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A close-up portrait of Mark Davis, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie. He is smiling slightly. The background is a warm, out-of-focus interior with a colorful patterned wall.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR

As the year comes to a close, I am reminded of all that we have to be grateful for at Minnesota State Mankato. It truly has been a great year for this university, for many reasons, and I want to take this opportunity to share some of them with you.

■ Our two new buildings—the Clinical Sciences Building and the University Dining Center—are both near completion and will be open when the spring semester starts in January. It is remarkable how much these two new buildings have already enhanced the attractiveness of our campus. I look forward to opening the new buildings at ribbon-cutting ceremonies in January.

■ Planning for our 150th birthday celebration has begun in earnest. We look forward to kicking off our sesquicentennial year next fall and to connecting with our friends and alumni in several ways as we head toward the big bash in October 2018. You will be hearing more from me about the sesquicentennial celebrations in the coming months, but I suggest you think now about reserving a copy of Dr. William Lass’s new book featuring a comprehensive history of the University. Lass, an emeritus professor of history, has been working for more than a year on what will surely be the definitive history of the University’s first 150 years. His book includes details that may be new to many of you and make it a great read.

■ We have had a phenomenal fundraising year. In November alone, we received more than \$6.7 million in gifts—the fourth best monthly total in University history. A big chunk of that is the \$5 million gift from Sanford Health to endow scholarships for our student-athletes—the single largest gift in the history of Maverick athletics. We are grateful to Sanford Health and CEO Kelby Krabbenhoft for their tremendous generosity, but we are equally thankful for every donor who has given a gift of any size to Minnesota State Mankato. Those gifts have helped support the big ideas of our students, faculty and staff in extraordinary ways this year. Thank you for thinking of us.

There are so many more good news stories to share about Minnesota State Mankato—we’ve only touched the surface in this edition of Today Magazine. I do hope that you will enjoy reading about the successes of our students and alumni, and that you will take a moment to look for additional stories on the online version of the magazine, today.mnsu.edu. And, if you have a story idea that we should consider, please let us know. We are always happy to hear from you!

Thanks for making this a great year at Minnesota State Mankato. ☺

President Richard Davenport  
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# fountainfodder

- **TOM NORMAN HAS BEEN NAMED DEAN OF UNIVERSITY EXTENDED EDUCATION.** Norman recently led workforce development initiatives for the State of Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).
- Minnesota State Mankato was **RANKED AS THE TOP MASTER'S DEGREE IN STUDENT AFFAIRS AND COLLEGE COUNSELING** by the website bestcounselingdegrees.net.
- The **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HAS ENTERED INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH MICROSOFT** that allows the University to implement Microsoft's latest Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) products into its curricula. Membership in the **MICROSOFT DYNAMICS ALLIANCE** provides software licenses and product upgrades for integration into College of Business classes.
- **THE HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION HAS CONTINUED MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO'S ACCREDITATION** after completion of the 10-year Comprehensive Evaluation last spring. The University has been accredited since 1916.
- Mankato firm **AGLYTIX, INC. DONATED AN UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE VALUED AT \$10,000** to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Technology. The vehicle will aid students interested in studying and flying autonomous vehicles.
- A student team from the **DEPARTMENT OF AUTOMOTIVE AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY RECENTLY FINISHED 17TH OUT OF 120 TEAMS** from 12 countries at the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) competition in Brooklyn, Mich. The team finished 11th among teams from the United States and topped the two other Minnesota universities in the May competition.
- A **\$1 MILLION GRANT** from the U.S. Department of Education will allow our **DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TO LAUNCH PROJECTPREP** and partner with three public school districts in preparing up to 50 new early childhood special education teachers over the next five years.
- A **MINNESOTA JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP GRANT OF \$445,000** will provide training and development for employees of Mankato-based **CONDUX INTERNATIONAL**, a fiber optics and power cable firm. Part of the training will be delivered through a new supervisory assessment center located on the Minnesota State Mankato campus.
- **BRADY TAYLOR '16** was named an AFA-NIET All-American at the 2016 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., last spring.
- **ARMY BRIG. GEN. PATRICK ROBERSON**, was the inaugural inductee into the **MAVERICK BATTALION ARMY ROTC HALL OF FAME**, which will honor alumni, staff, cadre and supporters of the ROTC program that readies cadets from Minnesota State Mankato, Gustavus Adolphus College and Bethany College for service in the Army. Roberson is a 1990 Minnesota State Mankato graduate.
- Minnesota State Mankato is now **TIED FOR THE 23RD SPOT NATIONALLY AMONG MASTER'S INSTITUTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION**, according to the annual Open Doors Report released by the Institute of International Education. Last year, the University was ranked 29th.
- **CHELSEA LEAFGREEN**, a junior nursing student from Sioux Falls, S.D., has been awarded a **\$9,750 DONALD AND MARJORIE MEREDITH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** for 2016-2017. Meredith Scholarships allow recipients to focus on their studies without having to work at part- or full-time jobs.
- Grad School Hub **RANKED THE ONLINE COMMUNICATION STUDIES MASTER'S PROGRAM FIFTH** in its list of 30 Most Affordable Online Master's in Communication 2016.
- **MATTHEW CECIL WAS NAMED THE NEW DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES.** Cecil, who earned a master's degree in history from Minnesota State Mankato in 1997, was previously professor and director of the Elliott School of Communication at Wichita State University.



## INSTAGRAM

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**kesharisudasinghe**

Congratulations graduates!! #MNSU



## TWITTER

@ajmarco65, Aug. 12, 2016  
Best of luck Coach! @CoachHoffner. #GoMavs #MavFam

@ChadCourrier, Aug. 5, 2016  
That's @Matadi carrying the flag for the Liberian Olympic team. #MavFam

@mthaler, June 28, 2016  
Congratulations to former Maverick player @AssemMarei for making the NY Knicks 2016 Summer League roster. #MavFam

@CSUSerendipity,  
March 7, 2016  
This is so worth repeating. We are blessed to have the Maverick Machine here at #mnsu. #csumnsu #mavfam #hornsup

**Jer1125**

The MSU clock tower at sunrise this morning. #nofilterneeded #MNSU



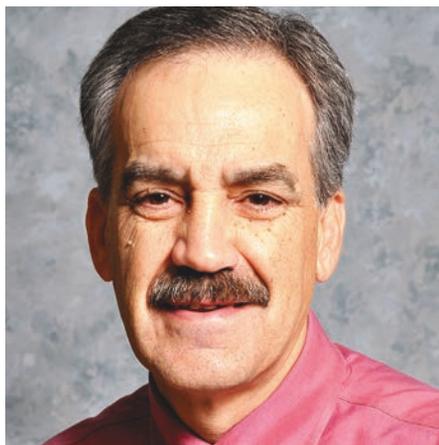
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## Putting Students First

Mark Constantine's job centers around making sure students have fun and feel engaged at Minnesota State Mankato.

**Y**ou could say that part of Mark Constantine's job is to keep 15,000 students happy here. As Director of the Centennial Student Union and Student Activities, he oversees what is essentially the heartbeat of student life. A veteran of such work—he was assistant vice president for student affairs at the College of William and Mary and the director of student activities at the University of Tennessee before joining Minnesota State Mankato in 2013—Constantine gave a quick assessment of the rewards and challenges in his job.

### **Q: What were your impressions of Minnesota State Mankato in terms of student activities when you took over in 2013?**

**A:** My first impression was the energy and commitment from this area. Our staff, led by Associate Director Greg Wilkins, has the kind of zest for life that any director would cherish. They understand that Student Activities isn't about them; it is about the students involved in our programs. An area which needed (and still needs) improvement was our lack of programming resources, meaning a larger budget. The staff does a tremendous job of spreading the wealth, but we are behind where we should be when it comes to exposing students to prominent speakers and nationally known cultural attractions.

### **Q: Generally speaking, what kinds of activities generate enthusiastic turnout and response by the larger student body?**

**A:** They love their concerts, always wanting the newest and best stars of the day! What they don't realize is the fickle nature of the college music industry. Without large funds, and a venue to make it happen, it is a tough game to play. Dances aren't in vogue like they once were, but novelty programming is extremely strong. The Student Events Team is very creative in many "home grown" programs, which are highly attended. Family Feud, The Price is Right and Cosmic Bingo are a few examples of good wholesome fun, wonderful student involvement and creative prizes.

### **Q: How do you view the University's relationship with the greater Mankato community as it relates to cultural activities on campus?**

**A:** I do think we should continue to form solid relationships with our community partners for the betterment of our students, as well as exposing the community to the broad spectrum of talent we have at the University.

### **Q: How would you describe the student experience today versus when you were an undergrad?**

**A:** It is so much better today than when I was in school. Student unions and student activities

have become so much more of a profession over the last quarter century. Students going into Student Affairs as a profession are being mentored and educated at a very high level. Assessment, student engagement, leadership development and community service are areas that weren't on our radar like they are today. A building like the CSU is constantly evolving and changing for the better. We don't wait around anymore for something to get outdated. As a team we regularly evaluate and assess our programs and services with an eye to the future. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are much better served now than ever before. Technology is constantly evolving, and it is our challenge to stay in front of the curve. Our Associate Director of Operations, James Ball, has a keen eye for change and understands what it takes to make it happen.

### **Q: What kind of legacy would you like to leave from your time as director?**

**A:** My philosophy and mission have been very consistent for my more than 38 years in the field. Students should always come first! Providing students with leadership opportunities is job one. Mentoring a student who potentially wants to go into Student Affairs is the ultimate high. The other important legacy is that we've always provided a high level of programs and services. This is clearly one of the missions of a great student union. 

—Joe Tougas

*Students should always come first! Providing students with leadership opportunities is job one.*

# Measuring Up

The metrology equipment that S-T Industries gave to Minnesota State Mankato helps provide real-world experience to Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering Technology students.

**S**-T Industries in St. James, Minn., manufactures a variety of precision measuring tools and equipment—including micrometers, optical comparators and video inspection systems. Its customers come from a variety of industries, from medical device manufacturers to automotive, aerospace, oil, plastics and other manufacturing companies. The company, which employs about 50 people, was established in 1983 when a group of local investors purchased a portion of a company that had started in the early 1940s.

Both the president of the company, Margaret Smith, and its design engineer, Andrew Spang, are alumni of Minnesota State Mankato. Spang graduated in 2011 and went to work for S-T Industries in 2012. In February 2016, he and Smith returned to campus with a significant gift for the Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering Technology department.

S-T Industries gave the department a video inspection system that quickly enhanced the University's offerings in metrology—the scientific study of measurement.

Bruce Jones, professor and chair of the department, said the gift is significant. In most manufacturing scenarios, the manufacturer is given written material—drawings—of the piece to be manufactured, with all of the precise measurements the manufacturer must meet. The video inspection system from S-T Industries helps ensure that those requirements are met.

“In a nutshell, it’s a camera that will take a picture of the image so with that you can magnify it multiple times,” Jones explains. “But in addition to that, what the software does is allows it to look at it and actually plug measurements on it, so it’s scale. It’s a visual type of measurement rather than physically measuring.”

Jones said about 32 students study metrology. “All 32 of those people get experience with that machine,” he says. “It was a huge leap as to the capability of the lab.”

Spang saw the donation as a way to enhance a new and emerging metrology curriculum as well as a way to get S-T Industries in the minds of students and future purchasers. Students, after all, remember the makers of the machines they work with in college.

“Once we graduated and started looking at equipment to purchase, of course it was those vendors we went to first,” Spang says. With that in mind, the company approached Minnesota State Mankato and professor Winston Sealy, who teaches in the department’s manufacturing area.

“We started talking with Dr. Sealy over there and he was developing a new curriculum based on metrology,” Spang says. “Metrology is what we do, the equipment we do. And the University was lacking in some of that equipment.”

Smith, a 1981 graduate in accounting, said the relationship with the University began when Spang joined S-T. “Prior to having him join us we really didn’t know much about the program or what was helpful there,” she says.

Today the firm has hired a few employees and interns from Minnesota State Mankato and is consistently impressed.

“They have a lot of hands-on experience,” Spang says. “The people who come out of that program are very flexible and have the theory of things down, and that’s been very helpful to us.”

The relationship between S-T and Minnesota State Mankato is ongoing and mutually beneficial.

“Since Andy joined us we have hired a couple more people out of the same program,” Smith says. “And that’s been very positive for us as well. With this donation, we’re giving the kids experience with equipment they’re going to use when they get out on the job.”

—Joe Tougas



Bruce Jones and Winston Sealy with Margaret Smith and Andrew Spang.

## AT THE RACES



The annual College of Business Alumni Event at Canterbury Park drew several hundred alumni to the racetrack in Shakopee **(1, 2)**. Rainy weather kept attendees indoors, but alumni and their families made the most of it, including **(3)** clockwise from top, Tammi Spencer, Lex Spencer, DQ Spencer, Denari Wilson, Charlotte Mahowald and Max Mahowald; and **(4)** Brittany Jackson and Dorothy Schwartzkopf.

## ON STAGE

Alumni from the Department of Theatre and Dance gathered with friends in December for "A Christmas Carole Petersen," which was written by alumnus Tod Petersen. Petersen is shown here **(1)**, center, surrounded by (from left to right) Greta Grosch, Tom Bliese, Audrey Kintzi, Sally Bronski-Childs, Eric Subkoviak, Mike Lagerquist, Mollie Fischer and Paul Hustoles. The evening was the perfect opportunity to catch up **(2)**; Tom Bliese chatted with Mollie Fischer while Paul Hustoles and Mike Lagerquist looked on.



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## HAPPY HOMECOMING!

Dozens of alumni returned to campus for Homecoming 2016 in October, including more than 100 who enjoyed hot dogs and socializing in the new Alumni Zone **(1, 2)**. This year's king and queen, Spencer Sufflow and Courtney Sill **(3)**, took part in the parade.



## MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO FAMILIES

Among those in attendance at the annual Legacy Brunch during Family Weekend in September were third-generation Maverick Shawn Carlson and his family, including his grandfather Lyndon Carlson '64 **(1)** and Abbey Fordyce with her mother and grandmother **(2)**. At the brunch, three Legacy Scholarship award winners were announced: Caylin Steinberg, Abbey Fordyce and Rebecca Carpenter **(3)**, shown here from left to right with Alumni Association Director Ramon Pinero and Kathy Eiden, an Alumni Association Ambassador.



## Hockey History

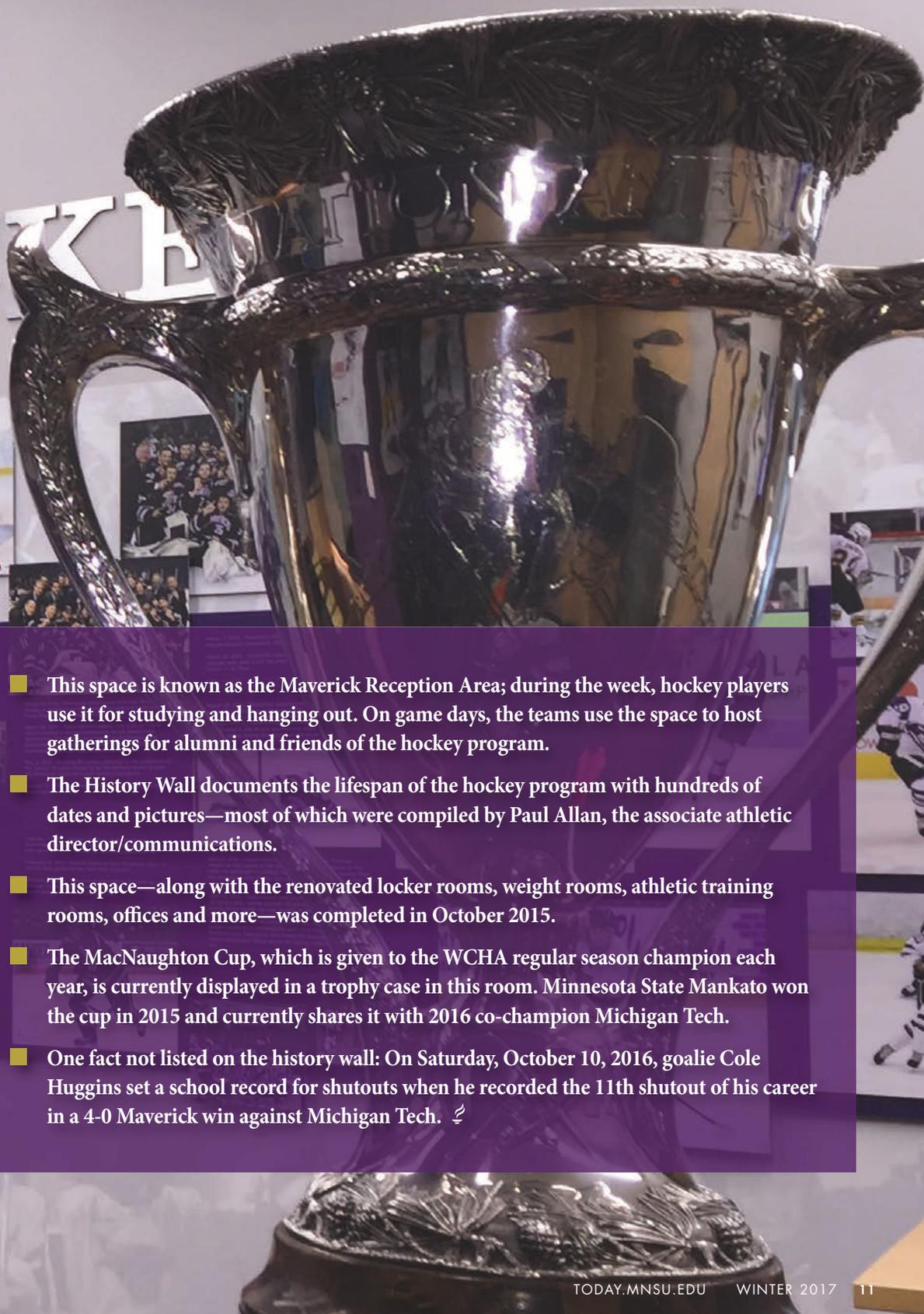
Renovations at the Verizon Wireless Center make room to celebrate the history of Minnesota State Mankato's hockey program.

Minnesota State Mankato's hockey program has a lovely new home, thanks to an almost \$7 million upgrade to its space at the Verizon Wireless Civic Center (part of a \$32 million renovation and expansion project). The additional space included enough room to tell the story of collegiate hockey in Mankato, from the first goal scored in 1970 to the first capture of the MacNaughton Cup in 2015 and much, much more in-between.

# HISTORY OF MAVERICK



# HOCKEY



- This space is known as the Maverick Reception Area; during the week, hockey players use it for studying and hanging out. On game days, the teams use the space to host gatherings for alumni and friends of the hockey program.
- The History Wall documents the lifespan of the hockey program with hundreds of dates and pictures—most of which were compiled by Paul Allan, the associate athletic director/communications.
- This space—along with the renovated locker rooms, weight rooms, athletic training rooms, offices and more—was completed in October 2015.
- The MacNaughton Cup, which is given to the WCHA regular season champion each year, is currently displayed in a trophy case in this room. Minnesota State Mankato won the cup in 2015 and currently shares it with 2016 co-champion Michigan Tech.
- One fact not listed on the history wall: On Saturday, October 10, 2016, goalie Cole Huggins set a school record for shutouts when he recorded the 11th shutout of his career in a 4-0 Maverick win against Michigan Tech. 🍷

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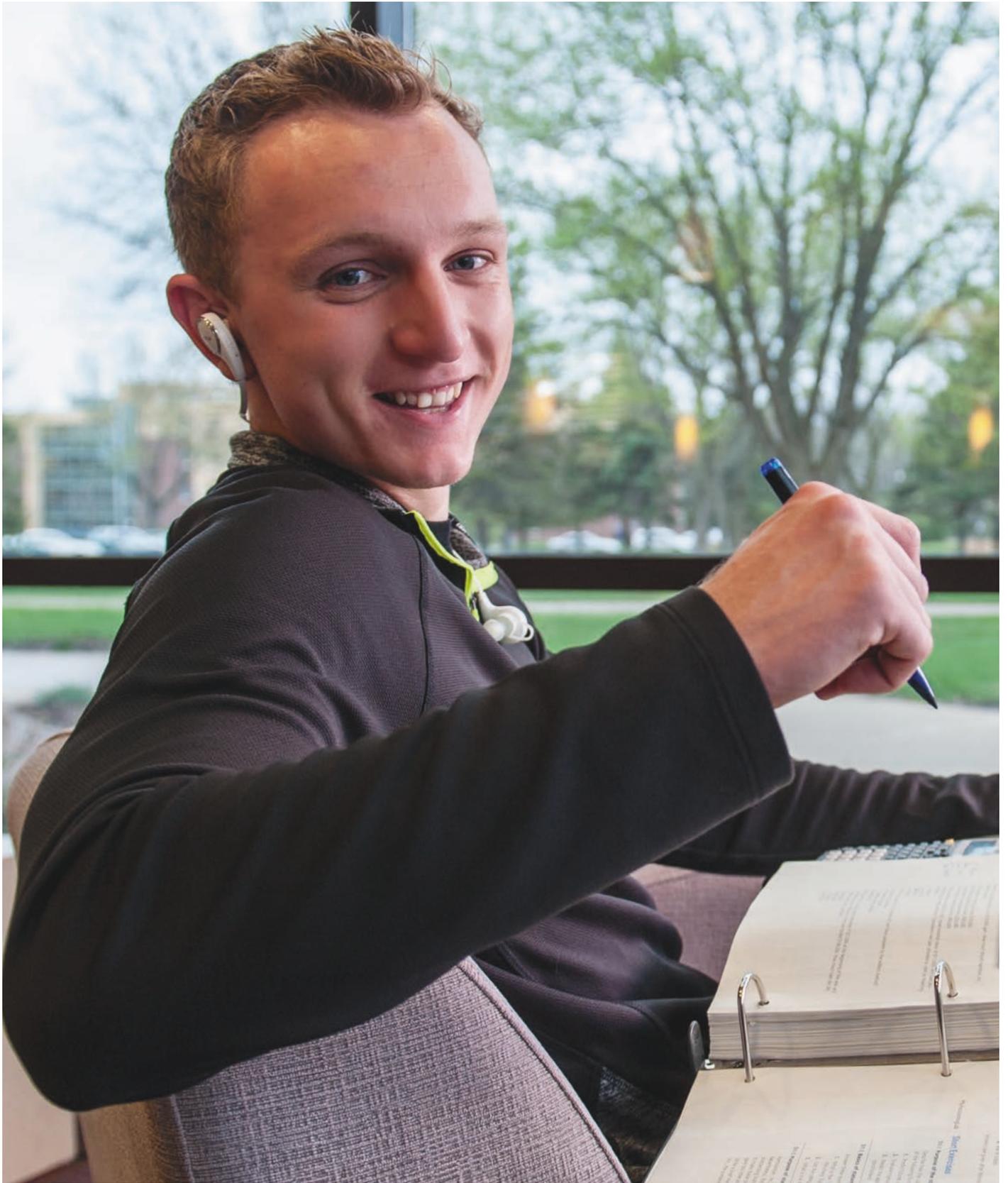


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# GAME CHANGER

Going to college was a long shot for Harley Ries.  
Then he met someone who beat the same odds.

By Joe Tougas '86

**G**len Taylor saw a little bit of himself in the shy kid fumbling to ask questions during a high school business class in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

The student, Harley Ries, had no particular interest in business or really much else beyond finishing high school that year.

Yet this otherwise unremarkable classroom visit changed the world for Ries. Thanks to Taylor, he is now enjoying his third year as a Minnesota State University, Mankato business major.

What happened is one of those powerful stories of generosity, thoughtfulness and perseverance. It's also a fine testimony to raising your hand and asking questions.

Growing up, Ries had encountered several struggles after his parents divorced when he was young. He moved between homes frequently and didn't have a strong role model at home. Then, as a senior in high school, he found himself on his own.

Not wanting to switch schools and towns again, Ries started living with friends and their families in Sioux Rapids, which has a population of almost 800. And while he was generally interested in attending college, as a part-time Taco John's employee he had no realistic way to pay for it.

That would soon change.

Students in Donna Sennert's class had been told that an important business leader named Glen Taylor would be visiting the class in a few days. Taylor, they were told, was a rags-to-riches billionaire businessman and owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Minnesota Lynx. That he also owned an egg production operation in nearby Spirit Lake, Iowa, prompted

Sennert to extend Taylor an invitation to speak to her class.

Taylor visited the class and told his story, which involved growing up in the tiny Minnesota town of Comfrey, which today boasts a population of 379.

"I started asking questions about the Timberwolves, about the business, about his life," Ries recalls. "And he kind of looked at me a little bit differently when I asked him questions. I remember asking him if the Timberwolves were more of a hobby or a business to him. He said it's definitely not a hobby, but he loves going to the games. He loves basketball, he loves the players and cares about them so much."

The questions continued after class in a small-group talk with Taylor, whose demeanor helped ease Ries' extraordinarily shy nature.

"He was really nice," Ries says. "I wasn't afraid of him, I was just really shy and I didn't know how to talk to him. It was crazy. I was happy I was able to speak one sentence."

In a thank-you message to Taylor, Sennert mentioned Ries as a promising student who had little support financially or otherwise. If Taylor knew of any way to help, the teacher added, it would be appreciated. Taylor responded quickly, saying he would be interested in providing a scholarship.

The following day, Ries learned that his life would change.

"My teacher pulled me out of the class and into the teachers' lounge," he says. "I thought 'What did I do now?'"

In the teachers' lounge, she showed him the message from Taylor, which essentially said he would help Ries through college. "Once

my teacher and I were done talking, I just sat there and looked straight ahead and didn't really know what to do. I was like, what's my life going to be like? What's going to happen? Where's Mankato?"

Here's what happened: A once-shy student arrived as one of more than 15,000 students at Minnesota State Mankato and immersed himself in business classes, including the Integrated Business Experience, in which he served as the volunteer director of the company. Taking Taylor's advice, he volunteered for organizations such as ECHO Food Shelf, Students Today, Leaders Forever and the YMCA Big Brother/Big Sister program. He studied abroad in London, serves as a Community Advisor in the residence halls and has established solid relationships—including an ongoing mentorship with Taylor himself. The two meet regularly as part of the deal.

"I saw a little bit of myself in him," Taylor says. "He had potential but no financial means to get there. That was my position at that age."

Taylor adds that Ries' self-confidence has soared over his three years at Minnesota State Mankato. "He was so bashful and intimidated," Taylor remembers. "Today he's so much more confident and outgoing. I saw (the potential) in him, but he didn't see it in himself."

Ries is determined to be a business leader along the lines of his mentor.

"It's not that I look at the future hoping I'm going to be rich," he says. "I just want to make a change in people's lives. Because Glen was there for me when I needed it the most and completely changed my life. And that motivates me to help people too." 🍀



Three generations of Davises: (from left to right) Marty, Stanley, Mitch, Matt, Mark and Jon. Not pictured is Mark's daughter, Julie Davis Rydeen.

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# Competitive Advantage

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For Mark Davis, the difference comes down to hard work—and early mornings.

*By Sara Gilbert Frederick*

If you're going to work in the dairy business, you have to get up long before the sun rises. You have to develop an appreciation for the quiet of those lonely pre-dawn hours and get comfortable driving down long country roads alone in the dark.

Mark Davis knows those early mornings well. He was up early as a teenager, working for his father's creamery. He was up early as a college student, trying to pay his tuition at Minnesota State Mankato by driving the milk truck from farm to farm. He was up early as a young father, struggling to build a business that one day his children would help him run.

"It was romantic to be the only one up in town at 3:30 a.m.," Davis remembers. "It was just me and the bakers back then."

Davis doesn't have to get up at the crack of dawn anymore. At 75, he no longer runs the day-to-day operations of any of the family businesses, which include Davis Family Dairies, Cambria and Sun Country Airlines. But Davis still keeps an office at the Le Sueur headquarters of Davis Family Dairies, and he still gets there bright and early most days.

"Now I get up at 5:30," he says. "I just like to. I get a lot of reading done early in the morning—newspapers, industry journals, all of that. That's how I like to start my day."

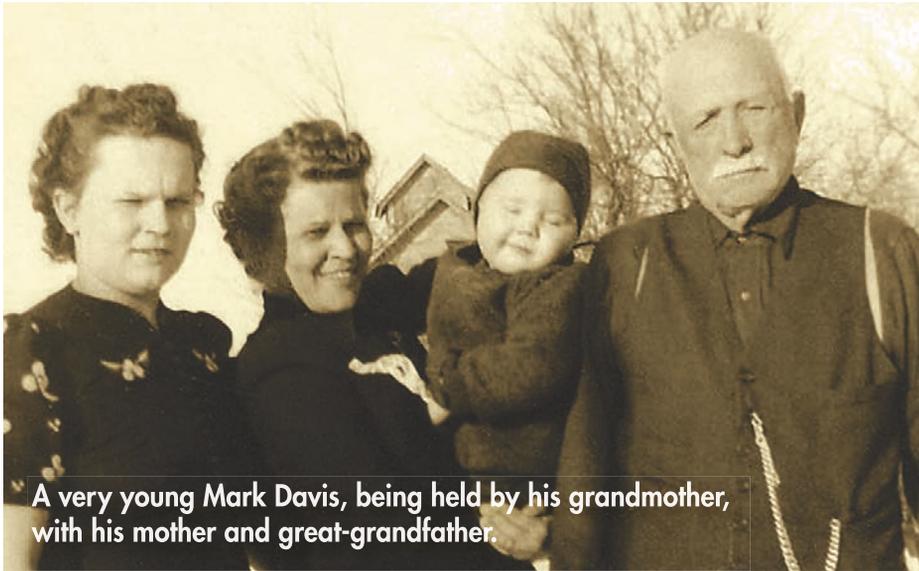
Such dedication has been a hallmark of Davis' career—and one of the traits that Al Annexstad, his longtime best friend, says has made him so successful. "He has tremendous drive," Annexstad explains. "He's a very bright person and is very well read on any subject you might want to get involved in. But I also think that he's an extremely humble person. He's the same guy I knew when we were kids."

Annexstad thinks so highly of Davis that he nominated him for the Horatio Alger Award, which honors "leaders who have succeeded, despite facing adversity, and who are committed to both philanthropy and higher education." Davis was one of 13 people selected as award winners in 2016, and he joins Annexstad as a member of the prestigious Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

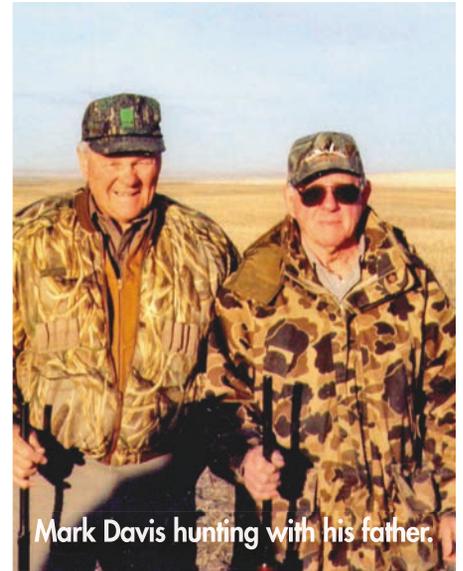
"The entrepreneurial spirit and determination that Mr. Davis displays are traits that all members of the Horatio Alger Association

possess," said Bryan Trott, the president and CEO of the association. "We recognize that those who demonstrate an unwavering will to succeed—despite facing seemingly insurmountable challenges—so often accomplish what seems to others to be impossible. Mr. Davis is living proof of this philosophy."





A very young Mark Davis, being held by his grandmother, with his mother and great-grandfather.



Mark Davis hunting with his father.

**M**ark Davis learned about hard work from his father, Stanley. In 1936, Stan Davis took an apprenticeship at a creamery in Norseland, Minn., where he learned everything he could about the butter business. The hours were long and the work was hard, but the experience paid off in 1943, when he and a partner purchased the St. Peter Creamery. That's where Mark Davis learned about the business—and about the value of hard work, too.

“My brothers and I had the privilege of working alongside him in the creamery,” Davis says. “I saw how hard he worked and the hours he spent making that business what it was. My dad set an excellent example for all of us.”

Davis' children give their father credit for doing the same. “We didn't even realize that we were learning to work hard,” says Mitch Davis, general manager of Davis Family Dairies. “We were so happy just to be with him. He always set an example for us: He worked a lot, but he enjoyed the work. He put a lot of time and energy into it, and we were glad when we got to be there with him.”

Marty Davis laughs that although his father did indeed lead by example, he also had other ways of teaching his children what was right and wrong. Marty remembers driving home from the University of Minnesota for a Saturday morning shift collecting milk from farmers. When he climbed into the cab of his truck, he found a thick envelope taped to the steering wheel.

“He had written me a long letter about what he was observing about how I was handling things,” says Marty, who is now the president and CEO of Cambria. “He wrote us lots of letters, often to correct us but also to say something that he appreciated or was proud of. Then he'd tell me what I needed to change.”

“I'm pretty sure I received more letters than the others, because I needed them,” Mitch Davis adds. “I still have them, and I still read them.”

There was at least one time that Marty found his dad waiting on the curb for him when he pulled in to the creamery after a shift. One of the milk producers had called and complained that Marty had revved his engine in the farmyard, and Mark wasn't happy about it. “He chewed me out pretty good,” Marty remembers. “He told me that it doesn't matter what the farmer says or does, you never argue with him. The farmer is always right no matter what, because he's the farmer—and that's all you need to know.”



Mark Davis already understood the importance of farmers when he enrolled at Minnesota State Mankato. Although he was working toward a degree in business administration, he enjoyed his history and political science classes more. “Honestly, the business classes didn't mean much to me until I was involved with my own business,” he says. “Then it all fell into place.”

What he remembers most now, however, is what he learned from a philosophical standpoint about the importance of competition. As an athlete—Davis played football and baseball—he already understood the value of competition. At Minnesota State Mankato, he learned how to apply competitive theory to building business relationships.

“People live it all the time, but nobody ever really talks about it,” Davis says. “Competition drives the world. But here's the key: You can compete with people and still be their friends.”

Davis has always placed a premium on building and maintaining relationships. Mitch says that his dad genuinely likes almost everyone that he meets. “He doesn't pretend to like people—he just really does,” he explains. “He has a natural, trusting way with people, and you'd have to be a real schmuck to reverse that.”

“Everybody always followed my dad,” Marty adds. “He has that charisma, that personality, that touch with people. People trust him and believe in him. In all the years that I've worked alongside my dad, I've seen a lot of people respond to him and look up to him.”

Mitch and Marty say that much of their father's success relates back to the character traits that make him who he is: persistence, optimism and trust. Both wish they were a little more like him in those ways. “I'm wired a little differently,” Mitch admits. “I have to make an effort to be



Mark Davis at the age of 8.

like him. I don't have the natural optimism or trusting way that he has."

But both also see his influence rubbing off on them. Marty, for example, has tried to adopt his father's "curiosity-decisiveness quotient" when it comes to balancing the quest for innovation with the need to be decisive. "My dad has that balance down about as good as anybody I've seen," he says.

Mitch remembers that, even after long days at work, his dad would come home and play catch with him. "Now, having my own kids, I know what a sacrifice it was," he says. "I don't know how he juggled it all, but he always did."

He's still juggling. Davis and his wife Mary make an effort to get to as many of their grandkids' events as they can, from baseball games to dance competitions. But Mark is always ready to head back to the office bright and early in the morning to get a head start on his reading for the day.

Marty says that his dad is still far too young and healthy to have a legacy yet. But it isn't hard to see what that legacy might be—and it goes far beyond the success of his business interests, which earned the family a spot on Forbes Richest Families list in 2014 and 2015.

"It's his reputation," Mitch says. "I have never heard anyone say anything negative about my dad. Never. Nobody in the international dairy processing industry has a bad word to say about him." ❄️

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## Friends Forever

Mark Davis and Al Annexstad met in third grade in St. Peter and became best of friends. They spent afternoons up at the Gustavus Adolphus campus, where Annexstad's mother worked in foodservice. "We'd go up and have a California hamburger," Annexstad remembers. "We pretty much grew up on that campus."

The two still get together for hamburgers whenever they can—although Annexstad now spends most of his time in Georgia, while Davis makes his home in St. Peter. "Just last week we had dinner together in Minneapolis," Annexstad said in September. "We try to see each other as often as we can."

Davis' wife Mary is also best friends with Annexstad's wife Cathy. "They grew up in Le Sueur together and are lifelong friends as well," Annexstad says. "We're pretty lucky that we married gals who are best friends, too."

Annexstad says that one of the reasons that he and Davis have remained friends for more than 60 years is because they understand their own unique strengths—and admire what's different about each other. "We definitely don't have the same personality," he says. "We are similar in our drive to succeed, but not in personality. We complement each other, which is why we've been able to be friends for so long."

"We're really lucky to have this friendship," Annexstad adds. "It's really a treasure."

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# Lasting Legacy

For the Zachary family, attending Minnesota State Mankato has become a bit of a tradition—and the start of a lot of success.

*By Grace Webb '13*

Legacies come in many different forms. Some are tangible, such as a business or a construction project. Some are harder to define or point out. Both are equally important and enduring.

The Zachary family's legacy is education—a continuing thirst for knowledge and eagerness to put what they've learned into practice. That's quite clear from all the successful careers and advanced degrees that family members have collected as they've pursued such diverse fields as medicine, law, construction and nonprofit leadership.

It's also quite clear from the long string of decisions to begin their educational journeys at Minnesota State Mankato that this University has had a tremendous impact on the family.

Since the first Zachary attended Minnesota State Mankato in the late 1950s, more than a dozen family members have followed in his footsteps, either attending or graduating from the University. Most of them continued on to other universities and other degrees, utilizing the

education and skills they gained here to carve out successful careers.

"Mankato did so much for one family," says Steven Zachary '81. "Ever since I went there, I've recommended it. The things you find out in college, and the people you meet there, you know and are friends of yours for the rest of your life."

It all started with Ben Zachary. Ben, who graduated in 1959, was a star football player. He was so good, in fact, that he was invited to play with the Baltimore Colts after graduation. Instead of pursuing a professional football career, he chose to stay with his field of study—teaching. He went on to earn two master's degrees and become a principal in the Burnsville school system.

Ben passed away two years ago, but family members recall him saying that the University should change its name to "Mankato Zachary State University," because so many members of the Zachary clan started there and went on to do great things.

Ben's brother Lou followed next, studying at Minnesota State Mankato before going on to earn a Ph.D. and become a professor at Augsburg College and Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

For Ben's nephew Steven, the decision to attend Minnesota State Mankato was made in part because his older brother, Dennis, had started classes there a year earlier and seemed to really enjoy the campus. The two brothers became roommates and played on the same football team. Dennis graduated in 1980 and went on to the Mayo Medical School; Steven graduated in 1981 and subsequently earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota.

Steven became licensed to practice law in both Minnesota and Arizona, where he currently resides. For a time, he worked for the state of Minnesota in the civil rights arena, then moved on to a career in corporate America and eventually became a minister. He credits his time in Mankato with preparing him for success in each of his careers.



Diane (Peterson) Zachary, Louis Zachary, Alexis Bell, Shawna Campa (Zachary) Wilson, Dr. Dennis Zachary, Steven Zachary

“The main thing [I took away] is just the experience and the support that I received from the professors there, which really gave me the background and the foundation and the confidence to succeed at law school,” he explains. “When I went to the University of Minnesota, it was ranked 16th in the nation. If I didn’t have that confidence from Minnesota State Mankato, I probably wouldn’t have been able to succeed.”

Steven’s niece Erin Roberts (nee Zachary) was one of several family members from the next generation of Zacharys to attend the University. The Mankato native said she originally made the choice because it was close to home, but she enjoyed her experience so much that she stayed the full four years. She earned her undergraduate degree in corrections in 2008 and a master’s degree in public administration in 2013. She channeled what she learned into her current position as community engagement manager for the Mankato YWCA.

Although the family tradition was well established by the time Roberts started looking at schools, she said there was never any pressure to follow in other Zachary footsteps. However, she did hear encouraging stories from different family members when they recalled their time at Minnesota State Mankato.

“Once I chose Mankato, it was cool to know that my dad had gone there, and my uncle had gone there, and all these other people had, too,” she says.

Roberts says one of the best parts of the University experience for her was the blend of

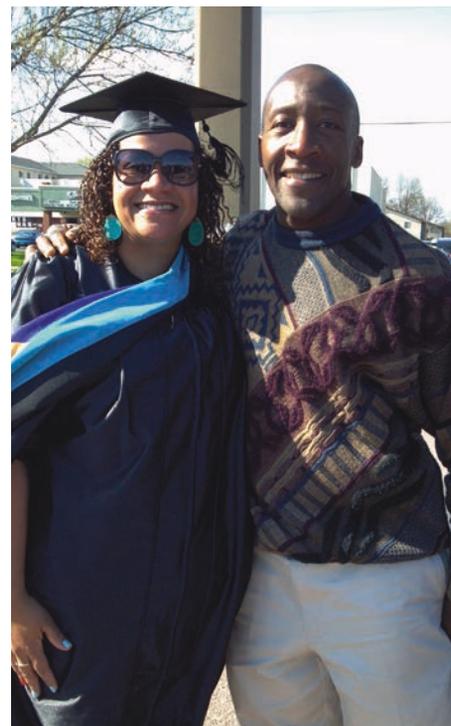
small-town feel with big-city education. “I felt like you got a big school education on a small campus,” she says. “It made it really easy to be able to work and go to school, and also easy to meet people. All of my professors always knew my name.”

For Roberts, the fact that so many family members attended Minnesota State Mankato isn’t the most impressive part of their legacy. It’s the fact that so many family members attended the University and went on to great things afterwards.

“We all went to Minnesota State Mankato and had a great experience, which is apparent since everyone moved on to other degrees,” she says. “Obviously, it did well for us because we were able to continue on. It was a great foundation.”

Alexis Bell is the latest of the Zachary clan to attend Minnesota State Mankato. Originally from Maplewood, she said that she chose to come here to study mass media because it was close enough to home to provide some security while being far enough away to let her grow and become more independent.

Bell plans to graduate this December, but she’s surely not the last of the Zachary family who will choose Minnesota State Mankato in the years to come. The University has become part of the Zachary legacy, an unwavering foundation that prepares each graduating family member to grow and thrive. It’s only a matter of time before another generation of Zacharys joins the Maverick family and adds to an already impressive legacy. 🍷



Erin Roberts with her dad, Dr. Dennis Zachary



Alexis Bell

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# Mavericks in Medicine

Former Minnesota State Mankato sports stars crush the common stereotype of athletes not being serious students.

By Wayne Carlson '03

It's too easy to accept the widespread belief that college athletes aren't academically inclined. After all, permeated in our subconscious is everything pop culture has taught us about "jocks," mashed up with the vexing stories coming out of major athletics programs on an all-too-regular basis.

If you hope to hold on to those stereotypes—at least as they relate to the student-athletes at Minnesota State University, Mankato—you probably won't want to read further.

This is the story of two pre-med Maverick athletes who represent a sampling of the former Maverick athletes who have gone on to pursue health-care careers after graduation and who now credit some of their success to combining athletics and academics.

Dr. Kelli (Freeman) Roenfranz '05, and Dr. Bob Jeske '03 were pre-med students and stand-out athletes at Minnesota State Mankato. Today, they're family practice doctors.

"Our athletic program focuses on the total development of student-athletes," Athletic Director Kevin Buisman says. "We want them to be successful as a student-athlete, but also as a future professional. We talk about 'Building Champions' in our athletic program. Part of that is competitive success of course,

but we also ask them to excel in the community and the classroom. With that sort of mission, we provide them a great foundation to be successful both in sport and in life, and to go on and be a valued member of their community and succeed as a professional. These are terrific success stories ... we're very proud of everything they've accomplished."

Jeske played center for the Maverick football team. The two-time Academic All-District First Team selection ended his Minnesota State Mankato career with a streak of 33 consecutive games started and served as a co-captain for a squad that set a school record for largest single-season improvement. A three-time Academic All-North Central Conference selection and a Maverick Achievement Award honoree, Jeske maintained a 3.91 grade point average while earning a pair of bachelor's degrees and gaining admittance into the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Jeske, whose career in medicine has brought him back to southern Minnesota, will practice as a supervising physician for the Mayo Health System in Mankato starting in 2017. It's a location that has a formidable place in his heart.

"I met my wife in Mankato, because she was a biology major and we took a lot of the same classes," Jeske explains.



Kelli (Freeman) Roenfranz



Bob Jeske

“We got married in Sibley Park in Mankato on a Friday in July after graduation, had our reception on Saturday and on Sunday packed up the U-Haul. On Monday we left and moved from Mankato to Miami, where we spent the next four years while I went to medical school and my wife got a nursing degree.”

Roenfranz finished her Maverick women’s basketball career ranked ninth in team history in scoring (1,083 points) while setting the school record for three-pointers made. She was Academic All-District First Team and received Academic All-America Second Team honors from ESPN the Magazine with a 4.00 grade point average as a biology and chemistry major. Roenfranz was selected as the recipient of the Georgene Brock Award as Minnesota State Mankato’s outstanding senior female student-athlete of the year in 2005. The recipient of a NCAA postgraduate scholarship, she was accepted at the medical school at Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa, upon graduation.

Roenfranz insists that pairing athletics with education was never a potential barrier to the

career she decided on during her high school years, in part because of the type of institution she picked for her student-athlete endeavor.

“Minnesota State Mankato was a wonderful school where I knew I could compete as an athlete, but also where academics are taken very seriously,” she says.

These Maverick doctors agree that the fundamentals earned through their experiences as athletes pay dividends today for themselves, their colleagues and the patients they serve.

“Athletics in general teaches you a lot of life lessons that are hard to learn other ways,” Jeske says. “Discipline is a big thing that it taught me. It kept me busy and out of trouble and away from distraction. It forced me to be disciplined with my classes and take care of my business when I needed to.”

“One of the biggest things I learned from being an athlete is teamwork, and working with others,” Roenfranz says. “And that’s what medicine is. Especially in rural medicine, where I work, you don’t always have a ton of resources, so it’s a complete team effort.

Especially with my partners, covering for each other and helping each other out being flexible and adaptable. I really think being successful here goes hand-in-hand with having been an athlete.”

For Buisman, these Mavericks are standard-bearers. They are not exceptions, but rather examples of the program’s success both on and off the field of play in preparing student-athletes for life after college.

“I think that’s why our student-athletes are so sought after when they enter the professional world,” Buisman explains. “What we call transferable skills—traits such as teamwork, dedication, loyalty, commitment, focus on achievement, driven by goals—all those things are a part of their student-athlete experience. It is a challenge to live on both sides of the dashes as a student and athlete. To succeed, you have to have extraordinary time management skills. Those skills, those types of things that are a part of their student-athlete experience, equip them to move on to further study and high accomplishment in very challenging careers.” 🦋

# Inside Inform

What you might not know about the two buildings opening on campus this spring.

## Clinical Sciences Building

■ The Clinical Sciences Building is a three-story building. But the clerestory essentially adds extra height—and extra sunlight.

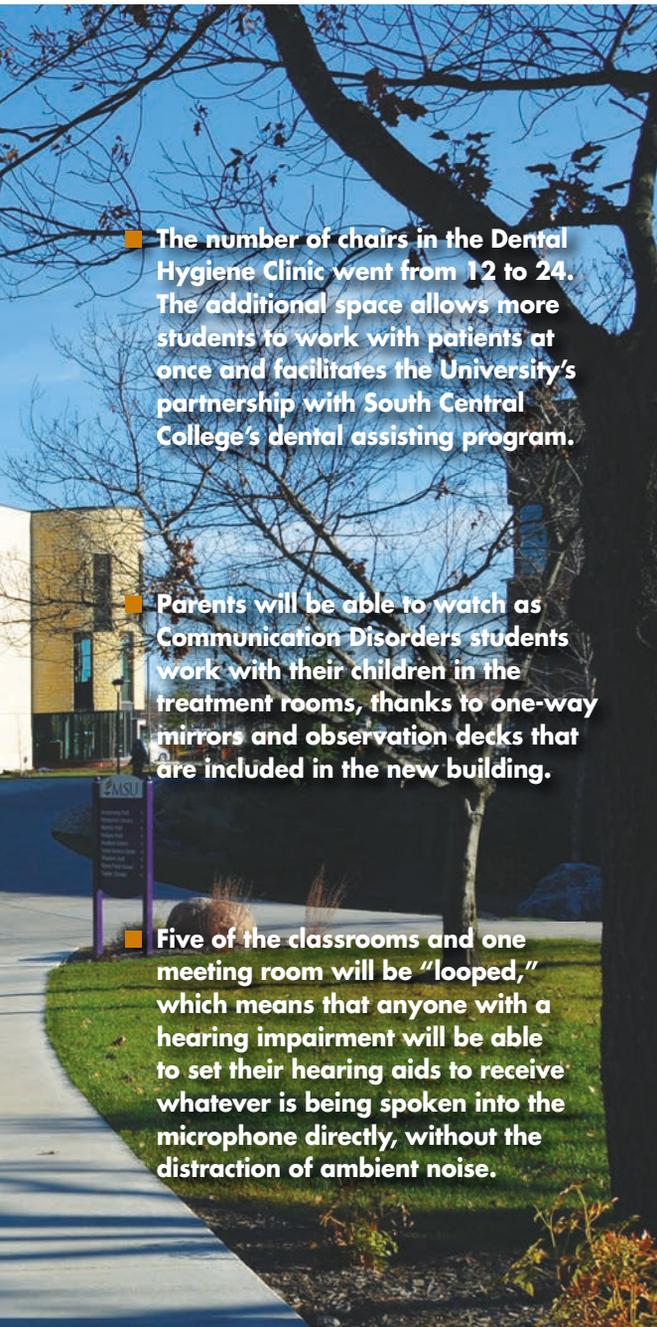
■ The building is connected to Ford Hall by an underground tunnel, which was chosen in place of a skyway to preserve the view of Ostrander Student Memorial Bell Tower from the Taylor Center.

■ Kasota stone covers a large portion of the building. Kasota stone is rich in the minerals dolomite and magnesium, which makes it resistant to weathering.

■ When furniture options were brought in for a group of students to try out, the favorite was the Brody—a modular study station that creates a protected space for students. There will be three Brodies on the second floor.

■ The most sought-after conference room on campus may be on the third floor of this building. It has space for up to 30 people, a funky, curved shape and a fabulous view of campus.

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- The number of chairs in the Dental Hygiene Clinic went from 12 to 24. The additional space allows more students to work with patients at once and facilitates the University's partnership with South Central College's dental assisting program.
- Parents will be able to watch as Communication Disorders students work with their children in the treatment rooms, thanks to one-way mirrors and observation decks that are included in the new building.
- Five of the classrooms and one meeting room will be "looped," which means that anyone with a hearing impairment will be able to set their hearing aids to receive whatever is being spoken into the microphone directly, without the distraction of ambient noise.

## University Dining Center



- **\$25,176,442:** The total construction cost for the building. All of that is funded through student room and board fees—not by tuition or tax dollars.
- **60,614:** The total square feet of the new dining center.
- **3,000:** The number of students, plus some, that the University Dining Center is designed to serve.
- **2,000+:** The number of cookies that will be baked each day.
- **250:** The probable number of pizzas that will be prepared each day in the new, three-deck pizza oven.
- **9:** The number of years from start to finish; the concept was first discussed in 2008, design began in Fall 2013 and construction started in September 2015. The building will open in January 2017.
- **5:** The number of different types of seating available: high tables, low tables, counter seating, banquettes and booths.
- **4:** The number of TVs that will be located on the wall behind the beverage station.
- **3:** The meal plan options available to students, ranging from the Maverick Any Time Plan for \$2,759 per year to the Maverick 160 Plan, which costs \$2,562 per year.
- **0:** The amount of milk, eggs, wheat, soy, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts and gluten—which together account for 90 percent of all food-allergy reactions—that will be found at the Simple Servings station.



# Ryding the Wave

When Hazeltine hosted the Ryder Cup this fall, our Sport Management students were perfectly poised to make the most of a once-in-a-lifetime real-world opportunity.





**T**wo years ago, when Suzannah Armentrout found out that the 2016 Ryder Cup would be held just 60 miles away from the Minnesota State Mankato campus, she started making phone calls.

As a professor in Sport Management, Armentrout immediately recognized that the proximity to such an event was an incredible opportunity for her students. So she called the first number she could find and left a message. Then she left another, and another. Eight voice mail messages and several emails later, she reached someone who helped put her in touch with the right person.

That's how a group of 32 students from Armentrout's Sport Tourism class ended up working with PGA and Ryder Cup staff for six long days in September and October. They did everything from taking tickets and providing security along the course to setting up for the opening and closing ceremonies and working with guests throughout the event.

"But even more than working at the event—which was tremendously valuable—they were able to apply the material they learned in the Sport Tourism class," Armentrout says. "And some of them got internship opportunities and found out about possible jobs as well. So this was a big deal for them."

Armentrout is already looking forward to pursuing future opportunities at other upcoming mega events—including Super Bowl LII at U.S. Bank Stadium in 2018 and the NCAA men's basketball Final Four in 2019. But both she and the students were too tired to think much about either of those events quite yet.

"Those were some long days," she says. "Some of the students were leaving Mankato at 3:30 A.M. to get there before 6 A.M. But it was worth it. It was amazing. Now we're all catching up."

—Sara Gilbert Frederick



# classnotes

## ► 1950s

**DEVON LINN '52**, Ashland, OR, and his wife, **FAE (ANDERSON) LINN '53**, published a collection of letters written to their children about day-to-day life in Malawi, Africa, during their volunteer time in the Peace Corps.

**WILLIS A. OSTREM '56**, Cumberland, WI, is retired. He and his wife, Lorena, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

**BARBARA COWAN TURPIN '57, '72**, Worthington, MN, is substitute teaching about three-and-a-half days a week at 80 years old. She also teaches English to international students.

**LLOYD PETERSON '59**, Vincennes, IN, left the battery industry to teach vocational auto mechanics at Vincennes University, Ambraw Vocational School. He retired and taught air conditioning repair for the United Nations in 15 countries. He then helped to establish a vocational school in Lawrence County, where he retired at 77.

## ► 1960s

**JANE ANN REBER GOLTZ '60, '82**, Minnetonka, MN, is a teacher and department chair of special education who was elected to the Minnetonka Faculty Hall of Fame in 2015.

**JEAN FRANCOIS (KALLBERT) KRAUSS '61**, Hudson, WI, is retired. She recently lost her husband, Rolland, from the combined effects of Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia.

**JOHN HERMAN '65**, Eagan, MN, is retired.

**CHARLES FRANK '66**, Palmetto, GA, retired from the Georgia Department of Agriculture a number of years ago. He and his wife, Sharon, then opened a small business selling flavored Georgia pecans. The couple recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary.

**MARTY DUNCAN '67, '69, '75**, St. Peter, MN, was a superintendent for 30 years in five Minnesota public school districts. He has published two historical fiction novels: "The Pilot's Mate" and "Shin'ar, My Love."

He recently celebrated his 50th anniversary in Ireland.

**LOIS RAFFERTY '68, '78**, Minneapolis, MN, teaches human services/gerontology courses for Metropolitan State University; her novel, "Carnie's Child," was recently published. She and her husband, **JOHN RAFFERTY '67, '71**, have two daughters.

**GLEN FLOHRS '69, '81**, Burnsville, MN, has been retired for 10 years as an accounting manager with the City of Minneapolis.

## ► 1970s

**DIANA (CONROY) MARTENSON '70**, Shoreview, MN, retired from the University of Minnesota, Extension.

**MARILYN BATA IDEN '72**, Colorado Springs, CO, is a self-employed CNA with various school districts in the area of TESL. She has taught internationally and loves it.

**MARK BRAUN '75**, Madison Lake, MN, is semi-retired after working 41 years in advertising, printing and book manufacturing.

**SCOTT RUBSAM '75**, Minneapolis, MN, is on the faculty of Metropolitan State University and recently directed the New York premiere of "Mean." He is also a published author of essays and plays.

**JEROME ROEHL '76**, Walker, MN, retired after 40 years as a CPA providing income tax services. He has been enjoying retirement at the lake, but is hoping to move closer to old friends and family.

**RANDY QUINT '77**, Rochester, MN, is a customer solution center manager with IBM.

**CARLIENNE A. FRISCH '79, '89**, Mankato, MN, continues to do freelance writing and editing in semi-retirement.

**PAUL NYGAARD '79**, Draper, UT, is senior vice president of marketing for Larry H. Miller Dealerships and has been named a 2016 SAMY Award winner by Utah Business, which recognizes Utah's top sales and marketing professionals.

## ► 1980s

**SUSAN (WITMAN) ERICKSON '80**, St. Paul, MN, is a barista manager at Starbucks at the 3M Center.

**YVONNE (MASELTER) BURZYNSKI '85, '88**, St. Cloud, MN, is the author of "What it Takes to Find Your True Love."

**DR. KATHLEEN (TIMM) ZIEGLER '85**, Woodbury, MN, is the vice president, value-driven solutions with TruthPoint in Eden Prairie, MN, where she is responsible for organizational strategy, leadership and business development for the commercial healthcare market.

**JON SHEAR '86**, Danville, CA, is a vice president of corporate development with the Thoratec Corporation, which recently was acquired by St. Jude Medical of St. Paul.

**KELLY (WAGNER) SCHUSTER '87**, Apple Valley, MN, is a senior manager with Prime Therapeutics in the government programs segment for pharmacy claims. Her 20-year-old son attends college in Wisconsin.

## ► 1990s

**VALERIE (SWENSON) MARTIN '91**, St. Joseph, MN, has been a teacher with ISD#47 for 24 years. She also has coached and given tennis lessons during that time. She still plays tennis.

**DONNA (HOLMQUIST) SCHWARTZ '92**, Hutchinson, MN, is an account specialist with Customer Elation. She and her husband Paul recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary, and she has her 35th high school reunion this year as well.

**JASON SPETZ '92**, Menomonie, WI, recently was promoted to assistant chief of police with the University of Wisconsin, Stout Police Department. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in March.

**CHRISTINE (STONER) GOSWICK '93**, Andover, MN, is a business analyst with Sirva Relocation who recently joined the National Association of Professional Women's 2014-2015 Legacy Registry.

*We love to hear about baby Mavericks! Tell us about any new additions to your family with an email to [alumni@mnsu.edu](mailto:alumni@mnsu.edu)—the Alumni Association would like to send a gift to you!*

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**TINA (LAWRENCE) SCHRIEVER '94**, Rochester, MN, is the supervisor of concierge services at the Mayo Clinic.

**SAEED KHAM '95**, St. Paul, MN, recently launched a website for his interpretation/translation and detective business: [www.linguistic-services.com](http://www.linguistic-services.com)

**DR. JOEY PAGE '97, '02**, Eagan, MN, is a principal with the Richfield Public Schools and is one of three finalists for Minnesota 2016 National Distinguished Principal.

**WILLIAM REMMERT '97**, St. Peter, MN, is an elementary principal within the New Prague Area Schools. He began this position after teaching and coaching in Lakeville and being in administration in Shakopee and Mankato. He also is a consultant with Solution Tree and works with schools across the country.

**BRYAN NOWAK '98**, Sterling, VA, published his second book, "The Dramatic Dead," a dark mystery. His first book, "No Name," came out in 2015.

## ► 2000s

**DAVID DRAGICH '01**, Coon Rapids, MN, is a portfolio manager, third party risk management with US Bank in Minneapolis.

**RYAN DUTTON '01**, Groveland, CA, is a high school principal in the Big Oak Flat Groveland Unified School District, which is close to Yosemite National Park in Northern California. He and his wife, Dawnelle, have been with the same school district since he finished his career in the National Football League.

**BRIAN HALEY '03**, Waseca, MN, has been promoted to senior manager with EideBailly, where he specializes in providing audits for various commercial, health care, ag processing and governmental entities.

**JOSH SHERBURNE '03**, Lake Crystal, MN, recently was promoted to partner at Abdo, Eick & Meyers, where he provides attestation and consulting services for domestic and international clients.

**MICHELLE CAMPBELL '05**, Renton, WA, is the executive director of institutional advancement for Renton Technical College, and her husband, **MIKE SCHMIDT '03**, is a consulting executive with Corner Corporation.

**MICHELLE FITCH '05**, Superior, WI, is a program manager in student affairs with Academic Impressions where she is able to work remotely and travel frequently. She loves her animals and living in the Northland.

**MARY (MORGAN) HABERMAN '05, '13**, Lucan, MN, is a science teacher with the Minnesota Valley Area Learning Center in Montevideo, MN.

**NANCY TORRES '06**, Blooming Prairie, MN, is a social work specialist with the State of Minnesota at the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center. She spent her first years as a social worker learning grant writing, billing, and office managing, among a number of other things.

**TRAVIS FREDRICK '06**, Rochester, MN, became a dancer with Stars at Night after working in finance for a big corporation. He and his partner, Bruce, plan to start a family soon.

**BROOKE FORSTNER '06**, Madelia, MN, was promoted to senior manager with EideBailly, where she specializes in providing tax services for individuals, corporations and partnerships in a number of industries.

**JESSICA MAZUR '07**, Hudson, WI, is unemployed after being diagnosed with brain cancer in April 2015.

**TARYN LINDEMANN '08**, Middleton, WI, is a human resources assistant with Full Compass Systems in Madison, WI. Taryn married Cassandra Immel in November 2014.

**NILUFER MISIRLI '08**, Ankara, Turkey, recently moved from Tosya-Kastamonu, Turkey.

**RICHARD QUICKLE '08**, Urbana, OH, is attending The Ohio University in the College of Social Work. He expects to receive his bachelor's in spring 2017 and his master's in spring 2018.

**LISA (WULFF) BEHLKE '08**, Burnsville, MN, is a hotel administration analyst with Endeavor Air in Minneapolis.

## ► 2010s

**ERIN MEYER '10**, Mankato, MN, is a self-employed consultant.

**ASHLEY WALL '10**, Blaine, MN, is a marketing coordinator with Buffalo Wild Wings Corporate Office. Prior to this she was a marketing coordinator for several other companies.

**SUSAN (GERBENSKY) KLAMMER '11**, Burnsville, MN, is a quality/safety project coordinator with the Minnesota Hospital Association in St. Paul.

**KRISTEN WASHINGTON '12**, St. Anthony, MN, is an AmeriCorps & volunteer program manager with Emerge Community Development in Minneapolis.

**KELLI KRAUSE '13**, Aberdeen, SD, is a director of development for Northern State University in Aberdeen.

**ELIZABETH (CROCKETT) BYINGTON '14**, Bristol, TN, is an assistant professor at King University in Bristol.

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### ► 1930s

Ferne Evangeline (Flygare)  
Nelson '34, '62  
Margaret Josephine (Kemp)  
Miller '37  
Avis Eleanor (Faulkner)  
Nesvold '38  
Florence Elaine (Tague)  
Berg '39  
Gladys Myrtle (Goodrich)  
McMillin '39  
Frances Irene (Barnett) Nelson  
'39, '59

### ► 1940s

Gladys Iona (Furland)  
Myers '41  
Dolores Mary (Marschall)  
Wilbert '41  
Dorothy Marie (Blank)  
Archambault '42  
Martha K. (Klassen) Hoff '42  
Irene Dora (Bartels) Antus '43  
Lois Mildred (Goeman)  
Barklow '43  
Lauris Lucille (Senne)  
Nelson '43  
Erma Patricia (Lauver)  
Simonett '43, '48  
Lois Lillian (Ward) Stueven '43  
Carol Jean (Engebretson)  
Hill '44  
Jean Carol Lane '44  
Velda Jean (Wallerstedt)  
Petersen '44, '63  
Joan Lucille Malherck '45  
Gertrude Wilhelmina (Moline)  
Hodnefield '46  
June Ann (Crane) Juliar '46  
Phyllis Rose (Hildebrandt)  
Maisel '46  
Geneva Mae (Driscoll)  
Melrose '47  
Louella Marie (Boyum)  
Seibel '47  
Laverne Mabel (Sunderman)  
Garvin '48  
James T. Neeck '48  
Richard Remi Jones '49  
Daniel Patrick Kiernan '49  
Shirley Helen (Meyer)  
Skoog '49

### ► 1950s

Dorothy Margaret (Schulze)  
Bjerke '50  
Marilyn Lois (Juil) Hanson '50  
Charles Kenneth Johnson '50

Catherine E. (Kiehm) Weir  
'50, '55  
Arlene Mae (Fletcher)  
Bergman '51  
Delevan Porter Hiebert '51  
Philip Orlan Lachelt '51  
Beverly Bertha (Lenz) Lueth '51  
Robert Eldor Putzier '51  
Lewis Henry Sampson '51  
Mary Ann (Guenther)  
Baumann '52  
Beverly Fay (Fowler) Jones '52  
Margaret June (Karels)  
Perttula '52  
Bernice Martha (Luebke)  
Ittel '53  
Curtis Lawrence Lamont  
'53, '56  
Edward J. Metzen '53  
Manville M Beckmann '54  
Gerald Ervin Childs '55  
Gloria Ann (Albright)  
Hebert '55  
Robert P. Hodapp '55  
Eunice Myra (Honebrink)  
Kramin '55, '71  
Jules Lawrence Reinhardt '55  
Anthony Michael Andruzzi '56  
Mavis Ann (Tammen)  
Hatlen '56  
David Eugene Nordhausen '56  
James Erick Persson '56  
Carollann K. (Krueger)  
Rieder '56  
Jean Marie (Schultz)  
Theissen '56  
Robert Earl Bennett '57  
David Arthur Besser '57  
Eugene Dale Davis '57, '59  
Doris Ellen Johnson '57  
Ina May (Jensen) Taylor '57  
Wayne C. Wittman '57  
Darell Frederick Apitz '58, '63  
Gene Bertram Broughten  
'58, '63  
Nancy Annette Davis '58  
Mary Elaine (Staloch) Doyle  
'58, '60  
Marilyn Jean (Balling) Glein '58  
David M. Halverson '58  
Robert E. Hennis '58  
Joseph P. Neururer '58, '61  
Donald Leon Spotts '58  
Orville E. Yess '58, '63  
Robert R. Ziemer '58  
Robert Eugene Asmus '59  
George Corcoran Eckert  
'59, '62  
Carol Ann (Cowdin) Glade '59  
Julia (Reitter) O'Connor '59  
Richard L. Washburn '59, '68

### ► 1960s

Henry Edward Hasse '60  
Bradford Victor Herbert  
Johnson '60  
John Thomas Keefe '60, '73  
Wayne Howard Keifer '60, '69  
Lloyd Walter Koehnen '60  
Johnna M. (Keogh) Schmidt '60  
Maxine Adelle (Churchman)  
Shaw '60  
Duane G. Bell '61  
Kenneth Warren Jensen '61  
Lowell Carter Johnson '61  
Robert Edward Kramer '61  
William George Zerck '61  
Sharon L. (Dopita) Berg '62  
Robert Rex Frost '62  
Judy Ann (Manthel)  
Gernander '62  
Roger Michael Neunsinger '62  
Roy Eugene Newell '62  
Edward Louie Olson '62, '66  
Bonnie Ann Rennpferd '62, '71  
Donald Eugene Roberts '62  
Milton L. Salisbury '62, '65  
Gary N. Schulte '62  
Nancy Lee (Lutter) Young '62  
Patricia Marie (Griffin)  
Erickson '63  
Ramon Duane Grams '63  
Renae Lois (Jones) Jensen '63  
Waldemar Karl Lindquist '63  
Sandra Elaine (Bue)  
McReynolds '63  
Dennis Alan Toren '63  
Edward Douglas  
Constantine '64  
John Wayne Dermody '64  
Victor L. Fenske '64  
Brian Ray Kammerer '64  
Dennis Coy Turner '64, '77  
Mary Elizabeth Bailey '65  
Charles William Dixon '65, '66  
Kathleen Birk (Ruddy)  
Dorn '65  
Ahmad Ghani-Banki '65  
Janet Jane (Ebert) Hansen '65  
Cecelia June (Weimar) Hughes  
'65, '81  
John William Hughes '65  
Jay Allan Rasmussen '65  
Elaine Audrey (Peterson)  
Schwarz '65  
Jerome M. Wisdorf '65 '73  
Jean LaVonne (Monson)  
Eliason '66  
Judith Lyla (Wing)  
Matthews '66  
Gary Dean Peterson '66  
Ruth A. (Benjegerdes)  
Quisley '66

John Paul Ruohoniemi '66  
Morris J. Sorenson '66  
Bruce Ira Budde '67  
Bruce Loren Bush '67  
John Douglas Cross '67  
John Edward DeZeeuw '67,  
'73, '80  
Paul F. Halloran '67  
Violet Peck (Hunt) Johnson '67  
Dennis R. Laingen '67  
Charles J. Nytes '67, '76  
Helen Mae (Pofahl) Piehl '67  
Warren Eugene Preston '67  
Richard Edwin Schoenstedt  
'67, '77  
Konie Kae (Backes)  
Slipy-Jestus '67  
Jon Maris Sunderman '67  
Dean Keith Taylor '67  
Dennis Dean Wilde '67, '72  
Larry Alan Willett '67, '72  
Lois H. (Feury) Austin '68  
Richard M. Becker '68  
Gloria Elizabeth (Martell)  
Benson '68  
Patrick Dennis Gemlo '68, '71  
Beverly Grace (Holmgren)  
Hibbard '68  
James Herbert Hopp '68  
Phillip Arthur Iverson '68  
John Robert Kemen '68  
James William Middleton  
'68, '81  
Inez Lorraine (Robins)  
Stussy '68  
Nancy Joan (Stephens)  
Williams '68  
Kenneth G. Youngkrantz '68  
Linda Ann (Muyres) Becker '69  
Gary Carl Feldman '69, '79  
Mark S. Glynn '69  
Clifford Milton Hokanson '69  
Allan Halbert Wold '69

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Ronald Marlin Born '70  
Robert J. Dunlop '70  
Mary Lou Gatzmeyer '70  
Ruby Lois (Citurs) Harmon '70  
Robert Richard Knutson '70  
Lewis J. Lyon '70  
Thomas E. Olson '70  
Robert James Prchal '70  
Richard Lee Schulte '70  
Terrance Edward Seymour '70  
Ronald Richard Baumgart '71  
Delano Lincoln Beckman '71  
Edward Dean Dykstra '71  
Gladys Burnette (Oscarson)  
Olson '71  
Terry L. Weimer '71

Gaylen Eugene Grethen '72  
 Joseph Cris Huber '72  
 Darlene Joan (Murphy) Janovy '72, '82  
 Edna Pearl (Struckmann) Kalk '72  
 Leonard Bland Kucera '72  
 Charles Lee Nyman '72  
 Robert Eugene Ponto '72  
 George Paul Pribyl '72  
 Richard Alan St. John '72  
 Roxan Laura (Tuominen) Wilkins '72  
 Jim D. Edwards '73  
 David Allan Gunderson '73, '77  
 Scott Parker Hagebak '73, '80  
 James Arthur Holte '73  
 Karen Marie Johnson '73  
 William R. Rasing '73  
 Duane Wendell Larson '74  
 Mark Roger Lende '74  
 David Joseph Schirra '74  
 Willard David Abraham '75  
 Anmarie E. (Miller) Delp '75  
 Kim Harald Helseth '75  
 Betty Louise (Thomas) Meyer '75  
 Harvey T. Rockwood '75  
 Edward Joseph Grebis '76  
 Jon Montgomery Larsen '76  
 Michael Wilson Liddicoat '76  
 Chester J. Flack '77  
 Frank Lemont Griffin '77  
 Ellis Verdun Lysne '77  
 Scott Harry Nichols '77  
 Karen Dorothy (Nesheim) Parker '77  
 Michael William Fowler '78  
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 Violet Marie (Smith) Scott '78  
 Leo Thomas Foley '79  
 Gary Richard Goodell '79  
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 Joseph Anthony Smith '79  
 Richard J. Weber '79

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Karen Mae (Thurston) Dauer '80, '85  
 Joyce M. (Miller) Gossman '80  
 Charles Lewis Henke '80  
 Virginia Lois (Jolson) Johnson '80  
 Carol Ada (Mallinson) McKillips '80  
 Brooks Elliot Adlin '81  
 Darrell Lee Boisen '81  
 Webb Robert Brodt '81  
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 Norman Orville Gordon '81  
 Maurice A. Jones '81  
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 David Marion Hicks '82  
 Dianne D. (Matson) McPherson '82, '88  
 Theresa Ann (Howard) Mees '82  
 Charleen Mary Rheaume '82, '85  
 Jodyne Ann Hagins '83  
 Gary Fred Oehler '83  
 Charles Oramulu Onwuche '83, '85  
 Ruth Joan (Hatteberg) Johnson '84  
 Jon C. Krenik '84  
 Marlas DeLight (Peterson) Reimann '84  
 Ross Adam Simons '84  
 Joseph Aaron Angier '85  
 John David Jimenez '85  
 Michael Johnnie Tobin '85  
 Kathryn Ann (Monk) Wright '85  
 Richard M. Fischer '86  
 Karl Ake Ronnkqvist '86  
 Timothy Charles Wesp '86  
 Susan Marie Shackleton '87  
 Susan Lynn (Vos) Anderson '86, '88  
 Mary Stevens Knowlton '88, '94  
 Michael Alan Ommen '88  
 Dean William Runck '88  
 Kimberlee Michelle (Clark) Kent '89

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Karin Ruth Hartzell '90  
 Lola Lemcke '90, '96  
 Diane Edith (Wudlick) Brodigan '91  
 Scott Alan Austin '92  
 John Walter Norlen '92  
 Julie Ann (Foell) Holt '93  
 Stephen Graham Schlosser '93  
 Bradley John Swanson '93  
 Janelle L. (Annen) Hawkridge '94

John Daniel Schuh '94  
 Rick Allen Boecker '95  
 Mary Jo Fasbender '95  
 William David Sitzman '95  
 Beverly Sue (Helmer) Zander '96  
 John Bernard Gornik '97  
 Danell James Hoehn '97  
 Clothildia Ann (Liebl) Klinkner '99  
 Robert Daniel Paulin '99

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Bradley Michael Nugent '00  
 Jaime Krystyna Rahn '01  
 Michael Paul Jacobs '02  
 Craig Lee Paskey '02  
 KariAnn Ruth Uecker '06  
 Elspeth Cook Carlstrom '07

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**M**ankato Normal School was the second in Minnesota but the last to build a dormitory for students. When state money was granted to the school and designs provided by State Architect C. H. Johnston, normal schools in Duluth, St. Cloud and Moorhead already had two dormitories; Winona had one. In 1912, a ladies' dormitory of Maryland Colonial style was built between Ramsey and Warren streets. Built for 80-90 students, it also included an office for the dean of students, matron's rooms, a trunk room and its own infirmary. It was named Daniel Buck Hall, in honor of the state senator from Mankato who introduced the bill to build the normal school here. A building addition came in 1921 and was named Cooper Hall.

In 1952, as the school was about to begin its move to Highland Campus, Searing Center was constructed at Warren Street and Glenwood Avenue. Crawford Center opened on the hilltop in 1959 and McElroy in 1961. Then came Gage Hall's two towers in 1965. After that, no new residence halls were added until 2008, when the Julia A. Sears Residence Community, named for the school's first female president, opened. In 2012—100 years after the first residential building was constructed—the Margaret R. Preska Residence Community was completed. Gage Hall was deemed obsolete and demolished in 2013, consolidating all residence halls at the heart of campus.

—Mike Lagerquist

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Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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