The Swenson Scholars Program Celebrates 20 years
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Henry Ford, father of the automobile production line, once said, “To do more for the world than it has done for you – now that is success.” This issue of Superior Alumni highlights a spousal couple who undoubtedly have achieved success. Through the many ways in which they have invested in the support of students at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, Jim and Sue Swenson have created a lasting legacy, one which continuously transforms lives.

One of the crucial challenges which students face today is the ability to finance access to higher education. The Swenson Scholars Program fully funds a student’s undergraduate tuition. Through Jim and Sue’s generosity, many students have been able to make the most important investment in their futures, one which will transform forever their paths in life – a college education.

More recently, the Swensons have established another program which enables undergraduates over the summer months to engage in research projects with faculty members. The synergy between faculty member and student produces spectacular results for both the mentor and mentee.

The great question in the national sphere asks, “Is a college education worth it [the effort and sacrifice]?” The presentations in Superior Alumni will reinforce that the answer to the question is a resounding, “Yes!” The successes of our alumni from all areas of the university speak to the value of opportunity, engagement and connection that an education at the University of Wisconsin-Superior provides. Thanks to your support, we DO “unleash the Superior side” of our students.

Of personal note: This year, I began the endeavor of beekeeping. While investigating this activity, I have learned that one cannot really “raise” yellowjackets. They are too ornery and feisty – a great mascot to symbolize our campus! I settled on bees, the next best choice. I can tell you that, like yellowjackets, they have minds of their own; they swarmed twice (transferred group-residence to nearby elsewhere). Nevertheless, all ended well in that they have been gathered back to the fold. Since the weather has turned toward fall, they are snug in their hives, and I, like they, await the splendor of a Superior spring.

Renée Wachter
Chancellor

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Jim and Sue Swenson, shown here in front of Swenson Hall, create a lasting legacy at UW-Superior with the Swenson Scholars Program and more.

Yellowjacket Hockey
Then and Now

It was 50 years ago this season that legendary coach Wally Akervik restarted the Yellowjacket hockey program after a decade-long hiatus. We pay homage to that first season with a photo of Bob Larson taking a face-off against Lakehead University in the season finale at the Superior Municipal Ice Arena with our current home, Wessman Arena as the backdrop.

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UW-Superior welcomes new faculty

The University of Wisconsin-Superior welcomed eight new faculty members to campus for the new academic year.

Edie Wasyliszyn (Class of 2001, 2004) joined the Business and Economics Department as assistant professor of accounting. This alumna has served as an adjunct accounting lecturer at UW-Superior.

Dr. Brooke Grant joined the Educational Leadership Department as assistant professor of social studies education. She spent the last ten years as a middle school social studies teacher.

Dr. Vanessa Hettinger joined the Human Behavior, Justice and Diversity Department as assistant professor of psychology. Her research interests include social/cultural psychology, social cognition, stereotypes, prejudice and attitudes.

Dr. Meghan Krausch joined the Social Inquiry Department as assistant professor of sociology. Before beginning graduate school, she worked as a domestic violence counselor.

Dr. Bhash Mainali joined the Educational Leadership Department as assistant professor of mathematics education. He has taught middle school, high school, college and university level classes.

Dr. Richard Robbins joined the Music Department as director of choral activities and assistant professor of music. He is serving as the guest chorus director for the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra this fall.

Dr. Chad Vollrath joined the Communicating Arts Department as assistant professor.

Dr. Carin Wilson joined the Human Behavior, Justice and Diversity Department as a senior lecturer of social work. Dr. Wilson boasts a long career in clinical social work, specializing in the treatment of trauma.

Koenig named vice chancellor for administration and finance

University of Wisconsin-Superior welcomed Ms. Georgette “Gigi” Koenig to campus in April. Koenig is an experienced administrator in higher education with over 15 years of service within the UW System. Her most recent position was the assistant dean for administration and finance at UW-Marathon County, one of the 13 two-year UW colleges. UW-Superior Chancellor Renée Wachter welcomed her to campus. “She not only brings with her the knowledge of the UW System, but also working with internal and external communities to help build a financially stable organization.” Koenig will also serve as a member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet.

Koenig received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UW-Stout and earned her M.B.A. at Concordia University. “I am thankful for this opportunity to join the dedicated staff at UW-Superior,” said Koenig. “This university has a long history of success and service to the community and I look forward to working with faculty, staff and students to continue that tradition.”
**International students bring the world to UW-Superior**

UW-Superior has attracted students from all over the world for decades but never like this year. This fall, 56 students from 26 countries joined the ranks of international students, which brings the total to 139 currently enrolled students from 43 countries. This is the highest number of represented countries to date.

International students appreciate UW-Superior’s strong support and educational offerings, as well as the recreational opportunities and natural beauty of the Twin Ports.

“I’m meeting new people who are very friendly and cheerful,” said Naho Miyachi from Kitanagoya City, Japan. “I like the summer here – the lakes, forests and rivers. I get to enjoy camping, kayaking on the river and barbeques.”

Recently, the incoming international students sailed around the Superior Bay with the Duluth Sailing Club and hiked along the beach at Park Point. While on campus, students have the opportunity to join or create a student organization. Jin Mo Yang from Seoul, Korea, heads up the popular Ping Pong Club, comprised of many international students.

**UW-Superior students clean up and research Wisconsin Point**

Wisconsin Point looks a bit cleaner today thanks to several UW-Superior students and faculty members.

Chemistry students were joined by students from the Office of Multicultural Affairs to pick-up trash and assess the litter along Wisconsin Point on Saturday, September 20.

Dr. Lorena Rios Mendoza assisted the UW-Superior students with the project. The event was open to the public and the group teamed up from the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-A-Beach Program along Wisconsin Point.

UW-Superior students used the event as an educational experience as well. The program was part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day, and Dr. Rios Mendoza was excited to work with the students from around campus on the project. “We were doing an assessment and clean-up. We are also doing a survey and weighed all the debris and overall plastic debris.”

UW-Superior student Kristen Johnson has lived in the area her entire life. She attributes her interest and participation in the clean-up to her local roots and Dr. Rios Mendoza, with whom she has joined in plastic research for the last year. “It was fun to see a lot of people come out for a common goal,” Johnson stated. “I’m glad I was able to be a part of something that increases awareness of the global issue.”

Approximately 40 students took part in the program. The group went to several locations along the beach from Wisconsin Point canal entry and along the shoreline. Debris collections totaled just over 72 pounds of plastics and nearly 9 pounds of aluminum and glass.
Chemistry and Physics Hall of Fame

The Chemistry and Physics Hall of Fame showcases the talents and contributions of alumni and former faculty. At an induction ceremony held last winter, student speaker Cole Holstrom (Class of 2014) thanked the hall of fame members for passing on the history and tradition of the program to the current students of today. “This is absolute evidence that the education we receive here at UW-Superior is every bit as useful compared to any other campus, anywhere else.”

Alumni inductees include:
Harold Hanson, Class of 1942
Dean Neumann, Class of 1960
John Jackobs, Class of 1961
John Bremer, Class of 1965
David Larson, Class of 1965
Dennis Quinn, Class of 1967
Harold (Hal) Mattson, Class of 1968
Dan Little, Class of 1969
Blaine Diesslin, Class of 1971
Gregg Zank, Class of 1981
Jennifer Maki, Class of 2000
Luke Hafdahl, Class of 2006
Jeremy Niskala, Class of 2006

Retired faculty include:
Donald Bahnick
Gordon Besch
Philip Brieske
Nathan Coward
Joseph Horton
Ronald Roubal
Myron Schneiderwent
Howard Thomas

The Chemistry and Physics Hall of Fame display is located on the third floor of Barstow Hall.

Three alumni receive 20 Under 40 Awards

Three University of Wisconsin-Superior graduates were honored for making a difference at their work and in the community.

Each year the Duluth News Tribune honors 20 individuals in the Northland under the age of 40 who are committed to helping others and who are engaged with their work, community and families.

These winners donate countless hours of their time and volunteer for numerous organizations and causes around the area. They connect with others in the community, are passionate about what they do, and want to see the Twin Ports prosper.

This year’s alumni recipients are:

Maicie Schick Sykes (Class of 2007)
Biology broad field science graduate now working at Lake Superior Zoo

Ahna Pelto (Class of 2010)
Social work graduate now working at Life House in Duluth

Krysta Kaas (Class of 2002)
Exercise science graduate now working at Essentia Health in Duluth

In addition to the three alumni winners, UW-Superior director of marketing and communications Lynne Williams was also named a winner to the list. She oversees campus marketing and communication efforts and serves as legislative liaison with UW System.
The McNair Scholars Program at the University of Wisconsin-Superior prepares income-eligible, first generation college students, and underrepresented graduate students for doctoral study. It is a national program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, created in memory of Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., an African-American physicist killed in the Space Shuttle Challenger mission in 1986.

Each year, 25 students are chosen to participate in the program’s activities, which include seminars, cultural events, graduate school visits and more. During the summer, 12 scholars participate in a paid research experience, working collaboratively with a faculty mentor on a project of interest to the student. Program participants also receive GRE preparation instruction and assistance in the graduate school application process.

The McNair Scholars Program held their annual Research Symposium on Wednesday, September 24, as students showcased their summer undergraduate research projects and findings to campus.

- **Elliot Charette** (Dr. Zamira Simkins, mentor)
  “Educational Attainment and Income among Wisconsin Native Americans”

- **Ileigh Gorham** (Dr. Eleni Pinnow, mentor)
  “Empathy, Rape, and Minority Women”

- **John Kronenwetter** (Dr. Eric Edwards, mentor)
  “Monopoly Capital and Network Neutrality”

- **Hunter McGraw** (Dr. Michelle Arnhold, mentor)
  “Sex Differences in Cortisol Levels”

- **Marvin Nieto-Robles** (Dr. Joel Hoffman, mentor)
  “Methylmercury and Morphometric Analysis of Resident and Migratory Walleye, Sander Viterus, of Lake Superior and the St. Louis Estuary”

- **Kara Tudor** (Dr. Shon Schooler, mentor)
  “Where have all the Crayfish Gone? Change in Occurrence of Invasive Native Crayfish in the St. Louis River”

- **TK Vang** (Dr. Chris Cherry, mentor)
  “Hollywood’s Portrayal of Asian American Men: Sick Man of America”

- **Lyvong Vue** (Dr. Lynn Goerdt, mentor)
  “The Impact of Divorce on Hmong Children and their Transition into Adulthood”

This year the McNair Scholars Program presented their inaugural “Spirit of McNair Award” honoring someone who, in the same spirit of Dr. Ronald McNair, gives their time and talents to encourage young people to succeed. **Stacy Leno (Class of 2000)**, D2L site administrator and multimedia producer from UW-Superior’s Technology Services department, was the inaugural recipient.

The McNair Scholars Program relies very heavily on the work of faculty mentors who guide and advise scholars through the research process. Dr. Michelle Arnhold was honored as the Mentor of the Year.

The very first Mentor-Scholar Team Award went to Elliot Charette and Dr. Zamira Simkins.
The Swenson Scholars Program Celebrates 20 years
Jim and Sue Swenson have been changing UW-Superior students’ lives in a profound way, and they don’t plan on stopping anytime soon.

Twenty years ago, they created the Swenson Family Scholarship. Each year, 40 UW-Superior students with outstanding academic merit who are pursuing a major in biology, chemistry, or math are granted the scholarship. Full tuition is covered by the prestigious award, plus $1,000 for books. Swenson Scholars are eligible to receive the scholarship for a total of four years.

“UW-Superior is so very grateful to Jim and Sue, through the Swenson Family Foundation, for their generosity and friendship. Swenson Family Scholarships, just one of many initiatives they fund at the university, allow us to recruit and retain high-quality students - students who otherwise might not be able to afford a college education,” stated Chancellor Renée Wachter. “It is the gift that lasts forever. Over the years, Swenson Scholars have gone on to do amazing things. I know that the lasting impact means a great deal to Jim and Sue. The role they play in helping to shape the lives of so many deserving students is second to none.”

Family Ties

Jim and Sue (Locken) both were born and raised in Superior. Each received the benefit of a UW-Superior education. In fact, their family connections to the Superior campus have spanned nearly 100 years. Since 1918, a total of 19 family members have attended the university. The legacy continues, as Jim and Sue were pleased to learn recently; another family member just started his freshman year as a Yellowjacket.

Jim Swenson’s mother, Sadie (Bashara) graduated from Superior in 1932 with a teaching license. Jim credits her for providing the educational inspiration to the Swenson family. “She was the one that pushed me and my brother to go to college and get an education,” Jim said. Jim’s brother William attended UW-Superior and had a successful career as a professor in the biology department for 29 years.

— Victoria Boss, sophomore math major
Returning the Favor

When Jim was a student, he found himself in need of a loan to help pay for school expenses. With nowhere else to turn, he approached Bob Banks, a Superior banker who befriended him. Bob personally loaned Jim the $900 that was necessary to get past this critical point. “Bob said we wouldn’t even discuss repayment until I was finished with school and had a full-time job,” Jim recalled. “I told Bob before he passed away that he was the one who planted the seed in me that, if at some point in my life I could give something back to return the favor he had done for me, I would.”

The support the Swensons provide for scholarships to UW-Superior students stems from their own experiences in paying for college, as well as from their deep-seated belief that education is critical to helping young people in the area achieve their dreams. They believe that the support of these students is an investment in the country’s future.

“We grew up in Superior, and we feel that the solid foundation of Midwestern values along with the education we received enabled us to succeed after we left the area,” said Sue Swenson. “It’s important for young people to focus on their dream, because then they can achieve it. And the only way to do that is through education.”

Passion for Learning

Jim and Sue’s early life together solidified their interest in the importance of education. During the early part of his career, Jim worked full time during the day and enrolled in business classes at night with hopes of someday starting his own company. That day came in 1978 when he founded Details Inc. Through years of hard work and an entrepreneurial spirit, the company became a leading producer of prototype circuit boards and served national clients such as IBM and Motorola. Like any new venture, the early days of Details Inc., were challenging. When he and Sue started the operation, funding was scarce. They took out a $15,000 home equity loan to seed the business venture. They believed in the product Jim's company was producing, even if it meant forgoing a salary until the company was more established.

Jim often waited personally for the mailman so that he could take in receivables in order to make sure that they were processed in time to meet payroll. He was proud of his family's work ethic and knew it would eventually pay off. “My education, research and experience helped me to start my own company,” he said. At one point, Details Inc., had 500 employees.

Sue also had a passion for learning. After raising their children, she went back to school to complete her psychology degree in 1976 and worked at a nearby hospital in several social work-related positions.

After selling Details Inc., in 1996, Jim and Sue decided to establish a family foundation. This arrangement would enable them to create a lasting legacy. Concerned about the cuts in educational spending by state governments, they decided to take action and contributed substantial gifts to UW-Superior and UMD. In addition, they support their home community in California through the backing of arts, science and education endeavors.

With respect to their roots in the Northland, “our desire for northern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin is to provide scholarships for students who otherwise might not be able to go to college and to help them earn a degree so they can open doors to their future,” Jim said. “We’ve been overwhelmed with the impact.”

Passion to Impact

Visiting with the Swenson Scholars are the days that Sue would describe as “the best days of the year.” Each fall, Jim and Sue meet the new freshman scholars during an ice cream social. Amongst the sundaes, conversation can be found about the bright future awaiting the recipients. In the spring, each of the 40 scholarship recipients are given the opportunity to visit face-to-face with them at the Swenson Scholars Dinner. Inspiration is shared by all.

“We couldn’t have spent our money any better. It’s a great school,” said Sue Swenson recently after visiting

“With this biology degree, my future career plans are to work in fresh water conservation. This scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and to have the peace of mind in knowing that hard work and dedication really do pay off in life.”

– Cassandra Taplin, sophomore biology major
with some scholarship recipients and hearing about their academic success stories.

“I’m not sure who enjoys the ice cream social or the scholarship dinner more, Jim and Sue or our Swenson Scholars,” said Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Jeanne Thompson. “To see our students interacting with Jim and Sue – showing their appreciation, sharing their personal stories and career goals – it’s all so inspiring.”

The influence the Swenson Scholars Program has had over the years is immeasurable. Swenson Scholars, like Katelyn Adams from Two Harbors, Minn., understand the gift they have been given.

Katelyn and her parents were ecstatic to learn that she had earned a Swenson Family Scholarship. “I would like to thank Jim and Sue for all that they have done to make my college education successful as I pursue my dream of becoming a primary care physician. This scholarship has provided me with extra time to help people through my clinical and non-clinical volunteer work. It has also given me the opportunity to job-shadow at many different medical facilities to help me gain knowledge about physicians working in a variety of specialty fields.”

Adams plans to take the Swenson motto to heart and help others when they need a helping hand. “I am forever indebted to the Swensons, and I hope to be able to ‘pay it forward’ and help others when I become a practicing physician. I want them to know that I have been a dedicated student who has studied diligently, and I am proud to call myself a Swenson Scholar!”

Impact for Life

Former Swenson Scholars have indeed continued to pay it forward in their success after graduation from UW-Superior. Like the pebble that starts a ripple, they share how their assistance motivated them to help others and provide some advice for current students.

**Jennifer Maki (Class of 2000)** was overjoyed when she learned from an admissions counselor in 1996 that she had earned a Swenson Family Scholarship. “Naturally, I was thrilled to have my education paid at UW-Superior,” she said. Maki now has the opportunity to reach students herself. She went on to earn her Ph.D., and is an associate professor of chemistry.

“The funding provided by the Swenson Family Scholarship allowed me to focus on my studies and take advantage of opportunities on and off campus including research, internships and tutoring,” she said. “It also was a big part of my ability to graduate debt-free with my Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.” In her position as a faculty member at a university, she is able, in turn, to help advise her students about the value of a college education and about a degree in the sciences.

Maki said the impact that Jim and Sue Swenson had on her and her education will never be forgotten. “Their support was crucial to my success and allowed me to achieve at a much higher level by relieving some of the financial burden of attending college and also by providing a strong example of how education can transform lives.”

Maki offers this advice to the newly minted Swenson Scholars: “Get involved in the campus and community. Participating in research, internships or other opportunities appropriate to your major will provide you with connections, job leads, career ideas and life (cont.)
experience,” she said. “The quality of your education depends directly on how much effort you put into it.”

For Jeremy Niskala (Class of 2006) “disbelief” was the first thing he thought when he learned from the UW-Superior Foundation he had been selected a Swenson Scholar. “It was hard to believe that someone had enough faith in me to pay for my education. I certainly did not want to let them down ... it motivated me to work much harder in school.” Jeremy is currently a senior process engineer at Intel Corporation in San Jose, Calif.

Niskala credits the Swenson family for helping him to achieve his personal and professional goals. “There’s a chance that I might not have finished my degree if the financial burden became too great. Furthermore, I doubt I would have gone to graduate school to get my Ph.D., after racking up four years of college loans.”

The Niskala family finds a way to help out others, just like the Swensons did for them. Jeremy said, “My wife and I make annual donations to our respective high schools, colleges and graduate schools. We direct our donations to be used for scholarship funds since we both were assisted.”

Jeremy said it is hard to speculate where he would be today without the help of the Swenson family. “I owe them a thousand thanks. I hope to someday be in the position to do the same for others in need. They truly are amazing people and I appreciate everything they did for me.”

His advice to the current Swenson Scholars: “Aim high. With hard work and determination your options after UW-Superior are endless.”

Impact of Giving

Over twenty years, more than 700 annual Swenson Family Scholarships have been awarded for a total of almost $4.7 million. For Jim and Sue, being able to see students succeed in their chosen academic field is all the gratification they need for the tremendous scholarship investments they have made. Back in their college days, somebody helped them when they needed it. It was an experience that they have never forgotten.

Jim and Sue encourage others to help as well – at whatever amount they are able. Providing scholarships to students is priceless. Jim and Sue both are often heard stating, “A lot of great people have graduated from UW-Superior. Funding scholarships is the best money we have ever spent.”

For the Swensons, their commitment to UW-Superior and their scholarship program comes from their family, their history, their commitment to education, and most importantly – their hearts.
Each year, the UW-Superior Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni, faculty and staff members. They represent through their personal and professional accomplishments the lasting value of UW-Superior.

Three alumni and one faculty member were presented with their awards at the 2014 Donor Appreciation Dinner on September 18.

Young Alumni Achievement Award
Dr. Luke Hafdahl, Class of 2006

The UW-Superior Alumni Association established the Young Alumni Achievement Award to honor successful and inspirational alumni who have graduated within the past 15 years and are under 40 years of age. This year’s recipient is Dr. Luke Hafdahl (Class of 2006). When Luke came to UW-Superior, his original plan was to pursue a criminal justice degree with a goal of being an FBI agent. After further consideration and encouragement from faculty, he decided to switch to a major in chemistry and pursue medicine.

After graduating from the Duke University School of Medicine, Luke was hired by the Mayo Clinic and is currently chief resident. He helps lead early-career doctors and medical students in practicing evidence-based medicine.

James Rainaldo Mentor Award
Dr. Richard Stewart, Faculty

The James Rainaldo Mentor Award recognizes a UW-Superior faculty or staff member who has touched the lives of current and former students in a unique and significant way. This year, the Alumni Association honored Dr. Richard Stewart with the award. Dr. Stewart began his teaching career at UW-Superior in 1999 in the Department of Business and Economics, where he now serves as chair of the department. Under his direction, the Transportation and Logistics Management program was created.

The major was designed with the aid of businesses, educators, and industry leaders and is the first of its kind in Wisconsin. Students majoring in Transportation and Logistics Management learn the business of efficiently moving people, materials and products. A survey of recent graduates in the program showed 97 percent found jobs in their discipline within three months of graduating.

If you know someone who serves as an inspiration to current and prospective students, nominate them at uwsuper.edu/AlumniAwards.
HearStrong Champion

During the 2012-13 men’s hockey season, junior forward Marc Fortin just didn’t seem to be getting the message. Whether it was in a game and not being able to hear the whistle or in practice not quite doing a drill correctly, Fortin seemed to be having a problem. That’s when it finally came out.

“It just seemed like he was having a hard time understanding things,” said men’s hockey coach Dan Stauber. “One of the players said, ‘Coach, you know he’s deaf,’ and I had no idea. He kept it hidden from a lot of people for a long time.” Fortin had his reasons.

“I’ve never liked to talk about it that much. I didn’t want it to become something that made coaches look at me differently or something that would make them want to keep me out of the lineup. I didn’t want it to be any kind of an excuse,” Fortin said.

Things got easier for him after he let players and coaches in on his secret. Once word got out, the HearStrong Foundation contacted UW-Superior and wanted more information. HearStrong recognizes and celebrates individuals who not only face hearing loss but conquer it. After learning of Fortin and what he did to become a student-athlete and, ultimately, a college graduate, HearStrong made Fortin one of its “Champions.”

“I’m excited for Marc to receive this honor from HearStrong. He has worked hard to overcome a lot with regard to his hearing over the years, something that most of us probably take for granted every day,” Stauber said. “He has worked extremely hard to get where he is today, and I know that if he keeps working hard he is going to be very successful in whatever he chooses to do in life. I’m very proud of him.”

More information on the HearStrong Foundation is available at www.hearstrong.org.

WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll

In its second-to-last year as a member of the WIAC, Yellowjacket Athletics had a record year academically according to the conference. A total of 170 student-athletes were named to the honor roll, establishing a new high for UW-Superior and easily outdistancing the previous high of 157 set the season before. To be eligible, a student-athlete must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

As a whole, Yellowjacket student-athletes compiled a grade point average of 3.061. The mark topped the cumulative grade point average of the overall student body, which earned a mark of 2.986. As a result, Yellowjacket Athletics received the WIAC All-Academic Award, an honor that has come UW-Superior’s way 12 times in the last 14 years. UW-Superior was one of five schools in the WIAC to earn the honor.

“I am thrilled to see the results that we have achieved academically at UW-Superior,” UW-Superior Athletics Director Steve Nelson said. “We have been working very hard over the years to drive home to student-athletes that it is important to aspire for great things not only on the field or court but also in the classroom. The fact that our numbers have gone up on this honor roll each of the last few years shows that our student-athletes are truly performing and I couldn’t be more pleased.

“I can’t say enough how proud I am of the group of people we have in Yellowjacket Athletics, both the student-athletes and our staff,” Nelson said. “I know that they will look at what they accomplished last year and do everything they can to not only match it but exceed it.”
Three former standouts on the Yellowjacket softball team just completed a trip to the USSSA Slo-Pitch World Tournament in Kissimmee, Fla. Ashley Martin, Ashlee Olson and Melissa Clark were part of a Superior team sponsored by Buff Nutrition that made the national field and placed ninth.

“I’ve had a chance to play in world tournaments, both in fast-pitch and slo-pitch and the teams that get there are really good. They aren’t there by a fluke,” Yellowjacket Head Softball Coach Roger Plachta said. “You have to be a good team in order to compete at that level and for them to go in there and finish ninth really says a lot about how good they are.”

The month of October is widely known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month with various fundraisers going on worldwide to help combat the disease. In recent years, however, when the calendar flips to November, the focus flips to men’s health issues.

That means Movember.

What is Movember? Movember is an organization devoted to raising money to go toward research and awareness for men’s health including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health. In 2014, Yellowjacket Athletics will do its part by partnering with the movement.

“Our Student-Athlete Advisory Council is spearheading this and wants to try and make a difference. They will be doing several things at our sporting events to try and raise money with the hopes that they can make a nice donation to Movember,” Athletic Director Steve Nelson said. “It’s one of the things that I love about working with this group of young people. They want to try to do their part in our community and beyond.

“Movember is just one of our projects that they will be working on this year. SAAC will also be working on the Rookie Reader program at Northern Lights Elementary School, the evaluation of senior projects at Superior High School and Caroling for Cans to name a few. They are very active members of the community, and I’m proud of them for the time and effort that they put in.”
Feeding those in need
Shaye Moris thrives running regional food bank

Four years after graduating from UW-Superior, Shaye Moris (Class of 1989) was tracking on a corporate career in sales and marketing when she thought she’d give a job in the nonprofit sector a try. A friend advised against it.

Seventeen years later, Moris is still executive director of the Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. It seems to be working out just fine.

“I interviewed and thought I would be a good fit,” she recalls. “I took that leap of faith to go into the nonprofit sector. I’m so happy.”

Moris grew up in Gordon, Wis., and graduated from Superior Senior High School. On her own, she decided she needed to earn a college degree. Receiving no financial support from her family, she knew she would need to work to put herself through school.

Moris wound up in UW-Superior’s distance learning program, designing her own major in mass communication, psychology and journalism.

It wasn’t her first school choice. Moris says she first enrolled at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, which is “a great university, but not the best fit for me. It was a little bit big. I really liked the size of the Superior campus. My professors to this day know me. I had such a good connection.”

Moris says the flexibility at UW-Superior, which allowed her to work while attending school and also to design a unique major, may have been what helped her make her unconventional career move.

“I think communication skills are important in any career. In this role, so is the psychology piece—knowing the challenges that people face and understanding how we can assist people in the region,” Moris said.

Moris directs the food bank, based in Duluth, whose primary mission is to rescue surplus food from manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers and distribute it to area food shelves, shelters and soup kitchens. The food bank also distributes directly to 1,500 people in need every month in places not served by local agencies.

It’s a job that keeps her, a board of 10, a paid staff of 10 and an army of volunteers busy.

Programs supplied by the food bank feed about 600 people every day in an eight-county area, including St. Louis, Carlton, Lake and Cook in Minnesota and Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland and Iron in Wisconsin.

Besides serving as a warehouse and distribution center for donated food, Northern Lakes also runs programs that rescue perishable prepared food, distribute weekend food backpacks to needy children, teach kids about healthy eating and provide supplemental food packages to low-income seniors.

Since the rescued food is free, the agency’s primary costs are for transportation and staff. That’s why financial support is so important to Northern Lakes.

To raise support, Moris educates potential donors about the food bank’s work and promotes events, like the food and wine event Taste at Fitger’s and Empty Bowl at the Depot, that raise funds.

The work is never done and the need seems to be growing every year. “We keep growing. We’re rescuing more food than ever before,” Moris says. The agency rescued 5 million pounds of food last year and looks to top that this year. “The challenge is trying to run an efficient organization and be a really good service to our region,” she said.
Alumni Events

December 4
Symphonic Band Concert
Thorpe Langley Auditorium
UW-Superior

December 7 and 9
Season of Song Choirs Concert
Cathedral of Christ the King Superior, Wisconsin

December 11
Orchestra Concert
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Superior, Wisconsin

January 24
Winter Campus Preview
UW-Superior

February 10
University Recital Series: Greg Moore & Friends
Manion Theatre
UW-Superior

February 27 – March 8
The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon
Manion Theatre
UW-Superior

March 3
University Recital Series: Erin Aldridge and Beth Gilbert
Manion Theatre
UW-Superior

March 10
Orchestra Concert
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Superior, Wisconsin

March 12
Alumni Reception
Location to be determined
Phoenix, Arizona

March 14
Alumni Reception with Men’s Baseball Team
Location to be determined
Tucson, Arizona

April 17
Alumni Reception, opening night of Tomfoolery
Location to be determined

April 17-26
Tomfoolery, featuring all-alumni cast
Manion Theatre
UW-Superior

April 23
An Evening of Wine and Jazz
Yellowjacket Union
UW-Superior

May 16
Veterans Graduation Reception
Location to be determined

May 22 – June 3
Alumni trip to Italy and Switzerland

July 24
Yellowjacket Golf Outing
Nemadji Golf Course
Superior, Wisconsin

July 25
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
Yellowjacket Union
UW-Superior

Message from the Alumni Association Board

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to bring you an update on the accomplishments of the UW-Superior Alumni Association during 2014. The mission of the Association is to foster lifelong pride and loyalty among alumni and friends by offering opportunities to strengthen their continued relationships with UW-Superior. We accomplish this in a number of ways:

- Hosting alumni reunion events on campus and throughout the country, working with our 30 alumni chapters; we hope to see you at an event near you!
- Providing “Alumni in the Classroom” opportunities for students; if you are interested in speaking to students to provide career advice, please contact alumni@uwsuper.edu
- Offering career resources to alumni and students in cooperation with UW-Superior’s Career Services through the ‘Jacket Jobs website, where you can post your résumé and find jobs nationwide
- Providing student scholarships
- Offering student/alumni networking opportunities to benefit our students
- Offering alumni and friends opportunities to save on insurance and group travel

Ongoing updates on our activities can be found at uwsuper.edu/alumni or on our Facebook page at facebook.com/superioralumni. I invite everyone to connect through the Alumni Association. To become involved, please contact us at alumni@uwsuper.edu or 715-394-8452. We look forward to working with you to continue moving your alma mater forward and to benefit our students.

Happy Holidays,

John McNeil (Class of 1967)
Chair, UW-Superior Alumni Association

More details and events online
uwsuper.edu/alumni
uwsuper.edu/music
uwsuper.edu/theatre
Alumni Association Board Update

Four new directors have recently joined the UW-Superior Alumni Association Board:

**Linda Bruce (Class of 1989, 2002)** is a retired family and community development educator and Superior Days coordinator – University of Wisconsin-Extension in Douglas County and lives in Iron River, Wisconsin.

**Linda Dee (Class of 1969)** is retired from Volunteers of America and lives in Denver, Colorado.

**John Lally (Class of 1968, 1969)** is a retired state director of strategic IT planning and portfolio management at the State of Minnesota and lives in South St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Peter Nordgren (Class of 1974)** retired as associate dean for distance learning and continuing education and interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and outreach at UW-Superior. He resides in Cornucopia, Wisconsin.

Four outgoing Directors were honored at the annual Donor Appreciation Dinner in September. We greatly appreciate their dedicated service to UW-Superior:

**Amy Graves (Class of 2000)** is currently the co-chair of the UW-Superior Twin Cities Alumni Chapter and is active in recruiting students in that area.

**Paul Kienitz (Class of 1979)** served as the secretary/treasurer of the Alumni Association and is currently the chair of the UW-Superior Central Wisconsin Alumni Chapter.

**Brad Lindahl (Class of 1983)** is a former chair of the Alumni Board and currently serves as the chair of the UW-Superior Southern California Alumni Chapter.

**Barb Torgerson (Class of 1985)** is active in the Central Wisconsin Alumni Chapter and has established a UW-Superior scholarship to support women who have been affected by domestic violence.

**Tom Fennessey (Class of 2002)** was also honored at this year’s dinner for his dedicated leadership and service as chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Fennessey joined the board in 2004 and had served as secretary/treasurer and vice chair during the past ten years. He continues to serve on the board as the immediate past chair.

For a complete list of UW-Superior Alumni Association Directors, visit our website at [uwsuper.edu/alumni](http://uwsuper.edu/alumni)
2014 marked the 100th Anniversary of the literary society that became Lambda Sigma Lambda and later Sigma Sigma Sigma. UW-Superior alumni came together in Superior this September for a fun-filled weekend. The reunion included tours of the campus, dinner at VIP, a luncheon and program at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Center, and a brunch at the home of Kathy and John Berchild.
Dear Friends,

You will be happy to know your Foundation is strong and growing. In fact, “Strong and Growing” was the theme of this year’s Donor Appreciation Dinner held in September. Let me share with you a few highlights for our year ending June 30, 2014:

- For the second year in a row we had our largest ever “cash” fundraising year with gifts totaling more than $2.3 million. Thank you.
- We provided the university with over $1.3 million in scholarship, academic, programmatic, undergraduate research, and facilities support. Thank you.
- Our endowment grew 18 percent to $11.3 million thanks to endowment contributions and an investment return of 13 percent. Thank you.
- Our number of donors grew 23 percent to 1,740. Thank you.
- We awarded more than 400 scholarships for a total of over $710,000. Thank you.

Our success is made possible through the generosity of you – our generous alumni and friends. You believe in our mission of providing extraordinary opportunities to UW-Superior and its students. It’s a mission we have all taken to heart for more than 60 years. Thank you!

Last magazine issue you read about the university’s new strategic plan called Superior Visions 2020. This plan works to expand on the university’s successes while providing structure and measurement to new initiatives. The Foundation Board of Directors is committed to working with Chancellor Wachter and university leaders to identify areas that will require private gift support in order to move the new strategic plan forward. We look forward to presenting these funding opportunities to you for your consideration and continued partnership. Together we can position UW-Superior and its students for future success.

Happy Holidays,

Steve DeVinck
President, UW-Superior Foundation

The Foundation Board is growing

Four new Directors have recently joined the UW-Superior Foundation Board.

Johanna Kirk (Class of 2001), attorney, Kirk Law Office, LLC in Superior

Mike Simon (Class of 1976), executive vice president, Northern State Bank in Ashland, Wis.

Randy Shook (Class of 1980), dentist, Menomonie Street Dental in Eau Claire, Wis.

Beth Gilbert, professor and chair of the Music Department, UW-Superior

Johanna, Mike, Randy and Beth all share a passion and commitment to UW-Superior and its students and will be instrumental in driving the Foundation’s efforts forward.

Two outgoing Directors were honored at the annual Donor Appreciation Dinner in September. Connie Peterson (Class of 1970) served the Foundation for the maximum three terms of three years each. Joining the Board in 2005, Connie was an active and engaged director and served as the chair of the Governance Committee. In this role, Connie led the efforts of establishing a board policies and procedures document, updating by-laws and developing a new director orientation program. Connie’s leadership and quick sense of humor will be missed.

Avram Segall, Esq. (Class of 1968) also joined the Foundation Board in 2005 and served the maximum nine years. During this time, Avram served as chair of the Advancement Committee where he led the board’s efforts with fundraising campaigns and stewardship activities. Avram’s enthusiastic passion for UW-Superior and its students is contagious. He would often be heard saying, “Attending UWS were the best four years of my life.”

For a complete list of UW-Superior Foundation Directors, visit our website at uwsuper.edu/give2uws.
It seems like just yesterday we were all ringing in the New Year, but here we are in the midst of another holiday season. The holidays often provide us with the opportunity to reflect and consider what’s truly important in our lives. This time of year is considered the season of giving – and I’d like to remind you of the benefits of giving before year end.

When you make a donation to UW-Superior Foundation this year, we both benefit. Your generosity enables us to meet urgent needs and carry out our educational mission. You’re able to choose how your gift is used and you will receive a charitable deduction on your income taxes if you itemize and your gift meets IRS guidelines. To receive these benefits, however, you must time your gift appropriately.

So remember – to take advantage of year-end giving:

- Make a gift online before midnight on December 31 at www.uwsuper.edu/give2uws
- Have your gift envelope postmarked on or before December 31
- Deliver your gift to the Foundation Office by December 30 (we are closed on December 31)

  If you let us know you are coming, we will be sure to have cookies and coffee or cider waiting for you!
- Transfer stock into the Foundation’s account by December 31

If you have any questions or would like stock transfer instructions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at 715-394-8598 or jthomp51@uwsuper.edu.

St. Luke’s and St. Luke’s Foundation have teamed up to create a new endowed scholarship for UW-Superior students. The St. Luke’s Health Care Career Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship assistance for students focusing on a professional health care career. “We are deeply appreciative of the investment UW-Superior makes in the health and well-being of our region and look forward to a lasting legacy of mutual support,” states St. Luke’s Foundation Executive Director Catherine Carter Huber.

“Building partnerships with our local community is a strategic priority for both UW-Superior and the UW-Superior Foundation,” states Jeanne Thompson, vice chancellor for advancement and executive director of the UW-Superior Foundation. “St. Luke’s and St. Luke’s Foundation have been tremendous philanthropic partners to many worthy organizations in the region. We are proud and honored that they have chosen to support our university and our students in this extremely generous way.” The endowed St. Luke’s Health Care Career Scholarship Fund will have a significant impact that will last into perpetuity.

Dr. Michelle Arnhold Davies, associate professor of physiology and neurobiology and Pre-Med Club staff advisor believes that this gift will “allow scholarship recipients to focus on the important academic and extracurricular activities essential to building a strong application to post-baccalaureate professional programs. Many of our students are working full-time to pay for their college expenses. This scholarship will give students flexibility with their time to do things like job shadow, conduct research, and study for their MCAT.”

UW-Superior alumna, Dr. Ann Rock (Class of 1971) is a retired OB/GYN as well as a Foundation Board member. She is proud of this new partnership stating “it is extremely satisfying to see that my alma mater has collaborated with the institution at which I practiced during my career. This scholarship will enhance the ability of UW-Superior students who are focusing on a health care career to reach their goals. I am extremely proud to be associated with both organizations.”

Benefits of giving before the end of the year

- Adding the word “Foundation” to the university’s name will make certain your gift delivers maximum benefit to our campus. On your check; in your will or trust; or in any other transfer document such as a deed, beneficiary designation or stock power, please direct your gift to: UW-Superior Foundation

Jeanne Thompson
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and Executive Director, UW-Superior Foundation

Dr. Michelle Arnhold Davies
Associate Professor of Physiology and Neurobiology & Pre-Med Club Staff Advisor
The Paul Holden Society recognizes those individuals and organizations who have cumulatively given $100,000 or more to the UW-Superior Foundation. This prestigious lifetime giving society is named after a Foundation pioneer.

Paul Holden was a prominent business executive and civic leader in Superior. He was also the very first contributor to the Superior State University Foundation – now known as UW-Superior Foundation. In fact, he and Jim Dan Hill (former university president) flipped a coin to see whose contribution would be considered “the very first” received by the Foundation and Mr. Holden won the coin toss.

He was asked and agreed to serve as the Foundation’s president from 1956-1974 and contributed considerable time and effort in shaping and building the Foundation into what it is today. The university’s Holden Fine and Applied Arts Building is also named in recognition of his commitment to student success.

Each year at the annual Donor Appreciation Dinner, Paul Holden Society members who are present are personally introduced and given special accolades. A recognition plaque listing all members is also located outside of the Chancellor’s office in Old Main. The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all Paul Holden Society members for their awe-inspiring generosity and belief in the mission of the university.

Paul Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center

Paul Holden Society Members

Frank and Elizabeth Ahlgren*
Don and Karen Bahnick
John and Kathy Berchild
Amy Tessmer Boening*
John and Aurie Bremer
Roderic and Joyce* Campbell
CN (Canadian National Railroad)
Agnes Dahl*
David and Charlene Dutton
Lorraine Ellison*
Marian Ellison*
Enbridge
Ron and Bernie Erickson
Rudy and Clarice Erkkila*
Edward and Amy Greve*
Harold and Mary Jean* Hanson
Oluf and Margaret Haugsrud*
Joan Hedrick
John Hennessy
Paul and Lucile Holden*
Michael and Penny Hucovski
Esther Kates*
Edward and Betty Kossak*
Mark and Mary (Milchesky) Kotter
Toby and Sharon Marcovich

Emile Mathis*
Minnesota Power (an Allete Company)
John and Janet Murphy
National Bank of Commerce
Roger and Jane Nelson
Stanley* and Eleanor Oexemann
Leslie and Irja Olsen*
Donald and Dorothy Peterson
Becky and Doug Pruitt
Rainy River Energy
Gloria Redding*
Reinhart Family Foundation
Ann Rock, MD
Sentry Insurance Foundation
Superior Water Light & Power Co.
Swenson Family Foundation
Lydia Thering
R. James and Carol Weiland
Rev. William Wenninger*
Siinto and Lois Wessman*

* Deceased
The Internet sports production company started in 2004 to provide a service for area athletes and their families. Those who operate it are all UW-Superior alumni and want to promote and highlight the high school and college athletes in Northwestern Wisconsin. The online video feed is free of charge and allows friends and family to cheer on their player and team from anywhere.

Owner-educator

iFan Sports Network founder and CEO Dave Williams (Class of 1988) is the librarian/media specialist instructor at Cooper Elementary School in Superior. After work, he unplugs his classroom duties and plugs in TV monitors, headsets, cameras and cords to make sporting events come alive.

Williams graduated with a bachelor's degree in teacher education with concentrations in physical education and mass communications from UW-Superior. Like many budding broadcasters in the Twin Ports, he started his career at the college radio station, WSSU-FM. He played basketball in college and took his passion from the court to viewers through the iFan Sports Network.

“We provide a public service, and it is gratifying to hear from viewers that they appreciate watching their relatives who they otherwise wouldn’t get a chance to see,” said Williams. “It’s rewarding to hear that our work pays off.”

Built by Yellowjackets

Dave Williams isn’t the only Yellowjacket at iFan. Craig Morrissey (Class of 2006) is also a key member of the business as co-founder and business manager. Morrissey, who graduated with a degree in business administration and a minor in geographic information systems, said he loves to highlight the local athletes and teams. “I want to thank UW-Superior for my experiences and the education I received. It was such a positive experience and this is one of the ways I feel I can give back to such a great institution.”

Want to follow the local sports scene? Your fellow Yellowjacket alumni bring it to you online at WWW.ifan.tv.

Don Leighton (Class of 2010) is the one and only sales representative for the small business. He completed his degree at UW-Superior some 41 years after he first started school at Northland College. Leighton said that UW-Superior’s Distance Learning faculty and staff made the difference for him to earn his degree.

In addition, the iFan Sports Network has worked with interns from UW-Superior and other UW-Superior graduates for announcing, reporting and TV production. The company often utilizes UW-Superior coaches and students as on-air talent, giving the student an opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

According to Leighton, “iFan was started to allow parents and friends of area athletes who could not attend games to view the games online free of charge. With both audio and video and the ability to choose from over 400 events a year, the growth of viewership each year has averaged over 15 percent.”

The service is available free of charge thanks to business sponsorships. On-air, iFan announcers encourage viewers to patronize the local businesses that support the games and teams.

Whether you’re a fan of the Yellowjackets, Bulldogs, Tigers, Spartans or the teams they are playing, chances are good that you and your family can watch those games thanks to this imaginative and hardworking team of Yellowjacket alumni.
1938
Margaret Zehm Chappelle retired from teaching and lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

1943
Beverly Johnson Watt is active at the Mizell Senior Center.

1948
Charlotte Void Olson retired and lives in Olympia, Wash.

1955
Yvonne Cloutier was inducted into the Superior High School Hall of Fame in September.

1956
Bill York retired and now lives in Reno, Nev. with his wife Irene.

John Buytaert and wife Karen are busy with retirement, church and their ten grandchildren.

1957
Ronald Albert retired as superintendent of Howards Grove Schools in Wisconsin.

1958
Loudella Johnson Swanfeld celebrated her 60th Superior Central High School reunion in August.

1959
Robert Klungness retired and lives with his wife Betty in Lakeville, Minn.

Albert Hart was recently appointed president of the Laurel Lake Music Society at Tryon Estates in Columbus, N.C.

1960
Sandra Loga Burbey retired and lives with her husband Gene in Dayton, Ohio.

William Thompson welcomed his first great-grandchild Theodora in August.

Della Klippel Rose retired and lives in Brookfield, Wis.

Tom Moore retired and lives in Minneapolis with his wife Patricia.

Terrance Lindenberg retired from State University of New York-Oswego and lives with his wife Cynthia in St. George, Utah.

Bill McCreary was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla., in August.

Don Olson is involved with the Center for Scandinavian Studies at North Park University in Chicago.

Richard Salo retired and lives in Poway, Calif.

Jim Palmer is a bronze sculptor and lives in Silver City, N.M.

Daryl Berg retired and lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Ann Mertz Schaefer retired from teaching and lives in Madison, Wis.

Harry Phillips has a clay studio in Cocoa, Fla.

Richard Riedsch and Jean Riedsch (Class of 1981) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

Sigurd Sandstrom and wife Mary Ann Callos Sandstrom (Class of 1966) sell framed art prints and home fabric items at arts and craft shows.

1966
Dean DeLongchamp retired from the Air Force and enjoys traveling domestically and internationally with his wife Sylvia.

Andrew Rock is founder and CEO of Lobster.com.

Orvin Clark was inducted into the Superior High School Athletic Hall of Fame in September.

Mary Ann Callos Sandstrom is the owner of a small craft business and lives in Plover, Wis.

Keith Young retired and lives in Rhinelander, Wis., with his wife Patti.

1967
Richard Camlek retired and lives in Black River Falls, Wis.

David Schmidt volunteers at the Douglas County Historical Society and the Bong Veterans Historical Center.

Renee Gerdlund Farley and her husband Tim own Farley’s House of Pianos in Madison, Wis.

1968
Harold “Hal” Mattson is an Elks Past Exalted Ruler and has been elevated to Tax-Aide local coordinator for the area of Mission Viejo, Calif.

Ed Knackstedt and his wife Nancy are semi-retired from selling real estate in Albuquerque, N.M.

1969
Robert Koch and his wife Joann traveled to Italy, France and Spain to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this year.

Col. Richard Khalar has been the chief pilot at the University of Texas System in Austin since 2000.

Dale Meredith retired and lives in Randall, Minn., with his wife Carol.

1970
Linda Carpenter and husband John are building their retirement home in Chippewa County, Wis.

Michael Powers retired after 44 years in collections.

Laurel Johnson La Joie and her husband Gary retired and live in Iron River, Wis.

Joe Pappaterra works for The Hartford in sales and lives in Woodstock, Ga.

1971
Monica Bergsgaard Tikkanen completed the trek on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru this June.

Ray Hilfiker is retired and living in Hudson, Wis.
Barbara Rescheske is currently assisting UW-Superior Emeritus Professor George Gott with his poetry.

Carl Bleier retired and lives in Valdosta, Ga.

Joseph Ravitz retired after 28 years as an assessor and is now self-employed doing commercial and residential real estate appraisals.

Paul Kelly is the host of All Sports Talk Radio for WAXE in Vero, Fla.

Mary Jo Olsen serves as the dean of the School of Education at the College of St. Scholastica and lives in Lake Nebagamon, Wis.

Tom Walsdorf recently retired after over 20 years at the Duluth News Tribune. He and Joyce McCumber Walsdorf (Class of 1972) live in Blaine, Minn.

Jim Bixby serves as the head boy's basketball coach at Daleville High School in Alabama.

1972

Thomas Scott is marketing and operations manager for Keystone Financial Resources in Tennessee.

Terry Porter retired from Procter & Gamble in March of 2011. He and his wife Debra live in De Pere, Wis.

Daniel Semborski is an FMS for the Department of Veterans Affairs and lives in Arvada, Colo.

Bill Tarbox retired and moved to Florida.

Marcella Goldman Gustafson retired in July from Cameron University as the international student admissions coordinator.

Bill Massey retired from coaching after 40 years with the Flying Arrow program and was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

Nancy Cohen retired and lives in Venice, Fla.

1974

Susanne Scott serves as the art
Melissa Raddatz
pioneers avionics

Melissa Raddatz
(Class of 2012)
pioneered the Airframe and Powerplant and Aircraft Electronics programs at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) as the first woman to complete both programs in 2008 and 2009.

Raddatz attended UW-Superior in 2001-2005 for Speech Communication, uncertain of where her future lay but knowing a communications degree could be beneficial in any profession. A semester before graduation, Raddatz took time off to pursue her childhood interest – aviation – and began to work with her dad building an RV-4 airplane.

Soon, she realized she desired to learn more about aviation. Three years after enrolling in FVTC, she became the first woman to complete both the Airframe and Powerplant technical degree and the Aircraft Electronics Associate’s degree.

“It took 19 years for a woman to go through both programs,” she said. “I think it reflects our culture and sheds light on the fact that there are still careers which women are not strongly pursuing.”

Raddatz joined Duncan aviation as an Avionics Installation Technician, installing the electronic components of airplanes, and then completed her Speech Communication degree online in 2012. She currently serves as an avionics sales representative and is the first woman at Duncan Aviation to sell avionics.

Raddatz hopes to continue to grow personally and professionally and continually learn.

“I am always looking to do better than before,” she said. “When I do think of my future, I see myself leading.”
Stanley Bogacz retired and lives with his wife Karen in Deltona, Fla.

1979
Gary MacDonald is an architectural products-product manager for Greenheck Fan Corporation and lives in Wausau, Wis., with his wife Theresa Gotelaere MacDonald.

Ellen Forseth Pioro is a librarian with the Duluth Public Library.

Cole Nelson was recently promoted to construction group safety coordinator for Union Pacific Track Programs’ Engineering Department.

Catherine Charmelo Coletta is compiling a book on men and women with connections to Lake Nebagamon and who have served in the armed services from the Civil War to the present.

Dan Ritsche is a legislative analyst for the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau and lives in Madison.

1980
Thomas Shoemaker retired from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis in 2010.

Maggie Dittburner Rutenbeck is program manager for special recreation programs with the City of Bloomington’s S.O.A.R. program.

Andrew Jarosh’s editorial work was recently awarded at the Florida Society of News Editors annual conference.

Terry Miller has been an engineer for 3M for 28 years in the industrial adhesives division working on process coating development.

Diane Vaksdal Smith is currently practicing law at Burg Simpson in Colorado.

Gregg Zank retired from Dow Coming as CTO in September after 29 years.

Tom Doig became the Lady Canes hockey coach in June in northern Wisconsin.

Dan Seidler is chief marketing officer with Side by Side Marketing.


Charles Milliren welcomed his second granddaughter on June 24.

1981
Michael Saari is a clerk with Iron County and lives in Hurley, Wis., with his wife Liana.

Jan Wickboldt recently accepted a position at CESA #11 as an educational math consultant after teaching at Clayton High School for 30 years.

Ed Anderson is a driver for Halvor Lines in Superior. He and wife Dawn celebrated their 26th anniversary in April.

Chris Norman started a new position with Pillsbury United Communities and Foss Swim School in June as an administrative assistant and editor.

1982
Marta Soderberg Howard is a freelance musician in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Assisi, Italy.

Patricia Galiger Schoenborn and her husband Tim Schoenborn (Class of 1983) have two grandchildren. Patricia is an elementary music teacher for the Abbotsford School District in Wisconsin.

Debra Taylor Traeder helped start Prevent Suicide Wisconsin in 2010 and was recently elected president of the Rotary Club of Wausau, Wis.

Kenneth Swartz is currently employed as a clinical psychologist with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Las Vegas.

1983
Duane Ambrose teaches physical education, teacher education and sports management at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lori Libersky Schroeder is a receptionist with Minnesota Christian Broadcasters.

1984
Don Nummi was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Superior Business Improvement District.

Christine Fulmer serves as the music department chairperson and Band Director at Ashland High School. Christine and Neil Fulmer (Class of 1986) welcomed their first grandchild in April.

1985
David Wicklund and wife Laurel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Beth Ricci Lewis is a dental assistant with Gundersen Health System Oral Surgery.

Jean Carlson Ernst is a laboratory manager with Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

1986
Victoria Main is co-founder and director of the John D.

Munsell Legacy Fund and Twin Ports Stage in Superior.

Matt Gidley is the director of information technology with Paper Converting Machine Company.

Todd Welhouse retired from the Dallas Police Department in September after 25 years.

1987
Marry Renn Vaughn directed Sealed for Freshness this fall at UW-Superior’s Manion Theatre for Twin Ports Stage.

1988
Jane Stock contracts with various K-12 educational vendors for curriculum design.

Robert Schneider published his second book Blu Rose and the Land of Saunt under his pen name Robert Pew.

Bonnie Christensen joined College Possible in March as the director of finance and operations.

Beth Clark was inducted into the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in April. Beth is the activities and athletic director and girls’ basketball coach at Hermantown High School.

Lauren Bratt Smith was recently selected as interim dean of instruction at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colo. She and Gary Smith (Class of 1972) live in Loveland, Colo.

Mark McGillis retired as a police sergeant in Superior in August after more than 21 years.

Michele Gordon is a solo practitioner psychotherapist in Duluth. She earned her Ph.D., from the Clayton College of Natural Health.
1989
April Gotelaere Campbell and Scott Campbell (Class of 1987) celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Michael Olson is a registered nurse with Essentia Health SMMC.

Matt Markon spent 10 weeks training in the FBI’s National Academy Program this spring.

1990
Gary Malchow has been employed in student service related positions with UW-Madison since 1993.

Loralee Osln-Arcand owns Word Services Unlimited, a graphic design and typesetting business.

Kristin Vatter is the director of student activities and Buntrock Commons at St. Olaf College.

1991
Kristen Thimm Maass is an independent sales director with Mary Kay cosmetics.

1992
Danny Correll works as a licensed independent clinical social worker at the Twin Ports VA Outpatient Clinic in Superior.

Laurie Neverman writes her own blog Common Sense Homesteading. Her husband August Neverman (Class of 1991) became the chief information officer for Brown County, Wis., in May.

Michael Anderson works for Otterson Mental Health Service and lives in Duluth.

1993
Angie Powles Kappes works in the registrar’s office at UW-Superior.

David Campobello is vice president of business banking with First American Bank and lives in Carpentersville, Ill.

Teresa Shaffer Eastin is a stay-at-home mom in Oakdale, Minn.

Erika Suo traveled to Finland last spring with ten Finnish Education Exploratory Team members.

1994
Willa Lavamaki retired from the State of Minnesota in 2012.

David Roberts is a clinical research manager for Medtronic, Inc.

1995
LeAnn Ryan was hired as a chemical health counselor and clinical supervisor with Genesis Recovery Services.

Tanya Milanowski is a school psychologist for the St. Croix Falls School District in Wisconsin.

1996
Barb Pezze is now an associate advisor and reporting officer at UW-Superior.

Amber Ballweg Martinez just finished a term as president of the Vernon Hills Lions Club in Illinois.

Mark Nelson celebrated 20 years with the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons at The Federal Correctional Institution in Sandstone, Minn.

Madhawa Gunawardhene is the CEO of MFourZero, a consulting firm in Sri Lanka.

1997
Geraldine Gomes Hughes is an office manager with the UMD political science and international studies department.

Dawn "Dee" Duffy Meyers is the counselor at Spooner High School and Darin Meyers (Class of 1996) serves as a director of sales at BrandPoint.

Ryan Nelson is a risk manager with US Bank and lives in Savage, Minn.

Leah Habegger Frische is a librarian with the Deerfield Public Library and lives with her husband David Frische (Class of 1999) in Lake Mills, Wis.

Kerry Worth Peterson has been working for Express Scripts for 16 years.

1998
Carolyn Nelson-Kavajecz has been self-employed for 23 years as the owner of two performing arts based businesses located in Superior.

Lori Morphey is working as a school psychologist for the Manitowoc Public School District.

Gina Perfetti is a licensed professional clinical counselor and adjunct psychology instructor with the College of St. Scholastica.

Alicia Mattson Hubbard is a customer service supervisor with 3M and lives in North St. Paul, Minn.

Michael Bilden is the assistant dean for adult students for the College of Business and Economics and the director of the adult degree completion program at UW-River Falls.

1999
Julie Ericson White obtained her master’s degree from Capella University and was promoted to assistant dean of student services at Hillsborough Community College in Florida.

2000
Christopher Jorstad is an orthopedics and trauma nurse practitioner at Rochester General Hospital in New York.

Ryan McCausland recently joined Wipfli LLP as an audit manager in the Duluth office.

Jon Garver married Allison Gerland on March 16. Jon serves as the athletic marketing and fundraising specialist at UW-Superior.

Rachel Hills is a mental health case manager at HDC Superior.

Bree Hicken started working at Georgia State University in July 2014 as an assistant academic coordinator and special projects coordinator for athletics.

2001
Tiffanie Ellis Ward is an assistant kindergarten teacher with Summit School and lives in Duluth.

Ariana Kotoski Baxter is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Burnet.

2002
Sandy Croke Hanson is a senior research analyst with Barlow Research Associates, Inc.

Tara Selinow Wiesner is a strategy and operations consultant with Deloitte. She and Michael Wiesner (Class of 2002) live in Hemndon, Va.

Les Gibbs received the 2014 Community Diversity Award at the UW-Superior Multicultural Affairs and First Nations Center graduation ceremony in May.

Rebecca Anderson recently accepted a position as associate director of Career Services at the UC Berkeley School of Information.

Steve Lishinski is the special education director.
classmates

for the Adams Township School District. His wife Nikki Williams Lishinski (Class of 2004) teaches at South Range Elementary School.

Alissa LaValley joined the Duluth office of LHB Inc., as a material coordinator for the Public Works Industrial group.

2003

Ben Nelson, adjunct psychology professor at Mesa Community College in Phoenix, Ariz., was designated a Certified Consultant of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology.

Karissa Twining and her husband Mike welcomed their first son Ryan in February.

Amanda Gall Lodhar teaches first grade in Calgary, Alberta. She and Shane Lodhar (Class of 2002) have three children.

Lynn Jacobson Bedroske is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay and lives in Stewartville, Minn.

Jason Clauson works for Accenture as a consultant and lives in El Segundo, Calif.

Beverly Nett teaches kindergarten in Misawa, Japan on U.S. Misawa Air Base.

Amanda Johnson Wirta is a violinist with the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra and medical coder with Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital.

Mary Garness is a city clerk and human resources director with the City of Ashland in Wisconsin.

Elyse Moullette Vymazal is a horticulturist with the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and lives in St. Paul.

Lisa Mitchell Baker released her first CD of original piano compositions titled “Believing is Seeing” in late 2013.

Yadamini “Yada” Gunawardena graduated with an MBA from the University of Wales in October 2013 and is the head of the Federation of All Lanka Youth Leagues.

Julie Ahasay is an instructor in the communication department at UMD and directs with various theatre companies in Duluth.

“Pride on the Ice” video lands Pacheco midwest Emmy

by Hope Roff

Devin Pacheco (Class of 2007) is no stranger to the hockey world. But with the help of the sport, the former New York Rangers marketing and fan development coordinator was awarded a 2014 Upper Midwest Regional Emmy.

The UW-Superior graduate, now the assistant director of marketing for the University of Minnesota, has spent the last two years producing behind-the-scenes videos for the men’s hockey team. With the success of the group’s 2013-2014 season, Pacheco and his team decided to produce another video to follow the team during their journey to the NCAA Frozen Four Championships.

According to Pacheco, they were astounded to even be nominated for the award. “Then, to pull off the win completely blew us away,” he told UW-Superior.

Pacheco describes the videos and the lengthy preparation that goes into them as a way to allow fans to connect with the team on a more personal level and to see things in a way that they normally wouldn’t by purchasing a ticket to a game or watching on TV. “The best part has been being extremely lucky to work with a great team of people,” said Pacheco, alluding to his camera-man and editor on the project.

The UW-Superior Communicating Arts grad is not planning to be a “one hit wonder,” however. Through the success of the video series thus far, a sponsorship was sold to produce around eight episodes with the hockey team for their 2014-2015 season. “We’ll have another great team to film with and some great stories to tell,” he said. “I’m sure we’ll be able to take things to a whole new level this season.”
Jena Engelking earns Fulbright Scholarship

Jena Engelking (Class of 2013) was selected for a 2014-15 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Bosnia and Herzegovina. For nine months she will represent her country as a cultural ambassador while overseas, helping to enhance mutual understanding between Americans and the residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Engelking will conduct research in Bosnia as part of her scholarship. “I will be focusing in on youth perspectives and what they are thinking for the future of their country. Where do they see problems? Why do people stay? Why do people leave, and what do they see that needs improvement?”

Cherie Sawinski, interim director of the Office of International Programs at UW-Superior, was thrilled for this UW-Superior graduate. “We are so proud. We hope this opportunity will prove to be a springboard to bring her closer to her career goal of working with the U.S. Foreign Services.”

Engelking earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science at UW-Superior and is a 2007 graduate of Superior High School. Since graduation Engelking has interned for U.S. Representative Sean Duffy and currently works at the Duluth International Airport, a fabric store and serves in the National Guard.

2004
Erin Amdall Larson and Brian Larson (Class of 2002) celebrated 10 years of marriage.

Greg Trettin is a cost analyst with Enbridge Energy and lives in Superior with wife Rebecca Kelleher Trettin (Class of 2006).

Bradley Amys was recently selected for a promotion to major and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Chenthuran Jayachandiran is a 3rd year doctoral student in communication studies at the University of Iowa.

Jessica Brandt is working for Intercity Transit as an environmental planner and lives in Olympia, Wash.

Jeremy Irlebeck serves as the athletic director and head baseball coach for Southeastern Illinois College.

Ryan Krajewski is now an account manager for Giant Voices marketing firm and helped to launch Giant Academy.

2005
Nicole Lind Teasley works for Family Forum as an administrative assistant.

Shanti Lakhan is a marketing manager for Mahindra Aerospace.

Ken Pearson works for Western Dairyland EOC Inc.

Julie Salmon works for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Casey Carlson Lozon is in her 10th season as the head varsity dance team coach at Superior High School.

Steve Glonchak has been promoted to vice president of lending at Members Cooperative Credit Union.

Melissa Nelmark Hanson teaches in the Amery School District and coaches middle school basketball.

Austin Hagen and his wife Emily welcomed their first child in 2012. Austin is a case manager with Kroll Ontrack.

2006
Marcy Schotanus is a graphic designer and technical writer and lives in St. Paul.

Lacey Franckowiak is a replenishment manager with Michael’s Arts and Crafts and lives in Duluth.

Shelley Tuttle teaches English at Lakeview Christian Academy in Duluth.

Molly Schuetzler is working for Geometric Results Inc., as a program manager consultant.

Amanda Jean Beulieu was selected by the American Heart Association of Minnesota to be a 2014-2015 Go Red For Women’s Health Ambassador.

Timothy Robinson earned a master’s degree in social work from UMD in 2008 and works at Essentia Health Hospice. Timothy also coordinated the Greater Duluth End-of-Life Coalition for several years.

2007
Pam Chicras married Ryan Sepion on July 12. She works for Wells Fargo Bank as a service manager.

Janna Bjorkman Nordeman and her husband Tom welcomed their first child Noah in May. Janna is a social worker with Heartland Hospice.

Charlie Forsyth serves as a quality assurance software tester for Saturn Systems Software Engineering in Duluth.
Brandon Nusse works as a national accounts manager with HorizonHCS and owns Nus Photography. He and wife Jamie welcomed their son Jack in May 2013.

Bryan Lundberg started a new position as a program manager in the Essentia Health pharmacy.

Jocelyn Rhodes Shane and her husband Ryan live in Vivian, La., with their two children.

Matt Arthur works for the Actors’ Equity Association in New York City as organizing and immigration manager.

Sean Quinlan is now an account manager for General Mills and recently relocated to Buffalo, N.Y.

Ashley Bennett Gotreaux fundraises for the Center for Victims of Torture. She and husband Jon live in Minnetonka, Minn.

Jacklin Wallgren joined the Texas A&M-Commerce athletic department as the new director for athletic compliance in August.

Susan Kusilek Larson serves as executive assistant to the lead pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wis.

Lindsey Stauty Welch has taught reading at Pine City Elementary School for seven years.

Kim Rawson is a senior lecturer with Communicating Arts-Distance Learning at UW-Superior. She is also a facilitator for Math and Parent Partners at UW-Stevens Point and an instructor-in-training for therapeutic riding under Path International at HART, Inc.

Shellie Swanson spent ten days traveling with her Bayfield School District students this summer in London, Paris and Rome.

Chelsea Uptegrove works as an RN at Essentia Duluth in the ICU float pool and lives in Superior.

Angela Rahkola is a case manager with Arc of Anchorage in Alaska.

Aimee Harder Fisher recently accepted a position as prospect research officer at Carleton College. She and her husband Jim Fisher (Class of 2003) live in Northfield, Minn.

2008
Daniel Stock is the ticket office manager for the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre.

Matt Stuttgen is an assistant professor teaching theatre technology at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Anastasha Bixler Morse is a cytogenetic lab technologist with the Mayo Clinic.

Eric Bottolfson is a wholesaler with MassMutual and lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

Megan Parpart is working as a speech-language pathologist for Centrex Rehab in Minneapolis, Minn.

Kym Young recently founded #politicalsoffmybody, a grassroots human rights advocacy group.

2009
Jamie Nelson accepted a new position with the American Cancer Society and manages Relay for Life volunteers.

Alyssa Anderson Baethemer and her husband Greg welcomed their son, Bennet, on April 30. Alyssa is a teacher for the Kettle Moraine School District.

Katie Orr works as an RN at Essentia Health.

Megan McDonough Wilson and husband Chad Wilson (Class of 2009) live in Superior where Megan is a realtor with RE/MAX 1.

Rob Turville married Alina Seilivanova (Class of 2009). They live in Alberta, Canada, where Rob is a production field operator.

Meagan Campbell is a recruiting and development coordinator with Northwestern Mutual and lives in Superior.

Justin Torch recently became the director of human resources at Lakehead Construction and serves as an adjunct instructor at UW-Superior in the mediation and conflict resolution certificate program.

Carrie Super is a school counselor for the Prior Lake High School and lives in Minneapolis.

Amanda Molis Carlson is a physician with Essentia Health and lives in South Range, Wis.

Markie Schneider Hansen is a financial analyst with Ascena Retail Group Inc., and lives in Superior.

Therese Giokiani is a teacher at The Nurturing Nook Inc., and lives in Whitefish Bay, Wis.

Bryan Lukkason is a senior account executive with Solarwinds and lives in Northglenn, Colo.

Brooke Bailey is a pharmacist with Walgreens and lives in Altoona, Wis.

2010
Paul Marlin is a guidance counselor with Boyer Valley Middle School and High School and lives in Dunlap, Iowa.

Paula Jornlin is an elementary teacher with the Peshtigo School District.

Caleb Nicholson works at Thomson Reuters in the reference attorney department.

Jessica Voelker is attending Florida Tech, where she is pursuing a master’s degree in environmental science.

Brittany Dunkel is a tax supervisor at McGladrey LLP and lives in Duluth.

Kevin Dalpiaz joined St. Luke’s Orthopedics and Sports Medicine as a physician assistant in July.

Julia Durst was promoted to program director for outpatient services at the Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment in Duluth.

Glenn Landis retired from WisDOT in February 2014 after 25 years. He is currently working as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Brown County.

Jordan Appicelli is a regional recruiter for UW-Colleges.

Yves Tegaboue earned his graduate degree in engineering telecommunications from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He works for Nokia as a senior engineer.

Tara Tyykila graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas.

David King is currently working as the logistics manager at New Vision Wilderness Therapy.

Andrew Olson graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in May and is currently working at Thomson Reuters.

Marc Verdugo is a program manager with Google, Inc., and lives in San Francisco, Calif.

2011
Brittany Berrens is the director of marketing for the Superior-
Douglas County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

Nicole Dormedy Flick and Andrew Flick (Class of 2014) welcomed a new daughter. Nicole received her master’s degree from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, and works for CNH Industrial America LLC as an environmental, health and safety specialist.

Logan Campa married Samantha Licht (Class of 2012) in May.

Janeen Fait-Herkert is a first grade teacher at Hawthorn Hills Elementary and lives in Marshfield, Wis.

Breanna Callahan joined Southwest Wisconsin Technical College as a student services specialist in 2013. She and her husband Robert welcomed a daughter, Mira, on July 17.

Caleb Thom is in his third year of law school at the University of St. Thomas. He and wife Amber Bieneck Thom (Class of 2011) live in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Kurt Zeman and Dana Jacobson Zeman (Class of 2014) live in Killeen, Texas where Kurt is an intelligence systems integrator and maintainer for the United States Army.

Brent Price and Cassie Lien Price’s (Class of 2008) company Custom Catering celebrated its first anniversary.

TJ Wink joined the Duluth News Tribune as a customer service field representative.

Adam Herubin is a traffic coordinator with MERC and lives in Superior.

Joe Morcomb joined the Totino-Grace High School counseling team this fall in Fridley, Minn.

Philip Kramer recently joined United Health Group in the Medicare and retirement division as an insurance agent.

Lydia Polson married Shane Schroeder on September 7 in Foxboro, Wis. Lydia is a clerk for the City of Duluth.

Margaret Holmes serves as an adjunct faculty at Hibbing Community College and is a recent Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant recipient.

Mari Henriquez Bishop is attending the College of Charleston, pursuing a master’s degree in environmental studies and interning with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

2012

Michael Cheslock is a community education coordinator for the School District of Rhinelander.

Amanda Akason is pursuing a master’s degree at the College of St. Scholastica in marketing and health care administration. She is currently a marketing specialist with UW-Superior.

Jenessis Scott is a procurement specialist with Ascena Retail Group.

Michael Shaw is a baker and custodian at the Lazy Moose Grille and Coffeehouse.

Ashley Hammer teaches eighth grade language arts and United States history at Hudson Middle School.

Kevin Graffwallner is a high school social studies teacher for the School District of Phelps.

Shaun Marshall is an accountant and the assistant baseball coach at UW-Superior.

Emily Borra is in graduate school at Indiana University where she is also employed in the IU residential programs and services department as a graduate supervisor.

Jesse West is working for the University of Washington as a senior systems analyst.

Bryn Yoki-Davidson married Keith Davidson in August. Bryn is working at Essentia Health and began the LICSW master’s program at the College of St. Scholastica in September.

Debora Bitencourt da Rocha is working as database administrator for Internews Network in California.

2013

Colin Pasterski is employed as a law clerk at Halunen & Associates in Minneapolis.

Lindsay Aijala is working as a health educator for Lake Superior Community Health Center.

Chelsea Cooper Loining works in human resources for Halvor Lines, Inc. She and husband Nicholas Loining (Class of 2012) live in Superior.

Pam Hicks serves as admissions and funding coordinator at Genesis Recovery Services in Duluth.

Alex Christian is working for Innovative Transport Systems in Minneapolis as operations manager.

Michelle Niska teaches first grade at Hagam Elementary School in Williston, N.D.

Jordan Peterson will attend Rosalind Franklin University’s Scholl School of Podiatric Medicine.

Kathryn Murphy has been accepted to the biology graduate program at the University of Oklahoma.

Kasey Cable serves as an AmeriCorps VISTA member at Great River Family Promise.

Michael Lindahl and his wife welcomed a new daughter, Honor, on January 7, 2014.

Kelsey Christie is employed by JJ Keller as an auditor and lives in Kaukauna, Wis.

Paige Mikkelson is the accounts payable coordinator for Residential Services, Inc., in Duluth.
Laura Gapske works at First Witness Child Advocacy Center as a multidisciplinary team coordinator and forensic interviewer.

Theresa Cadeau works as a full time reporter at the Duluth Budgeteer News.

Christine Lupella is a senior marketing communications manager with the Jewish United Fund and Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Michelle Ross is administrator to the Vice President of Operations at AMSOIL Inc., in Superior.

Alora Rueth published a new magazine called “Country Diva.”

Cody Akason moved to Colorado in May and works as an instructor for Avid4Adventure and as a team teacher at a private school.

Tong Bauer is attending UW-Stout, pursuing a master’s degree in training and human resource development.

Mycah Prichard was hired by Compudyne as a level 1 service technician in January.

Theresa Woodruff is a special education teacher with the Rice Lake Area School District and is pursuing her master’s in special education at UW-Superior.

Briana Utrie is working full-time at Heartland Business Systems in Little Chute, Wis., and recently moved to Appleton.

2014

Margaret Buck joined the ALS consulting team.

Karen Elsa is an artist and lives in Ashland, Wis.

Derek Krivinchuk is a freight operations supervisor with Con-Way Freight.

Lindsey Lenser is an executive assistant with Keller Williams Realty Integrity Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Joey Massingham is an electrician with Surepoint in Canada.

Kevin Jenkins has a new position with Enbridge as a senior advisor for public and government affairs.

Michael Leone retired from the 148th Air National Guard as a mobility asset technician and works with Halvor Lines as an operations assistant.

Scott Behling won the William A. Irvin 5K in June with a time of 15:19.

Aaron Anders works with Saturn Systems Software Engineering as a programmer.

Mary Roe works as a mental health clinician for Northland Counseling Center in International Falls, Minn.

Karla Michelburger Reinhardt teaches second grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Baraboo, Wis.

Abigail Hermann is working as an adult mental health case manager for North Homes Children and Family Services. She lives in Bovey, Minn., with her husband Thomas.

Alex Gokee and Katherine Capriglione (Class of 2013) are married and live in Cloquet, Minn.

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Virginia Nordholm Linder (1939), St. Paul, Minn., April 21, 2014
Mary Green (1944), Jacobson, Minn., August 26, 2014
Inez Christianson Hultner (1945), Luck, Wis., October 3, 2013
Phyllis Geiger Frawley (1948), Boulder, Colo., January 15, 2014
Leonard Ojala (1948), Angora, Minn., July 18, 2014
Shirley Jones Webb (1949), Superior, Wis., June 2, 2014
George Austreng (1950), Superior, Wis., April 5, 2013
Virginia Johnson (1950), Brookfield, Wis., May 18, 2014
William Titus (1951), Duluth, Minn., September 23, 2014
Earl Lundmark (1951), Shawano, Wis., September 21, 2014
Mary Moha Pretti (1954), Superior, Wis., May 9, 2014
Lloyd Busch (1957), Superior, Wis., July 30, 2014
Arlene Olson Eaton (1957), Superior, Wis., July 22, 2014
Arne Salli (1958), Superior, Wis., May 9, 2014
Lois Benson Westman (1958), Superior, Wis., June 10, 2014
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Mark Gray (1962), Pleasant Prairie, Wis., June 10, 2014
Judith Berg (1965), Cumberland, Wis., April 13, 2014
Raymond Stapleton (1966), University Park, Fla., June 18, 2014
Peter Lundgren (1966), Panama City, Fla., September 20, 2014
Bernard Montanari (1968), Rochester, N.Y., March 7, 2014
Earl Blomfelt (1968), Superior, Wis., April 25, 2014
Martin Forbes (1968), Proctor, Minn., June 12, 2014
Carole Filby Kolbe (1968), Superior, Wis., August 24, 2014
Ronald Saari (1969), Superior, Wis., August 6, 2014
Muriel Viggiano (1969), Superior, Wis., August 7, 2014
Lars Eidnes (1970), Saint Maries, Idaho, June 7, 2014
John Wigren (1971), Superior, Wis., July 19, 2014
Irvin Mossberger (1971), Superior, Wis., October 2, 2014
Michael Paremski (1972), Rhinelander, Wis., June 5, 2014
Carl Bong (1972), San Diego, Calif., June 19, 2014
Scott Sutherland (1973), Superior, Wis., July 3, 2014
George Mead (1975), Duluth, Minn., September 23, 2014
Lincoln Poupore (1978), Becker, Minn., August 29, 2014
Kenneth Mancini (1981), Duluth, Minn., June 3, 2014
Homer Andrew (1984), Superior, Wis., June 21, 2014
Dianne Stone (1987), Duluth, Minn., May 19, 2014
Carol Jester (1987), Superior, Wis., June 15, 2014
Janice Bozeman-Kelleher (1991), Superior, Wis., August 27, 2014

Scott Nelson (2013), Superior, Wis., August 3, 2014
Kevin Griepentrog (2013), Tigerton, Minn., September 17, 2014
Caitlin Daudt (2014), Backus, Minn., July 31, 2014

Mike Simonson - friend, colleague and Yellowjacket

Mike Simonson (Class of 2005), the news director at KUWS-FM and the voice of Northwestern Wisconsin for Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR), died Sunday, October 5 at the age of 57.

The UW-Superior alumnus was also an instructor on campus where he taught and mentored generations of future journalists. The award winning reporter first joined the WPR staff in 1990 when the Superior bureau opened. He won numerous awards during his tenure for WPR and many of his students at UW-Superior did as well.

Photo by Lucy Roberts, courtesy of Wisconsin Public Radio

Dr. Philip Brieske, retired faculty member, passed away on December 11, 2013, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Brieske began teaching at UW-Superior in September of 1961 and retired on June 30, 1974. He was a professor in the Physics department and served as director of CASE beginning in 1970. Dr. Brieske was inducted into the UW-Superior Chemistry and Physics Hall of Fame in 2013.

Dr. Gary L. Sherman, retired faculty member, passed away on August 25, 2014, in Superior. Dr. Sherman began his career at UW-Superior in August of 1973 and retired on May 24, 2009. He was a professor in the psychology department. After his retirement, Dr. Sherman returned to UW-Superior and continued to teach on a part-time basis with the Distance Learning Center until January 10, 2013.

Suzanne (Suzie) Bednar-Munsell passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2014 in Hayward, Wis. Suzie was employed by UW-Superior for 34 years, worked in several positions and departments, and earned an associate degree from the university. Suzie was a friend and mentor to countless students, especially in the theater department, and often formed life-long friendships.
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