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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bemidji State University made significant strides in 2007 toward its goal of becoming the Midwest’s premier student-centered university. The former Bemidji High School property was purchased in July, providing future expansion opportunities as new demands of the 21st century arise. This fall, the University experienced one of the largest freshmen classes in a decade, started new programs in nursing and applied technology, and put the finishing touches on the newly renovated Linden Hall, complete with suites and multiple gathering spots. Our nationally recognized Outdoor Program Center prepared for new lakeside facilities in Diamond Point Park, while an Advising Success Center opened to help students reach their goals and fulfill their potential. Our community commitment continued with Beaver Service Day and other service projects undertaken by student organizations, athletic teams, and students completing class assignments. Bemidji State’s blueprint for action – the five-year strategic plan – was revised for another five-year cycle. The updated plan reflects our dedication to developing graduates prepared for success in their careers, communities, and lives. It was, indeed, a year of accomplishments. As we pause to reflect on our past year’s progress, we eagerly await the new opportunities that 2008 will bring. Happy New Year!

Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard, President
Outdoor Program Center Relocates to Diamond Point Park

This spring, BSUs nationally recognized Outdoor Program Center (OPC) will move its rental, educational, and outdoor programs into a new waterfront location in the city of Bemidji’s redeveloped Diamond Point Park.

Leased from the city, the new waterfront facility increases the public visibility of OPC’s rentals and educational programs, says OPC Director Mark Morrissey. Besides being winterized, the new facility contains space for demonstrations and classes. This added space enables OPC to introduce the public, as well as students, to activities they might not otherwise try.

While a grand opening is planned for spring, OPC may begin using the building for selected activities much sooner.

The center plans to increase its offerings of activities such as skijoring and to introduce the public to activities such as kite boarding.

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Eight years ago, Scott Dunlop—producer, entrepreneur, and alternative energy leader—wrote a satirical documentary, "Behind the Gates," about life in his affluent Orange County community, hoping to poke fun at his generation. At the time, he had no idea where it would lead or that it would eventually reconnect him with Bemidji State University.

NBC Bravo premiered the show in March 2006 as "The Real Housewives of Orange County," a controversial television series that lifted the network to its best second-quarter performance ever. The Los Angeles Times ran a front-page entertainment feature about Dunlop, the show's executive producer, noting that he gets "tssked" by some of his disapproving neighbors.

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University Has $150M Local Economic Impact

Bemidji State University adds an estimated $150 million per year in local economic activity and is directly responsible for more than 2,100 jobs in the Bemidji community and surrounding area, according to an economic impact study completed recently by Wilder Research of St. Paul, MN.

"A university serves a unique role as both an academic and economic engine for its surrounding region, and Bemidji State University continues to be a vital component of Bemidji's reputation as the community of choice in northern Minnesota," Bemidji President Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard says.

Spending by the University, its students, and visitors is not a one-time event, but plays a role in the local economy by becoming income for another person, which in turn is re-spent. This re-spending leads to an estimated total economic impact of Bemidji State University on the local economy of $150,394,412.

Bemidji State University has an impact of $38.75 million from direct spending by the University, $39.58 million in spending by its students, and $4.08 million in spending by its visitors for a total of $82.41 million. A multiplier then brings the final estimate of $150.39 million of spending impact by the University on the local economy.

Wilder Research also estimates the local labor market benefits from 2,105 jobs that result from the presence of Bemidji State. In addition, Bemidji State University adds 88 percent of its student body to the part-time workforce. The study also found that 46 percent of students surveyed indicated a preference to remain in the Bemidji area following graduation.

New Bachelor's in Applied Engineering Slated to Start Fall 2008

Starting this fall, Bemidji State will begin enrolling students in a new bachelor of applied science (BAS) program in applied engineering. The program recently received approval by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system board.

As with the University's new baccalaureate nursing program, the addition of the degree in applied engineering continues Bemidji State's goal of responding to the educational needs of the regional, statewide, and national workforces.

"We received major encouragement from business and industry here in Minnesota," says Dr. Jim McCracken, director of the Center for Career and Technical Education, technological studies professor, and primary contact for the new degree program. "They expressed a need for individuals with a mix of technical and engineering experience and education."

The new degree program complements Bemidji State's existing applied bachelor's in technology management, with both programs serving as completion programs for graduates of two-year technical colleges. While the technology management track is geared toward individuals with interests in personnel and project management, the applied engineering track creates an opportunity for those interested in engineering activities to obtain their bachelor's degree.

Technology and applied engineering classes are held in the recently renovated Bridgeman Hall.
Dunlop encourages students to follow their passion during the Alumni in the Classroom talk held Homecoming week.

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Scott Dunlop

Dunlop left Bemidji State in 1976 with a complicated transcript. His credit transfers from four other colleges – including two besides BSU – that he attended in his freshman year alone – were a mess. Taking his first job without his degree, he tried to work out the credit valuations, but eventually gave up.

As news about the TV series got back to BSU, officials determined that Dunlop needed just six credits to graduate. With encouragement and help from faculty, he completed the coursework, earning his business administration degree in August.

Dunlop, 54, notes that he had always wanted to graduate. Now that he has, he’d like to collaborate with BSU in some meaningful way to benefit the school. “I’m feeling like I’m here for a reason, and I just want to play the hand out.”

As principal in the Dunlop Group, a suite of advertising, entertainment, and bio-energy interests, Dunlop has enjoyed great success. His business tagline is Dream, Defy, Do. It could be his mantra in life. He told BSU students at a business forum this fall that it’s okay to pursue many paths, but to stick with their passions.

“They’ve learned over the years is to go with my gut feeling,” Dunlop says of his business ventures and life pursuits. “You have to challenge institutional thinking.”

Spending 16 years of his career as a marketing executive with a division of Fuji Film, Dunlop also pursued his interests in Hollywood, first as a musician and later as a comedian, writer, actor, and producer. He enjoyed performing, but not the chaotic lifestyle. Yet his Hollywood connections proved invaluable in 1992 when he launched a virtual advertising agency drawing on lesser-known talent from the entertainment world.

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Even so, Dunlop says alternative fuels are inevitable. As he points out, the world produces three million fewer gallons of oil a day than it consumes.

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They’re just ideas, but Dunlop asks, ‘Why not?’ Bemidji State has had a big impact on his life, and he hopes to connect with other alumni in a way that might help the school make an even bigger impact on the world. Besides, he adds, ‘Of all the things I’ve done, I’m probably most proud of getting my BSU degree.’
CSI: Bemidji State

Crime is hot. Make that, crime scene investigation is hot. One look at “CSI” Web boards, the ratings, spin-offs, or copy-cat shows will tell you that. People are interested in watching, discussing, and learning about the elements that make up crime scene investigations. And not just for fun – for real.

With the advent of TV shows like “CSI” and “Cold Case,” academic forensics programs across the nation have witnessed an increase in enrollment, and Bemidji State University is no different. In 2001, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) opened its Bemidji regional office with a forensics science service laboratory, and students responded immediately.

“We had multiple students knocking on our door, asking how to get a job in that lab,” says Dr. Ken Traxler, Bemidji State University chemistry professor. “It ended up being so many that we thought we should be offering a program in that area.”

That idea prompted a collaborative program – criminalistics – between the chemistry and criminal justice departments where students could learn to use science to solve crimes. This science provides answers and, thus, is the focus of BSU’s program.

“We have a very intensive science curriculum,” says Traxler. “Through science, students can see what really occurred.”

Blood splatters, ransom notes, foot prints, and corpses sound like a list of props for a TV series, but are actually some of the items analyzed in BSU’s program. Using chemistry, criminalistics students learn to extract results that ultimately solve crimes.

They learn to establish a time frame of death by analyzing where a body was found, the climate, the season, insects on the body, and other factors. Likewise, they gain experience in analyzing and linking DNA to suspects and detecting accelerants in arson cases.

In addition to the chemistry core, criminalistics students take criminal justice courses to gain a law enforcement perspective for their work in crime labs. This allows them to understand the procedures police use in detecting, collecting, and processing various types of evidence. It also prepares them for the role their work will play in legal settings.

“The collaboration between the chemistry and criminal justice departments, along with our working agreement with the BCA here in Bemidji, allows us to provide an interdisciplinary and practical educational experience,” explains Dr. Mike Herbert, criminal justice department chair and associate professor.

“The criminal justice part gives you an idea of how precise you have to be, what will go over in court and what won’t,” adds Matt Fuchs, criminalistics student. “You learn how any mistakes or oversights could have large repercussions.”

So is real-life criminalistics anything like what’s on TV? Yes and no.

Fuchs feels that Court TV’s “Forensics Files” does a good job of depicting real analysis and is truer to life because it examines real evidence and what really happened. While shows such as the more widely watched “CSI” use terminology that’s legitimate, they frequently provide a blurred picture of criminalistics.

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“There’s a lot more to it,” Traxler notes. “One person doesn’t follow a case all along. The stars on these shows look like they do everything from blood work to tool comparisons, to question-document examinations. In real life, each person has a specialty.”

From a criminal justice side, Herbert points to a “CSI effect” that these shows create. “Trial jurors have become [misled] by these shows in regard to what criminalistics can and cannot do,” he says.

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“When our preparation, students are familiar with the instruments, techniques, and courtroom proceedings that will position them to excel,” Traxler says.

Looking to the future, both professors have ideas for expanding the criminalistics program. “I think we’ll add more instrumentation,” Traxler says. “And maybe add courses with more specific work in fingerprinting analysis and questioned document analysis – including forgeries, counterfeit, ransom notes, and writing analysis.”

With the current program flourishing and plans for growth being made, the future looks bright for the program.

“There is always a demand for graduates who understand and can work at this level.”

While criminalistics may not be as glamorous as what’s portrayed on TV, the real work often provides a great amount of satisfaction. And for all the once-shunned science geeks, it’s a chance to back in the limelight.

Because now… science is hot.

Horizons Bemidji State University
A LETTER. It came like any ordinary piece of mail, but it changed Joan Kauppi’s life forever. Adopted as an infant, Kauppi grew up in a Minneapolis suburb, attending public schools and graduating from Bloomington Lincoln High School in 1978. At about that time, Kauppi received a letter revealing clues to her past as well as to her future, bringing her life full circle.

The letter, from Catholic Charities, notified Kauppi that her birth mother had registered her at the Red Lake Indian Reservation. “I had no idea I had any indigenous blood,” Kauppi says of the knowledge that spurred an interest in exploring her biological roots. “It was the realization that really made me think.”

Over the years and through a number of coincidences, Kauppi met aunts, cousins, and even brothers, whom it turned out, her neighbor had known for 20 years. In fact, during a conversation, this neighbor pulled out a photo album containing pictures of her brothers.

To some, meeting brothers via your neighbor or a cousin in a night class – all by chance – might seem unfathomable, but Kauppi sees these occurrences as fated pieces of her life’s puzzle. “These coincidences, I think, were meant for me to know where I came from and who I am,” she says.

These happenstances also have prompted Kauppi to pursue new life directions. After a particularly bad day at work, Kauppi decided to join her daughter at Bemidji State University.

“Tara said, ‘I’m going to BSU. Want to come?’ I said, ‘Let’s go.’ ” Kauppi says it was probably the most liberating thing she’d ever done.

In 2004, Kauppi started general education courses at Bemidji State, intending to pursue a business degree. However, after taking a few Indian studies classes, she changed her mind. “I had a very strong pull to go further in that field,” she says. “I just felt it.”

For Kauppi, the program’s content served as a source of enlightenment and motivation.

“The courses are completely fascinating,” she says. “You learn things you never knew happened in history. At first, there’s a lot of anger of what happened to our people. After that, it’s looking forward to what we can do to make sure some of these things don’t happen again. What kind of positive changes can I make?”

Kauppi is making many positive changes already through her extra-curricular activities. She is a board member for a legal aid organization serving the area’s three Ojibwe reservations, a Council of Indian Students committee member producing a conference on violence against women, and a staff member at the Leech Lake Area Boys and Girls Club where she’s acted as youth development coordinator, art teacher, statistics analyst, and now financial department executive assistant.

Along with her commitments, Kauppi’s academic resolve has earned her consistent presence on the Dean’s List, a recent inclusion on the President’s List, and last year’s American Indian Student of the Year Award.

“Passion, Kauppi has found, can be discovered when you least expect it – at age 43 – among the walls of BSU’s American Indian Resource Center where she experienced the meaning of the circle in her Native American culture and in her own personal journey.

It’s a journey of discovery that began simply with a letter placed in her mailbox many years ago.

“We are partners on a journey – the same journey, but different paths.”

Joan Kauppi
Morgan is preparing to student teach next semester after finishing course work in the Academic Technology Center since starting at BSU, describe this year with words like interesting with hands-on approaches and to use my math background in industrial technology to explain why and how something works the way it does.

Morgan, who has won academic awards and scholarships from both departments, has been busy beyond her work supporting the campus academic technology needs. She has volunteered for many years at the Northern Minnesota Mathematics Contest, ExtremeTech for Girls program, and the BSU Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference. She was recently named as one of six statewide recipients of an award from the Minnesota High Tech Association for students who promote STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.

From Bemidji, she looked at various options for her undergraduate studies but has no reservations about staying close to home. "Bemidji State is exactly what I want," Morgan says. "It was small enough that I could get that one-on-one attention from professors while being large enough to have a lot to offer."

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Connections are important for Liz Wentland. Looking to meld her interest in people with a career path after graduating from Sartell High School in 2008, she enrolled at a university close to home, but didn’t feel any synergy with her studies. So she undertook the sometimes confusing and frequently daunting task of finding another school and seeking her future at a different institution.

“I knew about Bemidji State as a little girl growing up in Nashwauk,” Wentland says. “I called the admissions office about options in psychology and other fields. They encouraged me to contact department chair persons directly, which was unexpected and comforting.”

A first call and subsequent phone conversations with Dr. Russ Lee of the psychology department helped alleviate the stress involved with scheduling classes at a new university and the panic that could accompany such a move. Four years later, the St. Stephen, MN, student is putting the finishing touches on majors in psychology and applied psychology.

“Bemidji State has prepared me for whatever I decide to do,” she comments. “I’ve learned so much.”

Wentland was torn between social work and psychology, but decided her strong interest in working with people and interacting with individuals on a one-to-one basis was better suited for psychology. Her career choice became clear when visiting with Lee prior to an internship last summer.

“He explained that psychology wants to work on an individual with the hope that the world gets better,” she says. “Social work wants to work on the world in hopes that it makes it a better place for individuals. That brought it all together for me.”

Connecting with young people became a strong component of her internship as a therapist and counselor of pre-teens at a children’s home. She encountered kids from abusive homes, youngest who endured inconsistent parenting, and others who felt abandoned.

“You approach them with an open mind and patience,” Wentland explains. “You have to earn their trust and respect, and the connection will come. It was a comfortable and natural process.”

It is a process she plans to continue in the future. She is currently exploring graduate school options in child clinical psychology. She feels that her program at BSU, with its theory and hands-on experiences, has prepared her to enter this highly competitive field.

She also is grateful for a scholarship enabling her to undertake an in-depth research project. She had planned on graduating in December, but now can stay an extra semester.

“Right now I’m exploring options on gender influence on diagnoses of children with same behaviors or measuring a perceived lack of empathy exhibited by autistic people. It will be a huge learning experience.”

It will also solidify the most recent connection to her future.
When Dönghui Zhang considers her good fortune as a visiting Chinese instructor at Bemidji State University, she first acknowledges a passion for education inspired by her grandmother who, at age 50, sold all her belongings so her youngest daughter, Zhang’s mother, could be educated as a medical doctor. Zhang’s mother, could be educated as a medical doctor. Her grandmother’s bold sacrifices. “My grandmother is a place of great beauty, peace, and learning. Last year, when traveling in Tibet, she learned that Shangri-la is a paradise of the heart, an experience she now equates with her time at Bemidji State.

“I recall the first day when I came to Bemidji, when I saw the beautiful nature, the clear lakes, and no pollution,” says Zhang. “For me, my Shangri-la is here in Bemidji.”

Shangri-la VISITING CHINESE INSTRUCTOR EMBRACES BEMIDJI STATE

The Outstanding Alumni Award is the highest honor presented by the Bemidji State University Alumni Association. Bringing much recognition to their alma mater through distinguished and professional achievements, award recipients are honored for exceptional service and contributions to Bemidji State University and to their community, state, and nation.

Dönghui Zhang

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT
All nominees must have graduated no less than 10 years ago from Bemidji State University and can be nominated by anyone except immediate family members. To nominate a qualified alumnus, visit the Bemidji State Alumni website at www.bsualumni.org and select ‘Alumni Awards’ for more information about the program and to download a nomination form. The nomination deadline is January 31, 2008.
Bemidji State University
Horizons

2006
Thomas Henry of St. Cloud graduated from the U.S. Navy's Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Internship Program at the University of Minnesota.

2004
Nicole McDougall and Frank Ulrich were married on October 6 in Ely.

2002
Nicholas Lentz has joined the Environmental and Resource Management Center in Grand Forks, ND, as a research scientist.

2001
Sarah Dryburgh is the head coach of the Fouton High School volleyball team. She and her husband, Loren, live in Fouton. She teaches special education at the high school in Bagley.

2000
Ben Brovold has been hired as the head coach for the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley boys hockey team.

1999
Colleen (Matejcek) Peterson and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their first child, a daughter, on February 5. Colleen is employed as an environmental health specialist with the city of Bismarck.

1998
Sara (Raderschadt) Hager and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first child, a daughter, on May 2. Sara is teaching at Bemidji High School.

1997
Amanda (Christensen) Leidson and her husband, Craig, welcome their first child, a daughter, on May 26. Amanda is teaching at Bemidji High School.

1996
Julie Sutherland and her husband, Derek Sutherland (95), are employed at the Augustana College Foundation and active in the community.

1995
Aurora (Christensen) Leidson and her husband, Craig, welcome their first child, a daughter, on May 26. Aurora is teaching at Bemidji High School.

1994
Brad Kittmeyer is a project manager at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

1993
Dawn Feiksen and her husband, Brian, welcome their first child, a daughter, on May 30. Dawn is teaching at Bemidji High School.

1992
Jen Strom and her husband, Dan, welcome their first child, a son, on May 30. Jen is teaching at Bemidji High School.

1991
Chad Henry and his wife, Molly, welcome their first child, a daughter, on May 30. Chad is teaching at Bemidji High School.

1990
Jeff Spry has been hired by the JCP Group, Duluth, to lead the agency's executive department as senior art director and team leader. He'd previously spent eight years as an art director at Winterland.

1989
1983 Kathy Sanders and her husband, Lee, live in Glenoaks and recently authored a newspaper story about their varied artistic abilities. She is a decorative painter, working full-time as executive director of the Crookston Development. He’d most recently served as vice president of business development. In 1981 he accepted a position with West Central Initiative as vice president of business development.

1982 Kay Wilson is the new activities director at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. She first served as chair director at Glencoe and later at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School for a total of 22 years. She and her husband, Randy, have two grown children, Sarah and Tim. Karen Anderson has joined the marketing department of Wadena Smith Nolting in Brainerd. She has 20 years of experience in photography, advertising, and marketing. Linda Swanson is a special education teacher at West Elementary, Slayton, where she had been a long-term substitute the previous year. She and her husband have three sons and live in Fergus Falls.

1981 Roger Schultz of Forest, VA, serves as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Dale Umlauf of Fergus Falls recently accepted a position with West Central Initiative as vice president of business development. He’d most recently served as executive director of the Crookston Development Authority. He has two grown sons.

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Greetings from the BSU Foundation! This past year has been a whirlwind of successful programs and events at BSU and within the BSU Foundation. Some of the highlights and accomplishments included:

- Enrolling the largest incoming-freshman class in a decade, with nearly $400,000 in BSU scholarships supporting those new students.
- Adding two new development officers to work directly with the colleges.
- Hosting the second annual BSU Community Appreciation Day.
- Receiving a state award for the greatest increase in alumni participation among the four-year Minnesota state universities.
- Creating the President’s Society to recognize the lifetime cumulative giving of our loyal donors.
- Hosting the first President’s Society Gala during Homecoming to recognize cumulative giving and to thank donors.
- Creating new events for BSU alumni and friends in the Twin Cities, Arizona, and California; and
- Growing the Legacy Society by 15% to 168 members with anticipated assets (current and future) of approximately $19 million.

Currently we are developing a new website for the BSU Alumni Association that will be an expanded source of information for our alumni and friends. Also, the boards of directors of the Alumni Association and the Foundation are working closely together on strategic planning and on improved communication and involvement with our alumni, donors, and friends.

On behalf of the students, faculty and the administration at Bemidji State University, thank you for your continued support and dedication. Your commitment makes a difference on a daily basis as we work together to reach our goal of building an even stronger University for the future.

Sincerely,

Rob Bollinger
Executive Director for University Advancement

HERB & LYNN DORAN

When Herb and Lynn Doran moved back to Bemidji in 1992, they left six children and numerous grandchildren behind in Houston, TX. Little did they know they would find a much larger family here than the family they left behind in the Lone Star State. Herb Doran had just retired after a 32-year career as an engineer with Shell Oil Company. Both born and raised in Bemidji, he and his wife returned to the north country to enjoy non-winter months with plans to head south when snow and cold arrived. Those plans changed as they became involved with the BSU men's hockey team. Always hockey fans, their bond began slowly by attending games. It grew through contacts with the coaches and became serious when the Beavers began NCAA Division I competition. Now it entails just about everything associated with family life. Introduced once to visitors as the team grandparents, the Dorans certainly fill roles as the team's patriarch and matriarch.

Lynn and Herb invite small groups of players to their house for an occasional home-cooked meal. Similar to a family reunion, they organize an annual event where parents of hockey players can meet. Prior to each weekend hockey series, Lynn's baked goods – dozens of cookies or piles of brownies – are delivered to the team. At season's end, they host a team cookout complete with Olympic-style yard games. Besides creating a family environment for the team, the Dorans also have established scholarships to help their unusual, northern family achieve educational goals.

"We used to visit Houston for about three months," says Lynn Doran. "As we got more involved with the hockey team, we decided we were going to miss too many games. So now we go down at Christmas. "Our own kids have grown, and they're busy with work and families. Our grandkids are in school. We don't get to see anyone, and if we're going to only talk on the phone, they can just as easily call us up here."

Accomplishing amazing feats certainly fits Riley Weselowski, the current recipient of the Doran Men's Hockey Scholarship. A senior business administration major from Pilot-Mound, Minnesota, he earned Academic All-CHA and ESPN the Magazine/CSSDA Academic District honors. Prior to the current season, he appeared in 89 games on defense for the Beavers, and his three assists in a 2006 game against Air Force tied a BSU Division I team record for defensemen. "They do so much for the program to give it an at-home feeling," Weselowski explains as he describes the Dorans' special bond with the team. "A lot of scholarships have names associated with them, but this scholarship is much more personal. You look at them and you see what Beaver hockey is: a tight-knit, loving, caring community."

And the financial support is nice. Any scholarship takes a weight off your shoulders. You don't have to come out of school with the kind of debt some others have.

To further support their extended family, the Dorans established a second scholarship for a player who has completed his eligibility but needs additional classes to finish degree requirements. For the Dorans, the scholarships are a way they give back to a group that has added meaning to their lives.

"We don't have family here, and the players don't have family here. So we serve that for each other," Lynn notes.

Riley Weselowski with a batch of Lynn Doran's home-baked cookies for the hockey team.
The Provost’s Society recognizes the University’s most generous contributors. Membership includes individuals, families, and organizations and is based on cumulative giving to the Bemidji State University Foundation. Recipients are recognized for gifts and pledges at the levels listed below.

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What she did know was nutrition. She also knew hunting and fishing, as well as how to cook the game she caught, shot, or landed. Perhaps most importantly, Hunt knew the BSU students and colleagues she had met since 1946.

“I didn’t fancy the idea of running around talking to businesses or people for funds,” remembers Hunt, who at 96 still lives in her home overlooking Lake Bemidji. “Once I was visiting with friends about recipes. Ruth Howe (professor emerita of physical education) saw me struggling to find a recipe on scraps of paper in note books around my kitchen. She suggested I get organized and then put together a cookbook to sell as a scholarship fund raiser.”

With the help of students and friends, she published the Sport of Cooking, Hunt Style, a volume featuring such dishes as Fillets of Perch in Chablis, Mallard Casserole, Vernon Stroganoff, Wild Rice Jello Salad, Blueberry Cobblers, and Hunt’s Health Bread.

Alumni, friends, and current students sold the book across the region and soon the Myrtie Hunt Alumni Scholarship was endowed. The alumni designation was added to recognize the role they played in promoting the book.

Kelli Taylor, a junior from Watford City, ND, knew little about Hunt or the scholarship when she was named the 2007 recipient last spring. When she found out the scholarship news, a 1949 graduate of BSU, Pat (Knight) Taylor recalled taking a modern dance class from Hunt.

“My grandmother said Myrtie was quite a lady and a very good teacher,” Kelli Taylor says. “I was honored to be chosen as the recipient because she is still talked about on campus with respect and is admired for what she did for the program.”

Among the first for female physical education majors, the Hunt scholarship began in 1979 just as opportunities for women were emerging in athletics, fitness, coaching, and education. It’s a history not lost on Taylor, who plans to teach after graduating in 2009 with degrees in physical education and exercise science as well as a certificate in developmental adapted physical education.

“When I grew up, I tried just about every sport,” she explains. “They’ve always been around for my generation. My mother says things have changed a lot, with more opportunities and job options available now than when she was in school.”

Hunt recognized the growing need for support and understood the impact the scholarship would have on students. Over the years, she has visited with every recipient and frequently bears from parents.

“One mother told me the scholarship would enable her daughter to complete her education on time,” Hunt remembers. “The student was planning to leave school and get a job before finishing.”

For Taylor, it reduced the financial burden on her and her family. Last year she and two siblings attended college at the same time, and she had to take out loans to cover educational costs. A loan isn’t in this year’s plan because of the scholarship.

When Taylor got a copy autographed by Hunt and gave it to her grandmother, illustrating the generational impact Hunt has had on alumni and students.

“Scholarships like the Myrtie Hunt Alumni Scholarship mean our predecessors have confidence we will carry on the work of the academy,” says Dr. Muriel Gilman, who chairs the Department of Physical Education, Health and Sport. “It is beneficial because it connects us with our history. In a way, the scholarship is like a thread that runs through past, present, and future professionals.”

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Chuck Holt and other faculty in the biology department maximized this advantage by shaping a curriculum that evolved into a widely recognized and viable major, aquatic biology, with a research facility located right on the lake. It started with a few classes, developed into a major, and grew with the addition of a master’s component. Graduates became valued additions both at graduate schools and in the work force.

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The Shermans became familiar with Bemidji State University through Margaret Harlow, a 1936 alumna who created a teaching collection of ceramic works that allows students to study the techniques and glazes used by artists in different time periods, across many geographic regions, and with varying senses of purpose. Harlow annually purchased a piece or two for the collection.

“Every year Rick would go to a national conference for ceramic educators, and he met Marcella Sherman at one of these,” Marcella Sherman remembers. “He admired what she did to create a teaching collection, and not just to purchase something to be put on display. She encouraged Rick to visit Bemidji, which he did.”

“Over time, we had obtained a number of different pots and enjoyed them. It was Rick’s intention to donate these to Bemidji State after he died.”

Also following Rick Sherman’s death in 2000, Marcella Sherman funded the appraisal of the Harlow Pottery Collection and added the endowment to fund two scholarships. The recipients are selected during a competitive exhibit for art majors.

“It is important that funds be made available to help students make art and study,” says Marcella Sherman. “Tuition today is so high. I hope students can do the things they want to do without getting into debt.”

For recipient Brittany Ann Moore, that hope is a reality. A senior from Evergreen, CO, Moore used a family college fund to pay her initial four years at BSU. She anticipated applying for financial aid in her fifth year and saw the possibility of a loan in her future. An arts education major as well as a jewelry artist, Moore entered and won a scholarship from the department’s annual competition.

“This gives me a lot more confidence in myself as an artist,” Moore says. “It is incentive to work toward better things and not be afraid to put myself or my art out there for people to view.”

“Also it helps me continue on the path I’m now on to do art and to teach.”

Moore has already picked up valuable classroom experience, serving as a teaching assistant for both education and visual arts courses.

“Brittany is a promising young artist whose vision and skill continue to grow,” says Linda Brown, BSU assistant professor of visual arts. “She served as my teaching assistant in beginning metals for one year. In addition to assisting beginning students during class time, she also made appointments – on her own time – to help those who were struggling.”

Once she leaves Bemidji State, Moore hopes to student teach in New Zealand before embarking on her dual careers as an educator and as an artist.

“Art has been a very big passion in my life,” Moore explains. “With the demands in the classroom, it sometimes is hard for teachers to keep art in their life. A teacher should always strive to improve, and there’s no better way for an art teacher to do that than creating and showing your work.”

Brittany Ann Moore
January 1: Summer Session Class Schedule On Line
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