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## THE CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE

**T**he Minnesota State University, Mankato campus looks much different today than it did when I arrived here almost 10 years ago.

We have added new buildings, including the Julia A. Sears Residence Hall and Ford Hall. We have renovated important academic and student life spaces, including upgrades of Otto Recreation Center, Trafton Hall and the Ballroom in the Centennial Student Union. Our newest residence hall, the Margaret R. Preska Residence Community, will open in the fall, and we have two academic buildings that are pending funding—the Clinical Sciences building and the College of Business Global Solutions building. We've also made changes that are purely aesthetic in nature, from outdoor landscaping efforts to indoor artistic enhancements that make the campus a more inviting place for people to learn, teach, work and visit.

The next 10 years will bring even more exciting changes.

The changes on the horizon now have been planned with a specific goal in mind: to move this University forward as we continue to design the "campus of the future." For Minnesota State Mankato, that equates to safe, welcoming and clean facilities with spaces that are energy efficient, easily accessible, highly technical and interactive and able to accommodate a growing and diverse population.

Our extensive master plan encompasses almost every corner of campus. In addition to several new buildings, which will all be designed with energy efficiencies, it seeks a stronger emphasis on pedestrian traffic and enhanced transportation options, including bicycling and buses. In designing a very green and beautiful pedestrian campus, we will be renovating the entire campus mall, turning it into a park-like gathering space that features more grass than concrete.

My vision is for Minnesota State Mankato to serve as the model for what university campuses across the country could become in the future. I believe this is possible because I know that our University community—including faculty and staff, students, alumni and friends—can come together in pursuit of such goals.

I've already seen progress in the commitment shown by the members of the Environmental Committee, featured in this issue. Their efforts will help unify the various sustainability initiatives taking place across campus and will further the University's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint. I'm excited to see their Big Ideas take shape and to be part of the real-world thinking that helps put those ideas into action.

Please join me in celebrating the changes that have already taken place on campus and in anticipating those still to come. I invite you to visit us in person or online at [today.mnsu.edu](http://today.mnsu.edu). I'm proud to be part of such a dynamic, forward-thinking institution—and I hope you are too. ☞

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# news makers

- The University announced its largest-ever fundraising campaign and the biggest campaign among Minnesota state universities in October. The **\$75 MILLION BIG IDEAS CAMPAIGN WILL EXPAND STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, CREATE MORE STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOP MORE HIGH-TECH CLASSROOM AND COLLABORATIVE STUDY SPACES.**
- Minnesota State Mankato became the **SECOND-LARGEST INSTITUTION FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN MINNESOTA**, based on its full-time equivalent enrollment of **14,525 STUDENTS FOR THE FALL 2011 SEMESTER.**
- Junior **MINDY MEYER WAS AWARDED A \$9,000 MEREDITH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** for 2012-2013.
- **CLASSROOM SPACE AT THE UNIVERSITY'S EDINA LOCATION DOUBLED IN 2011**, and many of those classrooms were augmented with high-definition video conferencing that allows the students in Edina to be virtually in the same room with instructors at the Mankato campus. **ENROLLMENT AT EDINA, WHICH IS CURRENTLY AROUND 2,500 STUDENTS, IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.**
- **MORE STUDENTS APPLIED TO MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO** than to any other school in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system during National College Application Week in November.
- The University's **VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER RECEIVED A \$3,000 GRANT** from Tee it Up for the Troops to improve its facility in the Centennial Student Union and better its outreach efforts. The center has served more than 1,300 vets, active military and military families during its first year of operation.
- Minnesota State Mankato alum and Penumbra Theatre founder **LOU BELLAMY WAS PROFILED ON THE NBC NEWS PROGRAM "ROCK CENTER."** During the segment, host Brian Williams called Bellamy "one of the most influential artists in America today, a legend."
- For the sixth consecutive year, the University's **MBA PROGRAM WAS NAMED ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST** by The Princeton Review's 2012 Business School Guidebook.
- Retired Allied Health and Nursing Dean **KAYE A. HERTH WAS ONE OF 15 WORLDWIDE INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL NURSE RESEARCHER HALL OF FAME.** Herth is an international expert on hope, humor and grief among people with chronic or terminal illnesses.
- Minnesota State Mankato was **RANKED WITHIN THE NATION'S TOP QUARTILE** of four-year public and private institutions by *Forbes* magazine in 2011—the highest-ranking MnSCU institution on the list.
- Graduate student **BRETT ANDERSON WAS APPOINTED TO THE MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY GOV. MARK DAYTON.** Anderson's two-year term representing state university students runs through June 30, 2013. Anderson, who is pursuing a master's degree in administration and leadership, served as the vice president of the Minnesota State Student Association as an undergrad during the 2010-2011 academic year.
- **TWO STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY'S IRON RANGE ENGINEERING PROGRAM** at Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia **WON THE 2011 MINNESOTA CUP STUDENT DIVISION COMPETITION.** Eric Schaup and Matt Hudson plan to use the \$10,000 seed capital award to continue development of a lightweight, portable power generator that can run on multiple fuels.
- Senior **KATHLEEN RITTER WAS AWARDED ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S JANE M. KLAUSMAN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.** Ritter was one of 12 people worldwide to win the \$5,000 scholarship, which is presented annually to women pursuing undergraduate or master's degrees who demonstrate outstanding business management potential.
- **KIMBERLY GREER**, dean of Minnesota State Mankato's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, has been named **CORRECTIONS PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE MINNESOTA CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION.** The annual award goes to Minnesota leaders who have made outstanding contributions in the field of corrections.
- Counseling and Student Personnel faculty member **WALTER B. ROBERTS JR. WAS HONORED AS AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR BY THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS.** Roberts, an authority on school violence and bullying, was recognized for his efforts in making schools safer for LGBT students.
- The **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCED A PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED PRAIRIE BANK** in Mankato to offer a **NEW INTEGRATED BUSINESS EXPERIENCE PROGRAM TO STUDENTS.** The program, which will give students real-world experience running a business, will launch during the 2012 spring semester.





# THE UNPLANNED PATH

Donovan Schwichtenberg '60 never planned to spend more than a year or two as a teacher. Today he looks back at what became a remarkable 51-year career in the academic realm.



In early 1990, Saint Paul College was in the midst of a crisis. Enrollment was stagnant. A budget shortfall meant that layoffs were looming for more than 40 faculty and staff members. And despite its 80-year history in the city, the college was suffering from an identity crisis.

For help, the college turned to Donovan Schwichtenberg, who had recently retired after a 30-year teaching and administrative career, including eight years as campus director of Minneapolis Technical College (now Minneapolis Technical and Community College, or MCTC). Schwichtenberg signed a three-month consulting contract while Saint Paul College conducted a national search for a new president. But then a funny thing happened: The college began to right itself. Schwichtenberg worked with the institution's leaders to untangle the budget problems, launch several new programs, boost enrollment and trim the number of layoffs from 40 to six. The initial three-month gig turned into six months—and then into a two-decade career as the college's president. Under Schwichtenberg's watch, Saint Paul College expanded, evolved and was eventually named the country's top community college by *Washington Monthly* magazine in 2010.

The award came at a fitting time. Schwichtenberg retired—this time for good—in April 2011. But as remarkable and rewarding as his 51-year career turned out to be, the truth is that he initially saw it as a stepping stone to other destinations.

## A CHANGING FUTURE

Schwichtenberg was born on a family farm in Waterville. His family later moved to St. Clair, where he landed a summer job working in a local bank. He stayed at the bank through high school, moving up from mopping floors to running a Burroughs bookkeeping machine to, after graduation, working as a teller for the gaudy salary of \$150 per month. “After six months, the bank president gave me a raise to \$180 per month,” he says with a chuckle. “I thought I was doing great.”

But Schwichtenberg realized that he had little future at the bank. “The president's son-in-law and daughter both worked there,” he recalls. “His son was also thinking of joining the family business, and I knew there wasn't much room for me.”

So after working for a year as a teller, Schwichtenberg quit and served six months active duty with the Army as a member of the

National Guard. When his service ended, he enrolled at Minnesota State Mankato in January 1958. His initial plan was to study accounting, but jobs in that field were in short supply, so he switched his major to business education. “One requirement for the degree was that you had to know shorthand. I thought, ‘What the heck, I can learn that,’” he says. “By that time, I'd also decided I wanted to be a lawyer, so I figured I could teach high school in Minneapolis during the day and go to law school at night.”

After graduation, Schwichtenberg accepted a teaching job at the old Central High School in Minneapolis. At 21, he was barely older than his students. Nonetheless, he thrived in the position and found that he enjoyed teaching. Instead of law

school, he enrolled in a master's program in curriculum and development at the University of Minnesota. After earning his M.A. and working at Central for four years, he accepted a position as coordinator of vocational programs at Washburn High School in Minneapolis. It was the first of many such moves; over the next 15 years, he worked at numerous Minneapolis schools and worked his way up to the principal level. He also developed a reputation as a troubleshooter.

“I was the guy they sent in when there was a problem at a school. I'd usually stay in one place for three years or so, help get things turned around and then move on again,” he says. “The city was under a federal order to desegregate in those years, and that was a big challenge for everyone involved. There were a lot of unhappy people on all sides of the issue. But I enjoyed every one of my jobs. I worked with great people and felt like we made some real accomplishments.”

## A FINAL CALLING

The experience would prove valuable. In 1982, it helped Schwichtenberg land his position as campus director at Minneapolis Technical College, a job that he thought would be his last in the academic realm. But then he got the call from Saint Paul College in 1990 and found himself with a new set of challenges.

On top of the budget issues, Schwichtenberg understood the college needed to broaden its mission. “People only saw this as a place to go to if you wanted to be a welder, plumber or

pipefitter,” he says. “We realized the college had to expand its non-technical offerings. We did a study and saw there were a lot of people in Saint Paul without easy access to post-secondary public education. There were a lot of fine private colleges in the area, but they weren't the best option if you didn't have a lot of money.”

During his tenure, the college remade itself, adding a liberal arts curriculum, setting up transfer agreements with four-year institutions, expanding and renovating

its facilities and forging new connections with the local community. Of all the changes, Schwichtenberg is particularly proud of the Power of YOU, a joint program between Saint Paul College, MCTC and Metropolitan State

University that provides free tuition for students who meet its eligibility requirements. “It was tremendous to see the Power of YOU work,” he says. “Three years ago, a student in the program told me he'd always believed he wasn't smart enough to make it in college and that his family couldn't afford for him to go anyway. Now here he was with a 4.0 GPA, serving as president of the student senate and planning to transfer to a four-year university. That was gratifying.”

Schwichtenberg is quick to add that he wasn't responsible for the college's transformation. “I worked with a tremendous group of administrators, faculty and staff at Saint Paul College,” he says. “The local business community partnered with us. Individuals gave donations and volunteered. I never did anything by myself. It always was the result of a lot of people working together.”

Schwichtenberg now lives in Edina but is renovating the 240-acre family farm in Waterville, where he recently planted a vineyard and raises a variety of crops. He's enjoying retirement, but admits it was hard to finally leave the college last year.

“I had a new three-year contract in my hand, and I was thinking about being around all these students and the coworkers I'd developed lasting friendships with. But I said, ‘No, it's time. I'm ready to retire,’” he says. “I miss it to this day, but after 51 years, I knew it was the right time.”

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BUILDING THE CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE REQUIRES A  
UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY.

BY SARA GILBERT FREDERICK







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—PAUL CORCORAN, PLANNING  
AND CONSTRUCTION DIRECTOR

Ryan Bechel had been looking for ways to get involved in some sort of environmental group on campus. The Minnesota State Mankato junior had already turned his interest in sustainability into a major in environmental science—but he was looking for a more hands-on way to be involved. So when he heard that a new Environmental Committee was going to be meeting in January, he marked the date and time on his calendar.

Bechel did more than just attend that meeting, however. He also volunteered to be a co-chair of the committee.

"This isn't a meeting I'm just going to show up to," he says. "I'm excited about the possibilities of what we can do."

His co-chair, Erica Johnson, felt the same way. She started her job as the University's assistant registrar last summer and had been eager to find a way to integrate her undergraduate degree in agricultural education and her specialty in natural and managed environmental systems to good use. So when she heard about the opportunity to be involved on the committee, she volunteered to represent her bargaining unit at the meeting. And then, like Bechel, she also stepped forward as a co-chair.

"I thought that this would be a good way to meet more people related to a field that I'm interested in," Johnson says. "I see this committee as good for the campus and for the community as well."

Bechel and Johnson's enthusiasm about the committee mirrors the University's desire to put a greater emphasis on campus-wide sustainability. It's a commitment rooted in the strategic plan that President Richard Davenport introduced in 2010. One of the five action steps outlined in the plan is to "reinvigorate our physical home and build the campus of the future," and one of the ways the administration has begun implementing that is by chartering and supporting the new Environmental Committee.

"As we looked at the strategic plan, a major part of it is to build the campus of the future," explains Rick Straka, the vice president of finance and administration. "In order to move forward with that, we thought it was important for there to be a University-wide, chartered committee, officially represented by bargaining units and ex-officio members who report with me as a direct liaison to cabinet members. That gives it the legitimacy and proper authority it needs—and shows a commitment from the University to move forward with our commitment to being green."

That commitment starts at the top—with President Davenport. Sustainability was on his mind as he developed the campus master plan, which includes new, energy-efficient buildings, a more pedestrian-friendly layout and beautification projects affecting both interior and exterior spaces. The success of that long-term vision, he says, depends in many ways on the work of the Environmental Committee.

"You have to have the vision, but you can't just throw it together," Davenport says. "You have to put it in the hands of the experts to execute. And in this case, we really need everyone, including the students, to be a part of this. We value their opinions."

Bechel, meanwhile, values the President's support. "Just the fact that this was initiated by the University administration and that President Davenport signed on to it means a lot," he says. "It tells me that the University is interested in moving forward."

## THE GREEN SCENE

The truth is, the University has been moving forward with substantial environmental efforts for years—although often under the radar. In 2009, for example, an environmental committee was established by the Minnesota State Student Association. Although it wasn't officially recognized by the administration, it brought together a number of people committed to furthering environmental efforts and bringing attention to those already in progress.

During their meetings, committee members learned about groups and departments all over campus doing their part to go green. Residence Life added water-bottle fillers to each residence hall to reduce the number of plastic bottles being used; each station tallies the number of bottles saved in that building. Dining Services instituted "Trayless Tuesdays" to cut down on the water used in washing cafeteria trays



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and switched to biodegradable flatware for all disposable spoons and forks. Information Technology Services purchased a pair of electric vehicles to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels for quick trips around campus.

“There are a number of things that have been going on already,” says Dr. Louis Schwartzkopf, an emeritus professor of physics and longtime proponent of renewable energy and sustainability on campus. Although he retired in 2010, he remained involved on the original committee and has committed to serve as the emeriti representative on the new committee as well. He admits that even he doesn’t know of everything that’s taken place on campus—but he does know that much of what’s already happened has made a tremendous impact.

“Probably the biggest efforts as far as I’m concerned are what the physical plant has been doing to make the buildings more energy efficient,” Schwartzkopf says. “If you’re interested in making a difference as far as greenhouse gases and reducing the effects of climate change, then that’s what you have to do.”

The physical plant, which supports and maintains the buildings and infrastructure on campus, has been implementing energy-efficient measures since 1994. They started by retrofitting the fluorescent lighting in all the buildings on campus—a project that took four years to complete but that delivered an almost immediate payback. “That was low hanging fruit,” says Planning & Construction Director

Paul Corcoran, who was the physical plant project manager at the time. “We saved 20 percent on our electricity bill by the time we were done.”

They replaced the hundreds of exit signs with low-wattage LED lights and added occupancy sensors to hallways, bathrooms and classrooms. They installed direct digital controls that allowed the heating or cooling systems to be turned off in unoccupied spaces through a computer. They started coordinating the fan schedule in academic buildings to each semester’s class schedule, so that the fans only ran where and when needed. They installed carbon dioxide sensors in auditoriums to control the amount of fresh air coming into crowded spaces. They placed reduced-flow fixtures in some bathrooms and installed a computer-controlled irrigation system that could save up to 30 percent on irrigation costs by monitoring the soil and weather conditions.

Efficiencies are far easier to accomplish in new construction, which is where Corcoran invests most of his energy now. The state requires that all buildings paid for out of general fund dollars go through a process known as B3—Buildings Benchmarking & Beyond. The process identifies energy conservation options and the paybacks associated with each. The University, then, can decide which to implement. The B3 process was used during construction of Ford Hall, for example, and is being used

for the new Margaret R. Preska Residence Community as well.

“I’m very motivated to be sure we’re as energy efficient as possible in our new construction and renovations,” Corcoran says. “All of our equipment and the way we respond to campus needs is all with efficiency in mind.”


## COLORING THE CULTURE

Although Corcoran and the facilities staff are committed to energy efficiency and sustainability, they can only do so much on their own. It will take a campus-wide effort to achieve an even greater impact, Corcoran says.

“The next untapped area is to raise campus awareness and make some behavioral changes,” he explains. “People need to turn off their lights and unplug their chargers. They can turn their computers off instead of letting them go to sleep. There’s only so much that we can do on our end.”

Straka agrees that the responsibility extends to every person on campus. “There are things that can be done through technology and equipment,” he says. “We’ve been working on those, and we want to celebrate the things that we’ve done. But the next step is to change the culture, to change the actual behavior on campus.”

That’s where Bechel, Johnson and the rest of the Environmental Committee come in. One of the marching orders they received in January was to develop a three-year plan to enhance a complete culture of energy conscious behavior



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—RYAN BECHEL, STUDENT

and sustainable lifestyles. The first steps in that process, Johnson says, may have to be small. "We can take baby steps to start," she says. "Then as we gain experience and gain the trust of the campus, we can take it further."

Reducing waste—especially in terms of electricity—would be a natural place to start. Printers could be turned off at night, on weekends and when they aren't in use on a daily basis. The lights in vending machines could be dimmed or turned off. "We waste a lot of electricity," Bechel says. "We could do a lot better with that."

Better transportation options could also make an immediate difference. Both Bechel and Johnson believe that a more reliable bus system with more options would result in fewer cars being driven to and from campus each day. They both support the idea of providing incentives to students, including adding the cost of a bus pass to tuition fees. "You have to make it easier for off-campus students to use," Bechel says. "If students live downtown, they really can't get up to campus without driving."

Although such changes may seem slight on the surface, the cumulative effect could be significant. "The small changes can make a big difference," Schwartzkopf says. He cautions, though, that they aren't enough on their own.

"Small changes by themselves are not going to get us to carbon neutrality. We need systemic change to get there."

The first step toward achieving systemic change would be adopting a sustainability policy—another charge given to the Environmental Committee. Among their first tasks will be to study the proposals already put forth by various groups on campus and to investigate what other colleges and universities are doing. They hope to find proven ideas that can help guide their recommendations for Minnesota State Mankato. "We don't have to reinvent the wheel here," Bechel says. "We're going to be trying to glean out the good ideas."

Schwartzkopf is eager to make recommendations to the administration and to see what comes out of it. He has high hopes for the committee and the role it can play on campus. "I think this committee can be the voice of change and could become the focal

point for the University's efforts," he says. "The other efforts that are taking place should continue, but my hope is that all of the campus-wide initiatives can be made more visible through this committee."

Straka shares Schwartzkopf's excitement about the committee's potential. "Now that it's more official," he says, "I hope it will be able to help the University implement the strategic plan related to sustainability." ♻️





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# THE GOOD SPORT

*Herb Whitmore '60, one of the institution's first African-American athletes, needed his sport. And the University needed him.*

Herb Whitmore didn't set out to break barriers. His goal was never to create history.

His motivation, instead, was simply to get by and survive in a culture that challenged him. He wanted to succeed despite the long odds created by a campus that wasn't wholly welcoming of him. And in achieving that success, Whitmore became a landmark in Minnesota State Mankato athletics history with a story that speaks to why college athletics exist.

Born in 1933 in Tulsa, Okla., Whitmore's winding path took its first turn when his family re-located to Saint Paul when he was six. His family was poor, and he worked part-time while attending high school. That meant that extracurricular activities were not an option, until an unexpected opportunity during his senior year.

"I was able to play basketball my senior year," Whitmore says. "I was able to start my senior year, because I had been playing a lot of YMCA ball. It's very unlikely to come out your senior year and have a chance to make the varsity team, but I was fortunate."

With his diploma in hand, Whitmore made his next decision based mostly on what he didn't want to do.

"After I graduated from high school, the Korean War was going on," Whitmore says. "Back then, you either went to war or you went to school, and I didn't want to go to war." So he and a few friends from Saint Paul went to Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo.—an all-black college.

He had visions of playing basketball there but found out quickly that, since segregation had created few places for young African-Americans to play, the talent pool in places like Lincoln University was quite deep. "I went down there and got cut, and I didn't even feel bad about it," Whitmore says. "Because those kids from St. Louis and Kansas City...those kids were good. I'm talking about *good*."

After a year at Lincoln, his wallet empty, Whitmore returned to Minnesota and started working to save money so that he could return to college. In December, he took a seasonal job as a mail carrier, which allowed him to return to Lincoln and avoid military service. But after another year struggling with both academics and funding at Lincoln, Whitmore returned again to Minnesota.

That was 1954—when everything changed. Brown v. The Board of Education made school segregation illegal that May. In December, Whitmore took a friend's advice and enrolled at what was then known as Mankato State Teachers College, becoming the first African-American player in the history of the institution's basketball program.



Of course, being among the first African-Americans to attend a college during a tumultuous time led to a long list of challenges for Whitmore. That list required every bit of determination and every ounce of patience that he could muster.

"You have to understand, some of the students on campus had come from a small town and had never seen a black person before," Whitmore says. "They only knew what they may have heard or been taught about black people. I had white friends, and that could cause some friction between those different groups sometimes. I had some very good friends who had to go through some tough things because they had befriended me."

As challenging as it was socially, succeeding academically was perhaps an even more enormous task. Through all of the challenges, Whitmore, who played tennis and basketball, had college athletics pushing him forward and pulling him back.

"It was a tough environment, and I really didn't have very good study skills. I was on academic probation twice, and they told me to go home," he says. "I came back. I came back twice. Those two sports made me not give up on my education."

Graduating from Minnesota State Mankato in 1960 with a physical education degree was only the beginning for Whitmore. He went on to get his masters' degree at Michigan State and became a teacher. He coached tennis, football, basketball and track as well, giving students the type of outlet that played such a pivotal role in his own past. He retired in 1992 and joined the Peace Corps in 1996. Today, at almost 80, he volunteers twice a week teaching special needs students. Last year, he was named Volunteer of the Year by Disability Services in Flint, Mich.

"I got a great education in Mankato," Whitmore says. "The challenges of the time taught me that sometimes, if you're at a disadvantage, if you tie, you lose. That's helped me a great deal as a teacher, to this day." 🏈



HERB WHITMORE (RIGHT) HAVING FUN  
WITH FOOTBALL COACH BOB OTTO.

## OFF THE FIELD

■ Fifteen Minnesota State Mankato hockey players received 2011-12 Western Collegiate Hockey Association WCHA Scholar-Athlete Awards. Honorees from the men's team include senior **Cameron Cooper**, junior **Tyler Elbrecht**, sophomore **Evan Karambelas**, junior **Evan Mosey**, senior **Joe Schiller** and senior **Austin Lee**—one of five four-time honorees in the history of the award. Recipients from the women's program are senior **Alli Altmann**, junior **Emilia Andersson**, sophomore **Elisabeth Hewett**, sophomore **Melissa Klippenstein**, senior **Ariel Mackley**, junior **Erika Magnusson**, senior **Jackie Otto**, sophomore **Kathleen Rogan** and junior **Lauren Smith**. To qualify for the Scholar-Athlete Award, student-athletes must have a grade-point average of at least 3.50 for the previous two semesters or three quarters, or have had at least a 3.50 overall GPA for his or her academic career.

■ Minnesota State Mankato has a league-high 10 student-athletes receiving the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award, which is bestowed to seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher: **Samantha Bergmann** (golf), **Curtis Gruidl** (golf), **Amy Harris** (golf), **Kendra Huetl** (softball), **Lisa Moline** (golf), **Sarah Schellinger** (soccer), **Lisa Stocker** (track & field), **Jeremy Sudbeck** (baseball), **Tel Todd** (wrestling) and **Laura Weber** (basketball).

■ The University mourned the loss of one of its all-time great track & field athletes when **Lee "LeRoy" Loewen** passed away January 29. The 78-year-old Mountain Lake, Minn., native was an All-American in the 110m high hurdles who qualified for and participated in the 1956 U.S. Olympic Trials. Loewen earned four letters in track and one each in football and basketball during his collegiate career.

■ Former Minnesota State Mankato national champion high jumper **Jim Dilling** is serving as an assistant coach with the Mavericks while training for the U.S. Olympic Trials. Dilling, who captured four NCAA DII national championships and established current outdoor and indoor records, will attempt to qualify for the London Olympics at the U.S. Olympic Trials in June. 🏈



# What's in a Name?

Minnesota State Mankato honors two beloved emerita—Jane Earley and Margaret Preska—by naming buildings after both of them.



What does it take for the University to name a building in someone's honor? Apart from following the policies established by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system about who can be honored when, the decision-making process rests with the University administration. Generally speaking, if a person possesses the rare ability to connect and motivate people, lives a life dedicated to the betterment of education and steadfastly promotes the University's mission, then that person's name may find its way onto the short list of those under consideration.

In 2011, Minnesota State Mankato identified two outstanding women who fit that unique profile: Jane Earley and Margaret R. Preska.

## PERFECT PERFORMANCE

Officially, the Earley Center for Performing Arts was christened on November 12, 2011. But unofficially, the building, which was completed in 1967, has been Jane Earley's since she arrived to teach English in 1969. From that first fall quarter, Earley has been a constant presence at music, dance and theatre

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—MARGARET PRESKA





performances. “I have been here for 27 years, I don’t remember a time when Dr. Earley wasn’t in attendance,” says Paul Hustoles, chair of the Department of Theatre & Dance.

Earley became the founding dean of the new College of Arts and Humanities in 1977. She was the University’s first female dean and served in that position until her retirement in 2009, making her one of the longest serving deans in the country.

Rather than following a more traditional career route and seeking a position at a larger institution, Earley chose to remain in Mankato. “I felt the further I moved away from the students, the less I felt I could do for the students,” she says.

Even in her retirement, Earley continues to have a significant impact on students in performing arts. “For as long as I can remember and to this day, at the end of each show, Jane stands near the cast door,” Hustoles says. “Cast members come spewing out and she congratulates each and every one of them. It means a great deal to them.”

The Earley Center for Performing Arts serves as the home to both Theatre & Dance and Music; it hosts dozens of theatrical performances each year in the Ted Paul and Andreas Theatres, as well as musical performances in the Elias J. Halling Recital Hall. In addition, the center houses scene and costume shops, band and choir rooms, a music library, faculty offices and various studios, classrooms and practice rooms.

In his letter of recommendation to name the building in her honor, President Richard Davenport listed Earley’s accomplishments

and service to the University and beyond. This statement perhaps summed it up best: “Most importantly, throughout all of her time at Mankato, she has been an endless supporter of not only arts and humanities in general, but performing arts in particular.”

## A LIVING PRESENCE

Margaret Preska has been serving the University community since 1974, first as the vice president of academic affairs and then as president from 1979 to 1992. During her tenure, the first faculty union contracts were negotiated, the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation was established and the University’s enrollment grew by 43 percent.

The Margaret R. Preska Residence Community, currently under construction next to the McElroy Residence Community, will open in fall 2012. The four-story, semi-suite style facility will accommodate 300 students. Aside from its central location, the facility will include study-related amenities such as classrooms, advising offices, computer workstations and private study spaces.

So what does it feel like to have a building named in your honor? “Well, it means that I am old,” Preska jokes. “Most of all, I feel very honored that long dreams I have had that students would have a living, learning community and be able to relate in small numbers to the larger University and therefore to the larger world are coming true here because of the way the architects, engineers and University committees have designed the building.”

Preska seems to live her life in the way she dreams possible for students—connecting with people individually, across the University and worldwide. “Dr. Preska has touched the lives of thousands of students who became leaders in business, industry and government,” says President Davenport. “She served the University with distinction, and she continues to share her passion for Minnesota State Mankato throughout the world.”

Although she has long been retired, Preska seems driven to keep going and working. “All my life, I remember most of all wanting to be a good person,” she says. “I think that means serving others. When you find a need and your abilities coincide with that need, there is an obligation to help. Without really thinking too long and hard about it, I just keep going. Way leads onto way.”

That desire to keep going has led the irrepressible Preska into adventures she never would have imagined. “Would you believe I am getting involved in ice hockey? In the sands of Arabia, there is a women’s ice hockey team,” she says. “Of course, I am not an ice hockey player, but we have a University that has a lot of success so I can put people in touch.”

In her quest to serve others, Preska continues to connect people, improve education opportunities and steadfastly promote Minnesota State Mankato around the world. ♪

*“Jane Earley has been an endless supporter of not only arts and humanities in general, but performing arts in particular.”*

—PRESIDENT RICHARD DAVENPORT



THE EARLEY CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS (ABOVE); JANE EARLEY AND PAUL HUSTOLES AT THE CENTER’S NAMING CEREMONY (RIGHT)



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**(1)** MnSCU Chancellor Steven Rosenstone at Purple Gold & Guthrie, the Twin Cities launch of the Big Ideas Campaign, in February. **(2)** Margaret R. Preska (left) and President Richard Davenport (right) with philanthropists Al '65 and Kathy Lenzmeier. **(3)** Kristen Vlasak and Yessica Santana, Academic Support Advisor. **(4)** From left, friends of the University Brad and Liz Radichel, Sam Roy '77, Representative Kathy Brynaert, Mary Davenport and President Richard Davenport.



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**(1)** Jean Spellacy and Terri Evers at the Emeriti Holiday Reception. **(2)** Linda and Dean Seaver '83 at the Twin Cities Reception in December. **(3)** Ryan Schuh '00 with his wife Wendy and their two girls at Homecoming. **(4)** Jen Myers (top) '05 with (bottom, left to right) Kristle Wolcott '08, Jason Ryba (graduating '12) and faculty member Jessica Devine at Homecoming 2011.



# classnotes

## 1950s

**FRANK WILKINS, '50**, Willmar, MN, is retired.

**STANLEY SORENSON, '56**, Minneapolis, MN, retired from working as a senior industrial hygiene specialist at a major multi-national company.

## 1960s

**BONNIE (JOHNSON) FERGUSON, '61**, Kenore, WA, lives in Washington and has a daughter.

**TOM CRONE, '63**, Minneapolis, MN, is a seventh-degree black belt in Judo who currently holds the spot of highest ranked Minnesotan judo-ist. After writing in various ways over the years, his first novel, *Camouflage*, has been published.

**RONALD GOWER, '63**, Mankato, MN, recently published his book, *Fish Tales*, which is an autobiography of the fishing life. He and his wife are retired.

**FRED JOHNSON, '65, '71**, Sarasota, FL, recently received his U.S. Coast Guard Boat Captains License, which allows him to charter up to six passengers and crew.

**KEN NICOLAI, '66**, Concord Township, OH, is the vice president, global procurement with Wal-Mart Canada.

**MARILYN GOODRICH, '67**, Santa Monica, CA, has been traveling since she retired from Santa Monica College in June 2010.

**DAVID MAISER, '67**, Excelsior, MN, is president of Brandspring Solutions in Eden Prairie, MN. He recently was elected as president of the Board of Trustees of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

**CYRUS FARMER, '68**, Kandem, Germany, is an international representative with Campus Crusade for Christ.

## 1970s

**EUNYS KLOEMPEN, '70, '88**, Belle Plaine, MN, is a retired elementary teacher.

**JOHN MULDER, '70**, Riceville, IA, is an NH administrator with Continuum Health Care Services. He has written the book, *Shots Fired*.

**GARY FRANKE, '71**, Lexington, VA, recently was inducted into the Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum for lifetime service in the sport.

**MARIAN ANDERSON, '71**, St. James, MN, is a painter whose recent painting "Journey" will be hung in Minnesota State Mankato's Centennial Student Union as a permanent piece of art.

**CONNIE (LANGMADE) COURNOYER, '72**, Lenoir, NC, recently retired after teaching for 37 years. She is looking forward to traveling, reading and visiting old friends.

**MARIA (LENZEN) GUNDERSON, '72, '75**, Evanston, IL, recently retired after teaching art for 34 years. She is looking forward to working on her art and traveling.

**KATHY (HARTMANN) SEVERTSON, '72**, Lena, WI, is an activity aid with Rennes Health & Rehab in Peshtigo, WI.

**BARRY DALE, '73**, Harvard, IL, recently retired after 35 years as the director of finance with the U.S. Department of Labor in Chicago.

**LARRY DUISBERG, '73**, Arcadia, FL, is a retired psychotherapist and ham radio operator.

**JOYCE (BONNER) GRACIE, '73**, Santa Maria, CA, retired last summer after teaching kindergarten for 35 years. She holds her master's from Pepperdine University. She and her husband have two daughters.

**CRAIG WALDRON, '73**, Roseville, MN, is the city administrator for the City of Oakdale. Recently, he was awarded the International City/County Managers L.P. Cookingham Award for career development.

**DENNIS WAHLSTROM, '74**, North Mankato, MN, is in his 37th year at KEYC-TV, where he now holds the position of vice president and general manager. His wife, **KAREN (ERICKSON) WAHLSTROM, '70**, is retired but very involved in the evolving Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.

**MICHAEL GALLAGHER, '76**, Blue Springs, MO, is a sales coordinator with Durvet Inc. He and his wife, Thya, have three adult children and four grandkids.

**KHALID KUNWAR, '76**, Karachi, Pakistan, is retired.

**HON. MARLIN APPELWICK, '77**, Seattle, WA, received the 2011 President's Award from the Washington State Bar Association. He's in his 14th year as a judge on the Washington State Court of Appeals.

**CINDY MOLINE, '77**, Glendale, AZ, retired at the end of last year as a policy analyst with the Internal Revenue Service. She enjoys running half marathons, playing golf and traveling. She and her husband have two adult children.

**LOU PAULSON, '78**, Aitkin, MN, is a corrections agent with Central Minnesota Community Corrections in Aitkin. She has two adult children who are both attending college—one at Minnesota State Mankato.

**CATHERINE PETERSON, '78**, St. Paul, MN, is president of C J Petersen & Associates, LLC and was recently appointed to the International Trade Advisory Committee by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

## 1980s

**CRAIG RAYMAN, '80**, Glenville, MN, is a teacher/activities director with the Glenville-Emmons Schools, where he has taught for 22 years. He is a life member in the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association and was elected fire chief of the Glenville Volunteer Fire Department in 2008.

**PAUL AMENT-GJENVICK, '81**, Woodstock, GA, is the archivist and curator with Gjenvick-Gjonvik Archives. His wife is an artist who has worked on a number of movies.

**LINDA (GOGAL) BARNUM, '81**, Christiansburg, VA, lives in Virginia.

**ADAM KRAKER, '81**, Mesa, AZ, is a self-employed Internet marketer. Prior to this, he spent many years in various sales positions.

**STEVE LOOMIS, '81**, Show Low, AZ, is a sales representative with Shamrock Foods.

**MICHAEL QUARANTA, '81**, New Castle, DE, is the principal at the Podesta Group in Washington, D.C.

**LISA (HARMSSEN) BURKHARTZMEYER, '82**, Faribault, MN, is a child support/fraud supervisor with Scott County.

**ANITA FLINNER-MCCAFFREY, '82**, Burnsville, MN, is a preschool teacher at the St. James Lutheran Early Education Center in Burnsville.

# 2012 Distinguished Alumni Awards

April 20, 6 p.m.

Centennial Student Union

## Honorees

**Harold J. Fitterer Service  
to Minnesota State  
University, Mankato Award**

William Flies '64  
Donald C. Kreye '88



William Flies '64



Donald C. Kreye '88



Timothy A. Huebsch '02



Chris Schmidt '01

**Distinguished Young  
Alumni Award**

Timothy A. Huebsch '02  
Chris Schmidt '01



Jerry K. Lee '77



Margaret A. MacRae '70

**Humanitarian Award**

Jerry K. Lee '77  
Margaret A. MacRae '70

**Achievement Award**

Virginia A. Dahlstrom MA '88  
Duane P. Grandgenett '66  
Nicole L. Helget '01, MFA '07  
Donovan Schwichtenberg '60



Virginia A. Dahlstrom  
MA '88



Duane P.  
Grandgenett '66



Nicole L. Helget  
'01, MFA '07



Donovan  
Schwichtenberg '60

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**JOHANNES ALLERT, '83**, Oak Grove, MN, works in patient support with Boston Scientific. He recently received his master's of arts degree from Norwich University Military College of Vermont.

**JOHN SCHREIBER, '83**, West Concord, MN, is an English teacher and theater director with the Triton Public Schools. His sixth novel, *Heartstone: Under the Shadow*, has been published in print and e-book format.

**JEFF SCHUETZ, '84, '92**, Eagan, MN, is a credit card product manager with M&I—part of BMO Financial Group in Minneapolis, where he has been involved with a number of card and payment program launches.

**MAUREEN (ZENK) WALKER, '84**, Eden Prairie, MN, is in strategic sales with Eastman Kodak.

**JOLEEN PATER, '85**, Manchester, UK, is a research fellow at The University of Manchester, in the school of physics and astronomy.

**PJ MCGANN, '85, '87**, Ann Arbor, MI, is on the faculty in the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan, and has a book coming out, *Sociology of Diagnosis: Advances in Medical Sociology* (vol. 12).

**SUSAN (BERG) BENNETT, '86**, Gatesville, TX, is a transcription supervisor with Hillcrest Hospital/Scott & White Healthcare in Waco, TX. Most recently, she spearheaded and implemented a new platform for her transcription department.

**YVONNE CARIVEAU, '86**, Mankato, MN, is the president and owner of VoyageurWeb—a company that creates and updates web sites. Work the company did for Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato earned recognition as the eighth Best College Web Site.

**CRAIG OSLUND, '87**, Rochester, MN, is the vice president/business development with Merchants Bank.

**BARBARA (OJALA) DEMASTER, '88**, Eagan, MN, retired in June as the assistant superintendent of the Saint Paul Public Schools. She spent 30 years in education and is currently doing consulting work.

# class notes

*Your classmates are eager to hear about you!*

**DONNA HENNING, '88**, Redwood Falls, MN, has been appointed to the Minnesota Early Learning Council by Governor Dayton. She has spent more than 20 years working in early childhood education.

**DANIEL AUGDAHL, '89**, Orland Park, IL, is the golf course superintendent at the Lansing Country Club in Lansing, IL.

## 1990s

**JAMES KAVALOSKI, '91**, Roseville, MN, is the president/CEO of Pipefitters/Steamfitters Credit Union in Saint Paul.

**JAMES MASON, '91**, Stillwater, OK, recently received his Ph.D in Sociology from Oklahoma State University. Currently, he is a lecturer at the Spears School of Business, where he teaches consumer behavior, promotional strategy and an honors course.

**KEVIN GILLES, '92**, Rancho Cordova, CA, is the executive director, government accounting and compliance, with Aerojet in Rancho Cordova.

**ROGER DIER, '93**, Oshkosh, WI, is a senior outreach specialist with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, WI. His first book, *Scarlet Ice*, has been published by Two Harbors Press in Minneapolis. The book is about John Janavaras and the 1994-95 Mankato West Scarlets hockey team.

**TODD FAHLSTROM, '97, '07**, Pueblo, CO, is a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the State of Colorado. He and his wife,

**AMANDA (JOHNSON) (HART) FAHLSTROM, '00**, had a baby in June, and Amanda is a stay-at-home mom. The pair also has three adult children.

**JACK FILLBRANDT, '94**, Kingwood, TX, is a principal with the Huffman Independent School District in Huffman, TX. He was chosen as Elementary Principal of the Year in June.

**KELLY MADER, '97**, Rice, MN, is a patrol sergeant with the City of Sartell, MN. His wife, **LORI MADER, '98**, is a nurse manager at the St. Cloud Veterans Medical Center.

**PENNY ROSENTHAL, '94**, Mankato, MN, is an assistant professor at Minnesota State Mankato and is looking forward to giving back to the University and its students.

**ALISON (CASTILLO) HERMANSON, '98**, St. Peter, MN, is in resource management with Verizon Wireless. She and her husband have two boys, and they enjoy various activities with them.

**ABDUL IDI, '98**, Bradenton, FL, is the head tennis pro at the River Strand Golf & Country Club.

**SPENCER KRAMBER, '98**, Los Angeles, CA, is an actor who appeared in a recent Clorox commercial.

**WALTER SAVAGE, '98**, Monrovia, CA, is a retired broadcaster and associate professor of telecommunications and film who has published several books. His most recent book, *The Children Shall be Blameless*, is due to come out later this year.

**DIANA JENSEN CRAMER, '99**, Spokane, WA, is in law school at Gonzaga University in Spokane, and is a Rule 9 Intern at the Spokane County Public Defenders Office.

**STACY (BRUNS) PEARSON, '99**, Savage, MN, received the Key Woman honor from the Minnesota Women of Today, an award that honors women who have dedicated their time to give back to the organization.

## 2000s

**JON BAUER, '01**, Brooklyn Center, MN, is a marketing manager with MTK Accounting in Edina, MN. He is enrolled in Minnesota State Mankato's MBA program. He and his wife welcomed their first child last fall.

**MEGAN (SNIEGOWSKI) DEZUR, '01**, Dover, DE, is a proud military wife. She and her husband have two kids.

**DAVID DRAGICH, '01**, Shakopee, MN, is a project manager with US Bank in Minneapolis.

**RYAN QUILLING, '01**, Blaine, MN, is a managed account specialist with Ameriprise in Minneapolis, where he has worked since graduating. He and his wife have five children, including two sets of twins.

**LISA ASHLEY, '02**, Eden Prairie, MN, is an attorney with Messerli & Kramer P.A., a Minneapolis-based law firm. She works on banking, finance and real estate issues.

**MARY (BROUGHTEN) BENNETT, '02**, Rochester, MN, has worked for the State of Minnesota Services for the Blind for 14 years as a career rehabilitation counselor.

## KEEP CURRENT ON CLASS NOTES

You don't have to wait for the Fall issue to find out what your friends and classmates have been up to. Visit the online version of TODAY at [today.mnsu.edu](http://today.mnsu.edu) regularly to read who's doing what—and submit your own note quickly and easily by scanning this code now!





Please use the form on page 23 to share your news. Class Notes are listed by decade and baccalaureate date.

**MATT BUSHMAN, '02**, Rochester, MN, has created a new card game called Power Trip and has launched his company, EPIK Games.

**SHAWN MULLEN, '02**, Hermantown, MN, is a physician assistant with Orthopedic Associates of Duluth in Duluth, MN.

**ADAM SCHUMANN, '03**, North Mankato, MN, is a production supervisor with Cambria. His wife, **LACEY SCHUMANN, '07**, is a registered nurse with Mayo Health System Mankato. They have three children.

**MIKE GUYER-WOOD, '04**, Mankato, MN, recently was promoted to vice president of marketing and sales for Scholarship Management Services, a program of Scholarship America.

**JOSHUA LARSON, '04**, Newbury Park, CA, is a network relations consultant with WellPoint Inc. in Newbury Park.

**MATT NORLAND, '04**, Mankato, MN, is a financial advisor with Meyer Financial & Consulting, LLC in Mankato. He recently obtained his Certified Financial Planner certification.

**TIFFANY (GERHOLZ) PERRIN, '04**, Monticello, MN, married **JOHN M. PERRIN, '06**, on July 5, 2008. John is in the Minnesota National Guard and currently is deployed in Kuwait. The couple welcomed their son, John William, on March 9, 2011.

**MICHELLE (MICKEY) FITCH, '05**, Superior, WI, is the assistant director of residence life at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. She and her partner, Marissa Wolfe, recently purchased their first home.

**KRISTIN KLAUSTERMEIER, '05**, Roseville, MN, is the senior administrative assistant – volunteer services for Courage Center in Golden Valley, MN.

**ERIC HOFFHEISER, '07**, Spring, TX, is a technical writer with NOV Tuboscope in Houston.

**HEATHER MUIR, '07**, Bowling Green, OH, is a lecturer at Bowling Green State University. She earned her Ph.D in sport management from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO.

**ANDREW POOLE, '07**, Duluth, MN, is practicing criminal defense with the public defender's office in Duluth after passing the bar exam and serving on temporary active duty. He also has been appointed as judge advocate in the Army Reserves.

**KATHRYN ROGGOW, '07**, Libertyville, IL, is a physician assistant student at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. She expects to graduate in 2013.

**SARAH ROTERING, '07**, New Ulm, MN, is the executive director for the Minnesota Valley Habitat for Humanity in New Ulm.

**JAKE SPOTT, '07**, Abingond, VA, is the head golf professional at Glenrochie Country Club in Abingond.

**BRIGHAM WACHAL, '07**, Harrisburg, SD, is the chief estimator for Midwestern Mechanical, Inc. in Sioux Falls, SD.

**RICHARD QUICKLE, '08**, Urbana, OH, is a corrections officer with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

**KYLE AHLMAN, '09**, Shakopee, MN, is the owner of Ahlman Engineering in Shakopee.

**KARISHMA (KAMATH) BROWNLEE, '09**, Waukegan, IL, is an outreach advocate with Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center. She works on educating young children to adults and training caregivers of people with disabilities. She is interested in abolishing the sex trafficking of women and children, among other issues.

**AMANDA (SLOWINSKI) BRZESZKIEWICZ, '09**, Madison, WI, met her husband, Josh, during a summer study in France. The couple wed on June 25, 2011.

**HANNAH (WINKLER) MATTHEISEN, '10**, Pine Island, MN, recently accepted an LGSW social work position at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

**GAIL (GAGNON) SCHMIDT, '10**, Belle Plaine, MN, is an alternate assessment specialist with the Minnesota Department of Education in Roseville, MN. Prior to this position, she taught special education in the Belle Plaine public schools.

**LUCAS WILDE, '11**, Eden Prairie, MN, is a revenue tax specialist with the Minnesota Department of Revenue in Saint Paul.

**RACHEL BUSCH, '11**, Buffalo, MN, is a science teacher and assistant girls' swim/dive coach within the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District. She also is helping with the high school's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. ♪

## ALUMNI EVENTS

- **4/20:**  
**Distinguished Alumni Awards**  
6 P.M., Centennial Student Union
- **4/25-5/2:**  
**Springtime in Paris Trip**  
From \$2,299 per person
- **6/15:**  
**Minnesota State Mankato Alumni and Friends Night at the Twins!**  
~ Reception: 4:30-6:30 P.M., Crown Plaza Sky Garden  
~ Game: 7:10 P.M., Minnesota Twins vs. Milwaukee Brewers
- **7/23-8/5:**  
**British Isles Odyssey**  
From \$4,799 per person
- **Join us for Homecoming 2012 September 24-29!**  
~ Dental Hygiene 40th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion  
~ Nursing Reunion  
~ College of Business Reunion and Events  
~ Golden Mavericks (graduates from 1962 and prior)  
~ President's FREE Pancake Breakfast  
~ 2nd Annual Alumni and Friends 5K  
~ And much more!



# in memoriam

## 1930s

Alice (O'Hearn) Rohloff '31  
 Betty H. (Hull) Chesley '33  
 Vera L. (Wetzel) Mittelstaedt '34  
 Evelyn P. (Postels) Stehley '36  
 Minerva Ethel (Carlson) Swanson '36  
 Luella Lucille Loewen '37  
 Mauraine Eugenia (Carlson) Valle '38  
 Lorraine A. Yenish '39, '53

## 1940s

Evelyn Margaret (Shelley) Current '40  
 Betty (Bahls) Fauskee '40  
 Florence Harding (Anderson) Larson '40  
 Elizabeth M. (Juhl) May '40  
 Dorothy Angela (Farm) Stromswold '41  
 Doris Virginia (Scrivner) Olson '42  
 Delores L. (Meyer) Rathman '42, '71  
 Monica Mary (Mountain) Paegel '43, '58  
 Wayne Wesley Knoss '46  
 Ardes (Kelso) Lebens '47  
 Norma Jeanne (Hansen) Marienau '48, '65  
 Elaine Grace (Schumann) Smith '49

## 1950s

Gordon Eugene Frahm '50  
 Pola A. (Miskoff) Jeddelloh '50, '61, '64  
 Walter Leland Mick '50  
 Milburne Reo Carrigan '51  
 Ray Cecil Olson '52  
 Deloy James Martens '54, '65  
 Thomas Henry Haws '55  
 Marie E. (Schloegel) Shim '55, '60  
 Corrine Evelyn (Welsand) Van Stelten '55, '59  
 Robert Lee Will '55  
 Richard E. Chase '53, '73  
 Edwin Richard Krueger '56  
 LeRoy R. Loewen '56  
 Rad Howard Banning '57  
 Martha I. (Dushek) Braunger '57, '63  
 David Lloyd Earp '58, '75  
 Ruth Jean (Smith) Rynda '58  
 Sandra Darlene (Michels) Fitterer '59  
 Curtiss Carlyle Henning '59  
 Ellamae A. (Appel) Josendahl '59  
 Helen Elizabeth (Miller) Kurt '59  
 William Lyle Lewis '59  
 Allen Henry Menssen '59  
 Robert L. Seha '59

## 1960s

Willis Todd Sautbine '60  
 Mary L. (Dunn) Bartelt '61  
 Marilyn Jean (Kruger) Brazell '61

Jack T. Genung '61  
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 Jerome W. Vinger '61, '69, '78  
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 Kathleen Sharon Salmon-Joyner '62  
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 Gary Albert Turk '65  
 Robert John McGillen '66  
 Helen Alberta (Ziegler) Wicks '66  
 Michael John Maher '67  
 Gerald Kent Olson '67  
 Richard John Wambeke '67  
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 Doris Louise (Davis) Rubsam '68  
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 Larry Michael Chesney '70, '72, '78  
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 Nancy Kay (Steffensen) Monson '70  
 Darrell Evan Nelson '70  
 Randall F. Owen '70  
 Charlotte Mae (Larkin) Teaser '70  
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 Jean Beverly Link '76  
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 Marcia Robin (Hill) Hetlevetd '83  
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 Claire Ellen Riesselmann '86  
 Rose Mary (Toelle) Scott '86  
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Bonnie (Byron) Griffiths '90  
 Linda Ann (Byers) Toner '91  
 Anita Jo (Toomer) Coon '92  
 Michelle Anne Lindemann '93  
 Michelle Marie Saari '93  
 Deborah Lynn (Artley) Viau '93  
 Mark Robert Dee '94  
 Thomas Montgomery Thornburg '95  
 Roland Terry Englund '96  
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