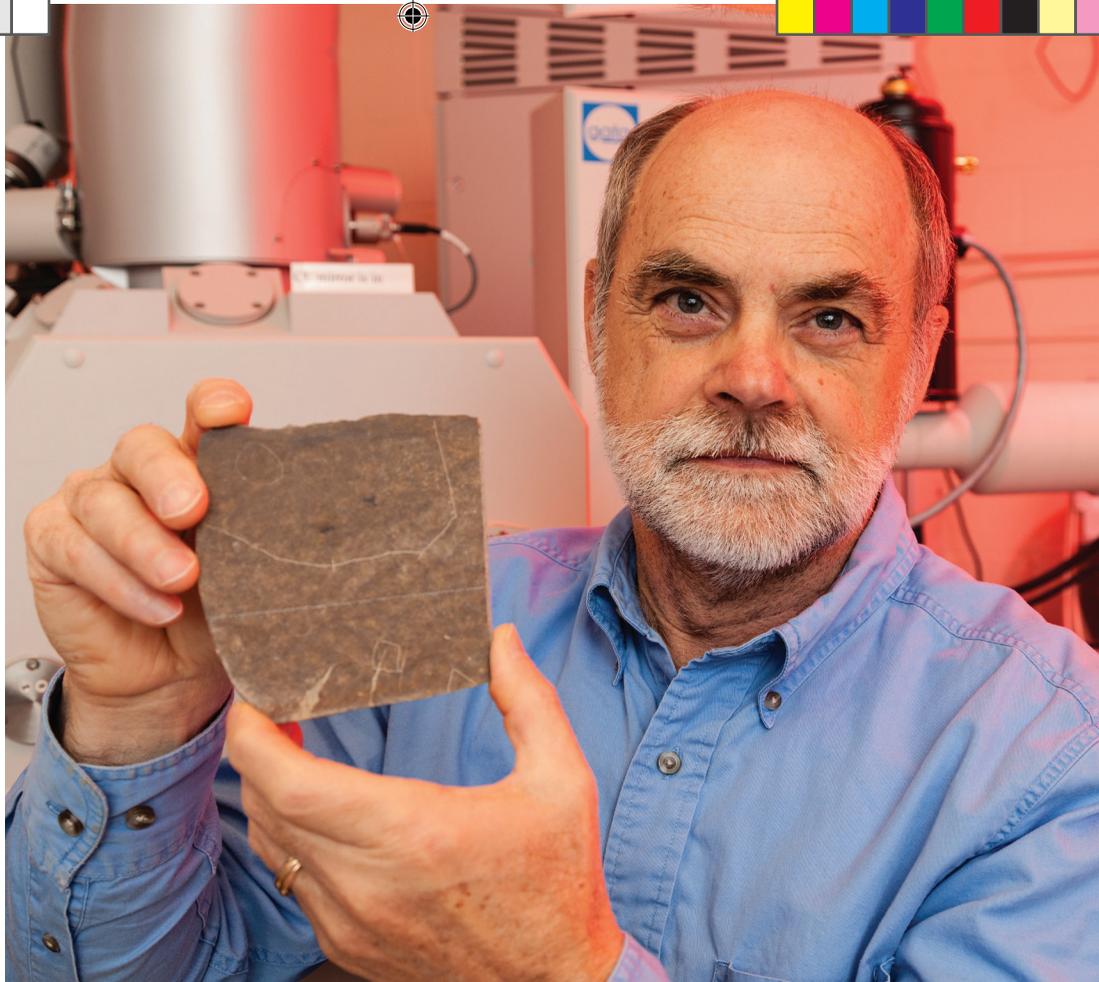
"What's amazing is that we did it, we did it successfully, and we did it so we're better serving our communities," she said. "We became such a skilled team, and I'm so proud of that."

In 2007, Pigatti completed her doctorate at North Dakota State University and started teaching in the master's program at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. "I never aspired to teach, but I just love it," she said. Just before retiring, she also received Minnesota's Connie Greer Lifetime Achievement Award for community action.

Of all her achievements, what Pigatti holds most dear is the admiration of her daughter.

"I want her to be proud of me," she said. "Every child deserves that -- to be proud of their parents."





Courtesy of Smithsonian Institution. Photo by J. DiLoreto. (NHG2012-0019)

In this 2013 photo, Dr. Dale Greenwalt '76 holds a piece of shale containing the fossil of a blood-engorged mosquito he and colleagues uncovered in northwestern Montana.



# REVEALING ANCIENT INSECTS

*Greenwalt turns volunteer duty into research passion*

By Bethany Wesley

**E**ach summer, Dr. Dale Greenwalt travels from his home in Maryland to northwest Montana, where he works to unearth long-lost life forms.

Greenwalt, a retired biochemist who earned his master's degree from Bemidji State in 1976, garnered headlines three years ago when he and fellow researchers discovered the fossil of a 46-million-year-old blood-engorged mosquito near Glacier National Park.

The team has found numerous fossilized insects in the Kishenehn oil shale formation along the Middle Fork of the Flathead River, many of which are species never seen before. For example, a 46-million-year-old winged female ant was among 12 new species of prehistoric ants discovered within the shale, and a 46-million-year-old beetle was found to be the oldest yet to have zinc-lined mandibles.

"With all the papers we have published now, that number will soon be above 100 new species," Greenwalt said. "We will be publishing extensively within the

next year or so in a number of publications that demonstrate how exceedingly unique and valuable, in a scientific sense, these fossils are."

His interest dates back to the mid-1970s when, after teaching math and science in Western Samoa through the Peace Corps, the Brainerd native decided to pursue a teaching certificate at Bemidji State University and figured he would get his master's degree at the same time. Prior to joining the Peace Corps, he'd earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota.

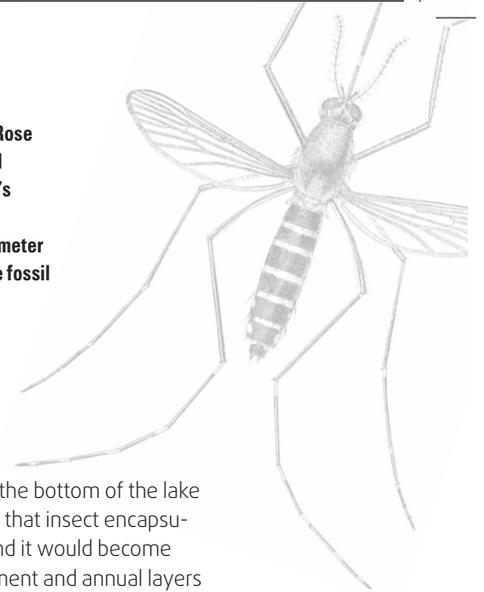
"My interest in insects actually started at Bemidji State, where I took several courses in entomology from Dr. Harold Borchers," Greenwalt said. "Dr. Borchers was a unique individual, and he helped me a lot. He was a huge influence in my life."

Borchers, who retired in 1997 as a professor emeritus of biology and still lives in the Bemidji area, easily recalled his former student and said he not only was a dedicated worker but also had a "remarkable intellect."





**Dr. Dale Greenwalt and Tim Rose of the Department of Mineral Sciences at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History use an X-ray spectrometer to study blood deposits in the fossil of a prehistoric mosquito.**



would sink down to the bottom of the lake and it would contain that insect encapsulated in the algae, and it would become buried in more sediment and annual layers of those (algae) mats, and eventually become a fossil after millions of years."

Greenwalt has now been retrieving and analyzing samples from the site for eight years, with no immediate plans to stop. While technically still a volunteer with the Smithsonian, he now has the title of research associate in paleobiology, which he said provides him with greater legitimacy when he reaches out to potential collaborators.

"I'm loving the work, and there is enough to keep me busy for a lifetime," he said.

"Dale was a really good student, right up there at the top of the heap," Borchers said. "There were other good (students) of course, but he was extraordinary."

But Greenwalt's interest in entomology did not become his career path, and neither did teaching.

After a year of teaching middle school science in Hendricks, he decided the profession was not for him and enrolled at Iowa State University, where he earned his doctorate in comparative biochemistry. He then completed a post-doctorate program at the University of Maryland and served as a professor of biochemistry at San Jose State University in California.

"The research I did was on, at that point and time, a membrane protein that was present in the cells that secrete milk," he said. "Nothing was really known about it, so I characterized that protein, purified it, sequenced it."

When his wife, Kim Warren, took a job with a pharmaceutical company in 1990, they moved to the outer Maryland suburbs of Washington. Greenwalt accepted a position with the research institute of the American Red Cross, where he continued his research into the membrane protein, finding it also was present in blood platelets.

When Kim later founded a biotechnology startup company called Poietic Technologies, Greenwalt served as its director of research. They both continued to work there, even after the company was sold.

In 2007, Greenwalt retired from the biotechnology industry and realized he needed something to fill his time. He read online that the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History was looking for volunteers.

"Originally, the project they gave me was to put adhesive labels on 31,000 tiny white trays," he recalled, noting that while volunteers complete essential projects, they aren't always the most exciting.

"After a year, I was able to talk my way into an independent project. Because of my background as a scientist, I was able to initiate a completely new research program which involved my going out to Montana every summer to collect fossils."

He had heard of a site near Glacier National Park where fossil insects had been discovered in the 1980s, but other than one paper published in 1989, no one had actively pursued it.

"It turns out it's a place where some of the best fossil insects in the world are preserved," Greenwalt said.

What is extraordinary about the fossils, he explained, is that not only are they structurally preserved, their original organic components are preserved as well. They're also extremely small.

"There is strong bias toward tiny and fragile insects, like blood-engorged mosquitos, and really tiny insects, many of which are only a millimeter or even less (in size)," he said. "We found one beetle that was only three-fourths of a millimeter in length."

Greenwalt said his team is now researching the shale formation itself, which dates to the Middle Eocene epoch, to determine what enabled such remarkable preservation. He believes it is the remains of a very shallow lake covered by a layer of green algae.

"The algae is very sticky and the insects would stick to it," Greenwalt said. "The algae would grow up and over and encapsulate the insect, and in doing so would actually protect it from degradation and predation. Then, when the mat died, it



Courtesy of Smithsonian Institution.

**The fossil of a female *Culiseta lemniscata* mosquito found in shale by Dr. Dale Greenwalt and his team.**



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

- 1 Northern Student magazine staff participate in the Beaver Organizational Bash on Sept. 15 in the Beaux Arts Ballroom.
- 2 Student Hope Wall at her exhibit opening on Nov. 8 in the Talley Gallery.
- 3 Lisa Kittleson '16 presents workforce research to the Neilson Foundation on May 12 at the Mayflower Building.
- 4 A standing-room crowd for a Nov. 1 discussion of the Dakota Access Pipeline and protest in the American Indian Resource Center.
- 5 President Emeritus Dr. Jim Bensen speaks at the Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast on Sept. 26.
- 6 Students in a Wildlife Techniques course review firearm safety

- steps on Oct. 4 after instruction by the Minnesota DNR.
- 7 The BSU team competes in the Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival on Aug. 6.
- 8 A student shoots an informational video for Student Health and Counseling Services on Oct. 27.
- 9 Anna Goldtooth-Graves '14 and Vincent Staple-Graves '15 at the BSU Council of Indian Students Pow-Wow on Oct. 19 in the John Glas Fieldhouse.
- 10 Students on a panel for National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 in Bridgeman Hall.
- 11 Associate Professor Blanca Rivera explains a Day of the Dead altar on Nov. 11 in Hobson Memorial Union.





# ENINGS



# CLASS NOTES

Towns are in Minnesota unless noted. Alumni names appear in bold. Send information to [alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu) or call toll free: (877)278-2586.

'16 **Ashley Kiecker** of Kenosha, Wis., has



Ashley Kiecker

joined the team at MG Design, which designs, fabricates, builds and ships booths and displays to trade shows around the world. Kiecker works in the exhibit design area of the company, which is based in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. ... **Adam Langan** of Baxter is a fourth-grade teacher at the elementary school in Nisswa ... **Channing Kimble** began working as a patrol officer in the Roseau Police Department this fall. He makes his home in Warroad ... **Alexandra**



Adam Langan

**Stene** has begun teaching language arts and science to fifth- and sixth-graders at Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary School. The new teacher and her daughter live in Okabena.

'15 **Jennifer Von Ohlen** is a reporter for the Enterprise Dispatch, a newspaper serving



Jennifer Von Ohlen

Dassel and Cokato. Von Ohlen, who resides in Cokato, also works as a paraprofessional librarian at Dassel-Cokato High School ... **Matt Prapavessis** has joined the Greenville Swamp Rabbits, an affiliate of the New York Rangers of the NHL. A defenseman, Prapavessis previously played for the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League and Elmira of the ECHL. He lives in Oakville, Ont., but will relocate to South Carolina for the upcoming

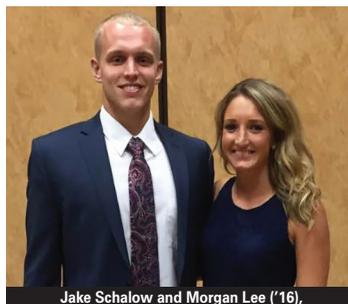


Matt Prapavessis

season ... **Kathryn Wadsten** is an associate in the commercial services department of CliftonLarsonAllen, a professional services accounting firm. She will work out of the

company's office in Brainerd, where she lives ... **McKenzie Leslie** has begun teaching fourth grade at the elementary school in Frazee ... **David Rysdam** is a high school social studies teacher in Luverne, where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their six children. Rysdam has also accepted coaching assignments in seventh-grade volleyball, eighth-grade girls' basketball and seventh- and eighth-grade baseball.

'14 **Jake Schalow** will teach physical education and coach the boys' basketball team this winter at the high school in Merrill, Wis., where he lives. In August, he married **Morgan Lee ('16)**, a professional recruiter at QPS, a firm in Wausau, Wis., that specializes in technical, industrial, professional and office



Jake Schalow and Morgan Lee ('16),

staffing ... **Cal Oldenburg** is a treatment specialist assigned by the Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services company to assist with the operations of the New Town, N.D., water treatment plant. He lives in Watford City, N.D. ... **Krissy (Denzel) Ander-**



Krissy Anderson

**son** began working last summer as manager for the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, which serves four cities on Minnesota's Iron Range. She will coordinate events as well as implement marketing and sales efforts for the organization. She and her

husband, Jason, live in Virginia ... **Al Reszel** recently completed a 517-mile bike ride from Minneapolis to Chicago to raise awareness and funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. His wife, Terry, is a cancer survivor. Reszel earned a BSU education degree after serving as a business executive and corporate trainer for 29 years. He has been teaching special education for the past five years at Yellow Medicine East High School in

Granite Falls. The couple have two adult children and make their home in Richmond ... **Jessie Voeller** is in her second year of teaching second grade at Golden Lake Elementary in Circle Pines. A resident of Arden Hills, she also coached U15 soccer in Mahtomedi ...

**Molly Arola** has been named head coach of the Alexandria High School girls' hockey team. A physical education teacher at Discovery Middle School in the district, she had prior coaching experience at the 2015 Girls' National Invitational Tournament in Edina and the U15 Girls' National Development Camp in St. Cloud. She lives in Alexandria ... **Ian Olson** is a farm bill assistant and technician with the Yellow Medicine Soil and Water District in Clarkfield. Olson is responsible for implementing local conservation aspects of the federal farm bill ...



Molly Arola

**Mitchell Beekman** will instruct high school social studies and advise the student council in the Luverne district. He and his wife, Dani, live in Ellsworth ...

**Haylie Anderson** is teaching fourth grade in the Tri-County school district, which services towns in the Karlstad area. She will also serve as the junior varsity volleyball coach. Anderson had previous classroom



Haylie Anderson

experience in Newfolden ... **Shannon Welin** is the first-grade teacher at Lake of the Woods Elementary School in Baudette, where she had prior experience as a substitute. She is from Roseau ... **Kayla (Weiss) Good** teaches first grade in the Mora Public School District after serving in a fifth-grade classroom for two years in Braham. She and her husband, Aaron, live in Pine City.

'13 **Emily Erickson** will coach the Hibbing/Chisholm high school girls' hockey team. A resident of Coleraine, Erickson teaches math in the Hibbing school, where she had been JV coach prior to moving to varsity ... **Casey Reiersen** has been hired to coach the Bemidji High School

girls' hockey team. Reiersen teaches fifth grade at J.W. Smith Elementary School in Bemidji, where he lives with his wife, Hailey, and one young child ... **Jill Ollmann** brings three years of experience in the Lake Park-Audubon school district to her kindergarten position at Frazee, where she will also coach junior high volleyball. A resident of Perham, she and her husband, Andrew, have two young children ... **Jenna (Bangerter) Nordmann** is teaching early childhood family education in the Sauk Rapids-Rice school system. She and her husband, Jesse, live in Sartell with one young child.

'12 **Drew Fisher** retired from playing professional hockey and joined Federated Insurance in Owatonna, where he is in training. Fisher played professional hockey for five seasons, first in the United States and later in the United Kingdom. He lives in Owatonna with his wife, Jena, and their young child but will be assigned to an office in North Dakota ... **Grant Huttel** of Duluth was hired by Johnson Insurance Consultants, where he will work in health and life insurance, as well as group employee and benefit products ... **Lisa Simon** is teaching visual arts for fifth- through 12th-grade classes in Isle. A former graphic design artist, she taught in the Indus school system prior to starting her position in August ... **Scott Nordquist** of Halstad recently had duties as K9 handler when he was teamed with a German shepherd in the Norman County Sheriff's Office. Handler and dog recently completed training in the Twin Cities that included tracking, apprehension and drug searching. Nordquist has been with the department for two years.

'11 **Mark Thode** displayed his photography during an exhibit in the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Art Gallery in Marshall. The collection featured



Grant Huttel



Mark Thode

photographs depicting the landscape of the southwestern Minnesota prairie. Thode is a graphic artist who owns a photography business in Pipestone ... **Tara Johnson** is a financial services support technician at AgCountry Farm Credit Services in Fergus Falls, where she lives. She will outline multi-peril crop insurance to farmers, ranchers and rural customers ... **Ian Lowe** has signed a contract to continue playing hockey for the Wichita (Kan.) Thunder, an ECHL team affiliated with the Ottawa Senators of the NHL. Lowe is beginning his fifth year with the Thunder, which he captained last year. When not playing hockey, he works for BRACE, an industrial painting company. He and his wife, Candace, have two preschool children.

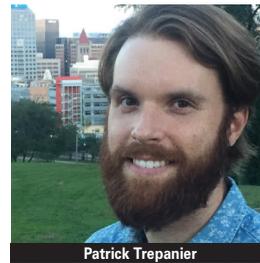


Tara Johnson

'10 **Alexis Meskill** has moved from the Climax-Shelly High School to Isle to teach English and language arts on the middle and high school levels. She and her husband, Ken, have two children ... **Chris McKelvie** will be an assistant hockey coach in the Army program at West Point, N.Y. Prior to coaching, McKelvie played professionally for the Albany Devils, an American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's New Jersey Devils. He and his wife, Courtney, live in New Windsor, N.Y., with one young child ... **Erin (Sullivan) Rehnblom** was se-



Collin and Erin Rehnblom



Patrick Trepanier



Kimberly Hacker



Jorge Navarro

## 2012 DESIGN GRADS HELP DRIVE SUCCESSFUL FIRM

ExpoMarketing, a pioneer in rental of trade show exhibits, has three 2012 BSU graduates on its team. The connection is a matter of design, not happenstance.

**Jorge Navarro** of Elk River and **Patrick Trepanier** of St. Paul head up the company's exhibit design department, where they translate client brands and visions into exhibits. **Kimberly Hacker**, who lives in Newport Beach, Calif., meets with customers as an account executive.

ExpoMarketing, based in Tustin, Calif., recently celebrated its 25th anniversary in the \$80 billion a year trade show industry, which doesn't get a lot of attention from colleges and universities.

BSU's School of Technology, Art & Design is a notable exception. Students in BSU's acclaimed exhibit design program immerse themselves through field trips, expert speakers, relevant internships and professional gatherings.

"The unique exhibit design program at Bemidji State lays a strong foundation for its graduates and in fact gives them a head start," said Randal T. Acker, president and chief operating officer of EXHIBITOR Media Group, a firm that promotes the best practices in trade shows and events.

Navarro, who like Trepanier works from his home in Minnesota, said joining ExpoMarketing was a smart move.

"It's a small company that's expanding rapidly," he said. "We are very passionate about what we do, and the teamwork is spot on."

Now the company seeks to further cultivate its BSU connection through an internship program.

"ExpoMarketing is giving back by offering these talented students the opportunity to gain real experience in their field of study," said CEO Laurie Pennacchi. "We can provide them the unique advantage of learning to create exceptional rental exhibits through smarter designs."

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lected as a Teacher of the Year within the Elk River Area School District and advanced to the final round for the state award. She teaches first grade at Otsego Elementary School. Her husband, **Collin**, works as an account manager at Surescripts, a medical software routing company. They live in St. Michael ... **Chance Goudge** is in his second year teaching social studies and first year as assistant varsity softball coach at the high school in Aitkin.

'09

**Jessica Strom** traveled to the University of Wurzburg in Germany last summer to present a poster program "Manipulatives in Mathematics Education" to an international group of math teachers. Strom teaches math at Win-E-Mac High School near Erskine. She lives in McIntosh with her husband, Toby, and two children ... **Tyler Bennett** was named senior loan officer and branch manager for the Alexandria office of AgCountry Farm Credit Services, which provides farmers, ranchers, rural customers and agribusinesses with credit and financial assistance. His wife, **Robyn (McGrady '10)**, is the benefits administrator for American Business Solutions in Glenwood. The couple lives in Kensington.



Jessica Strom



Robyn and Tyler Bennett

'08

**Dawn (Anderson) Schoonmaker** earned the life, health and accident producer license and will serve clients at the Crossing Groups office of Thrivent Financial in Grand Rapids. Schoonmaker and her husband, Arthur, have three children ranging in age from one to eight. They live in Goodland ... **Naomi (Shien Yui Yong)** and her husband **Alvin E. ('05) Hymes** live in



Dawn Schoonmaker



Naomi and Alvin Hymes

Bellevue, Wash. She operates the business Mindsofpiano, where she teaches piano and violin to 25 students. Alvin is a customer service agent for Alaska Airlines at Sea-Tac Airport in the Seattle area ... **Dr. Jaimie (Weiss) Kueber** joined Whelan Eye Care clinic in Bemidji as an optometrist this year after working in retail optical and private practice. She received the COVID Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy from Indiana University and a 2016 Optometrist Excellence in Patient Care Award. She resides in Park Rapids with her husband, Thomas, and three children ... **Jenni Knutson** of Crookston married Joey Perreault in September. Knutson teaches early childhood family education in the Crookston school district and also has been assigned to the school readiness program, where she will measure children's cognitive, social and emotional preparation.



Jenni Knutson

'06

**James Scholly** has been selected to serve as coordinator of the Clear Lake Watershed in Iowa, where he will help homeowners implement water quality management practices. He and his wife, Bri, recently relocated to Ventura, Iowa.



James Scholly

'05

**Andrew Chapin** is an insurance agent for the Duluth branch of Farmers Insurance. He previously served as an auditor at AIM Healthcare for nine years. He and his wife, Bonnie, have three young children and live in Duluth ... **Bryce Stordahl** has been hired as a project manager in the Bemidji office of Kraus-Anderson Construction. He will manage multimillion-dollar commercial construction for industrial and institutional business. He lives in McIntosh with his wife, Andrea, and two children under the age of 3 ... **Emily (Berg) Schiffler** brought nine years of experience in elementary classrooms to her assignment as a third-grade teacher in the elementary school of the Sauk Rapids-Rice district. She and her husband, Justin, have two preschoolers.



Bryce Stordahl

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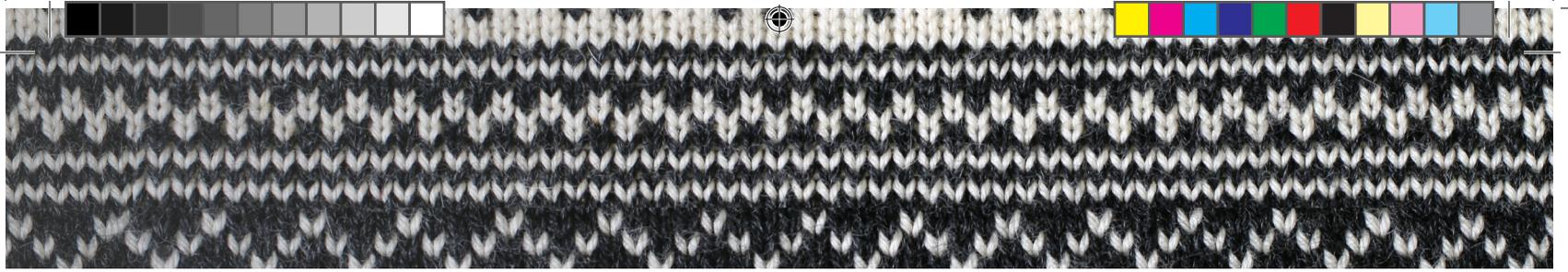
**Jennifer Dagenais-Brunder** is an interior designer for LHB, a company in Duluth that provides diverse services in support of construction projects, including engineering, architecture, designing and surveying. Dagenais-Brunder previously worked as an interior designer focusing on residential property before moving to her new job, which will encompass projects for government, health care and education. She lives in Duluth ... **Sara (Wilson) Zimmerman** of Bemidji joined AirCorps Aviation of Bemidji as its business coordinator,



Jennifer Dagenais-Brunder



Sara Zimmerman



which includes such areas as human resources, safety compliance and marketing ... **Britt Buerskin** has been hired as a plan examiner for the City of Duluth, where she lives. Her previous experience included working as a project manager, designer and drafter with a construction company

... **Josh Peterson** of Bemidji has moved from his freelance journalist position to a job as multimedia journalist and social media coordinator for Lakeland Public Television. His previous television experience included stints at KCCO-KCCW in Alexandria, WDAZ in Grand Forks, N.D., and WCCO in Minneapolis ... **Joshua Mailhot** is an emotional behavior disorder specialist in the Onamia school system. His past teaching experience was in North Carolina and Minnesota. He and his family live in Brainerd.



Josh Peterson

'00 **Sheree Hansen** has retired after working for 29 years at Nisswa Elementary School. While she started as a second-grade teacher, she retired as a media specialist and interventionist. A resident of Brainerd, she and her husband, Randy, raised two grown children ... **Clayton Lilleby** has been promoted to vice president of sales and manager in the Fargo, N.D., branch of First Community Credit Union ... **Chad Davis** is manager of both floor and online sales at Brekken's Clothiers in Brainerd. A member of the Brekken team for 10 years, he and his wife, Cindy, make a home in Brainerd for their three pre-teenaged children.

'97 **Joshua Stevenson** has been named administrator for Cass County in northern Minnesota. He previously served the county as a forest resource manager, human resource director and land commissioner. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Backus and have three children ... **John Vukmanich** became principal at North Woods School in Cook. Vukmanich has 14 years' experience in education, including as dean of students and assistant principal at the high school in Virginia, where he lives with his wife, Cari, and three elementary-aged children.



John Vukmanich

'99 **Mary Thompson** has been named a Childhood Immunization Champion for her efforts to promote childhood immunization in Minnesota. The Center for Disease Control and the CDC Foundation jointly present this award to one recipient in each state, the District of Columbia and eight U.S. territories to recognize an individual's contribution toward improving public health through childhood immunization. A registered public health nurse from Caledonia, Thompson was noted for her innovative approaches to creating a culture where immunizations are a priority in schools. She and her husband, Doug, live in Houston ... **Jennifer (Hayes) Huisman** teaches middle and high school art in Luverne, where she lives with her husband, Brant, and their four children.

'96 **Eric Gorghuber** was named IT senior director at American Solutions for Business in Glenwood. He will direct business solutions that include the company's proprietary software, be involved in key strategic initiatives, and lead the adoption of new programs. He lives in Garfield with his wife, Bonita, and an elementary-aged child ... **Chris McLean** joined Thrivent Financial's office in Thief River Falls, where he will discuss financial strategies, provide customer service and outline products for clients. He resides in Thief River Falls ... **Laine (Blumer) Larson** was selected as superintendent of Brainerd public schools. She previously served the Thief River Falls district in that capacity. She and her husband, Warren, live in Brainerd and have two adult children ... **Janelle Breitbarth** retired from teaching in the Chisholm school district for 25 years, with the last 14 spent leading a mathematics classroom. Her resume includes teaching in both Indiana and Illinois. She and her husband, Steve, raised three adult children and reside in Chisholm ... **Gary Jensrud** was named Teacher of the Year at S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School in Fargo, N.D., where he lives. He had previous teaching experience in Prior Lake, Dilworth and Glenwood before taking over fifth-grade classroom duties at Reinertsen ... **Andy Sawatzke** is the new principal at Maple Lake Elementary School. His experience includes 20 years in education, most recently as an assistant principal in Big Lake. He resides in Monticello with his wife, Lisa, and four school-aged children.



Laine Larson

'01 **Rita (Hutchinson) Albrecht** has been named northwest regional director by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. As director, she will serve as the DNR's commissioner to the region, coordinate the work of the management team in implementing resource and policy decisions, and serve on the department's senior management team. She and her husband, Mike, have a daughter, **Julie Beyerl**, who graduated from BSU in 2005. Julie works in the office of the Minnesota Senate's majority leader caucus. Rita and Mike live in Bemidji, and Julie and her husband, Anton, reside in Minneapolis ...

**Tessa Larson** is teaching middle and high school Spanish in the Caledonia school system. She lives in Caledonia with her partner, Mark Lawler ... **Trisha Zimmerman** has been hired as development and marketing manager for the Second Harvest North Central Food Bank in Grand Rapids. She previously served as a program assistant at the Blandin Foundation. She and her husband, Paul, live in Bovey with two pre-teen children.



Tessa Larson



Trisha Zimmerman

'98 **Becky Ylitalo** was named Teacher of the Year in the Badger school district. She teaches English from grades seven through 12 and also directs school plays. Yitalo authored the children's book, "Gretchen and the Grumpybugs." She lives in Roseau with her husband, Leslie, and a blended family of four teenagers ... **Sharon (Voigt) Hintgen** retired after teaching mathematics for 24 years at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls. She also advised Mu Alpha Theta, a society to promote interest in math and recognizing student achievement. Hintgen and her husband, Tom, have two adult sons and live in Fergus Falls.



Becky Ylitalo

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## CROSS MAKES GOOD AS OFFICER IN HOMETOWN

When **Keith Cross** graduated from Bemidji State University in 1992, he knew where he wanted to go and what he wanted to do there.

Cross grew up on the "East Side," an area of Aurora, Ill., where drug use and gang shootings ran rampant at the time. The temptation for most was to flee.

"I wanted to work in the community in which I grew up," he said. Impressed by a police officer who visited one of his classes when he was a youngster, Cross was determined to pursue a career in law enforcement.

After receiving his degree in political science, he briefly worked as a police officer in Carol Stream, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis., before joining the Aurora force in 1994. He soon became part of a new unit intended to establish better police-community relations in the Chicago suburb.

"The new program was successful," Cross recalled. "It was a very powerful tool for us."

He then became a resource officer at two middle schools, where he became more integrated into his old neighborhood.

"This was probably the most gratifying job I've had as an officer," Cross said. "I felt I really made an impact on some young people."

The department noted his success, promoting him to sergeant in 2005, lieutenant in 2008 and commander in 2016, a position below only the chief and deputy chief on the command staff. He now supervises about 200 officers in the city of 200,000 and leads the crisis intervention and hostage negotiator teams.

"I've had an opportunity to realize my dream, and I couldn't have asked for a more rewarding career," said Cross, who lives in Aurora with his wife, Deanna, and one child.

## '95 Shawn Crowser

of Cloquet recently became a lending sales manager at Hermantown Federal Credit Union. He has previous experience in personal banking and investment resources at a number of financial institutions ... **Allyssa Stenson** received a 2016 Excellence in Nursing Award within the Fargo, N.D., Veterans Administration Health Care System. A registered nurse at the Bemidji-based outpatient clinic, Stenson was one of two registered nurses within the system recognized for active engagement with patients and demonstrated excellence in care.



Shawn Crowser

## '90 Larry and Melanie (Niedermann, '82) Wolfe

both retired after lengthy terms as the top financial officials in Cass County. Larry left after 22 years as the county's chief financial officer, while Melanie worked in the office for 34 years, most recently as director of business management for health, human and veteran's services. Larry will continue to operate an accounting service for small businesses, in which Melanie may also become



Terri Forseth

involved. The couple has one college-bound child and lives in Walker ... **Terri Forseth** was named 2016 Teacher of the Year in the Bemidji Area Public Schools. Forseth taught fourth grade at Central Elementary but also has experience in second and third grades. She lives in the town where she grew up, Bemidji.

## '93 Alvin Hymes

serves as the corporate controller for Robert Bell and Associates, an employee-owned business in Anchorage, Alaska, which provides civil and mechanical engineering services. A major component of their work supports the oil industry of Alaska's North Slope. He and his wife, Molly, live in Eagle River. The couple has two children, including son **Alvin E. Hymes ('05)**, a customer service agent for Alaska Airlines in Bellevue, Wash ... **David Gooch** has assumed principal duties at Bagley High School after leaving his assistant principal position at the high school in International Falls. He and his wife, Amber, have two children and live in Bemidji.

## '91 Debbie Blowers

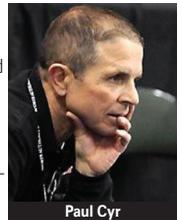
retired after teaching 24 years in the Motley elementary school, primarily in first grade. She will stay busy on the family farm with her husband, Dick, and with substitute teaching. The couple lives near Motley and has two adult children ... **Jayne Dusich** was inducted into the NSIC Hall of Fame. Dusich was the first woman to win back-to-back conference cross country champions and set BSU records in eight track and field events while being named an All-American. She and her husband, Dan, operated a business in Ely, where they lived, until retiring after 38 years. She remains active as a coach for the Ely boys' and girls' cross country teams and the girls' track team.



Jayne Dusich

## '89 Paul Cyr

was inducted by the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association into the David Bartelma Wrestling Hall of Fame. A teacher and principal at the consolidated New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva district, Cyr coached his wrestling teams to a 445-304-12 record, 11 conference titles and four state tournament appearances. Named Section Coach of the Year five times, he lives in Oklee and remains active as a wrestling referee ... **John Lund** is vice president of North American sales for Tennant Company, which creates and markets products to create cleaner, safer and healthier work environments. He lives in Minnetonka with his wife, Brenda. Their oldest son, Ben, is majoring in criminal justice at BSU. They have a teenager living at home.



Paul Cyr

## '88 Mike Laughlin

is the general ledger accounting manager for the American Society of Anesthesiologists in Schaumburg, Ill., where he also lives. He supervises the compilation of financial statements and data for the society and its eight related organizations.



Mike Laughlin



**'87 Ron Kuschel** published the e-book "23 Days in the Life of a Park Ranger," a work of fiction based on his experiences from more than 36 years as a park or forest ranger with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. It is available through Amazon. He retired in 2011 after holding the position of regional part operations supervisor in Grand Rapids. He now lives in Land O' Lakes, Fla. ... **Marcia (Moline) Bahr** is director of marketing and communications at Mankato Clinic, where she handles media relations, advertising and website content. She also serves as president of the Mankato Clinic Foundation. He husband, **Brett ('89)** is controller for Brenton Engineering. The couple has two young adult children and lives in Mankato ... **John Urquhart** has graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., where he underwent training in advanced communication, leadership and fitness. Urquhart started out as a patrol officer in Coon Rapids 27 years ago and now oversees the investigation division as a captain. He and his wife, **Deb (Schlitz, '86)**, have two adult children and live in Coon Rapids ... **Jeff Hall** has retired as a team leader at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Duluth. A member of the Army Reserve for 28 years before retiring in 2005, he was deployed to the Persian Gulf as a platoon leader and later to Bosnia as an operations officer. Hall lives in Wrenshall.



Ron Kuschel



Marcia Bahr

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**'86 Russ King** performs nationally and internationally in cabaret venues as Miss Richfield 1981 in shows that feature a mix of comedy, singing and dancing. From Minneapolis, he presents annual Christmas shows in the Twin Cities areas and has appeared on stages across the United States and in Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand.



Russ King

**'85 John Kennedy** has taken over as general manager of the Peninsula Oilers, a member of the Alaska Baseball League based in Kenai. Kennedy is a retired math teacher who played for and coached the Oilers during various times since 1982. His wife, **Linda (Sandercock, '84)**, retired recently after working for various non-profit organizations for more than 20 years. The couple resides in Soldotna, Alaska, and has two adult children ... **Barb Schlichting** authored "The Blood Spangled Banner," a novel that featured Dolley Madison in the first installment of a series of First Lady mysteries. A second work, "If Words Could Kill," features Mary Lincoln and is in production. From Bemidji, Schlichting and her husband, Bob, have two grown children ... **Jeff Sebenaler** retired last May as chief of the Minnetonka Police Department, which he joined in 1990 after serving as a police officer for six years in Thief River Falls. He and his wife, Andrea, have two young adult children ... **Kelly McCalla** of Owatonna will serve as interim vice president of academic and student affairs this year at Riverland Community College, which includes campuses in Austin, Albert Lea and Owatonna. He had been Riverland's dean of the arts, humanities and social sciences division prior to moving to the VP position. His wife, **Celeste ('87, Novak)**, is a former corrections officer and now a stay-at-home mom with the couple's two children.



Barb Schlichting



Jeff Sebenaler

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**'84 Joel Viss** was inducted by the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association into the David Bartelma Wrestling Hall of Fame. A junior high science teacher in Chatfield, he coached the high school's wrestling team to more than 400 wins and three state tournament appearances, including a championship in 2014. A three-time section Coach of the Year and the 2014 Class A State Coach of the Year, he previously had been inducted into the Region One Wrestling Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Margaret, have two children. They live in Chatfield.

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## CHILD IS NOTED SCHOLAR WITH ROOTS IN RED LAKE

**Dr. Brenda Child** has spent a lifetime studying, writing and speaking about her fellow Ojibwe people in the Great Lakes region and on the reservations of Minnesota.

A 1981 graduate who majored in history and social studies at BSU, Child is a professor of American Indian studies and chair of the Department of American Studies at the University of Minnesota.

Her books have explored the impact of boarding schools on families, the role of women in community survival and the history of indigenous education. She earned her master's and doctorate in history from the University of Iowa.

Child received the North American Indian Prose Award for her first book, "Boarding School Seasons: American Indian Families, 1900-1940," published in 2000. She also is a recipient of the National American Indian Book Award, a Best Book in Midwestern History designation and an American Association of State and Local History Award of Merit for her most recent book, "Grandfather's Knocking Sticks: Ojibwe Family Life and Labor on the Reservation."

Born on the Red Lake Indian Reservation, Child said changing gender roles during the 20th century was an important theme in "Grandfather's Knocking Sticks," published in 2014.

"I looked at the way Indian people worked before reservations and how it changed after reservations," she said of her latest work. "For example, pre-reservation women primarily harvested rice while men performed other labor. Since the 1930s, wild rice was often harvested by men. It reflects the adaptability of the Ojibwe people."

Now living with family in both St. Paul and Bemidji, Child also serves as a trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian — Smithsonian and of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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## A GOALIE'S PERSPECTIVE GUIDES SCANLON IN LIFE

During his playing days as goalie for the BSU hockey team, Charlie Scanlon had the opportunity to see all the ice in front of him. It was a lesson he took into his career as a physical education teacher and coach.

In 40 years coaching in the Apple Valley school district, Charlie won nine state championships and guided the boys' soccer team to a remarkable 586 wins. He was the high school's first coach in girls' hockey when the competition began in 1995 and won 217 games with two titles before stepping aside in 2010. His record in state finals remains unblemished at 11-0.

"Goalies make good coaches," Scanlon said. "They see the game from a whole perspective."

Chris Scanlon, Charlie's son who played soccer for him at Apple Valley, described this facet of his father's coaching style. Chris once told a reporter that some practices were held without a soccer ball. Instead of diagramming X's and O's on a blackboard, his dad would gather the team together and talk about life.

Scanlon credits such legendary coaches as Bob Peters, Herb Brooks and Bob Johnson as influences on his style. He helped win two national titles for Peters when he was an All-America player at BSU from 1972-75. He admits that part of his own enthusiastic approach to locker room speeches was inspired by those he received as a Beaver.

But it wasn't always about the game, Scanlon said. His goal was to make a difference in his players' lives and help them reach their potential, a broad view that covered games on the field as well as the game of life.

Although retired, he remains active as a consultant to other coaches and plans on spending time with his wife, Barbara, who graduated from BSU in 1974 and retired from a career at Delta Airlines. They have four adult children.

'83 **Brad Goodwin** retired last spring after teaching and coaching in the Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa school district for 32 years. He was hired in 1984 to teach physical education, health and science, as well as serve as the boys' head basketball coach, boys' head track and field coach, and junior high volleyball coach. He and his wife, Amy, live in Brooten ...

**Paul Jenkins** received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Eagle Valley School District, where he taught for 31 years until retiring in November. In addition to teaching fourth and fifth grade, he coached the high school baseball team for 28 seasons, winning five conference Coach of the Year Awards. His wife, **Joan (Anderson, '82)**, works in the admissions office at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, where the couple resides. They have two adult children ...

**Kim (Babula) Zerr** works at KinderCare Learning Center with school-aged children up to 12th grade. Zerr and her husband, **Jeff**, have three children. Two of her daughters are enrolled at BSU and following their mother's footsteps in women's basketball. Hanna is a senior guard who appeared in 27 games and averaged 11 points per outing last year, and Haley is a sophomore forward who played in 13 games in her first season. The Zerrs live in Shakopee ...

**Doug Shequen** retired as a sixth-grade teacher in the Motley school system, where he also coached volleyball and baseball. He lives in Staples ...

**Colleen (Walker) Falk** is serving a term as chair of the Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce. A business consultant and planner at Fieldstone Financial, she has also served 27 years as an adjunct instructor at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji. She and her husband, Tim, are owners of Anytime Fitness Clubs in Crookston and Grand Forks. The Bemidji residents have two grown children ...

**Randy McIntire** continues to teach art and physical education at Tracy Area High School, but he has stepped down after 33 years as a football coach for Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, including 20 as co-head coach for the team, which last year won the section championship. He will continue to coach the girls' and boys' golf squads.



Colleen Falk

'82 **Beth Baker** has retired after teaching junior high band in Osseo for 33 years. Baker, who lives in Brooklyn Park with her partner, Laura Johnson, is the daughter of retired BSU faculty member Bob Baker ... **Steve Reyes** was named vice president for the central region of Olympic Steel, a leading national metals service center. Reyes' responsibilities now include oversight of the Minneapolis coil and plate divisions, operations in Mexico and warehouses in Minnesota and Washington. Based in Minneapolis, he will maintain his existing management duties for Iowa, Oklahoma and Texas.



Beth Baker



Steve Reyes

'81 **Mike Turnbull** had his book "A Guide to Middle School & Beyond" published by Rivershore Books. It is intended for children, parents, teachers and counselors. Turnbull also completed a trilogy of anecdotes and stories: "Random Thoughts of a Stupid Man," "More Random Thoughts of a Stupid Man" and "Still a Stupid Man." A coach and instructor at Hibbing Community College who will retire in 2017, he and his wife, **Pam (Loe, '83)**, live in Hibbing, where she runs the Mitchell-Tappan House Bed & Breakfast. The couple has two grown children ...

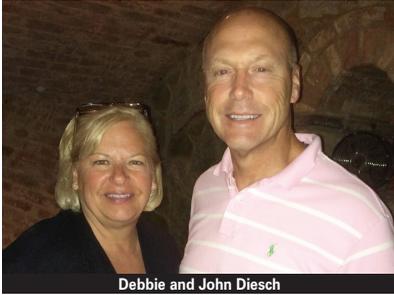


Mike Turnbull



Mark Van Every

**Mark Van Every** has been named supervisor of Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota. Van Every has worked for the U.S. Forest Service in a variety of capacities for 33 years. In South Dakota, he will be overseeing 1.2 million acres. He and his wife, Janelle, are relocating to Custer. They have three grown children ... **Deb Wanek** was given a three-year contract extension as superintendent of schools in Pelican Rapids. Prior to the 2007-08 academic year, when she started in Pelican Rapids, she was superintendent for six years at Henning. She also had experience as a principal and teacher in Fergus Falls.



Debbie and John Diesch

**'79 John Diesch** has been named executive vice president for manufacturing at LSB Industries, a company based in Oklahoma City, Okla., that produces and sells chemical products for the agricultural, mining and industrial markets. Diesch has extensive management experience in major agricultural chemical companies. He and his wife, **Debbie (Noreen, '80)**, have two children.

**'78 Becky (Dahlen) Tischer** was named the Adult Honoree by the Arthritis Foundation of Minnesota for her work representing the foundation by spreading awareness of the severity of rheumatoid arthritis and assisting in fundraising efforts. She retired from teaching business and technology in Willow River schools and lives in Frederick, Wis., with her husband, Gerry. They have two adult children ... **Dean Downer** of Massena, Iowa, retired from CAM Community Schools in Anita, Iowa, after a teaching and coaching career that spanned 38 years. Downer taught middle and high school industrial arts and was named the 2015 Middle School Shop Teacher of the Year. As a football coach for 25 seasons, he amassed a 136-63 record and won 12 conference or district titles.



Becky Tischer

**'77 Kerry Bidle** was inducted into the Minnesota High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Bidle, who taught social studies and special education at Virginia High School before becoming the athletic director in



Kerry Bidle

2007, coached the boys' golf team to five appearances in the state tournament and had two golfers win state titles during his tenure. He was named section Coach of the Year five times and earned the state Coach of the Year award in 2007. **Ann**, his wife, was a math teacher in the district who retired in 2012. The couple resides in Virginia, where they raised two grown children ... **David Galovich** of Crosby was inducted into the Mesabi Range College Hall of Fame. Galovich retired after teaching social studies and physical education for more than 30 years. He continues to coach basketball, having led Erskine, St. Michael-Albertville and Crosby-Ironton teams to 666 wins. His success with the C-I Ranger includes nine conference titles and eight trips to the state tournament. In 2004 he was named Class AA Coach of the Year and in 2015 was cited as one of Minnesota's top 100 boys' and girls' coaches of all time. He was inducted into the Minnesota High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2005.

**'76 Jim Radke** joined the Ministry Medical Group as a physician assistant providing general orthopedic care at the company's facilities in Stevens Point, Wis. Board certified, Radke works closely with the orthopedic team in diagnosing problems, selecting treatment plans and following through on recovery. He has two adult children and lives in Stevens Point.

**'75 Susan Amos Palmer** has retired after 38 years developing communications and marketing efforts for Metropolitan State University. During her tenure, the campus in grew from one building in St. Paul to provide instruction in four locations and more than 20 instructional sites across the Twin Cities. As the publication and news service director, she was responsible for news releases, newsletters, brochures, catalogs and other printed materials. She was also the commencement coordinator. She and her husband, Rod, live in Arden Hills and have three children ... **Mike Ellingsen** was the



Susan Amos Palmer



Mike Ellingsen

featured speaker at a meeting of the South Central Artisans in Hutchinson, where he presented a show and lecture on quilts from the land of the Jolly Green Giant. A retired music teacher and choir director in Blue Earth schools, he is well known as an instructor and lecturer to quilt guilds throughout Minnesota. He teaches at the Calico Hatch in Hayward, is a founder of the Blue Earth Valley Quilters and just finished a term as president of the Prairie Star Quilt Guild. He lives in Blue Earth with his wife, Sue. They have two grown children.

**'74 Rick Koivisto** was inducted into the Minnesota Girls' Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Koivisto retired from teaching fourth grade in 2008 and from coaching in 2012 in the Red Lake County Central school system. During his tenure at the high school in Oklee, he amassed a 507-312 record, winning seven conference championships and one section title. He was named Section 8 Coach of the Year in 2009. He and his wife, Janet, live in Plummer and have two adult children ... **Peggy Ingison** is senior director of administration and support services at the Minnesota Historical Society. Ingison previously served as the organization's chief financial officer and is now responsible for facilities and risk management, technology, finance, human resources and volunteer as well as intern functions. She lives in St.



Rick Koivisto



David Barnum

Paul ... **David Barnum** was inducted into the Crookston High School Hall of Fame. A member of the Minnesota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, he taught science and drivers education in Crookston while also coaching he girls' track team. He guided his squads to four state true team championships and twice was named the Minnesota Girls' Track and Field Coach of the Year. His wife, **Mary (Spurlin)**, is retired after working as both a technologist and an insurance specialist in the medical field. The couple has three grown children, including **Eric**, who graduated from BSU in 2002. David

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## IN MEMORIAM

Listed in order of class year

Darrell Stave '50, Baxter  
Richard B. Starr '53, Big Lake  
Donna M. (Francisco) Milliard '56, Rochester  
Tim G. Bjella '57, Bemidji  
Dr. Robert C. Colligan '60, Rochester  
Lloyd "Gene" Bradfield '62, Appleton, Wisc.  
Margaret A. Johnson '62, Walker  
Richard "Dick" Palcich '62, Grand Rapids  
Peter Badavinac, Jr. '63, Pengilly  
Joseph V. Mayer '63, Bemidji  
Dr. Donald Langan '64, Babbitt  
Bernard "Bernie" Rose '64, Virginia  
Lawrence "Larry" Yadlosky '64, Duluth  
Leonard "Larry" Mitberg '67, Little Falls  
Jean C. (Hunt) Peterson '67, Wadena  
Susan M. (Riccelli) Fremont '69, Duluth  
Dale Granley '69, Pequot Lakes  
Leonard A. Matkovich '69, Justin, Texas  
Robert S. Nasser '70, Park Rapids  
Robert Oddo '70, Hart Lake  
John A. "Jack" Franz '71, International Falls  
Robert Blatchford '72, Northfield  
Dean F. Blue '72, Rural Granite Falls  
Gary D. Clow '72, Thief River Falls  
David J. Stickney '72, Eveleth  
JoAnn B. Sunde '72, Annandale  
Jerald R. Graham '74, Hibbing  
Keith Kallstrom '74, Brooklyn Park  
David R. Jensen '76, Apple Valley  
Robert P. Partridge '76, Saint Michael  
Susan M. (Tousley) Tibstra '76, Bemidji  
John R. "Nick" Bachman '77, Virginia  
Steven L. Hagenah '77, Bemidji  
Jerrod "Jerry" McDonald '77, Ogema  
Beverly (Deyoung) Wilvers '80, Hampstead, N.C.  
Roger L. Potter '81, Nashwauk  
Mark D. Anderson '85, Lake George  
Leigh V. Karakash '87, Bemidji  
Eileen R. Sutherland '90, Grand Rapids  
Julia Cartie '91, Cold Springs  
Nancy Carkhuff-Kern '93, Brainerd  
Adam Ley '94, Bemidji  
Brian M. King '96, Warroad  
Cory Maunu '04, Hoyt Lakes  
Christy Rajdl '07, Osakis  
Joseph J. Frazee '11, Tower  
James Malmquist, Scandia  
(BSU football coach 1969-1973)  
Joelyn A. Scriba, Bemidji  
(BSU professor emerita, nursing)  
Robert "Bob" Scriba, Bemidji  
(BSU professor emeritus of theatre)

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# NOTES

and Mary live in Nevis. David commutes to Park Rapids, where he manages Summerfield Place Apartments ... **Glen Hasselberg**



Glen Hasselberg

was inducted into the Minnesota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame last spring. Hasselberg is the former athletic director and current golf coach for the Staples-Motley school system. As an activities administrator, he ran section tournaments in nine sports as well regional competitions for speech, drama and music. He was named the Subsection Athletic Director of the Year three times. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Staples, where they raised five children.

**'73 Barry Froiland** retired as manager of the information system and billing services for the city of Thief River Falls. He started in the city's billing office in 1974, and his position grew over time to encompass technology needs, from computers to televised meetings. He and his wife, Susan, raised three adult children and have purchased a winter home in Arizona while maintaining a year-round residence in Thief River Falls.

**'70 Carmen Fumia**

was selected as the Titan of Taconite, a title bestowed on an individual who has made significant contributions to the city of Hibbing. The title includes serving as an ambassador of Hibbing and being actively involved in the town's Winter Frolic celebration. A teacher and school counselor who retired in 1993, he remains involved with many civic and local organizations, from hospice to the Elks Club. He and his wife, Shirley, have five children ... **Don Cavalier** retired after a 40-year career serving the University of Minnesota Crookston. He initially directed the school's placement office and added duties in alumni relations, counseling, diversity and other programs. He also was the university's head baseball coach. He and his wife, Mary, live in Crookston and have two adult children.



Carmen Fumia

**'68 Eileen Lien**

of Gonvick has been named the First Lady of Clearwater County, an honor recognizing the extraordinary efforts of women within their communities. An elementary education and reading teacher for 30 years, she embarked on an active life volunteering for such organizations as Samhold Lutheran Church, the Good Samaritan Home, Clear Waters Life Center, the Gonvick Lions Club and Gonvick Public Library. She and her late husband, Frank, have three children.



Eileen Lien

**'64 Dr. James Belpedio** recently retired as a professor of history and government at Becker College in Worcester, Mass. During his 42-year career at Becker, Belpedio published more than 40 articles and presented more than 40 papers at regional, national and international conferences. He and his wife, Lesta, live in Worcester and have four grown children.

**'57 Vern Nolting** was featured in a newspaper article as he supported two of his grandchildren during the Fargo, N.D., Marathon. Nolting was filling in as a cheerleader for his son-in-law, who died from cancer. Nolting retired in the early 1990s following a career in education that he concluded as a counselor at Minnesota State University Moorhead. He and his wife, Jean, had three children and live in Moorhead.

## OTHER ALUMNI

**Keith Johanneson** was inducted into the IDEA Hall of Fame, which recognized the accomplishments of innovators who have inspired others in the region with their entrepreneurial vision, leadership and achievement. He is president of Johanneson Companies, which owns and operates supermarkets, convenience stores, liquor outlets and hardware businesses in many communities. In addition, the company operates a number of Pace Development entities that design, build and manage retail shopping centers, offices and warehouses. He lives in Bemidji ... **Gary Warren** of Fertile was inducted into the Proctor High School Hall of Fame. Warren is assistant athletic director for facilities and operations at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

# REPORT

## 2015-16

# GIFTS

## BSU FOUNDATION



Marla Patrias

### BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESS

**T**his is a time of great enthusiasm and optimism for the BSU Alumni & Foundation and Bemidji State University as a whole. It is also a time of change and transition, which are inevitable aspects of our ongoing progress.

We are fortunate to have such an experienced and focused new president in Dr. Faith Hensrud. She has demonstrated her absolute commitment to students and their educational experience, and she is eager to establish and pursue strategic goals that build on the university's strengths and traditions.

One of our emerging strengths is a culture of philanthropy that grew out of the successful Imagine Tomorrow campaign. This five-year effort, made possible by the incredible generosity of our alumni and friends, has established a new financial baseline for the university. We are counting on your continued engagement as we seek to maintain that support and explore prospects for a future campaign. The Alumni & Foundation's investments have benefited from rebounding markets, already making up a slight dip in value we experienced at the close of last fiscal year. The strong long-term performance of our assets and endowment will ensure we can contribute to a bright future for the university and its students, particularly through scholarships.

This past year has brought leadership changes on the Alumni & Foundation Board but no loss in the talent and dedication for which we remain so grateful. Likewise, several new hires within our staff have brought new experience and creative thinking. As I continue to settle into my new role, I value the legacy of my predecessor, Rob Bollinger, and the confidence shown me and my team by President Hensrud and the board.

Together, we will continue to help transform the lives of BSU students.

Sincerely,

Marla Patrias

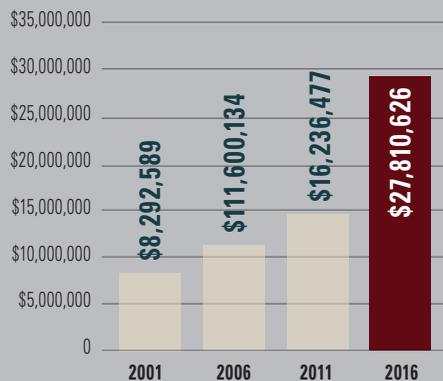
Executive Director for University Advancement

# REPORT of GIFTS



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

## Growth of Alumni & Foundation Assets



# the President's SOCIETY

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

### Visionaries Society (\$2,500,000 +)

Joseph\* and Janice Lueken/The Joseph and Janice Lueken Family Foundation

### Trustees Society (\$1,000,000 +)

The George W. Neilson Foundation  
Michael and Tracy Roberge  
**Anonymous**

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Supreme Lumber

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Gregory Droba  
Joe and Karen Dunn

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\* Deceased

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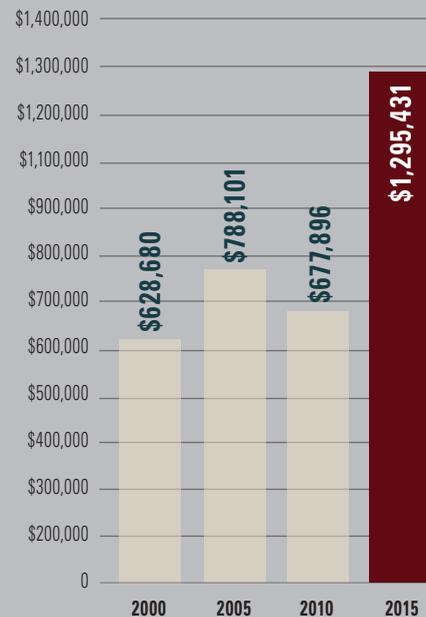
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 Winnifred Anderson\*  
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 Beaver Bookstore  
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 Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council  
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**Trey and Ann Bowman**  
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## Growth of Endowed Funds

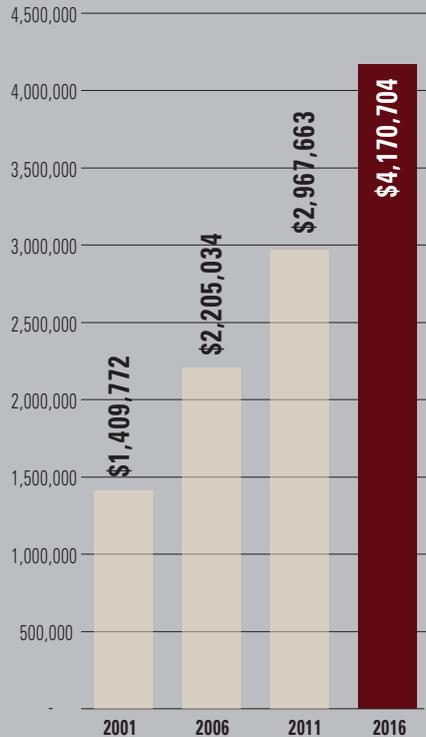


## BSU Foundation Scholarship Dollars Provided



# REPORT of GIFTS

## Cash Revenue



## Rate of Investment Return



# the President's SOCIETY

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Sharon Moe  
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Delta Kappa Gamma  
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Michael and Deanna Garrett  
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Georgia Pacific Corp. – Superwood  
Dr. James and Connie Ghostley



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 Dr. Eric Gilbertson  
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 Ordella M. Gilbertson  
 Marjorie and James Gildersleeve  
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 Dr. Frank and Marilyn Goodell  
 Bruce L. Gordon  
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 Dr. Rodney Will and Anne Meredith-Will  
 Jerry and Kathy Winans  
 James and Lois Wood  
 Bud and Gloria Woodward

\* Deceased  
**New member**

## Statement of Position

June 30, 2016

### Assets

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 80,261
Investments	23,801,854
Accounts Receivable	7,870
Contributions Receivable — Current	1,207,113
Prepaid Expenses	9,264
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>25,106,362</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>	<b>358,749</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Contributions Receivable — Long-Term	2,197,027
Remainder Interest in Real Estate	92,798
Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance	55,690
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>2,345,515</b>

**Total Assets 27,810,626**

### Liabilities and Net Assets

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 40,403
Payroll Liabilities	39,776
Annuities Payable, Current Portion	22,424
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>102,603</b>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>	
Annuities Payable, Long-Term Portion	157,647
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>157,647</b>

**Total Liabilities 260,250**

### Net Assets

<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	
Lakeside Fund & Quasi Endowment Fund	\$ 1,713,571
Alumni House Acquisition	-35,000
Imagine Tomorrow Campaign	785,443
Academic Affairs/Admissions Schol. Funds	1,997,970
Plant Fund	358,749
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>4,820,733</b>

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 2,326,745  
 Permanently Restricted Net Assets 20,402,898

**Total Net Assets 27,550,376**

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets 27,810,626**



# REPORT GIFTS

## the Legacy SOCIETY

The Legacy Society recognizes and honors those alumni and friends who have provided for Bemidji State University in their wills or have exercised a planned giving option through the Bemidji State University Foundation.

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Robert and Sherry Young  
Charles and Susan Zielin  
Eleven anonymous

### Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Contributions	\$1,754,289	\$822,512	-	\$2,576,801
Endowment Gifts	-	-	184,154	184,154
Investment Income	-194,643	-529,953	-	-724,596
Royalty Revenue	1,755	-	-	1,755
Lease Revenue	-	61,085	-	61,085
Increase in Cash Surrender Value				
Life Insurance and Actuarial Adjust	30,637	-	-	30,637
Net Assets Released from Restriction				
Administrative Assessment	366,845	-366,845	-	0
Investment Income (Loss)	-	29,823	-29,823	0
Adjust for Donor New Restrictions	0	-	-	0
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	2,041,818	-2,041,818	-	0
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>4,000,701</b>	<b>-2,025,196</b>	<b>154,331</b>	<b>2,129,836</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program Services				
Scholarships	1,295,431	-	-	1,295,431
Special Events and Other Services	1,598,632	-	-	1,598,632
Total Program Services	2,894,063	-	-	2,894,063
Supporting Services				
Management & General	276,076	-	-	276,076
Fundraising Expenses	710,359	-	-	710,359
Total Supporting Services	986,435	-	-	986,435
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,554,125</b>			<b>3,554,125</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>120,203</b>	<b>-2,025,196</b>	<b>154,331</b>	<b>-1,750,662</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>4,641,597</b>	<b>4,351,941</b>	<b>20,248,567</b>	<b>29,242,105</b>
<b>Transfer in of Alumni Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>58,933</b>			<b>58,933</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>4,820,733</b>	<b>2,326,745</b>	<b>20,402,898</b>	<b>27,550,376</b>

\* Deceased

+ Charter member

**Bolded** names are new Legacy Society members in 2016

## 2017 CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- 21 Men's Hockey Alumni Weekend**  
12-2 p.m., Sanford Center, Club Level, Bemidji
- 27 North Star College Cup**  
4 p.m., BSU men's hockey vs. St. Cloud State, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul. Pregame, 2 p.m., McGovern's Pub and Restaurant. Ticketmaster.com, (800) 653-8000
- 28 North Star College Cup**  
4 p.m. consolation game, 7 p.m. championship game, Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul. Pregame meetup is at McGovern's Pub and Restaurant two hours before puck drop. Ticketmaster.com, (800) 653-8000

## FEBRUARY

- 17 Minnesota Music Educators Association Social**  
Conference is at Minneapolis Convention Center. Social 5-7 p.m., location TBD
- 17 Athletics Hall of Fame Social**  
4-5 p.m., American Indian Resource Center, BSU campus, [www.bsualumni.org/2017AHF](http://www.bsualumni.org/2017AHF)
- 18 Athletics Hall of Fame Brunch**  
10-2 p.m., Sanford Center Ballroom, Bemidji
- 25 Baseball Winter Olympics**  
Alumni Family & Friends Fundraiser  
Registration starts at noon, games from 1-5 p.m., 7 p.m. hockey game, Bemidji Bowl.

## MARCH

- 3 Proud to Be Alumni Luncheon — Tucson**  
11:30 a.m., Teresa's Mosaic Café, Tucson, Ariz., (218) 755-3989, [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org)
- 3 BSU Hockey Viewing Party and Happy Hour**  
5:30 p.m., 18 Degrees Bar & Grill at the Ice Den, Scottsdale, Ariz., (218) 755-3989, [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org)
- 4 Proud to Be Alumni Golf & Luncheon — Mesa**  
Apache Wells Country Club, Mesa, Ariz.  
8 a.m. golf, 12:30 p.m. luncheon, (218) 755-3989, [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org)

**SAVE THE DATE** Sept. 22-24  
**BSU HOMECOMING 2017**

## ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION

(218) 755-3989 or (877) 278-2586 (toll free)  
[alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu)  
[www.bsualumni.org/alumni](http://www.bsualumni.org/alumni)

## APRIL

- TBD Lakeside Luncheon**  
Sanford Center, Lakeside Room, Bemidji

## MAY

- 4 50-Year Reunion Reception & Dinner Class of 1967**  
5-8 p.m., BSU campus, (218) 755-3989, [bsualumni.org](http://bsualumni.org)
- 5 Golden Beaver Luncheon**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., American Indian Resource Center, BSU campus
- 19 AIRC Golf Tournament Classic**  
10 a.m. shotgun start, Tianna Country Club, Walker

## JUNE

- 2 Go Green at Green Haven Golf Tournament**  
11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start, Green Haven Golf Course, Anoka
- 16 40th Annual Gordy Skaar Memorial Golf Tournament**  
8 a.m., 1 p.m.; Bemidji Town & Country Club



Brian Leonhardt '13 prepares to tee off June 17 at the 39th Annual Wells Fargo/Gordy Skaar Memorial Golf Tournament at the Bemidji Town & Country Club.

## JULY

- 21 20th Annual Galen Nagle Memorial Golf Tournament**  
7 a.m. registration, 7:35 a.m. tee time; 11:30 a.m. registration, 12:30 tee time, Bemidji Town & Country Club
- 21 6th Annual Jeff "Bird" McBride Memorial Golf Tournament**  
12 p.m., Oak Marsh Golf Course, Oakdale

## AUGUST

- 26 9th Annual Ed Sauer Golf Tournament**  
9:30 registration, 11 a.m., tee time  
Tianna Country Club, Walker



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