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OF ENVIRONMENTAL **STEWARDSHIP**





PRESIDENT FAITH C. HENSRUD

We have once again focused our magazine cover story on one of Bemidji State University's fundamental values — its deep commitment to environmental stewardship through education and action. In the spring/summer 2017 edition, we examined BSU's growing emphasis on serving American Indian students and tribal communities, which is an expression of our values of multicultural understanding and civic engagement.

These reports are timely as we approach Bemidji State's centennial, set to begin in April with the 100th anniversary of the university's groundbreaking as Bemidji Normal School. Our core values were essential to development of BSU's new strategic plan for 2018-2023, which is now underway. The plan emerges from a distinct identity to be found in our north woods location, caring community, transformative learning and active engagement with the wider world.

This publication lets us highlight some of the many ways our faculty and staff, students and graduates exemplify that identity. For example, an 80th anniversary choir concert during this year's Homecoming celebration expressed the bond of community within our vocal music program. Likewise, the power of learning is evidenced by our graduates' career success and their efforts to make the world a better place.

And, as always, we are grateful for the generosity of donors whose investment enables us to continue the work of teaching, learning and service that began nearly a century ago. The 2017-18 annual report of the BSU Alumni & Foundation details that support, which we will never take for granted.

Thank you again for your interest, your support and your belief in the historic mission of Bemidji State University. Together, we educate people to lead inspired lives.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faith C. Hensrud".

Dr. Faith Hensrud

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'INDISPENSABLE STEWARDS'

BSU expands decades-long commitment to protecting the environment



Students in a 2014 Wetlands Ecology course log their research at BSU's Hobson Memorial Forest.

"Earth's uncertain future rests on mankind's ability to overcome waste, destruction, intolerance and greed, and instead embrace understanding, innovation, respect, compassion and justice. This, and nothing less, is our calling."

— PRESIDENT FAITH HENSRUD

By Bethany Wesley

Forever inspired by its idyllic lakeshore setting in Minnesota's north woods, Bemidji State University has taken a lead in environmental stewardship, education and advocacy for almost 50 years.

In 1972, amid global consciousness-raising about the fragility of Spaceship Earth, Bemidji State established one of the nation's first bachelor's degree programs in environmental studies.

As scientific consensus coalesced behind human-caused climate change, BSU in 1998 adopted an Environmental Policy Statement that committed it to promoting "environmental awareness, local action and global thinking."

Nearly 20 years later, with a wellness-centered approach that stretches the term's popular definition, the university continues to embrace sustainability as one of its fundamental values.

In a major new initiative, Bemidji State seeks to build a photovoltaic solar system on the grounds of the American Indian Center, funded by donors and grants and capable of providing about 25 percent of the building's electricity.

"We are the indispensable stewards – not only of a university but of a precious planet," President Faith Hensrud said in her inauguration speech on Oct. 14, 2016.

"Earth's uncertain future rests on mankind's ability to overcome waste, destruction, intolerance and greed, and instead embrace understanding, innovation, respect, compassion and justice. This, and nothing less, is our calling."

Expression – and recognition – of Bemidji State's environmental commitment have taken many forms. One of the most meaningful accolades came in July, when the U.S. Department of Education presented BSU with a Green Ribbon Schools Award, bestowed on only nine colleges and universities in 2017.

In Washington to receive was Erika Bailey-Johnson, who for a decade has been the university's most visible champion of sustainability, both on campus and in the Bemidji region. She earned her master's degree in environmental studies from BSU in 2006 and became the first director of BSU's Sustainability Office in 2008.

Bailey-Johnson's position was created with funds from a student-approved Green Fee, which began at \$5 a semester. Now \$7.50, the fee continues to support many of the university's environmental initiatives.

Joining Bailey-Johnson in Washington to accept the Green Ribbon was Dr. Anna Carlson, assistant sustainability director, who completed her master's in environmental studies at BSU in 2008 and became an employee in 2014.

Beginning with this academic year, Bailey-Johnson has been spending much of her time on a grant-funded program to integrate indigenous studies with

environmental studies, combining traditional American Indian cultural beliefs with sustainability. Carlson is heavily involved in the AIRC solar project and other strategies to reduce energy consumption and lower emissions of carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases.

Bailey-Johnson said she had two main duties when she became sustainability director: coordinate the Green Fee and its associated projects and promote the goals of the American College and University President's Climate Commitment.

Then-BSU President Dr. Jon Quistgaard signed the commitment in 2008, pledging that the university would become carbon neutral by 2050. That means achieving a balance between its emissions associated with energy use and waste products and its use of renewable energy, planting of oxygen-producing trees, recycling and other steps.

Since 2006, Bemidji State has purchased 61,600 kilowatt-hours of wind energy through Otter Tail Power's Tailwinds program, earning a Green Power

Partner designation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

BSU has continued to do more: By 2015, the university had surpassed its interim carbon-reduction goal of 2 percent, actually reducing emissions by 3 percent from a 2010 baseline.

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This overhead photovoltaic solar installation is planned for the parking lot of the American Indian Resource Center.



Photovoltaic solar envisioned for AIRC

Plans for a photovoltaic solar installation in the parking lot of BSU's American Indian Resource Center – a first for Bemidji State – are moving ahead following a pro-solar student referendum in March.

The 36.3-kilowatt project is envisioned as an overhead, carport-style structure that would meet 20 to 30 percent of the AIRC's electricity needs.

Last year's student referendum gave impetus to the project, and students are expected to participate in designing the structure and decorating its concrete columns with American Indian motifs.

The goal is to pay for its estimated \$230,000 cost through donations and grants, including the prospect for a so-called leveraged equipment grant, in which state dollars match private funds for acquisitions that will further student learning.

The structure's location, visible from Birchmont Drive and from adjacent Chet Anderson Stadium, will provide tangible evidence of the university's commitment to sustainability, President Faith Hensrud said.

"To have it in a place that is so visible, I think it will have significant exposure, to show what we are doing to help reduce our carbon footprint," she said. "We can show the community, we can show our students what it is that we are doing to make a difference."

Bill Blackwell Jr., executive director of the AIRC, said the photovoltaic system fits the center's cultural values and dovetails nicely with a new co-curricular academic program to integrate traditional American Indian beliefs with the modern idea of sustainability.

"I really believe that if we're going to become a destination college for native students, like we want to be, we have to differentiate ourselves," Blackwell said.

Dr. Hensrud said she is optimistic the project will be attractive to a variety of donors, particularly younger alumni who want to invest in something with clear and rapid results.

"What we're finding with younger people is that they want to get behind something, an actual project," she said. "... They are more interested in a cause—to see something physical, tangible that will have a benefit."

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the planned solar project and how you can support it, contact Jana Wolff at the BSU Alumni & Foundation, (218) 755-2872.



Students work in the garden at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf in September 2014 as part of a sociology course on social movements.



Dr. Anna Carlson, assistant director of sustainability (second from left), and Erika Bailey-Johnson, director of sustainability, receive a 2017 Green Ribbon Schools Award from the U.S. Department of Education on July 19 in Washington.



Aquatic biology students use nets to sample the population of species in Lake Bemidji along the BSU shore in October 2015.



Students collect trash along the Lake Bemidji shoreline as part of Earth Day activities in April 2012.



A student waves from BSU's solar-powered Fossil Fuel-Free Fish House following its dedication on Jan. 28, 2017.

The university has cut its energy use by nearly 44 percent since 2009 through such steps as reducing overall square footage and installation of a more efficient natural gas boiler, as well as LED lighting and a solar-transpired air collector on the roof of the lower Hobson Union that lowers energy needs by preheating air coming into the building.

Modernization of campus buildings has opened another door. For example, the total renovation of Memorial Hall, as the new home for business and accounting programs, earned BSU its first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The transformed building which reopened in August 2015 uses 21 percent less energy and 41 percent less water than before.

If state bonding funds are secured, BSU has plans to tear down Hagg-Sauer Hall, a 47-year-old classroom building, and replace only one-third of its former space, a reduction of approximately 55,000 square foot.

As important as such initiatives are in achieving long-term goals, Bailey-Johnson especially values her role as an educator. One of her current responsibilities is to coordinate BSU's People of the Environment course, required for all students.

"I call myself a facilitator of student ideas," she said. "(The Green Fee) is the students' money, so it's really important to me that it's spent on what they want to see happen, projects that the students want to see supported."

One such student idea was Weigh the Waste, introduced in 2015. In cooperation with Aramark food services, students who work in the BSU Sustainability Office each semester collect and weigh food and disposable container waste in the student union.



Bemidji State has participated in the Nice Ride bike-sharing program since 2014.

The goal, said Jordan Lutz, a student from Fargo working on his master's in environmental studies, is to promote awareness of food waste and guide recyclable materials out of the waste stream.

Another student effort, which emerged from the weigh-ins, is delivery of excess food to the Community Table, a soup kitchen in Bemidji. Through nine recoveries since last

spring, more than 1,400 pounds of food that would not have been served at BSU has been provided to the Community Table.

"It's one of those experiences that really lifts you up because (the soup kitchen) is very, very appreciative," Lutz said.

The goal of avoiding food waste and helping feed the needy is an example of how BSU applies a broader definition of sustainability that encompasses not only the Earth and its resources, but also people and social systems.

For Bailey-Johnson, and now for the university as a whole, a major source of inspiration has been Anishinaabe, or Ojibwe, teachings about the duty to honor and protect both Mother Earth and its inhabitants.

"(There is an) indigenous perspective of Mother Earth as one of the most important things we need to be responsible for," she said. "... We ultimately should always look at the Earth as the foundation of everything that we do."

The Sustainability Office hosts monthly traditional skills workshops, teaching students on various topics such as canning peaches, hand-sewing, straight-razor shaving and making Kombucha tea.



A student uses a kayak rented from BSU's Outdoor Program Center to paddle Lake Bemidji in 2012.



"Here, we do all kinds of things to try to reduce our footprint, to reduce waste, to reduce energy waste," Bailey-Johnson said.

For Hensrud, accepting leadership of Bemidji State included gaining an understanding of its sustainability commitment – past, present and future.

In fall 2016, when she had been BSU's president for only a few months, Hensrud was encouraged to reaffirm the ACUPCC climate pledge that Quistgaard had made before her.

Insisting on due diligence, Hensrud discussed the step with her leadership and, specifically, with Karen Snorek, BSU's vice president of finance and administration.

"I wanted to know, 'Is this a doable thing, to really look at reducing our carbon footprint by that much in this period of time?'" Hensrud said. "One of the points Karen made is that we don't even know the technologies that will be coming out in that time period. With today's technologies, could we do it? Perhaps, but between now and then there are likely to be so many opportunities for innovation that we don't even have a sense for yet, so likely this is going to be very doable."

Additionally, she viewed Bemidji State's progress to date and the campus community's strong support for sustainability goals as encouraging signs.

"We had some pretty significant efforts taking place here," Hensrud said. "The institution as a whole is behind it."

Also crucial, she said, are the dual efforts of Bailey-Johnson and Carlson in their distinct roles, each tackling sustainability initiatives from different angles.

"With Erika's work, in helping to integrate some of the sustainability efforts into the curriculum, and with Anna's focus on the

facilities aspect, I think we've got a really solid one-two punch," Hensrud said.



Recyclables salvaged during a 2013 student audit of trash and food waste in Hobson Union.

MILESTONES

Some of the most important sustainability initiatives and achievements at Bemidji State University:



1972 — Two years after the first observance of Earth Day, BSU establishes one of the nation's first majors in environmental studies.

1998 — BSU adopts an Environmental Policy Statement that commits to "leadership in environmental stewardship and in promoting environmental awareness, local action and global thinking."

2004 — Environmental stewardship becomes one of the university's "Signature Themes."

2006 — President Jon Quistgaard joins other international higher education leaders in signing the Talloires Declaration, committing BSU to address "the unprecedented scale and speed of environmental pollution and degradation, and the depletion of natural resources."

2006 — BSU begins purchasing wind energy through Otter Tail Power's Tailwinds program.



2008 — With support from the Student Senate, BSU establishes a \$5-per-semester "Green Fee" for environmental initiatives, including establishment of a Sustainability Office. The fee is increased to \$7.50 in 2015.

2008 — Quistgaard signs the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, pledging that BSU will become carbon neutral by 2050, meaning net emissions of greenhouse gases are offset by energy-saving initiatives. President Faith Hensrud formally reaffirms commitment in April 2016.

2009 — BSU adopts a Strategic Plan for Sustainability to reduce its carbon footprint, model stewardship of land and water, and motivate and educate on sustainability.

2013 — A passive solar transpired air collector is installed in lower Hobson Union to assist with heating.

2015 — Completed renovation makes Memorial Hall BSU's first LEED-certified building, recognizing use of best practices for reduced and efficient use of energy.



Renovated Memorial Hall, under construction in this Jan. 2015 photograph, is LEED-certified for energy efficiency.



2017 — The U.S. Department of Education recognizes BSU's sustainability efforts with a Green Ribbon Schools Award.

2017 — Princeton Review magazine names BSU one of the nation's 375 most environmentally responsible colleges and universities.

STUDENTS STUDY MYSTERY of martins' decline



BSU graduate student Cathy Henry prepares martin houses in April 2015.

By Bethany Wesley

Sustainability is a frequent theme for student research at Bemidji State University, especially in the fields of aquatic and wildlife biology.

Over the past four years, both graduate and undergraduate students have worked with Dr. Brian Hiller, associate professor of biology, to band 1,500 purple martins to help solve the mystery of their declining migration from South America.

Climate change and the insect eaters' reliance on a shrinking supply of human-provided housing are among possible explanations, Hiller said.

Bemidji State maintains two martin houses along its own Lake Bemidji shoreline. Hiller and his students also monitor two martin houses further up the shore at Cameron Park, installed in collaboration with the city of Bemidji and the

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, as well as two others on

private lakeshore property and a seventh on Lake Lomond in Bagley.



A juvenile martin awaits its insect meal.

The effort also includes regional Audubon societies, the Minnesota Ornithological Union and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Biology senior McKenzie Ingram, from Lee's Summit, Mo., worked with Hiller to band 434 purple martins last summer. Because the martin houses have removable

drawers, and the birds don't mind being handled, they can be safely banded and returned.

Ingram also monitored the birds from afar. "I had this huge spotting scope to read their tiny little bands around their legs," she said. "I would record their age, sex and the band number, and then the weather, and how many birds total, because they don't all have bands on."

Most recently, BSU used simple bands with identifying letters and numbers, but in 2015 Hiller and graduate student Cathy Henry attempted to use GPS to track the martins' migration from Bemidji to the Amazon rainforest. They banded 10 juvenile birds with geolocators, but none returned.

Over two years, Henry checked colonies in Bemidji and Bagley every three days and recorded the martins' band numbers and reproduction. She also used Doppler radar to identify roosts where they gather before heading south. Animated radar data indicated departing flocks.

"I would go to the area well before sunrise, launch a kayak and paddle around the lake, listening for purple martins calling," said Henry, who now

works as a wildlife technician with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game while preparing to defend her BSU master's thesis on martin populations.

Hiller said one theory for the birds' population nosedive in Minnesota is their historic dependence on martin houses, once much more common than they are today.

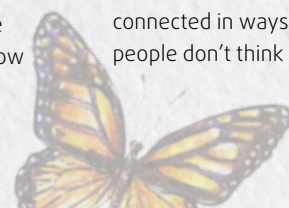
"The largest reason is that martins are almost exclusively reliant on people putting up housing for them," Hiller said. "They switched over from using natural cavities to those that humans provide."



Dr. Brian Hiller records martin data with student McKenzie Ingram on July 14.

In addition, the earlier arrival of spring in the Northern Hemisphere because of climate change may put the martins' migration out of sync with their insect food supply.

"If spring happens earlier, then the bug hatch might happen earlier and it might not coincide with when you have to feed your babies all that protein," Hiller said. "It's about that connectivity. The world is connected in ways that sometimes people don't think about."



INSPIRED BY EXPERIENCE

Meet three of the many graduates whose coursework and hands-on learning at BSU helped guide them toward sustainability-related careers.



DYLAN SIEVERS, a 2014 graduate who double-majored in economics and environmental studies with an emphasis in engineering science, is using both degrees as a policy analyst for Fresh Energy, a St. Paul-based nonprofit that promotes clean energy alternatives.

Sievers had been undecided about his career until he took Bemidji State's required People of the Environment course and connected with its theme of sustainability.

He was inspired to volunteer with the Sustainability Office and interned at an aquaponic greenhouse venture launched by Lueken's Village Foods.

He also completed an internship at Bemidji-based Headwaters Regional Development Commission, which later hired him as a planning technician. Sievers worked on community development initiatives such as sustainable food planning with the White Earth Nation.

Initially hired as a policy coordinator for Fresh Energy in 2015, Sievers now gathers data to build market-based arguments for clean-energy initiatives.

"Throughout the many projects we did here at BSU, there were of course hurdles and hiccups," he said. "One of the things that has helped me the most was learning how to collaborate and engage with stakeholders."



BRETT CEASE, who graduated in 2014 with a master's degree in science education, is cultivating the next generation of environmentalists as director of volunteer education and engagement with the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL).

Now working on his doctorate in public policy and political economy at the University of Texas at Dallas, Cease began volunteering with CCL while at Bemidji State and founded one of its first campus chapters.

He stayed active and is now a regional coordinator, helping prepare new volunteers to engage with decision-makers on climate change issues.

At BSU, Cease was Bemidji's Minnesota Green Corps representative. He helped local governments, educational institutions and nonprofits integrate sustainable practices into their operations. His home base was the university's Sustainability Office, and Erika Bailey-Johnson was his supervisor.

"Erika did such a wonderful job, not just in empowering me, but the rest of the student working staff and all the classes that she taught," Cease said. "It really provided a role model for me, to see how to engage that next generation in this important decision-making process."



ALEX MILLER graduated in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and an emphasis in environmental management. She is now the sustainability program coordinator at Carleton College in Northfield.

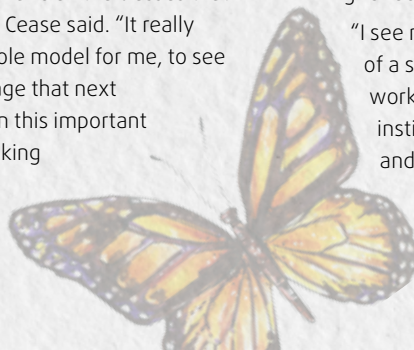
At Bemidji State, the Dilworth native soon was working 20 hours a week in the BSU Sustainability Office plus full-time during the summer. She managed the university's vegetable garden, planted trees and organized Earth Month activities as president of the Students for the Environment club.

As a student senator, Miller helped pass a bill to restrict sale of bottled water on campus. Though the university opted not to implement the restrictions, she felt good about the experience.

"That bill was really integral," Miller said. "It made water and social justice issues a main part of the campus and connected it to waste and our consumption."

After graduation, she wanted to continue working on sustainability in higher education.

"I see myself as a non-formal educator of a sort," Miller said. "A lot of the work that I've done at all of the institutions I've worked at is outreach and education."





CAYLIN COEN

Caylin Coen asks a thought-provoking question about mental illness: “How would we treat it if we could see it like a broken arm?”

A native of Duluth, the senior psychology major at Bemidji State University is on a mission to erase the stigma surrounding mental health. She was diagnosed with depression and social anxiety in high school and remembers how scary it was to feel so “crappy” and “alone.”

Coen’s fellow students already are responding to her call to be photographed with their mental health challenges, fears and other emotions written across their faces, arms and body to show what most people never see. She plans to present her research and photos at the BSU Student Achievement Conference on April 4.

“I’m very open about my experience,” Coen said. “I know there are a lot of students who have experienced some of the same things that I have, and no one wants to talk about it. I tell people that there’s no formula for being well. Everyone is different. I had three different medications and five different therapists before I found what works. It’s important to try and try again.”

Coen has shared her story with peers as a member of the BSU Mental Health Panel. She also is a founding member of the BSU Mental Health Board, sponsored by the university’s counseling center to heighten awareness about mental health.

Her goals include helping faculty and administrators recognize students in distress, how to create a safe and comfortable environment and where to find resources when needed.

“Caylin is a bright spark at BSU trying to help us all better understand this complex issue,” said Dr. Kate Larson, assistant professor of psychology. “She is advancing the conversation, sharing and being vulnerable. She is amazing.”

Coen has been a football and hockey cheerleader and a member of two BSU choirs. “I love performing,” she said. “It’s therapeutic for me.”

She plans to also earn a coaching license and eventually a master’s in education so she can teach and coach teenagers.

Coen admits it was “terrifying” the first time she shared her story. Nonetheless, she said she intends to continue sharing. “It’s so important that we keep talking.”

Afeez Sodeinde was 18 when he moved from Nigeria to Minnesota two years ago to be closer to his father and get a better education.

Now a permanent U.S. resident, he plans to complete a biology degree from Bemidji State University in 2019 through a program that allows him to take BSU courses on the campus of North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park.

What Sodeinde enjoys most about science are the labs and the kind of research he first experienced through a 2016 internship at Hamline University in St. Paul.

“That was the first time I liked biology,” he said. “It was knowing that I am actively contributing to science as an undergraduate. I like asking questions with no answers and solving difficult problems.”

Sodeinde hopes to earn a doctorate degree and attend medical school, becoming a physician-scientist who focuses on diseases that are less studied but no less devastating, such as lassa fever, which is prevalent in West Africa.

“Some diseases could be prevented with more awareness, especially in developing countries,” he said. “That’s one of my concerns.”

AFEEZ



Sodeinde's transition from Nigeria has been challenging at times, yet he excels as a scholar. He spent last summer working in a cancer lab at the Broad Institute in Cambridge, Mass., a joint genomics center of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At North Hennepin, he works in a lab with Dr. Andrew Arsham, BSU assistant professor of biology. He also tutors students, serves on the NHCC President's Diversity Council and helped start an organization for students interested in biomedical careers.

"Afeez rises to challenges and does it with an open mind and heart," Arsham said. "He embodies the spirit of collaboration needed to succeed in science."

In November, Sodeinde and two peers attended the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Phoenix, representing BSU on the national stage. He said he appreciates the exceptional fellow students in the BSU program and for challenging and supportive mentors such as Arsham and his NHCC colleague Dr. Tamara Mans.

"My decision for biology was partly because of them," Sodeinde said. "I like being able to collaborate with them. They challenge me and believe that I can do it."



GABRIELA LARA

Gabriela Lara, the second youngest of five children, is grateful for teachers who inspired her to go to college—and for Bemidji State University, where several scholarships have made that possible.

A first-generation college student from Otsego, Lara remembers scouring the internet for scholarships in high school so she could continue her education.

"I knew my family couldn't financially support me, so I had to take things into my own hands," she said. "I spent a lot of time writing my scholarship essays."

Lara's mother was born and raised in El Salvador and never had the chance to graduate from high school.

"She came here to give a better future to her children," Lara said. "She is definitely one of my main motivators. She is why I go to college."

Majoring in science education, Lara plans to teach high school biology and eventually earn a doctorate so she can shape education policy. She is a member of the NorthStar STEM Alliance, the McNair Scholars program for STEM students planning post-graduate study, and the International Student Organization, where she encourages others to pursue the sciences. She has presented locally and regionally on topics related to teaching methodology.

"I believe in the power of the student-teacher relationship and how that really drives success in the classroom," Lara said. "At BSU, my instructors are the main reason that I have been successful."

She is also passionate about sustainability. As a participant in the BSU Honors Program, she initiated a National Collegiate Honors Council Portz Grant to establish an LED-powered garden in the basement of the Laurel House, where she lives with fellow honors students. She will present a program overview at the 2018 NCHC Conference.

"Gabriela is incredibly invested in the Honors Program," said Dr. Season Ellison, program director and grant author. "She is hands-on in promoting the program to benefit future students."

Lara's BSU experiences, including courses in ethics and philosophy, have shaped her world view. "We learned about the Socratic method," she said. "I always think, 'Why is this important to me? How can I help others?'"

When she becomes a teacher, she hopes to encourage her own students to overcome any obstacles that may stand between them and a college education. She is motivated by the donors who make her scholarships possible.

"It's such an honor," Lara said. "It's allowed me to meet all my great professors and to challenge myself to become a better adult, a better person."

SODEINDE





Karen Snorek, vice president of finance and administration, discusses BSU's draft strategic plan at a campus forum on Oct. 12.

Strategic Plan keys on place and diversity

Bemidji State University this month began implementation of a new five-year strategic plan developed over the past year with input from university employees, students and community partners.

Titled "Inspired by Place, Enriched by Diversity," the plan for 2018-2023 puts emphasis on both understanding and leveraging Bemidji State's distinctive sense of place – its location, strengths and culture – and increasing its diversity through enrollment of more American Indian students, other students of color and international students.

"It provides the strategies that will help ensure that we're focused very specifically on enrollment and financial stability," President Faith Hensrud said, "while also looking at how we can create a more inclusive culture and a truly diverse atmosphere for our students and their future life's work."

The plan's five priority areas are:

- Building university capacity through distinguishing themes of place.
- Increase engagement with American Indian communities to become a destination university.
- Increase student engagement in campus life.
- Strengthen BSU's academic identity by infusing its Shared Fundamental Values into all academic programs.
- Create a university culture in which all members are safe, welcome and validated.

Goals supporting these priorities include a reassessment of the university's brand identity, expanding experiential learning

opportunities in tribal communities, increasing student participation in campus activities, providing more ways for faculty and staff to engage with students outside the classroom, achieving specific targets for growth in diverse student populations and establishing a new Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Hobson Memorial Union.

An 18-member Strategic Planning Committee of administrators, bargaining unit representatives, faculty, staff and students completed the plan under Dr. Hensrud's direction. They were guided by input shared at six community listening sessions on key academic subject areas, two all-campus meetings and two online campus surveys. To view the plan and learn more about the process visit: www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/president/planning/2018-23-strategic-plan/



Senior soccer player Raquel Thelen assists a freshman during a busy Move-In Day on Aug. 18.

Enrollment continues growth in grad and undergrad ranks

Bolstered by a third consecutive year of enrollment growth, Bemidji State enrolment is at one of its highest points in decades.

Total headcount for the Fall 2017 semester was 5,198, an increase of 78 students, or 1.5 percent. That is the university's highest fall total since 2011 and its third highest in the past 25 years.

BSU saw increases in both undergraduate and graduate enrollment. The numbers include 4,833 undergraduates – an increase of 38 students from a year ago and the seventh-highest fall total ever recorded at BSU. It also includes 365 graduate students, up 40 from a year ago.

U.S. News ranks BSU among best in Midwest for 10th straight year

U.S. News and World Report magazine again named Bemidji State one of the best colleges and universities in the Midwest region in its 2018 rankings, extending a 10-year run.

In its annual review of America's Best Colleges, released in September, the magazine placed BSU in a tie for 32nd among public institutions in the Midwest region – its highest ranking since 2014. The university tied with seven other institutions for 109th among all colleges and universities, public and private, in the 12-state region – up six places from a year ago.





President Faith Hensrud signs transfer agreements with Anoka Technical College President Dr. Kent Hanson on Oct. 10 in Anoka.

BSU and Anoka Tech implement new direct-transfer agreement

Through a series of agreements signed Oct. 10, students who complete associate's degrees in one of 15 programs offered by Anoka Technical College will have a direct path to a bachelor's degree from Bemidji State. The agreements are in effect until July 2022.

Students who fulfill Anoka Tech's graduation requirements for the participating 72-credit programs will transfer directly into three different programs in BSU's School of Technology, Art & Design — the online or on-campus applied engineering or applied management programs or the on-campus bachelor of science in project management program.

American Indian students begin journey in initiative to boost nursing

Students in Bemidji State's new program to help develop more American Indian nurses met for the first time on Nov. 16, gathering for conversation with faculty and indigenous leaders at the American Indian Resource Center.

Participants in the Niganawenimaanaanig Program — named for an Ojibwe word meaning "we take care of them" — receive scholarships up to \$4,000 and monthly stipends of up to \$500 for meeting specific program requirements. They are required to attend weekly meetings and goal-

Madrigal Dinners find success with new venue at Concordia Village

For the first time in its 49-year history, Bemidji State's Madrigal Dinners show moved out of the Beaux Arts Ballroom and into Salolampi, the Finnish language camp at Concordia Language Villages near Turtle River.

The move, which included limited shuttle service to the venue, was an apparent hit. All four evening shows and a Sunday matinee sold out during the Nov. 30-Dec. 3 run.

This year's shows used a script penned by Madrigal Dinners founder Dr. Paul Brandvik, BSU professor emeritus of music, entitled "The Truth Fairy." With the help of the audience, the titular Truth Fairy helped feature performers Lancealot and Lancealittle determine the difference between truth and falsehood.

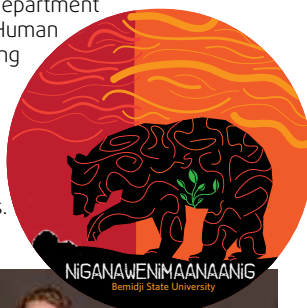
Bemidji-based Neilson Foundation continues support for internships

A \$187,500 grant awarded in November by the George W. Neilson Foundation will continue Bemidji State's Neilson Foundation Internship Program through summer 2022.

Beginning this year, the grant will provide \$37,500 a year to support 15 paid internships each summer for BSU students in the Bemidji region. The funding will cover 50 percent of a paid intern's salary, up to \$2,500, with a participating employer contributing the remaining salary paid.

setting sessions with a faculty mentor, participate in scheduled activities and attend assigned tutoring or study sessions.

The program began in July with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Nursing Workforce Diversity program, expected to total \$2 million over four years.



The 2017 Madrigal Dinners were presented at Salolampi, the Finnish camp at Concordia Language Villages north of Bemidji.

Since 2012, the program has funded more than 110 internships, and the program's 88 participating employers have paid more than \$482,000 in salaries to their interns. To learn more, call Molly Aitken-Julien at (218) 755-2038.



Laura Goliaszewski, BSU gallery director and collections manager, stands in the BSU Harlow | Kleven Gallery in the new Watermark Art Center in downtown Bemidji.

Bemidji's new Watermark Art Center includes BSU Harlow | Kleven Gallery

Thanks to a gift from the Lueken Family Foundation, Bemidji State is a partner in the Watermark Art Center, a museum and educational facility in what once was the original Lueken's supermarket in downtown Bemidji.

The 10,000-square-foot building's stunning renovation includes the BSU Harlow | Kleven Gallery, which will feature two university collections, as well as work by faculty and others.

The Margaret H. Harlow Ceramics Teaching Collection has more than 400 pieces by professional ceramics artists from all eras. The Lillie M. Kleven Print Collection has more than 800 pieces, including works by Toulouse-Lautrec and other renowned printmakers.

Speaking at the Watermark grand opening on Dec. 2, President Faith Hensrud said the center reflects the university's commitment "to sharing the joy of artistic expression with our students and the entire community."



The first group of students participating in a new program to develop more American Indian nurses met Nov. 16 at the American Indian Resource Center.

Design and tech students move ahead with project to build and sell tiny house

Students in Bemidji State's School of Technology, Art & Design are collaborating to design, build and sell a "tiny house."

A final design concept was chosen in October from among competing student proposals. With support from several sponsors, including Marvin Windows and Doors, the house will be assembled on campus, marketed by students and auctioned in conjunction with the Fourth Annual TAD Talks event on April 26.

For information about the home and its sale, call Mike Mulry at 218-755-2122.



A digital image of the tiny house being designed, built and auctioned by BSU students.



President Faith Hensrud (fourth from right) joins sculptor Jon Kamrath in a ribbon-cutting for his "Northscape" sculptures on Dec. 1 outside Memorial Hall.

'Northscape' sculptures dedicated on lawn in front of Memorial Hall

Bemidji State dedicated "Northscape," an installation of five sculptures by Mahtomedi sculptor Jon Kamrath on the lawn between Birchmont Drive and Memorial Hall, with a Dec. 1 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The "Northscape" works are aluminum and steel structures, described by Kamrath as "three-dimensional line art," which are inspired by nature and designed to work in harmony with one another. Each piece has a line or design element that guides visitors to other parts of the space, he said. His inspiration came from birds over water, cairns used for wayfinding, butterflies, moose and fish.

"Works of art like Jon Kamrath's 'Northscape' sculptures play an essential and profound role on our campus and in other public spaces," President Faith Hensrud said. "Art of all kinds has the power to spark our imaginations and fire our spirits, to invite us to a new dimension of feeling and thought. Jon's work does all of that."

Education websites recognize BSU for quality and affordability

Bemidji State and a number of its academic programs have won recognition from education websites this fall for quality and affordability:

- Zippia ranked BSU ninth among the 10 best colleges for business majors in Minnesota.
- Nonprofit Colleges Online ranked Bemidji State 23rd in the nation among the colleges and universities offering the best scholarship support for online students.
- The website StudentLoans.net ranked Bemidji State 117th among the 200 four-year public institutions that make best use of federal work-study funds to support their students.
- College Choice ranked BSU's online bachelor's degree program in accounting 19th on its "35 Best Online Bachelor's in Accounting Degrees, 2017" list.
- College Choice also ranked Bemidji State eighth on its list, "30 Best Online Bachelors in Social Work Degrees."
- The website Early Childhood Education Degrees ranked BSU's online bachelor's degree programs in education sixth in its rankings of the nation's 10 most-affordable programs.

Hagg-Sauer replacement project now first on system's priority list

Bemidji State is again looking to the Minnesota Legislature and Gov. Mark Dayton for support of its plan to replace Hagg-Sauer Hall with a new state-of-the-art academic learning center and renovate other buildings for new faculty offices.

After failing to be included in the legislature's 2018 bonding bill, the \$22.5 million project is now No. 1 on the Minnesota State college and university system's list for state bond funding. While not a guarantee, BSU officials are hopeful the long-awaited project could soon move ahead and be completed by fall 2020.



Director of Facilities Travis Barnes explains water damage in the basement of Hagg-Sauer Hall during an Aug. 16 tour for members of the Minnesota House Capital Appropriations Committee.



BSU's 2017-18 McNair Scholars are (front row from left): Sara Slubaugh, Arica Mahliaire, Harley Brake Walker, Jim Cramton, Mattie Olson, Naomi Johnson; Back Row: (back row from left) Maddie Treuer, Sterling Knox, Matt Splittstoser, Joshua Jones, Dave-Preston Esoe, Will Varela.

\$1.61 million federal grant will extend McNair Scholars program

Bemidji State in October received a \$1.61 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to continue its McNair Scholars program through the 2021-22 academic year.

The program encourages undergraduate students from underserved populations in fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to pursue doctoral degrees.

Named for astronaut Ronald McNair, among those killed in the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, the program provides participants with direct involvement in research or other scholarly activities.

Since BSU's McNair program began in 2012, 19 participants in the program have gone on to attend graduate school.



Bill Blackwell Jr., executive director of BSU's American Indian Resource Center (second from right), is joined Oct. 16 by Interim Minnesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra (left), Clyde Wilson Pickett, system chief diversity officer; Josey Landrieu, assistant chief diversity officer; and Ron Anderson, senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

Blackwell Jr. Wins 2017 Distinguished Diversity Leadership Award

Bill Blackwell Jr., executive director of Bemidji State's American Indian Resource Center, on Oct. 16 received the Distinguished Diversity Leadership Award from the Minnesota State colleges and universities Academic and Student Affairs division.

"I'm humbled," Blackwell said. "I like to think more in terms of what the American Indian Resource Center is doing rather than what I'm doing. But it's humbling to be recognized system-wide for the work we're doing here at BSU."

He was honored during the system office's 2017 Academic and Student Affairs Fall Leadership Conference, in Breezy Point.

Blackwell, a member of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, was named AIRC executive director in June 2015. He has developed a broad range of programming and support services that have helped increase BSU's retention of first-year American Indian students to nearly 84 percent.

With Blackwell's involvement, Bemidji State has developed an unprecedented series of dual-enrollment agreements with Fond du Lac, Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth tribal colleges, granting students at those four colleges automatic admission into BSU after meeting certain requirements.

Administrative appointments

These individuals have been appointed to permanent administrative positions over the past six months:

Darrin Strosahl Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northwest Technical College

Darrin Strosahl in July became vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Technical College, Bemidji State's partner institution.



Darrin Strosahl

Since 2015, Strosahl had been academic dean of skilled trades at St. Cloud Technical and Community College in St. Cloud. He previously spent 18 years as a high school administrator throughout Minnesota, most recently as superintendent at Foley Public Schools and Kingsland Public Schools.

Dr. Jim Barta Dean, College of Health Sciences & Human Ecology



Dr. Jim Barta

Dr. Jim Barta was named dean of BSU's College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology in May, returning to Bemidji after a two-year term at Mercer University as dean and professor of the Tift College of Education. Barta was interim dean of health sciences

and human ecology at BSU for nearly two years before joining Mercer.

Dr. Randy Ludeman Director, Housing & Residential Life

Dr. Randy Ludeman was promoted to director of housing and residential life in January. He has been at BSU for more than 25 years in multiple roles, most recently as university conduct officer and associate director of residential life. The 1985 BSU graduate also has served as assistant director of residential life and hall director.



Dr. Randy Ludeman

Nina Johnson Director, Hobson Memorial Union



Nina Johnson

Nina Johnson was promoted to director of the Hobson Memorial Union in May. She spent the previous three years as the union's associate director. Johnson came to BSU from Minnesota State University Moorhead, where she was assistant director of

admissions and a residence hall area director. As union director, she is responsible for facilities rental, as well as advising Student Senate and other organizations.

Travis Barnes Director of Facilities, BSU & NTC

Travis Barnes was promoted to director of facilities in August. He previously was facility supervisor at Northwest Technical College. Barnes graduated from BSU in 2004 with a degree in industrial technology.



Travis Barnes

BSU FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



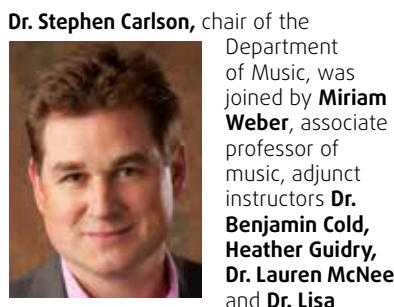
Chelsea DeVille, head women's basketball coach, in May spent two weeks in Kenya as part of a Simba Educational Ministries trip. She and 12 others, mostly coaches and athletes representing universities in Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas, ran sports clinics at St. Jacob's Primary School in Eldoret, Kenya.



Erika Bailey-Johnson, sustainability director, was keynote speaker for the Student Summit at the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability conference Sept. 20-30 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. At the 2017 AASHE Conference & Expo, held Oct. 15-18 in San Antonio, Bailey-Johnson and **Dr. Anna Carlson**, assistant sustainability director, helped deliver a half-day workshop entitled "Sustainability, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Across the Curriculum," a presentation titled "Ten Years of Including Wellness in the Sustainability Model" and a presentation with BSU graduate student Jordan Lutz called "Working in the Ivory Tower: Breaking Down the Walls of Academia."



Dr. Tim Brockman, an associate professor in the School of Technology, Art & Design, was recognized in July as a "Minnesota-Based Online Engineering Professor to Know" by the website Online Engineering Programs. BSU's Talley Gallery in November featured his artwork in an exhibition titled "Textures, Slabs and Thrown Pieces: Ceramic Art by Tim Brockman."



Dr. Stephen Carlson, chair of the Department of Music, was joined by **Miriam Weber**, associate professor of music, adjunct instructors **Dr. Benjamin Cold**, **Heather Guidry**, **Dr. Lauren McNee** and **Dr. Lisa Perry**, and former adjunct instructor **Jacqueline Schaffer** in an Oct. 19 interview and on-air performance in St. Paul for Classical Minnesota Public Radio. The appearance promoted the group's Oct. 21 faculty chamber music recital, which concluded BSU's Woodwind and Piano Day.

Pianist **Dr. Benjamin Cold** and flutist **Dr. Lauren McNee**, adjunct music instructors, were featured in Classical Minnesota Public Radio's "Regional Spotlight" on Nov. 13 along with pianist Seulgee Lee Nelson.

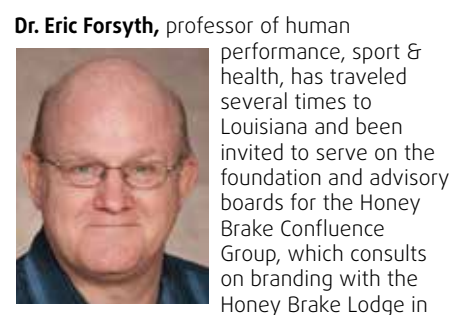


Dr. Jessica Durgan, assistant professor of English, contributed the article "Up-tops and Sooties: Neo-Victorian Representations of Race and Class in Gail Carrier's Finishing School Books" to the forthcoming collection "The Victorian Period in Twenty-First Century Children's and Adolescent Literature and Culture," published by Routledge Press.



Dr. Mary Fairbanks, associate professor of nursing, presented a poster, "American Indian Health Issues & Nursing — Undergraduate Course," on June 16 at the National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses

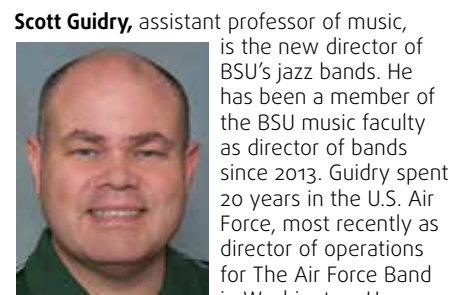
Association Conference in St. Paul. The poster covered a new elective course on American Indian health and nursing Fairbanks taught in the Spring 2017 semester. She also presented "What is Community Health? What is Public Health" on Sept. 26 as part of Bemidji's Adventures in Lifelong Learning series.



Dr. Eric Forsyth, professor of human performance, sport & health, has traveled several times to Louisiana and been invited to serve on the foundation and advisory boards for the Honey Brake Confluence Group, which consults on branding with the Honey Brake Lodge in

Janesville, La. He attended a Louisiana State 4-H Council meeting, was a guest speaker in a pair of undergraduate sports marketing courses and an Orientation to Graduate Studies course at Louisiana State University, and attended a meeting of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Council at Honey Brake Lodge.

Dr. John Gonzalez, professor of psychology, was named Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year at the 2017 Minnesota Indian Education Association Annual Conference on Nov. 16 in Welch.



Dr. Debbie Guelda, professor of biology, completed Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Institute training at the University of Denver June 19-July 1. She also participated in the institute's LUCE Program for Women in STEM Leadership.

Scott Guidry, assistant professor of music, is the new director of BSU's jazz bands. He has been a member of the BSU music faculty as director of bands since 2013. Guidry spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, most recently as director of operations for The Air Force Band in Washington. He also served as officer in charge of the Ceremonial Brass and Airmen of Note.

Dr. Andy Hafs, associate professor



of biology, has published manuscripts in three peer-reviewed journals: "The effects of riparian disturbance on the condition and summer diets of age-0 brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

in three central Appalachian streams," Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences; "Quantification of walleye spawning substrate in a northern Minnesota river using side-scan sonar," North American Journal of Fisheries Management; and "Seasonal changes in condition of Appalachian brook trout," North American Journal of Fisheries Management.

Dr. Heidi Hansen, associate professor



of mathematics, spent last year on sabbatical in Europe and Wisconsin. With side trips to Germany and Spain, she spent two months in Norway at Hogskulen på

Vestlandet, a university-college in Sogndal, examining their elementary mathematics instruction. In the spring, she taught math education classes at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Hansen also attended the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators Conference, Feb. 9-11 in Orlando, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference, April 5-8 in San Antonio.

Dr. Dwight Jilek, assistant professor of music, presented "The Estonian Singing Revolution" Oct. 3 as part of Bemidji's Adventures in Lifelong Learning series.

Dennis Lunt, assistant professor of



humanities, and **Veronica Veaux**, assistant professor of business administration, have agreed to serve as co-directors of BSU's leadership studies program for the 2017-18 academic year.

Dr. Del Lyren, professor of music, had



an opportunity to rehearse with the Army Blues, the U.S. Army's top jazz band, in June in Washington. On July 22, he conducted the Twins and Brass event, which brings together trumpet and brass players

to perform the National Anthem at a Minnesota Twins home game. Lyren also performed and conducted at the International Trumpet Guild annual conference, held May 29-June 2 in Hershey, Pa.

Brenda Mack, assistant professor of



social work, was one of three recipients of the 2017 Outstanding Service Award from the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health. The association recognized Mack

for her work as director of the Northwestern Mental Health Center in Crookston, where she led an effort to create a school-based mental health program that serves 21 school districts, including an American Indian reservation.

Dr. Sherry Shindelar, adjunct instructor of English, in August completed her doctorate in literature and criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her dissertation was entitled "'Will you...?' 'I will...?' 'I do': Re-envisioning Matrimony in Civil War-Era Literature."

Dr. Anton Treuer, professor of Ojibwe,



had his latest book, "The Indian Wars," published by National Geographic this fall. The book includes more than 225 archival photos, illustrations and paintings and 11 National Geographic maps showing shifting territories and battle

sites. In addition, Treuer presented at the Fourth Annual Rural Arts and Culture Summit, June 6-8 at the University of Minnesota, Morris; was the opening speaker at the "Let's Talk!" dinner conversation Oct. 25 in Walker; and participated in an Oct. 5 program called "Racism in Cook County" on North Shore Community Radio. The broadcast was in response to reports of racially motivated bullying in Grand Marais schools.

Dr. James White, professor of human performance, sport & health, published "How to Plant a Food Plot the Happy, Healthy Way" in the April 2017 issue of MidWest Outdoors.

Dr. Misty Wilkie, associate professor of

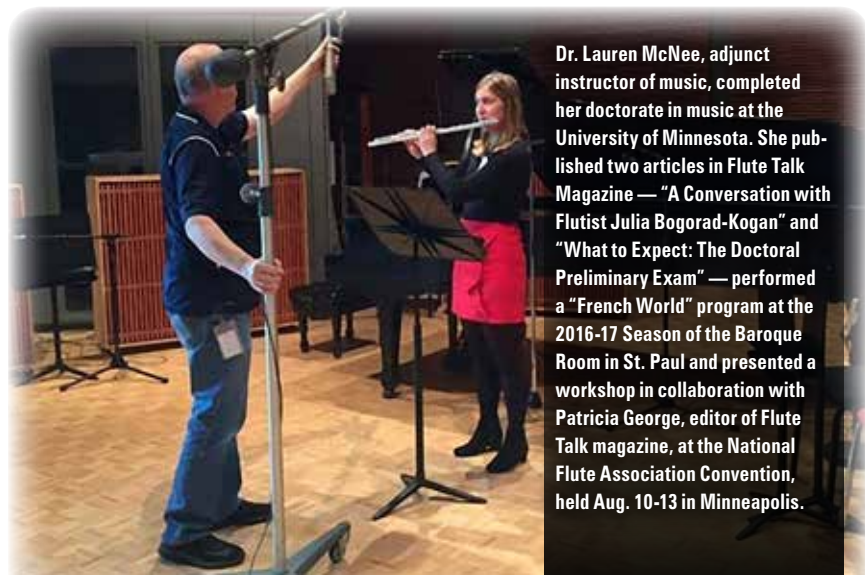


nursing, is leading an effort to revitalize a national organization for indigenous nurses and students. Membership in the National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association has declined to

around 40 from a previous high of several hundred. As the association's president, Wilkie is calling for the thousands of the nation's 3.6 million nurses who identify as American Indian and Alaska Native to renew their memberships in the organization. She has been involved with the organization for nearly 20 years, beginning as a student member.

Michelle Willman, assistant professor of English, has had a short story titled "Drowning" accepted for publication in the journal MidAmerica later this year.

Carrie Yavarow, assistant professor of nursing, and **Amy Weiher**, lab services specialist in the Department of Nursing, attended the Simulation User Network Conference, held April 18-20 in San Diego.



Dr. Lauren McNee, adjunct instructor of music, completed her doctorate in music at the University of Minnesota. She published two articles in Flute Talk Magazine — "A Conversation with Flutist Julia Bogorad-Kogan" and "What to Expect: The Doctoral Preliminary Exam" — performed a "French World" program at the 2016-17 Season of the Baroque Room in St. Paul and presented a workshop in collaboration with Patricia George, editor of Flute Talk magazine, at the National Flute Association Convention, held Aug. 10-13 in Minneapolis.

The Beavers get fired up during team introductions before their Oct. 22 home game against Winona State University.



A GREAT LEAP FORWARD

— into first NCAA tournament

By Brad Folkestad

For Jim Stone and Bemidji State University soccer, the 2017 season was 16 years in the making.

Bemidji State has made steady progress and enjoyed quiet success under Stone, who joined BSU as head coach in 2002.

Then came this year's great leap forward. The Beavers were undefeated in regular season play, attained a No. 14 national ranking in NCAA Division II and earned their first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

"What happened this season was more than a goal," said Stone, the program's winningest coach. "I'd say it was a dream. It is something we have envisioned for a long time, so when it came full circle and we saw the fruit of our labor, it was something special."

BSU started strong, with three straight shutout victories that stretched to an eight-game winning streak, matching a program record. In October, the Beavers entered the United Soccer Coaches NCAA rankings for the first time ever. By season's end, the 14-0-3 Beavers were one of just four teams in all of Division II with an unbeaten record.

Though its streak ended with a semifinal loss to Augustana University in the NSIC Tournament, Bemidji State's stellar season

was good enough to earn an at-large NCAA berth, nixed in the first round by the Auggies, whom BSU had tied at home on Oct. 15.

The Beavers' balance and depth, so evident throughout the season, were validated Nov. 2 with an unprecedented sweep of the NSIC individual awards: Rachael Norton (junior, Mounds View), Offensive Player of the Year; Catherine Arneson (senior, Fort Collins, Colo.), NSIC Goalkeeper of the Year; Miranda Famestad (senior, Sioux Falls, S.D.), Defensive Player of the Year; Allyson Smith (Brainerd), freshman of the year; and Stone, NSIC Coach of the Year.

The accolades kept coming. Norton, Arneson, Famestad and Dani Nelson, a senior from Woodbury, each won all-region honors. Famestad became just the third player in BSU soccer history to earn national postseason recognition when she was named First Team All-American by the NCAA Division II Collegiate Commissioners Association. Arneson earned a place on the CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team and joined Nelson and Famestad as United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Americans.

Statistically speaking, Norton matched Katie Meinhardt (2003-06) for the greatest individual season in BSU history. She netted 14 goals (second all-time) to go with her 10 assists (second all-time)

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— HEAD COACH JIM STONE

and 38 points. Arneson's six shutouts placed her in a tie for third on BSU's single-season shutouts list, while she combined with Anna Fobbe, a junior goalkeeper from St. Paul, to post a team record, finishing the 2017 season with 11 shutouts.

As successful as BSU was on the pitch, the team equaled that in the classroom, placing 13 on the NSIC All-Academic Team. Among them was Fobbe, who earned the 2017 NSIC Elite 18 Award for individuals with the highest academic standing in their respective sports.

While the Beavers will lose five strong players to graduation in May, the bar has clearly been raised.


Stone believes a talented and experienced 2018 team can reach even higher.

"Once you experience something like the NCAA Tournament, you want to experience it again," he said. "What we do with that motivation is up to us. We want to make sure this wasn't just a one-time thing."



Coach Jim Stone preps the squad for its Sept. 16 home game against Upper Iowa University.



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Freshman golfer Ian MacKenzie-Olson takes a fairway shot Sept. 14 at the BSU Invitational at Bemidji Town and Country Club.

Freshman propels squad through fall

BSU Men's Golf completed the fall portion of its 2017-18 season with top-two team finishes at three of its six events, including a team title at the BSU Invitational on Sept. 14 at Bemidji Town and Country Club. Led by Wayzata freshman **Ian MacKenzie-Olson**, BSU was third in the NSIC, averaging 300.7 strokes per round. Olson not only paced the BSU roster recording four rounds under par but also led the NSIC in scoring average during the fall season, with 73.1 over 14 rounds.

30 Beavers make Fall Academic All-NSIC Team

Bemidji State landed 30 student-athletes on the 2017 Fall Academic All-NSIC Team. Honorees have a grade point average of 3.20 or better and are members of a varsity traveling team who have reached sophomore standing with at least one full year completed at their school. BSU Soccer led the fall contingent, at 13, followed by football with 11 and three each from cross country and volleyball.

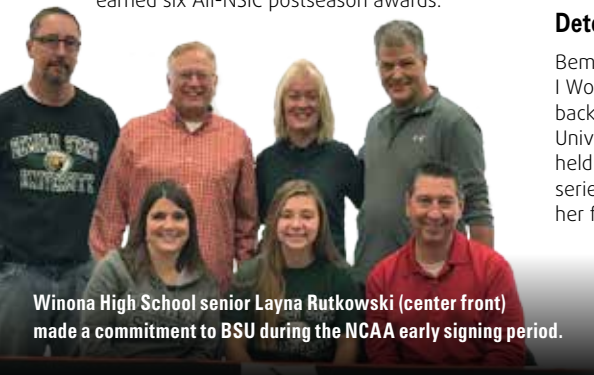
TENNIS

Winona standout gives Fodness first early commitment in his tenure

Following the team's success last year, Bemidji State Tennis has gained its first early signee since Mark Fodness took over as head coach six seasons ago, and perhaps the first in program history.

Winona High School senior **Layna Rutkowski** made a commitment to attend Bemidji State during the NCAA's early signing period, which began Nov. 8. A six-time tennis letterwinner, Rutkowski has compiled a high school record of 120-34. She is a four-time All-Big Nine Conference selection, earning first-team honors three times. The three-year team captain earned a Section 1 AA runner-up finish and is a Minnesota State High School League State Tournament participant as a doubles player.

Under Fodness' direction, the Beavers achieved a program-record 12-6 season in 2017 and earned six All-NSIC postseason awards.



Winona High School senior Layna Rutkowski (center front) made a commitment to BSU during the NCAA early signing period.

FOOTBALL

Krause receives Glen Galligan Award

NSIC football coaches selected **Jake Krause**, a Wadena senior, for the 2017 NSIC Glen Galligan Award recipient at season's end. The award goes to a four-year student-athlete who is both academically superior and makes a positive contribution to his school. Krause, a perennial All-NSIC selection, carries a 3.66 GPA and is majoring in sports management and business administration. He has volunteered with a Bemidji food shelter, the Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji, Special Olympics and BSU's elementary school reading partnership. Krause is the 10th Beaver to win the award since its inception in 1948 and the first since Nathan Sannes in 2005.



Jake Krause

18 All-NSIC selections equal record

Bemidji State Football matched a program record with 18 selections for 2017 All-NSIC honors. **Jordan Hein, Jake Krause, Andrew Lackowski, Brandon Schindler, Niko Daniello, Gunner Olszewski** and **John Vogeler** headlined the group as members of the All-NSIC First Team, while the Beavers totaled an additional six on the All-NSIC Second Team and five on the All-NSIC Honorable Mention team.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Deters named HERO of the Week

Bemidji State senior goaltender Erin Deters earned the NCAA Division I Women's Hockey HERO of the Week from HERO Sports after she backstopped the Beavers to a series sweep over St. Cloud State University, Nov. 10-11. The Sartell senior made 38 saves as she held the Huskies scoreless through both games of the WCHA series. Her second and third shutouts of the season place her fourth on BSU's all-time shutouts list, with five.



Senior goaltender Erin Deters

TRACK & FIELD

Freshmen break BSU records in first meet of 17-18 season

Freshmen **Cheri'A Adams** and **Venice Stewart** broke Bemidji State indoor track and field records on Dec. 9 in the team's first full meet, The Opener in Duluth. Adams broke the school record in the long jump, and Stewart set the program mark in the 60-meter dash.



Cheri'A Adams

Stewart's time of 7.81 earned her a first-place finish against runners from University of Minnesota Duluth and Northern Michigan University. The new record breaks Taylor Sautbine's time of 7.88 set in 2013. Adams made her mark in the triple jump with a jump of 36 feet, 9.75 inches. The jump, which placed her second in the event, beat the previous BSU mark of 35-11, set in 2005 by Ashley Spolarich.



Venice Stewart

The Beavers' season resumes Jan. 13 when they host the all-day Super 8 Open at the Gillett Wellness Center.

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING 2017



THIS IS BEAVER TERRITORY

Homecoming is all about tradition, but Bemidji State University's 2017 observance on Sept. 22-24 included new events with the promise of establishing new traditions. Chief among these was the 80th Anniversary Choir Concert, which drew more than 75 alumni members of the Bemidji Choir to perform with current students, reminisce and honor iconic former choral director Dr. Paul Brandvik. A first-time Greek Alumni & Friends Reunion also had a promising debut with an evening gathering in the American Indian Resource Center. A rainy forecast led to cancellation of the downtown parade, but a full schedule of activities made for a busy and fun weekend.



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1 Col. Dan Rose '73 (left) with Marlene Bowen '73 and Randy Bowen '73 at the Football Reunion on Sept. 23 in the American Indian Resource Center. **2** Outstanding Alumni honorees Jason Edens '07 (left), Dr. Dale Greenwalt '75, Brian Maciej '86 and Dr. Gene Ness '66 are recognized at halftime with President Faith Hensrud on Sept. 23. **3** The Front Fenders entertain the crowd at the Beaver Block Party & Street Dance on Sept. 23 in downtown Bemidji. **4** Head Coach Brent Bolte directs the team in Chet Anderson Stadium. **5** Coach Bolte joins his players in a traditional lake plunge to celebrate their 40-22 victory over Southwest Minnesota State. **6** Homecoming Queen Kaitlynn Arbogast is crowned on Sept. 18 in the BSU Gymnasium. **7** Homecoming Queen and King Kaitlynn Arbogast and Adam Roehl. **8** Bemidji Choir alums at their 80th Anniversary Concert at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bemidji. **9** Current BSU Director of Choral Music Dr. Dwight Jilek (left), former choral director Dr. Paul Brandvik (1967-98) and BSU Alumni Choir Director Mark Carlson '75 at the 80th Anniversary Concert. **10** Alumni Leaders in the Classroom business panelist Dr. James Midboe '06 (standing) with Dr. Mary Eaton '91 and Jacob Bluhm '08 on Sept. 22 in Memorial Hall. **11** Alpha Gamma Sigma members at the Sept. 23 Greek Alumni & Friends Reunion in the American Indian Resource Center. **12** Beaver Pride Advisory Board President Kevin Waldhausen (left) with member Jim Martens. **13** Student fans cheer the Beavers during the football game.



More than 250 people gathered Sept. 22 for BSU's 2017 Homecoming Honors Gala in the Sanford Center Ballroom. The event honored four Outstanding Alumni honorees and one Young Alumni honoree, in addition to 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 and Foundation's highest honor and takes professional accomplishments and community service into consideration. Including the 2017 honorees, there are 189 Bemidji State alumni who have received this award.



Jason Edens '07 graduated summa cum laude from Bemidji State University with a master's degree in environmental policy and planning. A former recipient of utility bill assistance, Edens has long had a passion for finding long-term, sustainable solutions to challenges facing low-income families. In graduate school, he began to better understand the programs available, and with support from BSU's Department of Environmental Studies he laid the groundwork for what would become the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to making solar energy available to all income levels. Edens founded RREAL in 2000 and has served as its visionary executive director ever since, overseeing more than 500 low-income solar installations; facilitating hundreds of solar trainings for community colleges, high schools, the design-build community and community groups; and engaging policymakers and stakeholders regarding low-income solar initiatives, frequently affecting policy decisions. RREAL has become a partner in a presidential initiative — the National Community Solar Partnership — and worked with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to build the first fully low-income community solar garden in Minnesota, providing solar electricity to energy-assistance recipients on its reservation. He lives in Backus with his wife, BJ Allen, who is the special projects manager for RREAL.



Brian Maciej '86 earned his bachelor's degree in design technology from Bemidji State University and cultivated a successful 30-year career in marketing communications and design technology. He is president of Lime Valley Advertising in Mankato, where he has worked since the company's founding in 1988. Maciej purchased and incorporated the full-service advertising agency in 1996. Employing a staff of 12, Lime Valley Advertising offers business-to-business advertising and marketing communications to manufacturers, businesses, educational institutions and civic organizations. He is a two-time recipient of the International Award of Merit from the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen. Maciej serves as chairman of the commercial arts advisory board at South Central College, on the Rasmussen College multi-media advisory board and on the art and design board at Bemidji State, where he volunteers to evaluate individual senior portfolio presentations. He also serves on the executive board of the Twin Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer vice president of marketing, is a consultant to the Riverbend Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation board, and provides volunteer marketing assistance for the Greater Mankato Area United Way and other local organizations. He lives in Mankato.



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Initiated in 2011, 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. Guylaine Haché '04 is a patent litigation attorney in Chicago. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University with a double major in biology and chemistry. In 2009, she completed her doctoral dissertation at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics. Upon completion of her thesis, Haché was awarded the Beatrice Z. Milne and Theodore Brandenburg Award, which recognizes exceptional research by graduate students in the basic biomedical sciences. She then moved on to Northwestern University's Fienberg School of Medicine in Chicago, where she was a postdoctoral fellow. She was recognized as a finalist for a postdoctoral fellowship by the Life Science Research Foundation. In 2010, she was hired as a technical adviser for Ropes & Gray LLP, a law firm with offices throughout the world. In 2016, she earned her Juris Doctor from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Now employed by Rakoczy Molino Mazzocchi Siwik LLP, Haché represents pharmaceutical companies in patent litigation under the Hatch-Waxman Act and the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act. While at Bemidji State, she was a member of the Women's Hockey team and was named the 2001-01 WCHA Student-Athlete of the Year. She is a five-time marathon finisher and is fluent in French. She lives in Chicago with her wife, Brittany.

1 Young Alumni honoree Dr. Guylaine Haché '04. **2** Outstanding Alumni honoree Dr. Gene Ness '66. **3** Ed and Marla Patrias, executive director of the Alumni & Foundation, are recognized by President Faith Hensrud for \$50,000 of lifetime giving to BSU. **4** Outstanding alum Brian Maciej '86 **5** Jerry '79 and Becky '78 Tischer. **6** Dancing to the band The R Factor. **7** Dr. Harold Borchers (left), emeriti professor of biology, with former student Dr. Dale Greenwalt '77 and Dr. Jim Barta, dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology **8** Alumni & Foundation Board President Ben McAninch congratulates Outstanding Alumni Jason Edens.



Dr. Gene Ness '66 taught a generation of medical and graduate students in biochemistry and molecular biology. After earning his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Bemidji State University, Ness won a scholarship to attend graduate school at the University of North Dakota in the Biochemistry Department, School of Medicine. He obtained his doctorate in 1971 and did post-doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin, College of Medicine, in the Department of Physiological Chemistry. In 1974, Ness joined the University of South Florida, College of Medicine, as a faculty member. He later was named a full professor, and after 38 years of service he retired in 2012 as professor emeritus of molecular medicine. Many of Ness's students went on to become highly successful themselves, filling research positions in major biotech companies and faculty positions at institutions such as Penn State, Baylor, Vanderbilt, University of South Florida and the University of Pittsburgh. Others became caring, dedicated physicians. His research on molecular mechanisms for cholesterol synthesis and degradation in the cell contributed to the understanding of cholesterol metabolism, which was important to the development of statin drugs. His work resulted in the publication of 108 full-length papers in major biochemical and molecular biology journals. Ness and his wife, Colleen, have been married 28 years and have four grown children and three grandchildren. They live in Tampa, Fla.



Dr. Dale Greenwalt '77 is a biochemist who has spent much of his retirement volunteering with the Smithsonian National Museum of History to unearth and discover 46-million-year-old insects fossilized in the Kishenehn oil shale formation in Glacier National Park. A Brainerd native, he began his career teaching math and science in Western Samoa through the Peace Corps. Greenwalt graduated from Bemidji State with his teaching certificate and a master's degree. He taught middle and high school science for one year before enrolling at Iowa State University to begin working toward his doctorate in comparative biochemistry. He earned his doctorate and then completed a post-doctorate program at the University of Maryland before serving as a professor of biochemistry at San Jose State University, where he focused his research on a membrane protein present in cells that secrete milk. When his wife, Kim Warren, took a job with a pharmaceutical company, the couple moved to Maryland, and Greenwalt joined the research institute of the American Red Cross, continuing his work on the membrane protein. Kim eventually founded a biotechnology company named Poietic Technologies, and Greenwalt served as its director of research. Upon retirement in 2007, he sought out volunteer opportunities to stay active.

ALUMNI NEWS

Elderhostel Experience in June will feature interactive crime-solving

Bemidji State University is renewing its Elderhostel program with a Criminal Investigation Experience from June 11-14 on the BSU campus. Criminal justice professors will walk participants through the entire process of solving a crime.

This highly interactive event will follow the detailed steps of processing a mock crime scene and solving the puzzle to determine who, what, where, when, why and how. Activities will include tours,

guest speakers, hands-on learning and a team exercise. Participants should be fit enough for moderate physical activity, both indoors and out.

Participants will stay in a BSU residence hall and eat in the campus dining hall. The total five-day cost is \$450 if registered by March 1 or \$495 if you register between March 2-April 6. For more information or to register, visit bsualumni.org or contact Angie Gora at (218) 755-2851 or agora@bemidjistate.edu.



Arizona events on March 16-17 will feature golf, lunch and socials

The schedule is set for the Alumni & Foundation's annual Southwest Events on March 16-17 in Tucson and Mesa, Ariz.

A March 16 luncheon will be at Teresa's Mosaic Café beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by a golf outing and luncheon at the Apache Wells Country Club in Mesa on March 17. The optional golf event will

begin at 8 a.m., and the luncheon will start with a noon social followed by the meal at 12:30 p.m. Plans also call for a happy hour and social that evening at a location to be determined.

Please register by March 2 at bsualumni.org. For information, call (218) 755-3989 or email alumni@bemidjistate.edu.

Alumni & Foundation Gift Officer Adrian Dunn (left) joins Bob Gill, Phil Emrie and Fred Baker '61 on March 4 during the Southwest Events luncheon at Apache Wells Country Club in Mesa, Ariz.

Green & White Dinner and Auction returns April 14 at Sanford Center

Final planning is underway for the biennial Green & White Dinner and Auction for BSU Athletics, to be held April 14 in the arena of Bemidji's Sanford Center.

The Green & White is the largest and most important charity event for BSU Athletics, raising more than \$100,000 in both 2014 and 2016. This \$100 per person party opens with a unique silent auction and reception at 5 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner and one-of-a-kind live auction at 6:30 p.m.

Watch for a save-the-date card and invitation, or call (218) 755-2294 for more information.

THE **GREEN & WHITE**

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/2BR94hX> or call (218) 755-3989 for more information. The application deadline is Feb. 1. These annual awards are made possible by contributions to the Lakeside Fund. In 2017, 45 Alumni Relative Scholarships were awarded from a pool of 100 applicants.

Deadline approaches to nominate alumni award honorees for 2018

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

Online applications are available for the following categories at www.bsualumni.org:

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. The 2018 gala will be held Oct. 5.

Teammates offer moral support during the 2017 Galen Nagle Golf Tournament on July 21 at Bemidji Town and Country Club.



MAKE SURE THE BSU ALUMNI OFFICE HAS YOUR LATEST CONTACT INFORMATION

Alumni who have changed jobs, gotten married and those who have multiple or seasonal addresses are asked to share their contact information with the Alumni Office so you can stay up to date on news and events. Go to bsualumni.org or call (218) 755-3989.



Dick McIntire '66 addresses members of Bemidji State's former Alpha Nu Omega fraternity as they prepare to dedicate named bricks in support of BSU scholarships.

Alpha Nu Omega alumni honor past with bricks and support

Members of Bemidji State's former Alpha Nu Omega fraternity gathered at BSU Sept. 8-9 for a reunion and dedication of named patio bricks between the David Park House and Alumni House, with proceeds going to the Alpha Nu Omega / Alpha Tau Omega scholarship fund.

Alpha Nu Omega was active at BSU from 1962 to 1975, and members have stayed connected. About 200 of them purchased \$100 bricks inscribed with their names and the names of deceased members, as well as a centerpiece featuring the fraternity's name and Greek insignia.

In addition to the brick dedication on Sept. 9, the weekend included a welcome reception, campus tour, home-opener football game versus Concordia and banquet.

New president and officers named for Alumni & Foundation Board

The BSU Alumni & Foundation Board of Directors elected new officers at its annual meeting on Sept. 22 in Bemidji.

The officers are: president, Peggy Ingison '74, senior director of administration and support, Minnesota Historical Society; president-elect, Tom Anderson, '70, CEO, Integrated Retirement; vice president, Cynthia Cashman '85, executive director, Minnesota State Fair Foundation; treasurer, Tiffany Baer Paine, president/CEO, Security Bank USA; and at-large officer, Elise Durbin '01, transit-oriented development program manager, Hennepin County. The outgoing president is Ben McAninch, '99, attorney, Blethen, Gage & Krause.

The board also elected Fred Baker '61, a retired leader in American Indian health services, as a new member.



Peggy Ingison, 2017-18 president of the BSU Alumni & Foundation Board, recognizes donors during the Honors Gala on Sept. 22 in the Bemidji Sanford Center.

Make recommendations for 2019 Athletics Hall of Fame by March 1

Following a March 1 deadline, the BSU Alumni B-Club will begin reviewing nominations for induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame in spring 2019.

The Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding teams, individual athletes and

coaches for their contributions to the tradition of BSU Athletics. For detailed award criteria and to submit a nomination, visit bsualumni.org. For questions, call (218) 755-2599 or email alumni@bemidjistate.edu.

Twin Cities' Freshman Send-Offs give initiative a strong beginning

The Twin Cities Alumni Chapter's first-ever BSU-Bound Freshman Send-Off events, held July 27 at Lebanon Hills Park in Eagan and Aug. 3 at Elm Creek Park in Maple Grove, both drew gatherings of incoming students, parents, alumni and Bemidji State staff.

In addition to chapter-hosted picnics and a chance to meet fellow alums and fellow students, new freshmen heard from BSU administrators about what to expect as they begin their college careers and how to get the most out of the experience.

Based on this initial success, the chapter is planning similar events for next summer. For information, call (218) 755-3989.

BSU prepares to celebrate 100-year history in 2018-19

Planning continues for Bemidji State's centennial celebration, scheduled to run from April 2018 to October 2019. That span stretches from the groundbreaking of the Bemidji Normal School in April 1918 to the arrival of its first students in September 1919.

A campus kickoff event has tentatively been set for April 4, which is also Student Achievement Day. The 15-month observance will include special editions of the BSU magazine, scholarly lectures, musical performances and a souvenir booklet.

Watch the Alumni & Foundation e-newsletter, social media and other communications for details on how you can participate.





Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale administers the oath of office to John Bolduc '86 as the 18th superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol on Oct. 16 in Lincoln, Neb.

BIG JOB

CAPS DECADES *of service*

By Maryhelen Chadwick

Despite thinking he was on a path to retirement after 30 years in law enforcement, John Bolduc now finds himself in the early days of his biggest job yet — as superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol.

He was sworn in on Oct. 16, taking the helm of a force with 730 employees and an \$85 million annual budget. The appointment continues a career that includes service in San Diego, Brainerd, Mora and Maple Grove, where it all began.

As a student at Osseo High School, Bolduc met Dawn, a high school sweetheart who became his wife of 31 years. He also caught the attention of the late Bemidji State University men's swimming coach Lee Ahlbrecht, who recruited him to join the university's nationally known program.

Bolduc recalls Ahlbrecht as down-to-Earth and inspirational at the same time. He appreciated that the coach stressed the importance of both academics and athletics. The two also had similar interests beyond swimming — hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.

"I was hooked once I met him and had a tour of campus," Bolduc said. "He did not sell the place short."

In addition to his immediate connection with swimming, Bolduc said it took only a few classes for him to know that criminal justice was the right choice for his major. The nobility of law enforcement appealed to him, as did the opportunity to get paid to help people.

He joined the Criminal Justice Club, eventually becoming its president. Through the club, he presented at a professional conference in Las Vegas. That conference and his trip to Nationals for swimming his freshman year — his first trip on an airplane — were just a few of the opportunities Bemidji State provided for a young man who wouldn't have had them otherwise.

After graduating with honors in 1986, Bolduc attended Alexandria Technical College to receive formal police training. He then began his first professional job search. The economy was slow, so he applied for every job available. He sought seven jobs in Minnesota and North Dakota and received seven job offers. He is sure his time at BSU helped make him a top candidate.

John and Dawn Bolduc
at home in Lincoln,
Neb., on Dec. 10.



During his senior year, Bolduc interned with the Beltrami County Sheriff's Department. He said his professors allowed him to "write my own script" for the internship, get credit for it and work with law enforcement professionals.

That experience opened the door for Bolduc to become a Maple Grove Police officer. It was the easy choice for his first job, he said. His fiancée lived there. It was home.

He quickly expanded his knowledge and gained diverse experience during the 12 years he served the people of his hometown. He eventually became a detective and acquired skills he would use later as an executive.

Also during that time, the Bolducs married and welcomed daughter Abbie and son Eric.

Bolduc's second job was a three-year stint as police chief in Mora. He was hired to transition the department of only eight full-time officers to a more modern force — by implementing procedures and standards like those in Maple Grove. He demonstrated his ability to manage change and emerged as a municipal

and leadership development were key reasons he got the job. Additional factors included his professional training and development of police chiefs and supervisors.

The Harbor Police's 141 sworn officers and 25 civilians provide law enforcement and marine firefighting services on San Diego Bay, at San Diego International Airport and along the tidelands within its jurisdiction.

candidate. His previous roles taught him to objectively assess where things are and where they should be and to establish the steps to get there.

The Nebraska State Patrol is spread across a largely rural state that stretches 430 miles from Iowa to Wyoming. There are six troop areas, and Bolduc has spent the first several weeks on the road, trying to shake hands with every officer and staff member. He contends the best part of being new is the chance to be open to new ideas from his fellow public servants.

"I want them to know we're in this together," Bolduc said.

Looking back at the arc of his career, he said his education and experience with different sizes and types of police forces have made him uniquely prepared for this new role.

"I learned to think more globally, to look for other ideas and to work collaboratively," Bolduc said. "I learned to look at everything. That's what makes a good detective, and considering other viewpoints helped me in my leadership positions."

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— JOHN BOLDUC '86

police leader in the state. In 2001, he accepted the challenge of leading the Brainerd Police Force, serving as chief for nine years.

When Eric, their youngest, left for college, the Bolducs faced the common empty-nester question, "What do we do now?" They arrived at a common Minnesota answer: "Move somewhere warm."

In 2010, the couple departed for Southern California, where Bolduc had been hired as San Diego Harbor Police Chief. According to the Port of San Diego, Bolduc's municipal experience and specialization in tactical teams, training

Bolduc thought the San Diego job might be his last in law enforcement, but a friend told him about the Nebraska position and said it sounded perfect for him.

He decided he "wasn't quite done yet," plus the job had the added incentive of bringing the Bolducs much closer to Abbie and Eric, who now live in Bloomington and Overland Park, Kan., respectively.

After the previous Nebraska patrol superintendent was fired, state officials faced a challenge of rebuilding public confidence and were looking for someone outside the organization. Bolduc's skill in analyzing situations and finding ways to make things better made him an ideal



The badge of the
Nebraska State Patrol.

AQUATIC BIOLOGY **PIONEER** *leaves lasting legacy*



By Maryhelen Chadwick

Tales have long been shared around Lake Bemidji, and one of them could be about the man who established the aquatic biology program at Bemidji State University and the woman who helped it endure.

Bemidji State President Harry Bangsberg was looking for someone with a pioneering spirit in 1965 when he recruited the late Dr. Charles “Chuck” Holt to expand the biology department.

Holt, who had recently earned his doctorate from the University of Minnesota, moved north with his wife, Lynne, to take his first job. They thought they would see what a few years would bring at the lakeside campus.

Lynne Holt recalls that the opportunity appealed to Chuck because Bangsberg challenged him to build an aquatic biology program where none existed.

As a student who completed all of his studies in either a classroom or a lab, Chuck was determined to take advantage of the university’s unique setting and get Bemidji State students out on the water.

He learned about a surplus center in the Minneapolis area for items discarded by state departments. He and other faculty members traveled there almost monthly to pick up items for their fledgling department. A microfiche reader became a fish scale reader to study limnology and two bridge pontoons became a floating classroom known as “The Barge.”

The Barge “was a huge step forward” in the development of the program. It allowed students to get water samples and establish baselines of data about Lake Bemidji in its pivotal position on the Mississippi River chain.

“It was big and clumsy,” Holt recalled.

“It sunk a few times. That’s how the program got started.”

Lynne Holt '80 at home in St. Paul on Dec. 16.



Lynne Holt speaks at the dedication of the Charles S. Holt research room in Sattgast Hall's H.T. Peters Aquatic Biology Lab on April 29, 2011.

"Dr. Holt was a professional who was serious about research and held high expectations for all of his students."

—JOE GRABOWSKI '81

Firsthand experience of those early challenges motivated her in 2010 to create an endowment that supports the aquatic biology program Chuck was so integral in starting.

This gift went beyond the scholarship endowment created by family, colleagues and friends after Chuck's death in 1998. The Charles S. Holt Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding aquatic biology student on campus.

Holt worked with BSU Alumni & Foundation staff to determine the direction and design of her support. With \$50,000, she created an endowment in Chuck's memory that allowed for continued development of aquatic biology at BSU, including creation of a research room in Sattgast Hall and the purchase of a pontoon boat – one not made from spare parts.

Students learn about the proper equipment to collect data. That data, in turn, is the basis for several university courses. The balance between academic and field work is the strength of the program. BSU's research-based curriculum allows students to be certified as fish biologists with the American Fisheries Society.

Likewise, the new pontoon is an invaluable resource for teaching and recruitment, said Associate Professor Andrew Hafs, who oversees the fisheries biology unit.

"Every potential student sees that boat," Dr. Hafs said.

Professor Holt's legacy has inspired support from others, as well. In 2017, BSU alumni Joe '81 and Patty '81 Grabowski made a gift in Holt's honor to the research fund that has been renamed the "Dr. Charles and Lynne Holt Aquatic Biology Endowed Research Fund." Joe Grabowski was a student of Holt and mentioned him when accepting an Outstanding Alumni Award in 2015.

"Dr. Holt was a professional who was serious about research and held high expectations for all of his students," Grabowski said at the time.

Holt echoes Grabowski's sentiment and describes the unique traits a person needs to be a successful field biologist, traits her late husband possessed.

"They have to be curious and they have to love the outdoors," she said.

While technology simplifies such routine tasks as taking daily measurements, Holt remembers the rigor and dedication required to gather data.

In addition to a hardy nature, field biologists need to be able to share their findings with other scientists in a professional manner. According to Holt, her husband thought it was very important for students to confer with other scientists, make presentations at conferences and publish their findings.

"He worked with them and worked with them and worked with them to make sure they were ready," she said.

Every effort he made was to advance the aquatic biology program at Bemidji State and prepare students for success after graduation, she said.

With ingenuity, hard work and the foresight of the administration, he was able to put the program together from scratch and work at BSU until retiring in 1996, Holt said.

Having begun with a single professor, the aquatic biology now has three faculty members teaching 70 to 80 students who choose among areas of emphasis in wetlands ecology, aquatic systems and fisheries biology. In addition, many biology master's students concentrate on the aquatic sciences. The department has a strong relationship with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which translates into research opportunities for students.

For Holt, who in 1980 earned her own master's degree in biology, the ongoing vitality of aquatic biology at BSU has been personally rewarding.

"It just seemed to work out," she said, "It's great to see the program thrive."

Aquatic biology students take samples May 4 on Lake Bemidji from a pontoon boat purchased with funds donated by Lynne Holt in honor of her late husband, Dr. Charles Holt.



Dr. Charles and Lynne Holt



CAMPUS HAPPENINGS





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1 Convocation on Aug. 18 in the BSU Gymnasium. 2 Chemistry Club Eclipse Viewing Party on Aug. 21. 3 Assistant Professor Dr. Nicky Michael presents during Indigenous Peoples & Treaty Day events on Aug. 9 in the American Indian Resource Center. 4 Paddleboarding during Sunday in the Park on Aug. 20 at Diamond Point Park. 5 BSU Trapshooting Club practice on Oct. 6 at the Bemidji Trap & Skeet Club. 6 Jingle Pops concert on Dec. 2 in the Bangsberg Main Theater. 7 Microaggressions Workshop on Nov. 20 in the lower Hobson Union. 8 Madrigal Dinners rehearsal on Nov. 29 at Concordia Language Villages. 9 Bemidji-area princesses at the 46th annual BSU Powwow on Nov. 18 in the John Glas Fieldhouse. 10 Marketing student trade show on Nov. 29 for the Bemidji LaunchPad Entrepreneurs Meetup in the Mayflower Building. 11 Bemidji American Legion presents colors on Nov. 9 in front of Deputy Hall. 12 First-Generation Student Celebration on Nov. 8 in the lower Hobson Union. 13 Major & Career Expo on Oct. 25 in the Beaux Arts Ballroom. 14 Dr. Tom and Sandy Richard pose with Hope Johnson, a recipient of their named scholarship for elementary education students, following the 2017 Scholarship Appreciation Breakfast on Oct. 7 in the Bemidji Sanford Center. About 650 students, parents and donors attended.

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TOP NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FISHING TEAMS COMPETE IN BEMIDJI



2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Bemidji State University was a host for the Bassmaster College Series National Championship, held Aug. 10-12 on Lake Bemidji and connecting waters. This event, co-hosted by the Visit Bemidji tourism marketing organization and the city of Bemidji, featured the 90 best collegiate teams from across the nation. Among them were a pair of two-person teams from BSU, one of which placed ninth and the other 35th.



1 A team from Bryan College in Tennessee was in first place all three days of the tournament. 2 Mitch (left) and Thor Swanson of BSU prepare for weigh-in on Day 3, Aug. 12. 3 President Faith Hensrud opened the tournament with a ceremonial first cast on Aug. 10. 4 The two qualifying teams for Bemidji State, Mitch (left) and Thor Swanson and Luke Gilland and Robby Troje, pose with the team boat at an Aug. 7 Meet the Teams event at Bemidji State. 5 A pair of competitors try their luck in the Mississippi River on Aug. 11. 6 The pre-tournament banquet at BSU on Aug. 9. 7 A boat heads towards Lake Irving on Aug. 11.



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Alumni names appear in bold. Send
information to alumni@bemidjistate.edu
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Joe Otto

'17 **Joe Otto** is a farm bill technician for the Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District in Ortonville. He works on programs such as the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program, which converts cropland to privately owned native habitat. Otto lives in Lesterville.

'16 **Autumn Aeling** teaches first grade at Ashby Public School, where she also is head softball coach. She previously taught first grade for a year in the Brainerd schools. Aeling lives in Hewitt.

Keylee Schoon is in her first year as a fourth-grade teacher at Menahga Public School after previously substitute teaching in the Menahga, Park Rapids and Sebeka districts. She lives in Menahga.

Ryan Olson is an associate web engineer for Sundog, an industry leader in marketing and technology that specializes in manufacturing. He previously worked as a freelance web designer and developer. Olson lives in Fargo.



Ryan Olson

'15 **Nicole Dupay** has joined CW Technology as a human resources and marketing coordinator. She previously was an admissions representative and recruiter for Bemidji State University. Dupay lives in Duluth.



Nicole Dupay

Lindsey Nelson directs the new Just for Kix dance program in McGregor and is also teaching math at McGregor High School. She lives in McGrath.

'14 **John Rusch** is an exercise physiologist for Sanford Medical Center in Bagley, focusing on cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation. He lives in Bemidji.

Cory Johnson is a graphic designer for the RedHouseMedia, an advertising agency based in Brainerd, where he lives.



Cory Johnson

Dana Skjod is an assistant project manager for Knutson Construction in their Minneapolis office. She has worked closely on the recent Mercy Hospital expansion project. She lives in Rogers.

'13 **Dr. Trevor Andrews** has joined the Scotland Bakke Dental practice in Bemidji after receiving his degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He lives in Bemidji.



Dr. Trevor Andrews

'11 **Darci McGillivray** was hired as an administrative/accounting assistant by the city of Motley after she finished an internship there in September 2016. She expects to graduate this spring with a degree in accounting from Central Lakes College in Brainerd. McGillivray lives in Staples.



Darci McGillivray

Rachel (Battles) Pearce joined the family medicine team at Altru Clinic in Warroad as a nurse practitioner. She has a doctorate of nursing practice, family nurse practitioner degree from the University of Iowa. Pearce lives in Warroad with her husband, Josh. They have three children.



Rachel Pearce

Ashley Palmer works for Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital, where she is a full-time athletic trainer at Grand Rapids High School. She previously worked for Essentia-St. Joseph's and was head athletic trainer at Brainerd High School. Palmer lives in Grand Rapids.



Ashley Palmer

JOSH THARALDSON '09 was elected president of the Minnesota Science Teachers Association for a four-year term. He is in his eighth year teaching science at Marshall County Central High School. This past summer, Tharaldson traveled to Costa Rica to study lowland rain forests and investigate the biotic, physical and cultural forces that affect tropical biodiversity there. He lives in Goodridge.



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CLASS NOTES



RESZEL CYCLES TO AID BREAST CANCER FIGHT

Inspired by his wife's recovery from breast cancer, long-distance bicyclist Al Reszel last summer rode from the St. Paul area to New York City, raising awareness and donations for breast cancer research.

On June 5, he plans to set out on a 3,500-mile ride from Los Angeles to the Midtown Manhattan office of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, a trip expected to take 45-60 days.

Reszel completed the 21-day, 1,700-mile ride to New York on June 3 after setting out from Afton State Park. He raised more than \$7,000 through donations collected at advance events and through social media and the internet.

"It's about the struggle, the care, the research and the cure," said Reszel, who with wife Terry founded Pink Pedals 4 A Cure, their fundraising organization, in 2016.

In June 2016, he set a precedent for his cross-country ride with a six-day, 517-mile solo ride from St. Paul to Geneva, Ill., also in support of cancer research.

Terry's cancer journey began in 2001 with multiple biopsies and ultrasounds that ultimately led to a diagnosis in 2010. Soon thereafter, she underwent a bilateral mastectomy.

Reszel has been a road cyclist for more than a quarter-century and continues to participate in rides against breast cancer around the Midwest.

After 29 years as a business executive and trainer for companies such as Well Fargo and Great Western Bank, the Richmond resident decided to return to school, earning his master's degree in special education from Bemidji State University in 2013.

Reszel continues to teach special education at Yellow Medicine East High School in Granite Falls, and when he isn't teaching or riding, he enjoys time with his wife, Terry, and their two children and four grandchildren.

To learn more about the Reszels, their accomplishments and ambitious plans – or to donate to their cause, visit pinkpedals4acure.org or call (630) 524-4531.

'10 Nicholas Wentworth graduated from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine with a degree in dentistry. He and his wife, Kendra, live in Windham, Maine, with their two children, but plan to relocate to North Carolina, where he will join a private dental practice.



Nicholas Wentworth

'08 Kyle McMartin is the new assistant principal of Bemidji Middle School, where he has worked as a teacher and a coach at the middle school for seven years. He and his wife, Ashley, live in Bemidji with their three children.



Kyle McMartin

Jessica (Olson) Horn is director of the Bagley Day Activity Center. She is responsible for day-to-day operations and the center's thrift shop, as well as the Pine Ridge Residence for seniors, home to several of the center's. Horn lives in Gonvick with her husband, Troy. They have one child.

Melanie Wilson is dean of Liberal Arts and Public Services for Hawaii Community College in Hilo, Hawaii. She previously was director of assessment and institutional research at Leech Lake Tribal College. Wilson lives in Hilo with her husband, Paul, and their two children.



Melanie Wilson

'07 Andrea Whiting is finance manager for United Way of Northeastern Minnesota in Chisholm. She previously had been a volunteer and served on the board before joining her new position. Whiting lives in Virginia.



Andrea Whiting

Tim Dirkes is a patrol and field training officer for the Grand Rapids Police Department, where he has worked since 2011. He previously worked for the Winnebago Police Department. Dirkes lives in Grand Rapids.



Tim Dirkes

'04 Rachel (Moen) Columbus was awarded the James Trudeau Award by the Lakes Center for Youth and Families. She has worked for the Wyoming Police Department since 2006, developing the Police Educating Area Kids program in 2013. Columbus and her husband, John, live in Andover and have three young children.



Rachel Columbus

Nikki (Baird) Brink was promoted to chief operations officer at First National Bank Bemidji. She joined the bank as human resources manager in 2011. She graduated from the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wis., in August. She and her husband, Robert, live in Bemidji. They have three children.



Nikki Brink

KAYLA BELL '04 (far right) is the latest of three generations from the same family to graduate from Bemidji State and enter careers in education. She is student support coordinator at Burnside Elementary School in Red Wing, where she lives. Her mother, **WANDA (ROHL) BELL ('79)**, was principal of Pillager Elementary School before retiring in 1998. She and her husband, Steve, have three adult children. Kayla's grandmother, **BETTY (SWANSON) ROHL ('74)** began the chain by teaching country school in Pillager for 29 years. She has remained active in retirement, gaining recognition as Pillager's Citizen of the Year in 2015 and as a new member of the school district's Hall of Fame in 2016.

'03 Rosymar

Hjermstad is executive director of Kinship of the Park Rapids Area, a mentoring and reading program for children. She previously was working for Mahube-Otwa as the Housing Case Manager. She lives in Park Rapids with her two children.



Rosymar Hjermstad

Alice (Linda) Blessing presented an exhibit of her paintings at the Cultural Center gallery in New York Mills. The exhibit, "Through a Child's Eyes," featured her work along with that of a colleague. She lives in Bemidji with her husband, **Mitch '04**. The couple has one child.

'00

Dan Johnson was 2017 Teacher of the Year in the Brandon-Evansville School District, where he has taught since 2002. In addition to teaching high school social studies, he is an assistant football coach and Knowledge Bowl advisor. Johnson and his wife, Amanda (Lee '02), live in Brandon with their two children.

Adam Smith graduated from Air Force basic training in San Antonio, Texas, as a U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, Krista.

'98

Melissa (Hensley) Vacek was promoted to business loan associate at Security Bank USA in Bemidji, where she has worked since 2013. She also serves on the Sanford Health Foundation Board and is chair of the Sanford Health Business Relations Committee. Vasek lives in Bemidji with her husband, Chris, who is sales manager at RP Broadcasting.



Melissa Vacek



Nate Knutson

Nate Knutson was promoted to warden of the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Willow River/Moose Lake. He has spent his entire corrections career there, most recently as associate warden of operations. Knutson lives in Cloquet.

'97

Andrew Dahlen is an electronics instructor and VEX Robotics coordinator at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. This past summer, he coordinated a robotics camp for fifth- through eighth-graders at Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Dahlen and his wife, **Jennifer (Koenen '98)**, live in Fischer.



Andrew Dahlen



SOCIAL SERVICE WORK IS CHARWOOD'S CALLING

Ashley Charwood considers herself an introvert, but the breadth of her involvement with Bemidji-area social service organizations recently brought the spotlight to her.

Charwood, who graduated from BSU in 2007 with a degree in social work, in June received the Catalytic Leader Award from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. She was nominated by Mary Ann Reitmeir, professor emerita of social work.

The award, which recognized her work coordinating Bemidji's Foster Grandparents Program, among other endeavors, is intended for someone who uses informal authority to shape the direction and progress of her own work and that of an organization.

"I believe that all people are capable of being leaders and that everyone has different strengths that they bring to the table," Charwood said. "... I think it is important to have diverse people at the decision-making tables."

A woman with many hats, she is the northwest regional coordinator for the council of nonprofits, an Early Childhood Screening Team member for the Bemidji School District and as an active board member for Bi-County Community Action Programs. She also is working on a master's degree from the University of North Dakota, where she is a graduate teaching assistant.

A licensed social worker, Charwood also works part-time for Lutheran Social Services, Planned Parenthood and Northwood Caregivers and says she is "committed to contributing to a more caring and equitable world."

In January 2016, Charwood planned an Inclusivity and Diversity Event in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, funded by a Patty Johnson Seed Grant. This first-ever event included a peace march, multicultural diversity and inclusivity panel of speakers, community potluck dinner and dance celebration.

As the Catalytic Leader honoree, she received a one-year "Golden Ticket" for free individual registration to all Minnesota Council of Nonprofits-sponsored conferences and training, valued at more than \$1,000.



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HAAGENSON HONORED FOR CAREER IN ENERGY

Tessa Haagenson's achievements since her days at Bemidji State earned her recognition this past June as a "Top 50 EcoLeader" by the National Wildlife Foundation.

Haagenson has been leading efforts to educate people on climate change and renewable energy since her days as an NWF 2005-06 Campus Ecology Fellow at BSU, where as a student senator she helped institute a student fee to support wind energy.

A love of nature instilled by her parents guided her toward environmental studies, she said, and the university's faculty encouraged her career goals.

"I certainly had support when I was at Bemidji State from professors who helped me learn what I needed to — and wanted to — at the time, when I thought I may be going into energy policy," Haagenson said.

She is now principal planning analyst at Great River Energy in Maple Grove, she runs a resource-forecasting model that helps guide Great River Energy's long-term resource decisions and tracks renewable energy standard obligations.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in environmental studies program with an emphasis in policy and planning in 2017, Haagenson spent a semester in Denmark as a guest graduate student in sustainable energy planning and management at the University of Aalborg.

Recognizing her need for a greater understanding of the electrical power grid, she then earned a second bachelor's degree — in electrical engineering — from the University of North Dakota, and this year she expects to complete a graduate certificate in solar engineering from the Penn State World Campus.

Haagenson said everyone should gain some knowledge of how electrical power systems work.

"For students who want to make a difference for sustainability in the electric power industry — even if you're coming at it from a non-technical angle — gain at least a cursory understanding of the way the electric power system works and the regulatory world that governs many aspects of it," she said.

Dawn (Woelfel) McCabe is principal at St.



Dawn McCabe

Timothy Catholic School in Maple Lake. She previously was a media specialist for the Owatonna and Rockford public schools before earning her administrative licensure from Minnesota State University in Mankato. McCabe lives in Buffalo with her husband, Bill. They have two children.

Brent Glass is associate vice chancellor for student affairs for the Minnesota State system of colleges and universities. He previously was system director and operations manager for the system's Division of Academic and Student Affairs. Glass and his wife, Jennifer, live in Prescott, Wis.

Craig McKechney is the behavioral dean of students at Litchfield Middle School. He previously taught physical education/health at Litchfield along with coaching boys' hockey. McKechney and his wife, Cindy, live in Litchfield. They have two grown children.



Craig McKechney

'96 Richard Aldrich was the 2017 commencement speaker at Chisholm High School, where he has been principal since 2013. He has worked in the Chisholm School District since 1997. Aldrich lives in Hibbing with his wife, Lisa. They have four children.



Richard Aldrich

Todd Kreibich is head coach and general manager for the Minnesota Iron Rangers, a Superior International Junior Hockey team based in Hoyt Lakes. He lives in Gilbert.



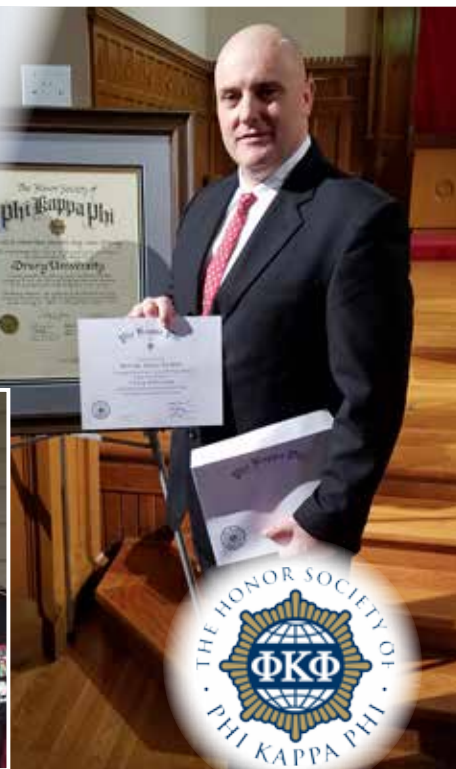
Todd Kreibich

Jennifer Kovall joined the sales team of Edina Realty in Crosslake. She previously had been working at Thunder Lake Realty. She lives in Remer.



Jennifer Kovall

MERTON DEWITT '96 was inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi after receiving his master's degree in education from Devry University. He retired in October from the U.S. Army after serving 20 years that included multiple tours to Iraq, where he earned a Bronze Star. He is now a senior delivery supervisor for PepsiCo. Merton and his wife, Melina, reside in Conway, Ark., with their two children.



'95 Kelly (Egenes) Weets is interim dean of students at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls. For the past 17 years, she was the school's English/media specialist. Weets and her husband, Jason, live in Thief River Falls.



Kelly Weets

'92 Bill Kane was awarded Western Bank's Exceptional Educator for the month of May. He has retired after 23 years of teaching, including the past 18 at the Cass Lake-Bena Middle School. He and his wife, LuAnn ('82), live in Laporte.



Bill Kane

Kelly Camacho is the special education and Title I teacher at Browerville Public Schools and is working on obtaining her license for teaching students with autism.

'91 Daren Blanck received his ordination in June from the Zoar Lutheran Church in Tofte, just in time to preside at his brother's wedding. Blanck also teaches environmental science part-time at William Kelley High School in Silver Bay. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Tofte with their two children.



Daren Blanck

Mark Grundhofer coached the Waconia High School baseball team to a Class AAA championship when they beat Hibbing this past summer. He has taught at Waconia for 22 years, along with coaching football, hockey and baseball. Grundhofer lives in Cologne with his wife, Wendy. They have three children.

'87 Jackie (Omnen) Tappe is the corporate controller at Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. She previously worked as director of finance for St. Cloud Medical Group. Tappe lives in Pequot Lakes.



Jackie Tappe

'86 Christel (Lundstrom) Rinehart is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner for Community and Family Resources, a non-profit provider of behavioral health services. She lives in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, with her husband, Scott.



Christel Rinehart

'83 Karen (Ailie) Korwin-Kuczynski is retiring after teaching 34 years in the Pine River-Backus school district. She was a special education teacher, working with students from all grade levels before focusing on K-6 and specializing in autism. She is married and lives in Nisswa. The couple has three grown children.

Mary (Skarison) Fore retired from teaching after 34 years at Red Lake County Elementary School. She spent 22 years teaching third grade, and her last 11 teaching second grade. Fore and her husband, Todd, live in Gully, where they raised three children.

Paul Ruud has retired after teaching industrial technology for 33 years, including the past 25 in the Glencoe School District. In addition to teaching he also has coached football, wrestling, and track and plans to continue coaching football into his retirement. Ruud and his wife, Cheryl, live in Glencoe. They have three adult children.

Randy McIntire retired as an art teacher at Tracy Area High School after 32 years. He and his wife, Robin, have been residing in Tracy but were planning a move to the Battle Creek area.



Mike & Kim Roysland

'81 Jeff Halbmaier was 2017 Teacher of the Year in the Montevideo School District. He has taught math at Montevideo High School and has coached baseball, football, softball and basketball in Montevideo for the past 29 years.

'80 Kim (Carlin) Roysland retired after a 37-year teaching and coaching career at Fosston High School. She led the volleyball team to three state championships and developed a program to give students hands-on experience in health occupations. Roysland and her husband, **Mike ('80)**, live in Fosston, where they raised one child.

Steve Randgaard is head men and women's golf coach at St. Mary's University in Winona. He will continue coaching girls athletics in the Lake City Public Schools.



Steve Randgaard

'79 Linda (Glavich) Friedlieb was inducted into the Mesabi Range College Athletic Hall of Fame in June. She was honored for her achievements in tennis, beginning in high school when she was the first girl to play on a boys' team. She continued her tennis career at Mesabi Community College and at Bemidji State. Friedlieb has been a teacher for 38 years, now teaching at Merritt Elementary in Mt. Iron. She and her husband, **Gary ('93)**, live in Virginia. They have three children.

John Steffel leads a band, The River is Louder, that performs song covers, including blues, jazz and folk. This past summer, the group performed at the Winona County Fair and other local venues. Steffel and his wife, Wendy, live in Saint Charles.

'77 Craig Dezell of Annandale retired after teaching sixth grade for 40 years at the Annandale school district. He was head basketball coach for 20 years and also coached baseball. He and his wife, **Janell (Sellnow)**, live in Annandale. They have three adult children.

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IN MEMORIAM *in order of class year*

Ferden (Torgerson), Irene '42, Fosston
Lundmark, Arlene S. '43, Leonard
Kjos (Prestemon), Estelle "Lorraine" '45, Rushford
Rossi (Hines), Betty G. '47, Bemidji
Marchand, Louis V. '48 – Bemidji
Masoner, Elisabeth "Betty" '48, Fosston
Peterson, Donald G. '50, Crookston
Stagg, Dan W. '51, Spring Lake Park
Devries, Jean A. '52, Bigfork
Robertson, William C. "Bill" '53, Placentia, Calif.
Anderson, Cletus B. '57, Lebanon, Ohio
Sillerud, Clifford '58, Canby
Marchand, William M. '54 – Saint Paul
Jonson, Harold "Don" '60, Dilworth
Bessler, Harold '64, Joliet, Ill.
Brandt, Jack '64, Hastings
Omerza, Ronald A. '64, Ely
Axvig (Thrugstad), Mildred J. '65, Bemidji
Gorman, James W. '66, Blackduck
Boswell (McDougal), Maxine M. '67, Mahanomen
Malmanger (Courrier), Marilyn '68, Gully
Frandsen (Mullan), Kathryn '69, Paynesville
Gross, Ronald Wayne '70, Bigfork
Kaufman, Patricia "Trish" '71, Seattle, Wash.
North, Steven J. '72, Bemidji
Wold, Betty J. '76, Thief River Falls
Tanner, Janice K. '81, Walker
Campbell, Michelle D. '83, Shoreview
Moris, Maureen A. '85, Wirt
Sharp, Haral "Jay" '87, Cold Springs
Vollom, Judith L. '88, Ely
Forte, Patrick R. '89, Sartell
Spigarelli, Daniel L. '96, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Sushak, Ricky '05, Bemidji
Januszewski, Jack A. '13, Perham
Freudenberg, Gerald D., Parkers Prairie
Swank (Kriner), Marilyn '98, Aurora
Maxwell, Clint '13, Bemidji
Johnson, Timothy W., Eagle Lake
Tate, Daniel W., Boca Raton, Fla.

'76 Tim Westrum retired after 39 years working for the federal government, including 18 years of active Army service. After living in El Paso, Texas, he and his wife planned to return to his hometown of Clearbrook. The couple raised four children.

Jim Madzey retired after teaching 32 years at Nashwauk-Keewatin High School, where he also coached wrestling, football and LEGO Robotics. He and his wife, Katherine, live in Hibbing.

'75 Cathlene Gunvalson retired after 41 years of teaching AP calculus and precalculus at Stillwater Area High School. She and her husband, Michael, live in Woodbury and have two adult children.

Mike Lien published his second book, "Down at the Dock," a collection of short fiction and nonfiction stories about outdoor life and hunting. He lives in Norwood Young America with his wife, **Marceil (Targeson '76)**. They have two grown children.

'74 Linda (Roebbke) Burman has retired after teaching kindergarten for 36 years at Comfrey Public School. She lives in St. James with her husband, **Dwight ('75)**. They have three adult children.

'70 Jerry Benson retired after 47 years as a teacher in the Luverne School District. He taught school social studies and coached football, basketball, baseball and speech. In retirement, he plans to pursue a second doctorate in global information systems and travel frequently. He lives in Luverne.

OTHER ALUMNI

Lee Ann Valsvik was among last spring's Distinguished Alumni honorees at Stillwater High School. She hosts her own radio show and serves on the Stillwater Foundation Board. Valsvik lives in Stillwater.

Gary Warren retired after 37 years as a coach and administrator. He most recently was assistant athletic director for facilities and operations at the University of Minnesota-Crookston. He lives in Fertile.



Bemidji State University magazine salutes AL NOHNER '70, director emeritus of communications and marketing, who for many years has gathered and written the Class Notes and brief features on individuals and stayed involved with campus as a member of the Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter. After the spring/summer 2017 edition, Nohner moved on from those duties. We are sincerely grateful for his service and dedication to Bemidji State.

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

REPORT GIFTS

2016-17 BSU FOUNDATION



Marla Patrias

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM BSU!

As you may have heard, I will be retiring from Bemidji State University in June after 21 years with the Alumni Association and Foundation. I am filled with gratitude for all of the alumni, friends, board members

and colleagues who have made such a difference for Bemidji State and its students – and for me personally. I also am tremendously proud of all we have accomplished together and confident this important work will continue with a new leader, to be chosen in late spring following a nationwide search. I anticipate that the next executive director will be a talented, experienced individual who brings a fresh perspective while appreciating what makes BSU so special.

This past year has been marked by transitions. Having concluded the amazing Imagine Tomorrow Campaign, which raised more than \$36 million over five years, we have strengthened our annual giving efforts and begun to anticipate another major campaign within the next few years. The Alumni & Foundation team is made up of dedicated professionals, some of them veterans and others newly hired. All are determined to work with you, our stakeholders, to help you find the right way to support BSU – through annual giving, one-time gifts, endowments and planned giving.

Many great things are ahead for Bemidji State. President Faith Hensrud, now in her second year, is eagerly reaching out to alums and moving BSU forward with focused, collaborative leadership. The university has just launched a new five-year strategic plan and will soon begin celebrating its centennial. While it is never easy to say goodbye, I know I will continue to see many of you at events and around the Bemidji community, and I will always be proud of my association with this great university.

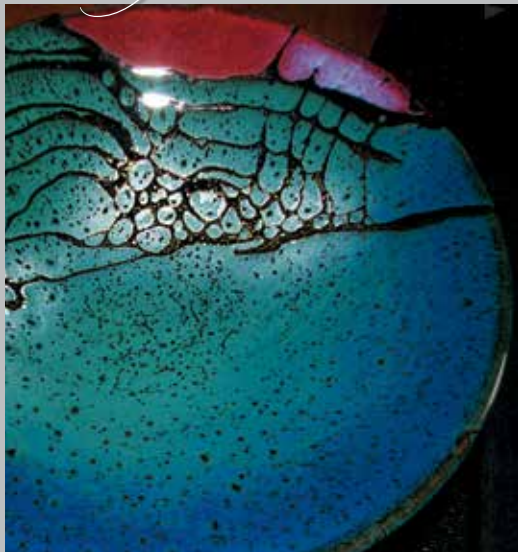
Go Beavers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marla Patrias". The script is fluid and cursive.

Marla Patrias

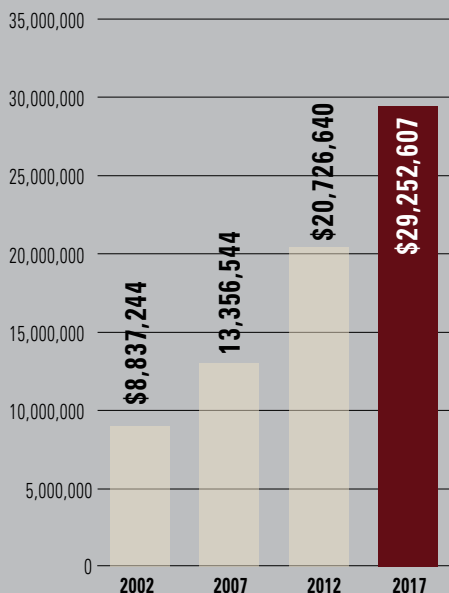
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MATCHING GIFT – TRACY AND MIKE ROBERGE



With a single gift of \$100,000, on top of earlier giving of more than \$1 million, Mike Roberge '90 and his wife, Tracy, have leveraged 10 new scholarship endowments for Bemidji State University.

Roberge, president and global investment officer for Boston-based MFS Investment Management,

suggested the match to maximize his support for BSU. The Roberges' gift added \$5,000 to gifts of \$20,000 and \$10,000 to gifts of \$25,000, the minimum to start new endowments.

"My experience is that you can motivate others to come off the fence and make a donation," Roberge said. Their gift did just that.

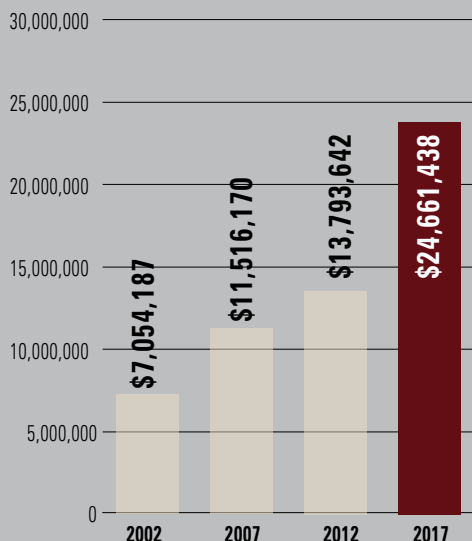
Endowments receiving a match: Thor and Melissa Carlsrud Endowment Fund, Blaine Jarvis Scholarship Fund, Richard W. Tanner Memorial Scholarship Endowment, Dr. John Backes Football Scholarship, National Renewable Solutions Scholarship Endowment, Mark Lisa Goal Robber Scholarship Endowment, Rich and Meredith Keho Women's Hockey Scholarship, Randy and Marlene Bowen Education Scholarship and the Alpha Nu Omega Scholarship.

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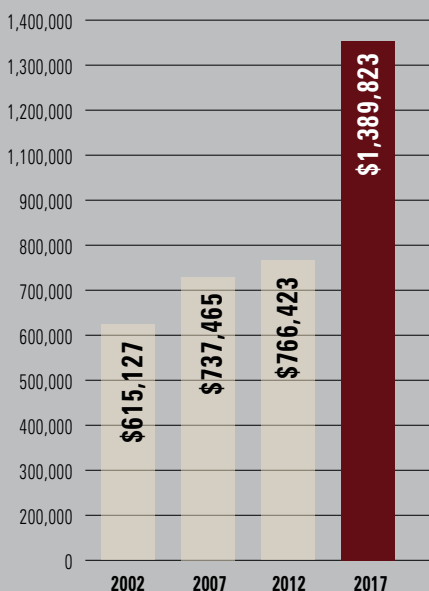
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Growth of Endowed Funds



BSU Foundation Scholarship Dollars Provided



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New member

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

SCHOLARSHIPS – NORBORD MINNESOTA

Thanks to Norbord Minnesota's support for Beaver Hockey, free tickets to home games at the Sanford Center are available to employees and their families, even on short notice.

The wood products mill in Solway has purchased about 20 season tickets for employee use, which in turn supports BSU athletic scholarships through a contribution to Beaver Pride. Information about upcoming games is posted on a screen in the employee lunchroom.

"We want to make sure our team members who are interested in attending games get an opportunity to do that," said Cam Lewis, Norbord Minnesota general manager. "It's a really nice option for our folks in the middle of winter to be able to see Division I hockey in a really nice facility."

Norbord offers employees tickets to other BSU sports as well, Lewis said: "It's getting our folks more connected to the university through athletics."



Norbord employee Nick Brown and family members enjoy the Beavers' Oct. 15 win over Alaska Anchorage.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

ENDOWMENT — DR. TOM BEECH



Bemidji State political science professor Dr. Tom Beech knows well the financial challenges many students face.

He has responded by endowing a scholarship that, beginning next fall, will go to one or more students majoring in political science. He recently signed a second endowment agreement,

which he anticipates will be awarded to an international student or students.

Beech, who has taught at BSU since 1999, is passionate about the role of faculty and staff in helping students succeed.

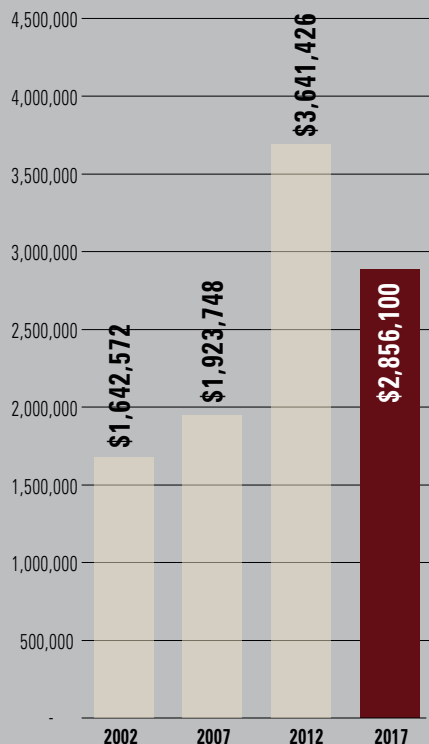
"Every person who comes in contact with a student makes a difference to their experience," he said, "from the staff in administration and the residence halls to maintenance and food service staff."

Finally, Beech said, he simply loves being part of Bemidji State.

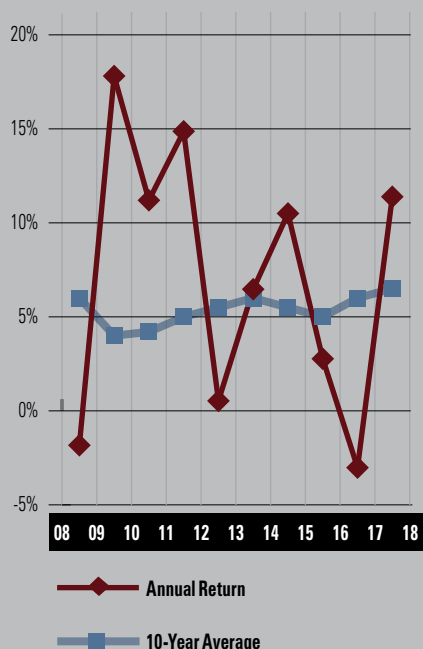
"I feel very fortunate to have a job I love at a place of which I am proud," he said, "with students, faculty and staff that I greatly respect and enjoy."

REPORT GIFTS

Cash Revenue



Rate of Investment Return



the President's SOCIETY

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William & Patricia Kelly

* Deceased

New member

* Deceased
+ Charter member

Bolded names
are new
Legacy Society
members
in 2017

Statement of Position

June 30, 2016

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 896,780
Investments	25,359,598
Accounts Receivable	21,217
Contributions Receivable — Current	1,139,159
Prepaid Expenses	9,161
Total Current Assets	27,425,915

Property and Equipment 333,248

Other Assets

Contributions Receivable — Long-Term	1,314,885
Remainder Interest in Real Estate	91,285
Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance	87,274
Total Other Assets	1,493,444

Total Assets 29,252,607

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 35,192
Payroll Liabilities	23,835
Annuities Payable, Current Portion	22,424
Total Current Liabilities	81,451

Long-Term Liabilities

Annuities Payable, Long-Term Portion	143,307
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Total Liabilities 224,758

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	
Lakeside Fund & Quasi Endowment Fund	\$ 1,608,130
Alumni House Acquisition	(30,000)
Imagine Tomorrow Campaign	559,719
Academic Affairs/Admissions Schol. Funds	2,119,004
Plant Fund	333,248
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	4,590,101

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	3,347,566
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	21,090,182

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 29,252,607

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Shirley M. Yliniemi*
Robert & Sherry Young
Charles & Susan Zielin
Eleven anonymous

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$361,901	\$893,535	-	\$1,255,436
Endowment Gifts	-	-	639,675	639,675
Investment Income	843,720	2,026,095	-	2,869,815
Royalty Revenue	1,453	-	-	1,453
Lease Revenue	-	61,087	-	61,087
Increase in Cash Surrender Value				
Life Insurance and Actuarial Adjust	32,746	-	-	32,746
Net Assets Released from Restriction				
Administrative Assessment	442,085	(442,085)	-	0
Investment Income (loss)	-	(47,609)	47,609	0
Adjust for Donor New Restrictions	0	-	-	0
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	1,470,202	1,470,202	-	0
Total Support and Revenue	3,152,107	1,020,821	687,284	4,860,212

Expenses

Program Services				
Scholarships	1,361,782	-	-	1,361,782
Special Events and Other Services	1,043,462	-	-	1,043,462
Total Program Services	2,405,244	-	-	2,405,244
Supporting Services				
Management & General	227,898	-	-	227,898
Fundraising Expenses	749,597	-	-	749,597
Total Supporting Services	977,495	-	-	977,495
Total Expenses	3,382,739			3,382,739

Change in Net Assets	120,203	-2,025,196	154,331	-1,750,662
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	4,641,597	4,351,941	20,248,567	29,242,105
Transfer in of Alumni Net Fixed Assets	58,933			58,933
Net Assets, End of Year	4,820,733	2,326,745	20,402,898	27,550,376

* Deceased

+ Charter member

Bolded names are new Legacy Society members in 2017

2018 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 12 Beaver Pride Luncheon**
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Upper Deck, Walnut Hall,
Jake Sobieck, (218) 755-2827 or
jsobieck@bemidjistate.edu
- 13 Super 8 Open/Alumni Track & Field Meet**
Jake Sobieck, (218) 755-2827 or
jsobieck@bemidjistate.edu
- 27 Beaver Freeze Ice Fishing Tournament**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Diamond Point Park,
hosted by Gillett Wellness Center,
(218) 755-4135

FEBRUARY

- 2-3 Men's Hockey Alumni Weekend**
Jake Sobieck, (218) 755-2827 or
jsobieck@bemidjistate.edu
- 2-3 Minnesota Music Educators Reception**
Contact (218) 755-2762 or
foundation@bemidjistate.edu
- 17 BSU Baseball Winter Olympics**
12-4 p.m., Bemidji Bowl, check-in at 11.
Contact Jake Sobieck, (218) 755-2827 or
jsobieck@bemidjistate.edu

MARCH

- 16 Alumni in Arizona Luncheon — Tucson**
11:30 a.m., Teresa's Mosaic Café, Tucson, Ariz.,
(218) 755-3989, bsualumni.org
- 17 Alumni in Arizona Golf & Luncheon — Mesa**
8 a.m. golf, 12:30 p.m. luncheon, Apache Wells
Country Club, Mesa, Ariz. Happy hour event
planned, time and location TBD, (218) 755-3989,
bsualumni.org
- 28 BSU/NTC Job & Internship Fair**
All day, Beaux Arts Ballroom, for registration
information, contact BSU Career Services,
(218) 755-4115 or career@bemidjistate.edu

APRIL

- 14 The Green & White Dinner and Auction
for BSU Athletics**
5 p.m. reception and silent auction,
dinner and live auction at 6:30 p.m.,
Sanford Center, Bemidji, (218) 755-2294 or
jsobieck@bemidjistate.edu

MAY

- 4 Commencement**
2 p.m., Sanford Center arena, Bemidji

AUGUST

- 30 Community Appreciation Day**
4:30-6:30 p.m., Lakeside Lawn, BSU

SAVE THE DATE Oct. 5-7
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