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STAY ENGAGED

The view from my office window is different this fall. Until the end of June, I could look up and glance out at Gage Towers, which was often a hub of campus life. I enjoyed watching students and their families on move-in day, and watching students, faculty and staff bustle in and out of Gage throughout the school year. There's still quite a bit of coming and going in that spot—but now it's construction vehicles I see, as crews work to remove the rubble left from the demolition of the Towers this past June.

Watching the Towers fall was both exciting and emotional. One of the most incredible parts for me was seeing the number of alumni, friends and community members who showed up for the event. It was a dreary, rainy morning, but more than 7,000 people were on campus as early as 7 A.M., and many more had staked out prime viewing spots around town as well. That level of engagement speaks volumes about what those buildings, and this University, have meant to people over the years, and it made the day all the more memorable for me as well. Thank you to all those of you who took part in that event—we were glad to share that moment with you!

In fact, we would love to see you more often. As alumni of Minnesota State Mankato, you are an important part of the University community. We are eager to hear the stories of your success post-graduation and to help you continue pursuing your big ideas in any way that we can. You are always welcome to visit the Career Development Center, for example, or to connect with faculty mentors who have been influential in your life. Our Alumni Association, which did a terrific job organizing the events surrounding the Gage demolition, would love to hear from you about other events in which you'd like to take part as well.

As a matter of fact, right now the Alumni Association is busy planning opportunities for you to engage with the University in the coming year. Homecoming is right around the corner, and I'm already looking forward to flipping pancakes for anyone who attends my annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning. Please stop by and say hello. It's always a great day, and a great way to reconnect with alumni and friends.

Finally, we support the goals of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system as we work arm and arm with Chancellor Steven Rosenstone in Charting the Future for higher education. As one of the leading universities in the state, we recognize the importance of graduating students who are well-prepared to enter the workforce. Students flock to our campus to receive a high quality, global education in more than 150 undergraduate and 75 graduate fields of study. Along with success comes growth. We continue to recognize increases in enrollment, and we expect to graduate record numbers of students over the next few years. In order to accommodate our statewide popularity among students as well as our institutional goals for excellence, we will need to invest in renovations to existing buildings, new academic and student service buildings, a pedestrian friendly campus, new instructional technology and highly qualified faculty and staff.

It's especially exciting to think about our future in light of our long history. In just five years, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary. As that time approaches, we will plan a major celebration around our sesquicentennial and will share more details as soon as they become available. We are thrilled that you are all part of our past and future as we strive to educate real-world leaders who are prepared to address the challenges of the future.

By the time we meet at Homecoming this year, I hope to be able to share some exciting news about the Big Ideas Campaign. If I miss you that day, please visit mnsu.edu for all of the latest news about the campaign, and our great University.

I hope to see you soon. Enjoy your TODAY. ☺

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newsbriefs

- The **MINNESOTA VIKINGS WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP ON THE MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO CAMPUS THROUGH AT LEAST 2015**, when the football team celebrates its 50th season in Mankato. “We appreciate Minnesota State Mankato and the City of Mankato for continuing to welcome the team and Vikings fans,” said Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf. “We look forward to reaching 50 years in Mankato.”
- Lino Lakes native **STEPHANIE PETERSON**, who started her first year at Minnesota State Mankato this fall, is the 17th **MEREDITH SCHOLAR** at the University. Peterson received the \$32,000, four-year Donald C. and Marjorie Meredith Scholarship, which will cover her tuition, fees and other expenses while at Minnesota State Mankato.
- The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system announced that **UNDERGRADUATE TUITION WILL BE FROZEN AT 2013 LEVELS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS**. The freeze was made possible by a \$78 million appropriation by the state legislature during the 2013 session.
- The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY** celebrated its **100TH YEAR** at Minnesota State Mankato last spring.
- The **MAVERICK FLIGHT TEAM PLACED 10TH** in the team competition at the **NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE FLYING ASSOCIATION SAFETY AND FLIGHT EVALUATION CONFERENCE** in Columbus, Ohio, last May—the team’s first ever top-10 national finish. They also received the Sportsmanship Award and the College Aviation Progress Award.
- Two Minnesota State Mankato programs were honored by MnSCU in 2012-13. **MAV CONNECTIONS**, which assists students struggling academically, emotionally or psychologically by intervening as quickly as possible, received an **INNOVATIVE STUDENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM AWARD**. **PROJECT MAVERICK**, which allows students to gain real-world experience in software development and testing projects through a collaboration with industry, was honored with the **INNOVATIVE PARTNERING AND COLLABORATION AWARD**.

SPACES

- The rubble left from the implosion of Gage Towers in June is in the process of being sorted, recycled and processed for re-use on the site; all of the steel will be recycled, and the concrete is being crushed to provide a base for the parking lot on this site that is expected to be finished in spring 2014. Only 5 percent of the materials from the demolition will end up going to a landfill.
- The Fountain’s concrete basin and mechanical pumping system were replaced over the summer and will be back in full operation early in the fall semester.
- New windows and a new HVAC ventilation system were installed in Morris Hall over the summer; the project also included new floor coverings, ceilings and paint for most spaces in the building.
- Work on the Pedestrian Connection between Memorial Library and the Centennial Student Union and the adjacent outdoor amphitheater will continue into the fall semester. Spring rains slowed the progress of the project, which means that library access will be rerouted to the north side of the building until a new concrete stoop is poured in late September.



GOING GLOBAL

When Steven Reuter, a professor of elementary and early childhood



education, traveled to Rwanda last December with the American Refugee Council, the last thing he expected to see was the familiar purple and gold logo that he had just left behind in Mankato. But then he was

introduced to a young man wearing a T-shirt from Minnesota State Mankato. That unexpected sighting helped link Reuter’s volunteer experience to his professional life back home—and added to the profound impact the trip had on him.

Q: TELL US WHAT YOU WERE DOING, AND THE IMPACT YOUR TRIP HAD ON THE REFUGEES IN RWANDA.

A: Our objective was to provide eye care for people in Gihembe Refugee Camp next to the Rwandan city of Byumba. There were 15,000 people living there, all refugees from the Congo. During our time we saw almost 4,000 people, many of whom waited in long lines in the pouring rain or hot sun.

Q: HOW DID YOU FIND THIS BOY IN THE MAVERICKS T-SHIRT?

A: Some of the other volunteers saw him wearing this shirt and couldn’t wait to get the two of us together for a photo op.

Q: WERE YOU ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM AT ALL?

A: Through an interpreter, I was able to let him know that I taught at that school in the United States. He appeared to understand the concept, partly because many of the children and interpreters attend school. He seemed quite proud that someone from the refugee team took this special interest in him.

The Gage Legacy

The two 12-story Gage Towers came down in 12.23 seconds, but the clock is still ticking on the sense of community rising out of the rubble.



On June 29, more than 6,000 alumni and friends returned to campus to watch the iconic Gage Towers tumble.

When the buildings came down, many of those watching cheered. Some laughed. Some cried. Some quietly watched a white cloud of dust, thick with the memories that had been stored within the fallen walls, roll across the field.

It was a bittersweet moment for many. Gage was home to more than 50,000 students during its 47 years on campus. It was a landmark on campus and in the community and a touchpoint for thousands of alumni. But it was desperately out-of-date and renovating it didn't make sense financially. It also didn't fit within the University's master plan for the "campus of the future," in which living and learning spaces

would be within close proximity, not separated by busy county roads.

The Gage Towers site will eventually be used to meet the growing demand for parking. Two new, modern residence halls have already been built to help house the students who would have lived in Gage. Plans for another will be considered as demand increases as well. But there will never be another Gage.

There is, however, a renewed spirit of community gathering strength in the wake of its demolition. Gage might be gone, but the friendships forged there—and rekindled in June—aren't. You clearly can't tear down memories.

But you can build new ones.





“Watching the Gage Towers coming down was both exciting and emotional.”

—PRESIDENT RICHARD DAVENPORT



It's impossible to count the ways Gage Towers will be remembered on campus or in the community, but there are a few things we can quantify about the buildings and their impact on Minnesota State Mankato students.

GAGE BY THE NUMBERS

2:

The number of towers—A and B

12:

The number of floors in each tower

292:

The number of rooms (and staff apartments) in A Tower

294:

The number of rooms (and staff apartments) in B Tower

586:

Total number of rooms

6,000:

The estimated number of people who attended the demolition

35,600:

The number of YouTube videos related to Gage Towers

50,000:

The estimated number of people who lived in Gage

1965:

The year Gage Towers opened

2012:

The last year students lived in Gage







PART OF THE FAMILY

From father to son to daughter, the Bresnahan family keep the ball rolling.

In 1977, St. Peter High School senior Bob Bresnahan chose to play baseball for Minnesota State Mankato largely because of a connection he felt with the University's brand new head coach, Dean Bowyer.

Bowyer had a sharp command of the game and an up-front style to coaching, Bresnahan recalls. But the way Bowyer cared about his players' families, how he spent time with and got to know Bresnahan's parents—that's what clinched the deal for him. Bresnahan played for four years with the man he and his family still call Coach.

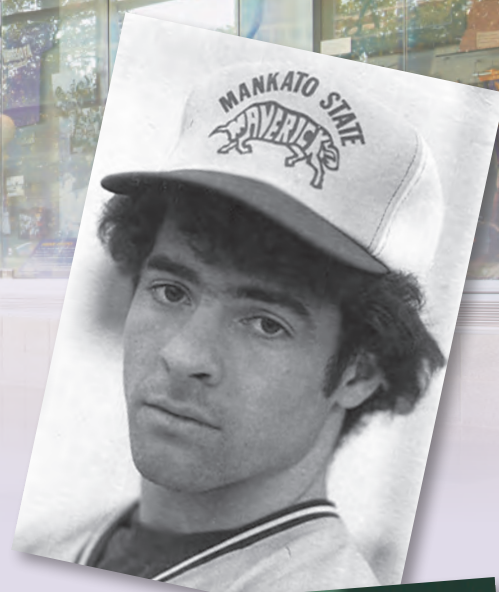
That family includes a son, Jay, who was an infielder for the Mavericks baseball team from 2006 to 2009, and a daughter, Jamie, now entering her junior year as a forward on the women's basketball team.

"My dad playing in Mankato actually wasn't a factor in my decision," Jay says. "In the end it really came down to Minnesota State Mankato being the best fit for me." Part of that fit was some scholarship money, the chance to play right away as a freshman and the proximity to the family's home in Edina.

"And obviously knowing Coach Bowyer growing up," Jay adds. "I knew what kind of a coach he was, what kind of a person he was. You want to play for somebody like Coach Bowyer."

During Jay's four years in Mankato, the team played each year in the NCAA Division II regional tournament. They took three conference championships and even beat the record set by his father's team in the late 1970s for most wins in a season. After working for Georgia State, Jay recently returned to Minnesota State Mankato as the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Student Services.

While her brother grew into his own as a Minnesota State Mankato baseball player, Jamie found herself excelling at high school basketball in Edina. She made varsity her freshman year, had the fifth-highest number of rebounds in school history, lettered every year and was named the team's most valuable player.





As high school graduation drew nearer and it was her turn to consider colleges, she was already familiar and impressed with Minnesota State Mankato and the effect it had on people she knew—namely her brother and father.

“Knowing the experience they had made it kind of hard to turn it down when you know that it’s going to be nothing but positive,” she says. She also knew the campus well enough to not need an extensive tour.

“I’d been there so many times with my brother that it was basically a second home to me, so the tour was pretty short,” she says. “I think it’s pretty clear the facilities we have are state of the art and top of the line.”

Jamie entered her freshman year with the same fire and focus she’d given her high school team. As a result, she played in every game and helped the team return to the NCAA tournament that had eluded it for three years.

“I’m a person who has high expectations for myself,” she says. “I don’t like losing. I’m super competitive.” The following year, the team went 26-6, the second-best record in school history behind the 2008-2009 NCAA Division II champs.

That competitiveness is a family trait that goes well beyond athletics, Jamie says.

“My brother and I always competed in getting good grades,” she says. “In my family, school comes first. We take pride in getting good grades and making sure that’s all taken care of because in four years it’s not going to be basketball that’s going to be getting you anywhere. You’ve got to use all the tools you learned from playing sports and put them into everyday life.”

Jamie is a junior majoring in accounting; she’s considering pursuing an MBA after graduation. In the meantime, there are two more years of games that are serving as family get-togethers.

“We didn’t miss any of Jay’s, and we don’t plan on missing any of hers either,” says Bob, who with his teammates was inducted to the University’s Hall of Fame in 2010. “There’s a window, and you’ve got to capture it.”



OFF THE FIELD

■ Minnesota State Mankato completed the 2012-13 season **RANKED FOURTH IN THE FINAL LEARFIELD SPORTS DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS**. This is the fifth time in the last seven seasons that the University has finished fourth or better in the Directors' Cup standings and the 12th straight year that the Mavericks have finished in the top 25 in the country. The fourth-place ranking completes a season that also included a first-place finish in the Northern Sun All-Sports Trophy standings and featured 21 All-Americans in seven different sports.

■ Junior **CHRIS REED** became the fifth Minnesota State Mankato athlete to win a national outdoor track and field title when he captured this year's NCAA DII shot put title in May. Reed captured this title with a school-record throw of 65 feet, 7 inches. He also garnered All-America honors in the discus (seventh place) and hammer throw (seventh place) at this year's NCAA outdoor championships.

■ Several new coaches have joined the Mavericks: **BRIAN BAHL**, who served as the head coach of the men's and women's soccer teams at Upper Iowa University for the last six seasons, becomes the fourth head coach in the history of Maverick women's soccer. **LOREN AHONEN** is the new head coach of the men's cross country program after serving as an assistant coach for Western State's men's track and field the previous two seasons. And **JIM DILLING**, who won four national championships in the high jump for the Mavericks, has been named the men's track and field head coach. Dilling has served as an assistant coach for the Mavericks the past two years.

■ Minnesota State Mankato will induct its Hall of Fame Class of 2013 on Sept. 27, including women's golfer **KASEY AANENSON** (1997-2001), men's cross country/track and field stand-out **DAVID JONES** (1967-71), women's basketball great **BRENDA STACHOWSKI** (1996-2000) and former football defensive back **DARRYL WILLS** (1984-87). Builders category inductees are former men's hockey and baseball player and current Gustavus women's hockey and baseball coach **MIKE CARROLL**, former multi-sport athlete and current NCAA Division I fastpitch umpire **RACHEL ROTH PALMER** and longtime local sports broadcaster **BARRY WORTEL**. The "team" inductee is the **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD TEAM FROM 1986-87**. Those interested in attending the dinner may register by calling 507.389.3235 or 888.234.3796 or visiting <http://alumni.mnsu.edu/hof>.



Noticing a Need

When Gladys Olson saw international students struggling, the mass communications professor decided to do something about it.

Gladys Olson first noticed the disparity while she was teaching class: As the hour ended, her American students would rush out the door in laughing groups, while her international students slowly gathered their books and left alone.

During Olson's tenure teaching journalism in Minnesota State Mankato's Mass Communications department, she became increasingly concerned about the isolation she saw some international students endure and the economic struggles they faced outside of the University.

Minnesota State Mankato has always attracted a widely varied student body, including a large number of international students. Today approximately 800 students from almost 90 different countries are enrolled. Olson took a special interest in those students while she was teaching and continued to support them after teaching her last class in 1984 as well.

In the 1970s and '80s, international students were predominantly men, many of whom had left their wives and children behind as they pursued their education. Dr. Kuhn Lee, the director of the International Student Office at that time, made a commitment to

bring spouses to Mankato as well. While that decision helped keep families intact, it produced additional financial stress for some young couples as they struggled to afford both tuition and day-to-day bills.

Olson remembers visiting one student and his wife at their apartment in a "rickety old office building" and being alarmed by what she saw. "Their furniture was all cardboard boxes," she says. "They had a refrigerator box turned horizontally and that was their table. They had no chairs and so they were on their knees, eating."

Olson was also concerned about the fact that the women and children often remained isolated at home. She and a group of like-minded individuals at the University decided to see if they could improve the

situation. "The first thing I did was start an international wives' club," she says. "At times it had as many as 40 or 45 wives in it. We took turns entertaining them for dinner. At one time I had tables set up in my living room, dining room and both bedrooms."

While social outreach was important, she believed that what the students really needed was more financial assistance. In 1988, she petitioned the University Foundation board for a seed fund of \$10,000 to start an international student scholarship fund.

"There was silence," she recalls. "Six months later I brought it up again and one of the people finally said, 'Gladys, maybe you'll have to start this and then we'll give as we are able.' I didn't have \$10,000, but I did write a check for \$1,000. Then at the end of the meeting, two of the board members stopped me. The first man was Joe Abdo and the second was Marion Carr. They each [personally] gave me \$250, so we had \$1,500 to start."

From that somewhat inauspicious beginning, the International Student Endowment has grown into a robust financial resource. Through a series of generous financial gifts from a tightly knit, dedicated community of benefactors, the fund now includes more than \$700,000 and provides nine scholarships of between \$2,300 and \$2,500 each year. The goal is to increase the fund to \$1 million in three years, so that more scholarships can be available.

In September, the International Student and Scholar Services office is celebrating the official renaming of the fund in Olson's honor. Olson

remains uncomfortable with the plaudits she's receiving and chooses to redirect attention to the myriad accomplishments of the scholarship recipients themselves. At 97, she remains actively involved with the University and the scholarship program and takes pride in each of the students she's met through it.

"I guess what I'm most proud of about the endowment is that

it actually happened, since it had such a feeble, pathetic beginning," she says. "And then I guess I'm proud that I could interest other people in joining me with it." ❧

Gladys Olson says that the international scholars she has met through the endowment are among the best and the brightest that she has ever met, and many have gone on to do incredible things post-graduation. Stories from several of those scholars can be found at the online TODAY, at today.mnsu.edu.

Investing in Futures

Local businesses see their gifts to the College of Business as investments in their future employees.



Banks or accounting firms could deal with having a state university with a strong college of business in their back yard in several ways. One safe and predictable approach would be to simply count their blessings, knowing that they likely will nab some good talent from the steady stream of graduates.

Or they could take a bigger-picture approach, which is what Abdo, Eick & Meyers, an accounting firm, and United Prairie Bank have chosen to do. Both companies are committed to supporting Minnesota State Mankato's College of Business not only to benefit the University, but also their own businesses.

"One of the things I think all banks and small businesses see as a challenge for the future is quality staff," says Scott Bradley, the chief executive officer of United Prairie Bank. "The College of Business fits our business model. They're growing people who could fit in our organization, whether they're credit analysts or business bankers or customer service representatives ... We think there's potential there to recruit some pretty good talent who wants to live and work in southern Minnesota."

Founded by Minnesota State Mankato alumnus James G. Sneer in 1973, United Prairie has banks in 11 southern Minnesota cities, including Mankato. Sneer's son Stuart, also a University alum, took over as bank president in 2002 and oversees the system with Bradley.

"We're in a lot of communities that Minnesota State Mankato serves," Bradley says. "A lot of people from the territories we serve go to Minnesota State Mankato. We think it's important to give back and support the area."

United Prairie Bank is providing financial support to both the Global Solutions Center and the Integrated Business Experience (IBE) program. Its gift to IBE creates a partnership that includes naming the program the United Prairie Bank Integrated Business Experience.

Bradley says that the real-world approach of the IBE program, which provides students with an opportunity to start real businesses as entrepreneurs would, helps students transition out of theory-based learning and into reality-based experiences. IBE provides the kind of education and experience that can come only from doing, not by discussing, he says. "It's the real-world experience," Bradley adds. "Education is wonderful and it's important, but real-world integration is really where the rubber meets the road."

Abdo, Eick & Meyers has been investing in the University's business program for most of the firm's 50 years in Mankato. Its founder, Joe Abdo, graduated from the University determined to run his own

CPA firm, despite lucrative offers to work elsewhere. Today, the firm he started employs 110 people and operates offices in both Mankato and Edina. An estimated half of its employees are Minnesota State Mankato graduates.

Abdo, Eick & Meyers has supported Minnesota State Mankato in a number of ways over the years. It has offered financial support for scholarships and has had a presence on the College of Business advisory boards. The firm also recently pledged the lead gift toward the Advisory Council Executive Suite in the Global Solutions Center.

Don Kreye, the firm's business development manager and current member of the College of Business Advisory Council, said the gift is a logical extension of Abdo, Eick & Meyers' longtime association with the University. "The College of Business is making a significant impact in the current and future success of our firm and business community," Kreye says. "We are contributing to that future success and the success of all the students and business leaders who will utilize the room."

It's their preparedness for market particulars that makes Minnesota State Mankato graduates ideal employees, says Steve McDonald, managing partner of the firm. It also helps that students at Minnesota State Mankato tend to be from the kind of places where Abdo, Eick & Meyers does business. McDonald said 35 percent of the company's clients are municipal governments in towns with populations less than 10,000.

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*— Scott Bradley,
United Prairie Bank*

"It takes unique abilities to serve that client group," McDonald says. "The attributes of the kid who attends Minnesota State Mankato match up well with what we're looking for."

"It's really important they can communicate with decision-makers, and communication is always a tough thing to match up," McDonald adds. "We have found consistently that the group of kids who come here are able to go out relatively early on and handle themselves professionally and be able to get their point across and provide solutions and ideas." 🐾

maverick scene



(1) Former Vikings player Bob Lurtsema spoke at the Gage implosion. **(2)** Angela Wucherpennig '13, Natekia Stokes '99 and Tracy Stokes-Hernandez '03 had their photo taken pretending to "press the plunger" at the Gage implosion. **(3)** Stacy Pearson '99 receives the Humanitarian Award from President Richard Davenport at the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Awards presentation last spring.

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(1) Margie (McDermott) Harkins '77, '84, Jan (Rosenberg) DeVries '75 and Brenda (Olson) Knowles '78 attended the alumni event at the Twins game in June. **(2)** President Davenport with Vikings Coach Leslie Frazier at the conclusion of the team's 2013 Training Camp. **(3)** A group of 30 bicyclists, including 17 alums, rode a total of 24 miles together from campus to Rapidan, where they stopped for a piece of pie, and back.



class notes

Your classmates are eager to hear about you!

1950s

CHARLES JOHNSON, '50, Winona, MN, retired from McDonnell Douglas after 30 years. He has raised eight kids who are now adults living around the world. He enjoyed his time at Mankato State Teachers College.

LEO HEIMENDINGER, '52, Powder Springs, GA, is a retired teacher who spent 27 years working in all levels of Boy Scouts. He also has been a night auditor and a justice of the peace.

RICHARD MYSHAK, '54, '62, Alameda, CA, is a retired teacher/environmental consultant who was appointed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by President Carter.

WALTER SEMBAUER, '54, Chatsworth, CA, is a retired senior chemist with Honeywell who is now gardening full time.

MARLY (JOHNSON) PARSA, '56, Leawood, KS, is a retired registered nurse who also taught.

EDYTHE (BLEICHWEHL) PETERSON, '56, Roseville, MN, is retired and lives in Roseville.

ROGER HINIKER, '59, Carlsbad, CA, is a retired teacher who taught for 32 years in the Oceanside Unified School District. He and his wife, Grace, have two adult children and three grandchildren.

LOWELL NUTTER, '59, Elysian, MN, spends winters in Peoria, AZ.

1960s

DAVE BRUELS, '60, Seattle, WA, is the president/owner of Interlake China Tours, Inc., which he has been running for 25 years. He retired from his business career at age 47.

CAROL (WOLNER) WENDT, '61, Hutchinson, MN, was inducted into the Minnesota Golf Coaches' Association Hall of Fame in 2006. She also coached girls' golf in Hutchinson for 20 years. She is retired.

NORMAN DLUESS, '62, Brookings, SD, is retired and living in Brookings.

CARL WITT, '63, Marietta, GA, retired from financial management with IBM.

ROBERT KOGER, '63, Bareau, MI, and his wife, **LYNN (RAINEY) KOGER, '63**, are members of the USO/AETA (American Educational Theater Assoc.) who tour worldwide. The couple is looking forward to the 50th reunion with the cast of the 1963 "Guys & Dolls" production.

ROGER SCHAFFLER, '63, Surprise, AZ, retired after teaching secondary and university mathematics for 34 years at various places. He is enjoying retirement.

CARROLL AUSTINSON, '65, Rochester, MN, is a retired teacher who taught in Stewartville, MN, for 34 years.

VIC GUNST, '65, Reynoldsburg, OH, is retired.

DAVID NELSON, '65, '71, Maple Lake, MN, is a self-employed realtor.

LAROY WIEBOLD, '65, Arizona City, AZ, is a science teacher in the Casa Grande Elementary School District.

NAOME (REIMER) PREGLER, '66, '70, Eagan, MN, is retired and loving it. Prior to retirement she taught in District 196 (Rosemount, Apple Valley and Eagan) for 11 years and held a number of other careers.

KATHLEEN MCCAY, '67, '72, Rochester, MN, is the head of childcare at Pax Christi Catholic Church.

KATHLEEN (SEABURG) RIKLI, '67, Casa Grande, AZ, is a retired teacher who taught for 30 years in Scottsdale, AZ. She volunteers with the local police department as a citizen on patrol and on its crisis team.

WARREN MCNAB, '68, '70, Las Vegas, NV, is professor emeritus at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he spent 32 years.

SUSAN (ALBAUGH) RENGSTOF, '68, Shoreview, MN, was a first grade teacher for six years in St. Paul, MN. She then moved into fragrance sales. She has two adult sons, and she's an active volunteer.

DAVID SCHOENECK, '68, St. Paul, MN, won the Donald G. Padilla Distinguished Practitioner Award at the 35th annual Minnesota Public Relations Society of America Classics Awards banquet.

J J SELLAND, '68, '92, Elm Grove, WI, is retired and fondly recalls his days at Minnesota State Mankato, where he taught an early morning water aerobics class. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and is looking forward to its 50th anniversary in 2015.

THOMAS SHULTZ, '68, Morro Bay, CA, is a professional artist whose car paintings were exhibited in the Automotive Museum in Los Angeles in the late 1990s.

COMPTON BELLE, '69, Orlando, FL, lives in Orlando.

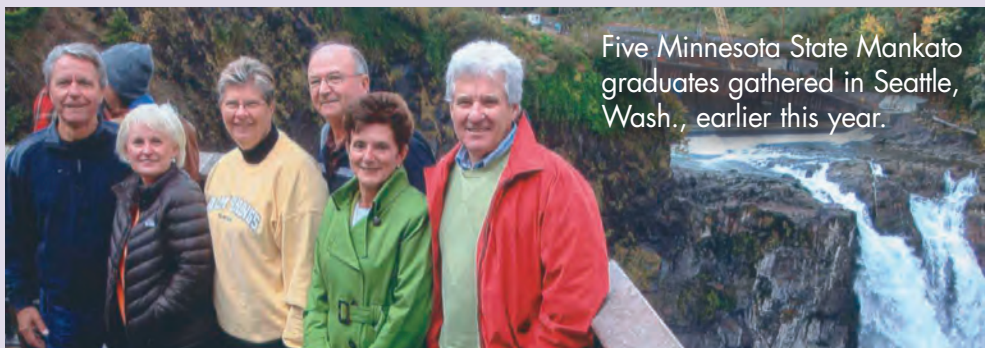
JOHN DICKERMAN, '69, Mankato, MN, is the former owner of Web Construction. He is now retired.

MICHAEL FELIX, '69, '79, Grand Rapids, MN, is a land broker with Michael N. Felix, Assoc. Brokers, a company he owns. Prior to that he was in the Navy and worked as an airport planner. He then moved into land development. He writes books and has a small place in New Mexico where he writes.

JAMES SMITH, '69, Crystal, MN, is retired.

1970s

DENNIS GILLESPIE, '70, Clarkston, MI, retired from Abex Corporation as the vice president of sales.



From left to right: **DON CRACE '69**, **LINDA OSMUNDSON CRACE '69**, **FAYE BEESE COLLINS '68**, **JIM COLLINS '67**, **JACKIE FRANER HARTMAN '69** and **JOHN "DUFF" HARTMAN**.

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

GAYLORD HARBERTS, '70, Minneapolis, MN, a controller/Asia Pacific with Graco Inc. recently completed his assignment in China and is headed to Uruguay.

TED RUTHERFORD, '70, Urbandale, IA, is an assistant vice president with Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines.



SHANNON SAVICK, '70, Wells, MN, defeated incumbent Rich Murray (R-Albert Lea) to represent District 27A in the Minnesota House of Representatives. She had previously served

on the Wells City Council.

ROGER SAXTON, '70, New Ulm, MN, recently retired as transportation supervisor from the Holmen School District in Wisconsin. He worked in transportation with various other school districts over his career. He has served as president of the Minnesota Association of Pupil Transportation, and recently he moved to New Ulm.

PATRICIA WEICHERT, '70, San Antonio, TX, retired after teaching for 18 years.

KAREN ANDERSON, '71, Grahamstown, South Africa, is a retired science instructor with Merced Union HS Dist., Merced College in Merced, CA. She married and lives in South Africa where she has presented at the Nation's Scifest for the past three years. She also helps at SAIAB and continues to study the reefs in Cozumel, Mexico.

LES TLOUGAN, '71, '78, Waseca, MN, retired from library/media/technology in 2006/2008 and then retired as track starter in 2012, after 34 years. He was elected to the Waseca City Council in 2008 and 2012.

HERMAN BACCHUS, '72, Antioch, IL, is a consultant in chemicals for R&D Strategy and Innovation. He made his career in chemicals with various companies.

THOMAS FINAN, '72, Ashland, VA, is retired.

ROBERT MEINHARD, '72, Brooklyn Center, MN, is a self-employed investor. He is proud of his Vietnamese-born wife, Tuyet, who has proved that hard work and perseverance pay off.

JAMES PETERSON, '72, Eden Prairie, MN, is an engineering manager with Permac Industries.

STEPHEN BROWN, '73, '84, Murfreesboro, TN, and his wife are retired and divide their time between Murfreesboro and Panama City Beach in Florida, where they manage a number of ocean front condominiums.

JOAN (LAYTON) BOWSHER, '74, Helena, MT, has been the nutrition/ WIC section supervisor for the last seven years.

GARY FREEBURG, '74, '77, Harrisonburg, VA, is the director of the Sawhill Gallery at James Madison University in Harrisonburg. Some of his photography will be on display in the Conkling Gallery at Minnesota State Mankato this fall during homecoming.

THOMAS ROGGOW, '74, St. Peter, MN, is an office specialist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Prior to that, he spent more than 30 years working at the security hospital in St. Peter, along with other regional centers.

JON LARSON, '75, Stillwater, MN, retired after working 32 years as the Washington County Veterans Service Officer.

DAN STANLEY, '75, Prior Lake, MN, established Stanley & Wencil LLC Construction & Facility Services in March 2012. The company serves commercial and industrial clients throughout Minnesota. He also serves on the advisory board for the Minnesota State Mankato Construction Management program.

DEBORAH (HAUB) VACEK, '75, San Diego, CA, retired from CAPT Nurse Corps, United States Army Reserve. Her husband, **JAMES VACEK, '74**, retired from the United States Navy Reserve CAPT, Dental Corps.

HARRIS NELSON, '76, Columbia, MO, retired in October 2012 after 31 years with United Parcel Service.

LAWRENCE FREDERICK, '77, Johnstown, CO, lives in Johnstown.

L. DAVID LINDBERG, '77, Eagan, MN, is a sales manager with First Choice Ingredients in Germantown, WI.

DAVID ENFIELD, '78, '81, Sheldon, IA, is the owner of the Sunset Motel in Sheldon. He remarried in October 2012.

BRIAN STEELE, '78, Shoreview, MN, has been promoted to risk examiner with the FDIC, a position he received after passing a technical exam.

1980s

FRANCIS DAHMUS, '80, Burnsville, MN, is a software engineer with Northrop Grumman in Minneapolis.

SHEILA (JACOBSON) HERKE, '80, '81, Mankato, MN, retired from Minnesota State Mankato in 2001 after working about 33 years there. In addition to working at the University, she had her own wedding decorating business for about 10 years. She and her husband spend their winters in Surprise, AZ.

KAREN THOMPSON KINKEL, '80, Des Moines, IA, is a certified nursing assistant and a member of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). She has three adult children.

DR. RANDAL MUNSEN, '80, '90, Tucson, AZ, is the chair of the department of social and behavioral sciences at Pima Community College. He recently was named a Diocesan Scholar by the Diocese of Tucson.

CONNIE (DEMENT) SCHMIDT, '81, South St. Paul, MN, is a coordinator with Merrick, Inc., a training and habilitation center for people with developmental disabilities. She now is doing what she loves after spending 25 years in the banking industry.

MICHAEL BOOKER, '82, Barnhart, MO, has been promoted to division chair of communication and fine arts at Jefferson College in Missouri.

BRENT VAN DORSTEN, '82, '86, Denver, CO, is the president of the Colorado Center for Behavioral Medicine in Denver.

MARK JOHNSON, '83, Somerset, WI, recently was promoted to vice president-project management at Derrick Building Solutions LLC in New Richmond, WI. He has been with the company since 1995, leading a number of projects over the years.

JAYNE (DYKEMA) ZURN, '83, Cambridge, MN, is a licensed school nurse with Independent School District 911.

JACK FILLBRANDT, '84, Kingwood, TX, is a principal with the Huffman Independent School District and was recognized in June as Huffman ISD's Principal of the Year.

TIMOTHY GERHART, '84, Columbia City, IN, is a manufacturing supervisor with Schneider Electric in Huntington, IN.

DAWN (BENDORF) WILKE, '84, Aitkin, MN, is an SAC coordinator with the Aitkin Schools and the office manager at Farm Island Repair & Marine.



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HEAN WITTHOFT, '84, '88, Doha, Qatar, is the assistant director of administration with the Qatar Foundation. She has been working in the Arabian Gulf for 23 years, but still considers Mankato to be home.

BECKY BYRN-SCHMID, '85, '03, Maple Grove, MN, recently moved to Maple Grove where she plans to change careers within education. Prior to this she was an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Case Facilitator with Minnesota Valley Education District in St. Peter, MN.

LINDA BRUSS, '87, Fort Atkinson, WI, is a clinical social worker with Edgerton Hospital and Health Service. Her greatest joy is her first grandchild, whom she visited in July.

LORI (OLSON) HOPKINS, '87, Battle Creek, MI, has been an accountant and financial services chief with the U.S. Government for 20 years. In 2013 she received the Professional Development Award for leadership in promoting education, professional development and lifelong learning from the Association of Government Accountants in Lansing, MI.

ADAM MANS, '87, Edina, MN, recently was promoted to president of Marquette Asset Management in Minneapolis, which is part of Marquette Financial Companies owned by the Pohlad Companies. He has been with the company since 2005.

REBECCA (CLASSEN) REINARZ, '87, Laporte, MN, is a teacher with the Voyageurs Expeditionary School in Bemidji, MN.

ARMIN STECK JR., '87, Eagle Lake, MN, is the owner/editor of Mankatotimes.com, a local online paper that covers a 40-mile radius.

JOHN FRAWLEY, '88, Sausalito, CA, is president and CEO of the Bay Institute in San Francisco, CA. He was recently recognized by San Francisco's mayor for his work in restoring, preserving and protecting the San Francisco watershed.

RAMZI (ANSAR) AHMED, '89, Beirut, Lebanon, is an associate professor at the Lebanese American University in Beirut.

DEANNA (ANDERSON) AMBORN, '89, Maplewood, MN, is a speech language pathologist with the St. Paul Schools.

JOHN RYAN, '89, Ventura, CA, is a manager, services & support for Tri-Counties Regional Center in Oxnard, CA. He recently was elected to a two-year term as president of BnB International Square Dance Clubs.

1990s

JOSEPH KOLTES, '90, Champlin, MN, is a managing partner with Twin Cities Home Source, a real estate company. He also is a member of the board of directors at Hammer Residence in Wayzata, MN—a larger non-profit organization that takes care of mentally and physically challenged individuals. He and his wife, Gina, have a 12-year-old son.

SALLY (WEBER) SCHROER, '90, Elysian, MN, is a child protection worker with Le Sueur County Human Services.

JAMES HAWKSFORD, '91, Woodbury, MN, is a lead BioMed technician with the American Red Cross in St. Paul, MN.

ALAN SCHLOMANN, '91, Ham Lake, MN, is a health and physical education teacher with the ISD 15 St. Francis.

FUH-LIANG WEN, '92, Chutung, Taiwan, is a professor at St. John's University—Taipei Campus.

JEFFREY LUNDE, '93, Brooklyn Park, MN, is the mayor of Brooklyn Park and recently was honored as the After School Champion as part of youth day at the capitol this summer. The After School Network works with youth, cities, counties, and school districts to help young ones gain success in an often challenging world.

GUSTAVO PLATA, '93, Panama, is a distribution manager for Importadora Maduro, S.A.

NATHAN MEEHLING, '94, Mankato, MN, is the director of business development with Asset Discovery Corp., and his wife, **KELLY MEEHLING, '95**, is a client service manager with the same company. They have five young children.

JOHN SAFRANEK, '94, Denton, TX, recently became the chief administrator with Denton County in Texas.

DARRELL LINDEMANN, '95, Excelsior, MN, is the president/owner of Team Lindemann Sales, LLC.

ROBIN THRONE, '95, Leclaire, IA, received the fourth David R. Collins Literary Achievement Award from the Midwest Writing Center. She was honored for her support of writers, her involvement in writing programs, her independent literary press and her publication record.

MIR ALI, '96, Chaska, MN, is married and lives in Chaska.

DR. ROBERTA PELLANT, '96, Mashpee, MA, is vice president of marketing and organizational development with Bum Boosa Bamboo

Products—a woman-run company with a green initiative. She also is an adjunct professor at Bentley University. She has two adult children.

BRIAN DIETZ, '97, '98, Waseca, MN, has become the superintendent of Waseca Public Schools. He has served in various positions in a number of school districts throughout his educational career. He and his wife have four children.

STEFFANIE (WHITTET) DIETZ, '98, Madelia, MN, is a recreation coordinator with the City of New Ulm Park and Recreation.

CARY KRUSEMARK, '98, '03, '06, Hudson, WI, is principal of Lakeaires Elementary School in White Bear Lake, MN. Prior to this position he taught in a number of schools, including Monroe Elementary in North Mankato, MN. He and his wife, Jill, have two children.

PAIGE ROHMAN, '98, Minneapolis, MN, recently accepted the position as assistant to the chief of staff and vice president for University Services at the University of Minnesota.

RICHARD SCHUTTA, '98, St. Paul, MN, is a human service advisor with United Health Group. He received his master's degree in communication from Bethel University and also earned a post-secondary teaching certificate. He has three daughters and one stepson.

BRADLEY CONRAD, '99, Shakopee, MN, is a real estate broker who manages a group of agents. He also owns an Allstate insurance agency with his wife, Jennifer. The couple has four kids.

DIANA JENSEN CRAMER, '99, Eugene, OR, recently opened her business DJC Legal Research & Office Support Services. Prior to this she graduated from Gonzaga School of Law with a JD.

SARAH DZIEWECZYNSKI, '99, Ranchos de Taos, NM, is the owner/operator of Rethreads Taos, a resale clothing and gear consignment shop. Prior to this she taught high school in public rural and charter schools. She and her husband, Sam, have a 4-month-old daughter, Zia.

2000s

TINA (MADDOCKS) ENGLAND, '00, Waseca, MN, is a child support case aide with Rice County Social Services.

GLENN JOHNSON, '01, St. Peter, MN, is a security counselor with MSSOP.

NANCY SAGER, '01, Blaine, MN, is a banker with Wells Fargo in Shoreview, MN.



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

JAY HAAPALA, '02, St. Paul, MN, is the associate state director—community outreach with AARP Minnesota.

MICHAEL VAWRACZ, '02, Burnsville, MN, is the catering manager with the Hopkins School District. He planned to marry his fiancé, Tianna, on August 17, 2013.

JASON GABRICK, '03, Maple Plain, MN, has been promoted to division manager in the North-Central region at Ryan Companies US, Inc. He has been with the company for 10 years.



ELYSSA (HAYENGA) HOUTSMA, '03, Rock Hill, SC, is a social studies teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

TIFFANY (GERHOLZ) PERRIN, '04, Monticello, MN, and her husband, **JOHN PERRIN, '06**, are pleased to announce the arrival of their second child, Abigail Josephine, on February 4.

MISTY (GOFFENA) SPITLER, '04, Greenwood, IN, is a psychologist and group coordinator at Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis—Counseling & Psychological Services. She also was elected as president of the Indiana Psychological Association. She and her husband welcomed their first child, Zachary, on March 12.

MICHELLE (MICKEY) FITCH, '05, Superior, WI, is the assistant director of residence life at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. She recently celebrated the first year of awarding scholarships to two students who are improving the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community.

TRACY (OSBORNE) ULMAN, '05, Mankato, MN, lives in Mankato.

PETER MEIER, '06, Shakopee, MN, and his wife, **ALYSSA (GEORGE) MEIER, '06**, welcomed their second son in early 2013.

DAVE RIETSEMA, '06, Orlando, FL, is president and co-founder of HRPayrollSystems.net, a site that helps human resource professionals find software.

DAVID STORDALEN, '06, St. James, MN, is a teacher in the St. James Public Schools who was appointed commander of the 34th Infantry Division Red Bull Band, Minnesota Army National Guard in March.

KARISHMA BROWNLIE, '07, '09, Waukegan, IL, recently took on the newly created position as coordinator for access, equity and student rights at Oakton Community College. She will be an advocate for students' rights and coordinate training for faculty, staff, and students.

SUSEL (FAUNILLAN) DEPINOY, '07, Shakopee, MN, is a care coordinator with CIGNA Healthcare in Eden Prairie, MN.

MICHELLE (HOPPER) PAYNE, '07, Davenport, IA, is the director of analysis & forecasting with Bituminous Insurance Companies. She married her high school sweetheart; the couple has two children.

STACY (GRAMENTZ) COLLINS, '08, Waseca, MN, and her husband, Kyle, welcomed their second son, Korbin Maddox, on January 31.

KHOURI MARKOS, '08, Denver, CO, is the resident director at the University of Denver.

ARON (VOSS) WATSON, '08, FPO, AP, Japan, is the aquatics manager for the U.S. Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation Department in Ayase-shi, Japan. She and her husband, Larry, were married in North Mankato, MN, on August 12, 2012.

TAKEHITO KAMATA, '09, Minneapolis, MN, is a graduate research assistant with the University of Minnesota who also is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, a group that gives students with high academic success networking opportunities around the world. Through this program, Takehito was able to go to Washington D.C. to see President Obama's inauguration among other things.

RACHEL LAITALA, '09, Bloomington, MN, is a junior account executive with Lucreative Group in Minneapolis.

BENJAMIN CECIL, '10, Middletown, CT, recently was promoted to merchandise manager with the New Britain Rock Cats Baseball Club, a Double-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

THERESA SOLTESZ, '10, Boynton Beach, FL, is a certified addiction professional and licensed counselor. She has three semesters left before she earns her masters in clinical social work at Barry University in Miami Shores, FL.

ANTHONY VROMAN, '10, San Jose, CA, is the events and facilities coordinator with San Jose State University and was chosen to play an integral part in facility and event planning for the 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans.

ANDREW WILKE, '10, Augusta, GA, is a general manager with General Growth Properties, Inc. – Augusta Mall. Prior to this he has served as an assistant general manager and an acting general manager for malls in Iowa.

ERIK HELLER, '11, Oakdale, MN, is a graduate assistant for orientation at Western Illinois University working toward his master's degree in College Student Personnel.

SUSAN GERBENSKY KLAMMER, '11, Decatur, GA, and husband, **LEE KLAMMER, '07**, welcomed their son, Benjamin, in May.

CHRIS WHITFIELD, '11, Shoreview, MN, is the director and manager of operations at the High Performance Academy, a sports complex in Eagan, MN. Prior to this he played on a semi-pro basketball team for a year followed by a position in sales.

EMILY BROWN, '12, North Mankato, MN, is a graphic design intern with Navitor Inc.

KATHERINE HEINS, '12, Cedar Rapids, IA, is a cytotechnologist with Mercy Medical Center.

AUSTIN LEE, '12, Bloomington, MN, was awarded a fellowship of \$5,000 by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi—the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Currently he is studying at Stanford Law School.

MATTHEW LEXCEN, '12, Mankato, MN, is a manager with BuyFun.com in North Mankato, MN.

BRITTANY LUNDIN-DRELLACK, '12, Morristown, MN, lives in Morristown.

TERESA MCNAMEE, '12, Concord, NH, is the program director for the Student Conservation Association in Allenstown, NH. She was married in September.

MARIA (FOWLER) PIRNER, '12, Elk Point, SD, is an ESL educator with the WECI International English School in Changchun, China. She and her husband have plans to move to Chile in 2014 and stay there for a few years. The pair loves traveling/living abroad.

YUSEF SARAMEH, '12, Mankato, MN, recently passed the Certified Public Accounting exam. He was hired in the tax department at Eide Bailly after completing his internship there.

in memoriam

ALUMNI

1930s

Alice (Johnston) Lundstrom '34
Viola (Stoneberg) Lundblad Carlson '37
Helen Ann Lamm '37
Loretta M. (Ulmen) Manoski '38
Blanche Maurine (Clarke) Roemhildt '38
S. John Covert '39
Betsy Marie (Frentz) McCosh '39
Evelyth Hilma (Danielson) Tiede '39, '57

1940s

Elizabeth Jean (Hanson) Bates '40
Lois Omogene (Holte) Larson '40
Ruth Louise (Roberts) Otto '41
June (Sheady) Cummiskey '42
Clarine Serena (Sydness) Sporrey '43, '61
Barbara Ann Theobald '45
MaryLou (Pearson) Graif '46
Phyllis Irene (MaCoy) Koenig '47
Loyola A. (Glynn) Marshall '47
Wilma May (Williams) Vachuska '47, '70
Elaine Joyce (Carlson) Graham '48

1950s

Esther Jeannette (Olson) Barsness '50, '59
Charles O. Blackstad '50
Harold James Lewis '50
Gordon Frank Pribyl '50, '63
Ernest Leroy Ray '50
Philip Murray Johnston '51
Ronald Maurice Noack '51
Clifford Charles Schulze '51
Stanley DeFreese '52
Ernest Winston Grundmeier '52
Dwayne Perry Kurseth '52
Leonard Alfred Anderson '53
Joan Catherine Breiter '53, '56, '61
Arlene Marie (Olson) Elstad '55
Bette Jane Johnson '55, '66
Otto E. Neumann '55
Joan Marie (Smith) Palmer '55
Alden Lee Reader '55, '62
Darwin D. Risting '55, '70
Thomas M. Grimes '56
Eileen M. (Shannon) Olson '56
Kathleen S. (Galler) Prehn '56, '57
John Douglas Goodell '57
Bernard Julian Langr '57
Betty M. Peterson '57
DuWayne Allwyn Harrington '58
Kenneth Clifford Rausch '58
Glyndon L. West '58
Alvin James Eichers '59

Kermit L. Gaughran '59
Harold Lawrence Podolske '59
Donald G. Siems '59
Gayle Albert Stelter '59
Uvonne Dorothy (Jones) Van Hecke '59

1960s

Florence K. (Uhlenkamp) Andre '60
Marjorie Lea Brady '60
Dee Ann (Schleuder) Dahm '60, '70
Donald David Hillquist '60, '71, '79
Charles Austin Perrin '60
Donna N. (Nelson) Fett '61, '64
John Richard Norton '61
William Manley Orr '61
Charles Albert Heil '62
Jerome Ronald Hempel '62
Larry Gale Jones '62, '63
Isaac Hisayuki Kimura '62
Eunice M. (Michels) Larson '62
Wanita V. (Beck) Beal '63, '68
Vivian Grace (Danielson) Cone '63
William L. Dunsmore '63
Eleanor Jean (West) Erickson '63, '72, '74
Pearl Marie (Jepsen) Fischer '63
Denis Roman Haefner '63
Nora C. (Rugroden) Hendrickson '63
Howard F. Krosch '63
Richard A. McGill '63
Larry LeRoy Stussy '63
Charles L. Taylor '63
Helen (Maloney) Dusbabek '64, '72
Thomas Steven Felber '64
Roger D. Folven '64
Dennis E. Johnson '64
Neil Steven Raymond '64
Esther Marie (Lee) Redman '64
Curtis Lowell Rutske '64, '67
Dale H. Warnke '65
Jeanette Sharon (Johnson) Finney '66
Dora Louise (Popelier) Syltie '66
Richard James/Jozef Carr '67
William P. Cress '67, '70
Gary William Debner '67
James S. Tjernagel '67
William Peter Bieden '68, '76
Daniel David Fish '68
Jerome Thomas Fuchs '68
Marlene Kay Lange '68, '93
Marjorie L. (Maubach) Pulis '68, '74
John Charles Rengstorf '68
William Edward Brown '69, '88
Virgil Robert Gehring '69
Steven Charles Groebner '69

1970s

Karen Martha Louise (Kamrath) Bode '70
James Roger Duffy '70
Patrick Bartholomew Duffy '70
Ronald Lee Ellingson '70
Carol L. (Dickman) Martin '70
Maurice W. Miller '70
Donald Eugene Olsen '70
Thomas Martin Pickering '70
Edward R. Pirrotta '70
Michael James Harrington '71, '90
Robert Ira Herzberg '71
James William Skiff '71
Loretta Mae (Clausen) Wolthuis '71
Marilyn Mae (Larson) Beck '72
Timothy Vincent Burns '72
Merry Patience Carlstedt '72
Dennis C. Kaus '72
James Herbert Lear '72
Lucille Rose Seaver '72
Fern H. (Thiele) Westerhouse '72
Mary Alice (Boughner) Anderson '73
Darold R. Bartusek '73
Gary Russell Burman '73
Richard A. Dufault '73
Terry Allen Hamson '73
Ronald Raymond Jaspers '73
Donald Charles Mack '73
Lawrence T. Richards '73
Steven A. Shea '73
A. Dolores (Holmes) Wrolstad '73, '77
Edna Ruth (Schmidt) Aakre '74
Joseph Boyle Butler '74
Brian Michael Coleman '74
Carl Arthur Wendt '74, '76
Annette Lois (Paap) Wulff '74, '82
Debra Ann Fogleman-Wesley '75
Robert Lee Bachmann '76
Dorothy Ann (Dylla) Eichten '76
Lynn Marie (Weinberger) Wallin '76
Lynn Allen Nagorske '77
Barbara Jean (Burk) Gross '78
James Jay Anderson '79
Anthony Ernest Deters '79
Wayne S. Wilkes '79

1980s

Marlys Christa Johnson '80
Nancy Leigh (Jensen) Robinson '80
Paul Wallace Wilfahrt '80
Kathryn Mary (Schultz) Hoof '81
Joni Lee Johnston '81
Jeffrey Lee Zimmerman '80, '81
Lennart Hugo Carlson '82
William G. Henry '82

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