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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The summer of 2015 signaled in many ways that UW-Superior is an institution on the rise. The campus community is embracing change and progress as we continue to write the story of a Superior future by implementing the Superior Visions 2020 strategic plan, a roadmap for the success of the institution and the students it prepares. The biennial budget processes resulted in a near historic reduction in support for the UW System and its campuses. However, our campus was already moving to be prepared in the early spring, and as a result, we were able to turn our eyes forward this fall to writing a new chapter in UW-Superior history, one marked by innovation.

The Brule River Watershed three-year project being led by Paul Hlina in collaboration with the UW-Madison Herbarium Curator’s office continues the work of Dr. Don Davidson, which was started in the 1960s. The assessment of the health of the Brule River environment by benchmarking against these earlier studies will be a key to understanding the forces at work and to better enable preservation of this natural resource jewel.

Over the summer months, our students, faculty and staff were on the move internationally as they traveled and performed across the globe. A group of symphonic band students and professor Pamela Bustos were in Panama to share their talents and to learn about the culture of South America. Others pursued studies in Scotland with our Wisconsin in Scotland program where they used the Dalkeith Palace as their home base. Others traveled on their own – some with Spooner Scholarships – to enrich their studies.

UW-Superior also has many new faces of faculty and staff who joined the campus community over the summer and fall months. These people bring a tremendous set of skills, talents and excitement as the institution continues to focus on building community and government relationships and fostering student success. This fall also marked a 15 percent increase in new full-time freshman students on campus and a record number of international students from 44 different countries, making them 10 percent of the campus population, a percentage second only to Madison. New programs were initiated, including our Master’s in Data Science, which will meet the needs of individuals looking to acquire skills to transform big data into big insights and better decisions. Our athletic teams are entering their first year in their new conference, the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) and it is already proving to be a thrilling season.

These are just some of the exciting changes happening on campus, and as we move forward on Superior Visions 2020, I truly believe that UW-Superior is positioned for excellence in the years to come.

Renée M. Wachter
Chancellor
January 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the KUWS radio station. A celebration is being planned for this summer, and more information will be available soon.

Were you involved with KUWS while you were on campus? Email us your story and photos at alumni@uwsuper.edu.

Bruce MacDonald in the on-air studio, Old Main 314, in 1975. Bruce is from Spooner, Wis., attended UW-Superior 1974-76, then transferred to UW-Madison and earned his degree there. He’s had a long career in news with Minnesota Public Radio. Photo courtesy of Peter Nordgren (Class of 1974).
New articulation agreements help two-year students

Community partnerships will result in student success through multiple articulation agreements with UW-Superior, Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Wausau, Wis., and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) in Shell Lake, Wis.

After completing either the Accounting or Business Management associate degree at NTC, students can seamlessly transfer to UW-Superior to begin the accredited Bachelor of Science in Accounting or Business and Economics. Mark McCoon, assistant professor in the Business and Economics department at UW-Superior, was instrumental in getting this partnership completed. UW-Superior has also partnered with NTC in a previous articulation agreement in the Human Services field.

Likewise, qualifying WITC graduates of Finance and Accounting applied science degrees will enter UW-Superior to complete their two years of the bachelor’s degree program in Business Administration Finance Concentration and Accounting.

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UW-Superior students present research at Regional Economic Indicators Forum

Students from UW-Superior presented economic research findings to the area business community at the Regional Economic Indicators Forum (REIF) at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center on October 27, hosted by the National Bank of Commerce. Twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall, UW-Superior students are joined by other student researchers from the College of St. Scholastica and the University of Minnesota Duluth.

The forum in the spring focused on housing needs and opportunities in the Northland and in the fall featured a skills gap discussion. The full year-end detailed report of their findings will be released in late December. The March 2016 REIF topic will be on cyber security.

The two student researchers who presented on behalf of UW-Superior at the October breakfast forum were Brain Honness and Donald Simmons.

These UW-Superior students are assisted and supported by faculty and staff in the Department of Business and Economics. Faculty contributing to the project are Zamira Simkins, Rubana Mahjabeen, Sakib Mahmud, Richard Moran and Jerry Hembd.

Read more about their research findings at: www.nbcbanking.com/about-nbc/R-E-I-F/
The new Master of Science in Data Science degree program is a collaborative effort of UW-Extension, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-La Crosse, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Superior.

The 12-course, 36-credit program, will provide graduates with the knowledge to clean, organize, analyze and interpret unstructured data, deriving knowledge and communicating discoveries clearly to stakeholders.

With a shortage of data scientists, the employment outlook for professionals with the required skills and knowledge is extremely positive. The McKinsey Global Institute states that U.S. demand for deep analytical talent could be 50 to 60 percent greater than its projected supply by 2018. The result may be a shortage of 140,000 to 190,000 people with deep analytical skills as well as 1.5 million managers and analysts to analyze big data and make decisions based on their findings.
UW-Superior named to AS-L Honor Roll

The Corporation for National and Community Service named UW-Superior to the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, honoring colleges and universities for their commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

During the 2012-13 service period for which UW-Superior was recognized, over 75 course sections; 1,388 students; 42 professors; and 90 community service partners were active in Academic Service-Learning (AS-L).

When paired with other community service, such as volunteering and internships, a total of 2,263 students donated 58,996 hours of involvement to the Twin Ports area, equivalent to over $1 million of time.

“Receiving the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor recognition reflects UW-Superior’s deep commitment to achieving meaningful outcomes in our community. As our new mission, vision and values statement express, we are committed to community partnerships and meeting the needs of our region,” Jenice Meyer, coordinator for the Center for Academic Service-Learning, said.

Through AS-L, students apply their knowledge and learn through experience while community partners receive assistance from the students, many times allowing their organizations to expand their reach and be more effective. Community partners range from school districts and non-profit organizations to businesses and government offices.

Summit draws focus on bullying epidemic

More than 100 community members gathered in the Yellowjacket Union for Victory Over Bullying: A Northland Summit to Explore Impact, Causes & Responses. The full-day event, held Sept. 30, included presentations and a variety of breakout sessions with opportunities for interaction and a chance to tour the Victory Over Violence exhibit, which was held in Swenson Hall Sept. 21 to Oct. 2.

“This was an important event not only for the campus but also the community,” said Ryan Matara, Director of Continuing Education and Summer College at UW-Superior. “It provided a great forum to discuss not only the harmful impacts of bullying, but also the ways individuals can become more active in addressing this widespread problem.”

Speakers included Emmy-award winning journalist with KBJR 6, Range 11 and KDLH 3 News in Duluth, Minn., Kevin Jacobsen, who spoke about the state of bullying in our community, Superior Police Chief Nicholas Alexander, who talked about law enforcement’s response to incidents of bullying across the life span, and UW-Superior professor of legal studies Maria Cuzzo, who discussed bullying in the workplace.

Topics addressed during the summit will be further explored with additional community programs throughout the year.

During the Victory Over Bullying summit, attendees were given the opportunity to tour the Victory Over Violence exhibit, which was held in Swenson Hall. The themes of the exhibit were designed to deepen critical thinking and stimulate dialogue about violence and peace.
Freshmen and international student enrollment up dramatically

Fall semester was off to an exciting start, reporting significantly higher numbers of incoming freshmen and a school record of international students.

- **15 percent increase** in new freshmen on campus for fall 2015 from a year ago
- **25 percent increase** in international students coming from over 40 countries
- **5 percent increase** in continuing undergraduate, distance learning degree-seeking student enrollments

International student enrollment is the highest in school history with approximately 190 attending, which is more than a 25 percent increase from fall of 2014.

Students to benefit from federal grants

The Student Support Services (SSS) grant from the U.S. Department of Education provides $292,340 per year for five years, enabling the university to continue offering tutoring, remedial work, disability support services and outreach to first-generation, low-income college students. The first year of this grant award took effect September 2015 and runs through August 2016. UW-Superior also partially funds Student Support Services.

“This grant will enable us to continue to serve students and families that need support to complete their dreams of a college education,” said Toua Thao, project director, SSS, (TRiO) at UW-Superior. “Our priority is to serve students who might need an extra boost to prepare them for a quality education.”

UW-Superior will be able to award $33,000 in scholarships through this program.

In addition, UW-Superior received a Career Ready Internship grant in October in the amount of $317,454 from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. This grant will benefit students by offering opportunities to gain invaluable, real-world experience through paid internships in their fields of study with community partners in the region.

Also in October, the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) and UW-Superior received a $316,667 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with a match provided by UW-Extension, to renovate and design a new public learning center on Barker’s Island in Superior. The center will tell the story of St. Louis River estuary, the Lake Superior watershed and the communities that line their banks. The building and exhibits are expected to be open to the public by summer of 2017.
around campus

Fall welcomes new faculty and instructional academic staff

Danielle Karvonen (Class of 2010), Senior Lecturer, Health and Wellness Management in the Department of Health and Human Performance

Cade Mansfield, Assistant Professor, Psychology in the Department of Human Behavior, Justice and Diversity

Tanzeem Iqbal Ali, Assistant Professor, Science Education in the Department of Educational Leadership

Amanda Zbacnik (Class of 2007 and 2008), Assistant Professor, Teacher Education in the Department of Educational Leadership

Brian Welsh, Assistant Professor, Counseling in the Department of Educational Leadership

Jenean O’Brien, Assistant Professor, Biology in the Department of Natural Sciences

Alison Wielgus, Assistant Professor, Media Studies in the Department of Communicating Arts

Amy Carpenter, Senior Lecturer, Reading in the Department of Educational Leadership

Kathleen Buday, Assistant Professor, Art Therapy in the Department of Visual Arts

Rachel VanHornweder (Class of 2005) will start in spring 2016 as a Senior Lecturer, Accounting in the Department of Business and Economics


Do you know someone considering college? Encourage them to check out one of our many campus visit events or schedule a tour! uwsuper.edu/visit
Band students take part in Panama tour

In May 2015, students from the symphonic band and jazz band traveled to Panama for 10 days. Led by Dr. Pamela Bustos, the group toured three different locations – Panama City, David and Santiago – performing and teaching master classes at schools.

At each city, students taught instrument-specific classes, performed symphonic band and jazz band pieces and performed in conjunction with each school’s band. Both UW-Superior and Panamanian students practiced for months before coming together in Panama to perform.

Every four years, students have the opportunity to tour internationally as they gain a world vision, expand their perspectives and develop an understanding of other cultures. Bustos and the students worked closely with the UW-Superior Foundation to fundraise to support their trip and create an affordable and accessible international experience. Through a letter-writing campaign, the Foundation raised scholarship funds to provide one-third of the students with financial aid.

Nation’s maritime history preserved

UW-Superior has secured a $50,000 federal grant to preserve hundreds of historic technical drawings from Fraser Shipyard of Superior and make them more accessible to researchers and the general public.

The drawings include working design documents and blueprints of such well-known vessels as the Edmund Fitzgerald, the Mackinaw, and the Leon Fraser, among others.

The award was announced by the National Park Service, in partnership with the Maritime Administration, as part of a $2.6 million package of grants to 18 projects nationwide that preserve and teach about our nation’s maritime history.

“The UW-Superior Special Collections is thrilled to be selected as one of the National Maritime Heritage Grant recipients,” said Laura Jacobs, interim director of the Jim Dan Hill Library and lead investigator on the project.

Also contributing to the project is Dr. Richard Stewart, director of the Transportation and Logistics Research Center and co-director of the Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute.

Funding from this grant will allow the archives staff to inspect, clean, repair, index and preserve historic maritime materials, including large-format technical drawings of ships built, modified and repaired at Fraser.
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Asclepias tuberosa
Agastache foeniculum
Clintonia borealis
Friends and family of Dr. Donald Davidson are working to honor and remember a man they loved and admired by keeping alive an unfinished research project dear to his heart along the Brule River.

Dr. Donald W. Davidson

UW-Superior faculty, students and alumni, along with researchers from across the U.S., are working to complete an unfinished research project along the Brule River in Northwestern Wisconsin.

“We want to study this area and have some natural history to cling to,” said Paul Hlina, a botanist with the Lake Superior Research Institute. “We have so many partners that have agreed to work with us on this project. It is very exciting.”

The Brule River Watershed Re-Survey project is being led by the Lake Superior Research Institute at UW-Superior, which secured funding through a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management (WCM). Partners include the State Herbarium of Wisconsin at Madison, the Brule River State Forest, the Bureau of Natural Heritage programs and the university’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship and Creative Activity Center. A match is required by WCM, and the UW-Superior Foundation is committed to raising $100,000 over three years.

The first part of the project is to complete and re-visit a forest inventory and assessment study of the Brule River watershed. This project was originally started by the late Dr. Donald Davidson, a UW-Superior faculty member in the biology department, during the summers of 1968-69. At that time, Dr. Davidson was repeating a plant survey accomplished by another UW-Superior faculty member – Dr. John W. Thomson Jr. (1942-44). (cont.)
Only recently were Dr. Davidson’s data and papers on this early project discovered, yet Thomson’s work and herbarium specimens have been known for years.

During the summer of 2015, an ambitious vegetation re-survey of the Brule River watershed forests, barrens, wetlands and aquatic zones was launched. The target areas for the survey duplicate and expand upon the earlier studies conducted by Dr. Thomson and Dr. Davidson. A three-year project is planned to complete a re-examination of the Brule River watershed spanning 160 years (1856-2018).

A second part of the project is to continue plant field research and data collection undertaken primarily during summer months in our region. Current projects include coastal and inland wetland monitoring, surveys of plant abundance and distribution on coastal dunes such as Wisconsin Point, as well as population studies of rare plants. Funding would be helpful for hiring academic staff members to conduct this field research in summer months, as well as to identify and archive collections in the herbarium. The goal is to raise endowment funds for this important work.

“It is exciting to be involved in a project like this that has such a broad base of support,” said Derek Anderson (Class of 2004). “It will be interesting to see the results of this work compared to the work done along the river over the last 100 years. We will be able to answer questions such as, ‘Has the structure and the composition of the forest changed?’”

In the spirit of continuing these significant plant science research activities, the staff for the project are recent UW-Superior graduates and students. Reed Schwarting (Class of 2012) and Stephanie Glass (Class of 2015) have been field crew leaders surveying four days a week since July 1, the official starting date of the WCM grant. They are leading students Daniel Gil de LaMadrid and Mike Krick, both UW-Superior natural science majors, in forest inventories and species collection to add to a complete inventory of all of the plant species existing in the watershed. Dr. Nick Danz will be statistically comparing the quantitative forest sampling data between 2015 and 1968-69 to gauge changes in the forests of the Brule.

(Above photo) Brenda Molano Flores and Jean Mengelkoch press plants while Rick Phillippe collects new specimens at Cedar Bog, southwest of Stone Chimney canoe landing.

(Below photo) Chancellor Renée Watcher (far right) visited the research area this summer learning firsthand about the project. Also pictured (left to right) are research botanist Paul Hlina, junior botanist Stephanie Glass and junior botanists/field crew leader Reed Schwarting.

48 years and counting …
The University of Wisconsin-Superior features four research centers that connect the campus to the community and the region. The longest running of these is the Lake Superior Research Institute (LSRI), now in its 48th year. In October of 2017, LSRI will celebrate 50 years of service and research with a weekend event. More information will be available as this momentous occasion draws nearer.
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Paige Kent, UW-Superior student recipient of the 2015 Brule River Sportsmans’ $5,000 scholarship award, will be digitizing vegetation maps that depict the major plant community types in 1852 and again in the late 1930s from earlier study maps.

This Brule River Watershed Re-Survey project has attracted expert botanists – Mary Ann Feist, UW-Madison Curator; Emmett Judziewicz, lead author of Wildflowers of Wisconsin, Field Guide to Wisconsin Grasses; Loy Richard Phillippe, who has completed 40 years of surveys in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee; and Paul Markum, lead wetland scientist for the Natural Heritage Program at the University of Illinois. To date, these experts have collected more than 350 specimens to add to the John Thomson herbarium collection of 1943-44 and identified more than 450 plants. Abundance codes are also recorded for each species by a subjective method of consensus using professional judgement. New county records have been found and several rare plant populations have been relocated, with a few new populations found.

Additional funding will be sought to complete all nine plant community types surveyed by Dr. Thomson in 1943 and 1944. In this second year, the project will expand to collect and survey aquatic plants found on the Brule River, as well as Lake Nebagamon and Lake Minnesuing, as Dr. Thomson did earlier. For the first time in the watershed, quantitative data will be collected of the groundcover and shrub layers from the 1968-69 Dr. Davidson sites when he surveyed only trees and saplings, providing baseline data and a condition assessment of all of the plants in the Brule River watershed today.

When completed, this project will consist of more than 165 years of information on the vegetation changes on the Brule. It is highly recommended that this study be repeated in 50 years to assess the effects of a changing climate on the unique vegetation associations that make the Brule River, its fish and watershed one of the highest quality watersheds in the State of Wisconsin.

The Foundation is pleased to partner with the University’s Natural Science Department and the Lake Superior Research Institute (and its state partners) to help raise the funds needed to continue the research that Dr. Davidson was so passionate about.

**Project Partners:**

- Mr. Paul Hlina, Research Botanist
- Mr. Reed Schwarting, Junior Botanist/Field Crew Leader
- Ms. Stephanie Glass, Junior Botanist
- Mr. David Schulz, BRSF, Superintendent
- Dr. Loy Richard Phillippe, University of Illinois - Champaign Urbana - Expert of the vascular plants of the Great Smoky Mountains
- Dr. Mary Ann Feist - Senior Curator, Wisconsin State Herbarium
- Dr. Emmet Judziewicz - Retired Botany Professor
- Mr. Derek Anderson - MN DNR Rare Plant Specialist
- Dr. Brenda Molano Flores - University of Illinois - Plant Science Professor
- Dr. Paul Brent Markum - Wetland Ecologist - Illinois Natural Heritage Program
- Dr. Jean Mengelkoch - Mammal Ecologist - Speciality Bats - Illinois Natural Heritage Program

The fundraising goal for the Brule River Watershed project is $100,000. To-date the Foundation has secured $43,160.

If you treasure the scenic Brule River, and want to contribute to this watershed research project in memory of Dr. Don Davidson, you can do so online at [uwsuper.edu/give2uws](http://uwsuper.edu/give2uws) or by calling the Advancement Office at 715-394-8452.
Nelson retires

After two long tenures at UW-Superior, Director of Athletics Steve Nelson announced his retirement, effective September 30. Head Baseball Coach Nick Bursik has been chosen to replace Nelson in the interim.

"It’s definitely bittersweet. It’s sad to leave an institution that I have been a part of for nearly 30 years, but at the same time I’m excited to move on to the next phase of my life. There’s another adventure, another challenge out there for me and I look forward to taking it on," Nelson said. "I can’t thank the university and the community of Superior enough for all of the support they have afforded me since I arrived in 1986."

Nelson was hired to coach the Yellowjacket men’s hockey team in 1986 and built the program into a national powerhouse. From 1992 through his final season in 2000, Nelson guided the Yellowjackets to eight NCAA tournaments in nine years. Seven times the Yellowjackets reached the NCAA Final Four and three times played in the national championship game.

The title of interim athletics director was added in 1996, with the interim tag being dropped a year later. Nelson held both titles until he resigned in 2000 to become the commissioner of the America West Hockey League. In 2004, Nelson returned to UW-Superior as full-time director of athletics, a post he has held since.

During his time as athletics director, Nelson has helped UW-Superior grow its athletics department, including the addition of men’s soccer, women’s hockey and women’s golf as varsity sports. Men’s golf has also returned to varsity status and began competing this fall. In addition, several Yellowjacket sports have added junior varsity programs, further increasing the athletic opportunities that UW-Superior offers.

Bursik steps in

Bursik, a 2012 graduate of UW-Superior, took over as head coach of the Yellowjacket baseball team in 2013 after serving one season as an assistant coach. In addition to his coaching duties, Bursik has served as a marketing specialist on campus. He takes the reins of the athletics department as a new era dawns with the Yellowjackets moving to the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC).

"This is a tremendous opportunity and I’m grateful for the confidence shown in me by our administration," Bursik said. "Steve has done an outstanding job in positioning our department to be successful for years to come. We are looking forward to the future in our new conference, and to all of the positive changes happening within athletics and on our campus as a whole."

Bursik will remain the interim director of athletics until a permanent replacement can be hired through a national search. The search is anticipated to commence in spring 2016.
Into the UMAC

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It’s not uncommon for a family to hold a connection to UW-Superior, as children follow the footsteps of siblings, parents and grandparents. Yet, the Reiswig family is a bit more unusual in that four family members are current students.

The Reiswig family, which includes Mark, his wife Lynn, and their children Zach and Sam, are all enrolled in the fall semester. The family tradition could be further extended if a younger daughter, still in elementary school, becomes a Yellowjacket.

Mark is working on a degree in the area of Health and Human Performance. Previously, he worked as an Army Officer and a federal employee. Those two previous careers put him into the category of a nontraditional student.

“Having access and the ability to take advantage of learning opportunities is always beneficial and opens the door to future opportunities and interests,” Mark said.

Lynn has chosen an interdisciplinary degree with an emphasis in accounting, information technology, and communications. She will graduate this summer.

Their eldest son Sam (Class of 2015) earned his bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and Mathematics in the spring. He has returned to campus as a graduate student in the new Data Science program.

When you talk about campus involvement, look no further than Zach, who is currently a junior and taking 18 credits. An honor student and an Air Force ROTC cadet with two majors in Computer Science and Mathematics, Zach is also heavily involved with school organizations. He’s the president of the math and science club, captain of the tennis club, a member of the rifle team, and has also been involved with the Japanese club and the game and development club. Zach is on track to graduate and receive his commission as an Air Force Officer in 2017. Both Sam and Zach graduated from nearby Superior High School and also played goaltender for the Spartan boy’s hockey team.

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“As believers in lifelong learning and education, we are fortunate to have UW-Superior in our backyard,” Mark said. “We have always stressed to our boys to never turn down an opportunity for more training and education.”

Recruit a student!

There are several easy ways to recommend UW-Superior to prospective students you know:

- Tell them about your experience at UW-Superior
- Encourage them to visit campus
- Complete the short Refer-a-Student form at uwsuper.edu/refer

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There are several easy ways to recommend UW-Superior to prospective students you know:

- Tell them about your experience at UW-Superior
- Encourage them to visit campus
- Complete the short Refer-a-Student form at uwsuper.edu/refer

“When you talk about campus involvement, look no further than Zach, who is currently a junior and taking 18 credits. An honor student and an Air Force ROTC cadet with two majors in Computer Science and Mathematics, Zach is also heavily involved with school organizations. He’s the president of the math and science club, captain of the tennis club, a member of the rifle team, and has also been involved with the Japanese club and the game and development club. Zach is on track to graduate and receive his commission as an Air Force Officer in 2017. Both Sam and Zach graduated from nearby Superior High School and also played goaltender for the Spartan boy’s hockey team.

Education has always been a fundamental part of the Reiswig family. During his time overseas, Mark would always look for a university in the area and buy a school pennant at the bookstore. Whenever the family moved, Mark would put the pennants up on the wall.

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2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

On Saturday, July 25, alumni and friends gathered in the Yellowjacket Union for the 2015 Athletic Hall Fame Induction Banquet. Twelve individuals and two teams were honored for having excelled as Yellowjacket athletes, made outstanding contributions to the success of the university’s athletic program, or having achieved noteworthy careers in coaching and wellness.

Individual awards recognize those who have displayed distinctive or exceptional athletic accomplishment at UW-Superior. Individuals must have graduated or completed a minimum of two years at UW-Superior, and must have completed competition a minimum of five years ago.

The Mertz Mortorelli Coaching Achievement awards honor career achievements in coaching. Individuals nominated must display exceptional coaching abilities at any level and must be graduates of UW-Superior.

Team awards honor UW-Superior athletic teams that have displayed unique or extraordinary athletic accomplishment. Teams nominated must have completed competition a minimum of five years ago.

Individual Awards
Brian Barker
Chris Chelios
Dustin Fahl
Jeff Glowa
Janne Kivihalme
Dale Lupul
Kevin Sobb

Mertz Mortorelli Coaching Achievement Awards
Cal Callaway
Thomas Federle
Fred Harbinson
Erich Mach
Greg Rajanen

Team Awards
2000-2001 Women’s Hockey Team
2000-2001 Men’s Hockey Team

Something may need updating...

Updating your information with the UW-Superior Alumni Association is easier than ever.

You can change your address or email and send us your news at uwsuper.edu/update

Many of our invites and communications are sent by email these days, and we’d like to make sure you’re included.

We love to hear from our alumni and friends – so keep us posted, Yellowjacket.

Now, let’s talk about that shirt...
Message from the Alumni Association president

Dear Friends,

The mission of the UW-Superior Alumni Association is to foster lifelong pride and loyalty among alumni and friends by offering opportunities to strengthen their continued relationships with UW-Superior. This was another exciting year for the Association in building these connections. Here are a few highlights:

- We held 26 alumni events throughout the country, working with our nationwide network of chapter volunteers. These events are great opportunities for you to learn what is happening at your alma mater and to meet and network with other alumni in your area.
- Our annual Chancellor’s Ball raised over $14,000 to benefit the Association’s student support programs, which includes providing scholarships, strengthening alumni/student connection opportunities and supporting student organizations on campus.
- We also had record attendance at the annual “An Evening of Wine and Jazz”, with over 250 in attendance.
- The Association’s travel program continues to grow, with 23 participants on the recent trip to Italy and Switzerland. The next trip will be to Budapest and Croatia in May/June 2016. These trips are open both to alumni and friends of the university.
- The “Alumni in the Classroom” program provided students with valuable career advice.

Your Alumni Association is always interested in new ways to grow the university. If you have an idea that you feel could further our mission, please contact the University Advancement Office at alumni@uwsuper.edu or 715-394-8452. You can also view ongoing updates on our activities at uwsuper.edu/alumni or “like” our Facebook page at facebook.com/superioralumni.

We look forward to working with you!

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

2015 Distinguished Alumni Award:
Diana Chi

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to alumni whose successes serve as inspiration for current and prospective students. This year, the Alumni Association is proud to honor Diana Chi (Class of 1974 and 1975) as this year’s Distinguished Alumna. Chi came to UW-Superior from Hong Kong and graduated with a 4.0 GPA in 1975. In 1975, she earned the Outstanding Woman Student Award and is a former member of American Women in Radio and Television.

This alumna took the tools she learned here on campus and brought those with her to Los Angeles. Chi just celebrated 29 years of work at KTLA-TV as a writer/producer with the station. She has earned a number of industry awards for her news writing including the Mark Twain Award from the Associated Press, Emmy Awards from the Academy of Television of Arts and Sciences, and Golden Mikes from the Radio Television News Association of Southern California.

Kevin Jenkins joins UW-Superior Alumni Board

The UW-Superior Alumni Board welcomes Kevin Jenkins (Class of 2014). Jenkins is the senior advisor, emergency response communications, for Enbridge, Inc., and lives in Katy, Texas.
Alumni Awards

Honorary Alumni Award:  
Former Wisconsin State Senator  
Bob Jauch

This award is presented to an individual who is not a graduate of UW-Superior, but whose success serves as an inspiration for current and prospective students. The Alumni Association is proud to honor former Wisconsin State Senator Bob Jauch as Honorary Alumnus.

Senator Jauch’s service to the university began as a student. As the executive director of the United Council of University of Wisconsin Students, he was an advocate for the unique rights of students, especially the right to participate directly in university governance. Student seats on university committees, direct student management of segregated fees, and the student seats on the Board of Regents are all results of his work.

As field representative for Representative David Obey, Senator Jauch was involved in helping guide the university’s pursuit of federal grants. As state representative, Senator and Senate Leader, he was the university’s consistent and tireless voice in Madison and an important defender and advocate of UW-Superior and its initiatives.

James Rainaldo Mentor Award:  
Dr. John Haugland

Dr. John Haugland (Class of 1954), distinguished faculty member and emeritus vice chancellor, was a campus leader who made an impact for 25 years at the university. Throughout his tenure, he held a variety of positions, including history professor, academic affairs vice president, and dean of faculty.

At the time of Haugland’s retirement in 1989, Chancellor Terrence MacTaggart stated, “He really knows what academic quality is, and it’s not an abstract thing for him. It’s just part and parcel of his value system, of the kind of judgments he makes. He has an almost intuitive sense of what approach will work best at this campus on a given situation.”

Retired faculty member Dr. Peter Nordgren (Class of 1974) also worked with Vice Chancellor Haugland and praised him for his dedicated work to the university and community. “Dr. Haugland was a thoughtful, caring leader who helped guide the university through both growth challenges. As the academic leader when I joined the faculty, he gave us steady guidance in support of our programs.”

Dr. Haugland passed away in March 2015.

Young Alumni Achievement Award:  
Stefan Fletcher

The Young Alumni Achievement Award was established 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 Stefan Fletcher (Class of 2008).

Fletcher made his leadership skills known as a student. He served as the President of the Student Government Association during a time when UW-Superior was in the process of a new building campaign. He co-chaired the design committee for the new Yellowjacket Union and led successful advocacy efforts to ensure state financial support for Swenson Hall. He served on a number of other committees, including the Jim Dan Hill Library Renovation Committee, Strategic Planning Budgetary Committee, and Swenson Hall Design Committee. Fletcher was a recipient of the Chancellor’s Leadership Award and Inspiring Student Leader Award.

Since graduation, Fletcher received his Juris Doctor Degree at Michigan State University College of Law. He then was a Teaching Fellow and Graduate Fellow at Michigan State University. He currently works at the University of Wisconsin System as the Special Assistant for the Senior Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Policies. He has also worked as a Policy Analyst and Communication Specialist for the UW-System.
superior connections

Campus Events

December 5
Chancellor’s Ball
Yellowjacket Union
UW-Superior

December 6 and 7
Christmas Choral Concert:
A Season of Song
Cathedral of Christ the King Superior

December 10
Symphonic Band
Thorpe Langley Auditorium
UW-Superior

January 23
Winter Preview
Admissions Event
UW-Superior

February 2, 2016
University Recital Series:
Compositions of
Lois Guderian &
Zenith Wind Quintet
Webb Recital Hall
UW-Superior

February 25, 2016
Symphonic Band
Thorpe Langley Auditorium
UW-Superior

February 28, 2016
California Alumni Event
Site TBD

March 2016
Florida Alumni Event
Site and date TBD

March 8, 2016
University Recital Series:
Erin Aldridge and
Beth Gilbert
Webb Recital Hall
UW-Superior

March 10, 2016
Orchestra
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Superior

March 31, 2016
A Cappella and
Chamber Choirs
Thorpe Langley Auditorium
UW-Superior

March 2016
Arizona Alumni Event
Site and date TBD

April 8, 2016
Science Night
Swenson and Barstow Halls
UW-Superior

April 12, 2016
University Recital Series:
“An Evening of Song”
Webb Recital Hall
UW-Superior

April 14, 2016
Superior Voices
Thorpe Langley Auditorium
UW-Superior

April 15-24, 2016
University Theatre presents, “SUDS, the Rocking 60’s Musical”
Holden Fine Arts Center
UW-Superior

April 16, 2016
Spring Preview
Admissions Event
UW-Superior

April 21, 2016
An Evening of Wine and Jazz
Yellowjacket Union
UW-Superior

July 21, 2016
Summer Preview
Admissions Event
UW-Superior

July 22, 2016
Yellowjacket Golf Outing
Nemadji Golf Course
Superior

More details and events online
uwsuper.edu/alumni
uwsuper.edu/music
uwsuper.edu/theatre

Get together at the home of Steve and Anna Bergquist in Gilbert, Ariz.

Alumni event at The Ranch in Hayward, Wis.

Group in Rome, Italy.
Gerald Shepard and Jamey Ritter at an Ashland, Wis., event.

Jim Gehrke, Sally Latimer, Mike Cheslock, Peter Nordgren, Daniel Kuslik in Rhinelander, Wis.

Ann Novack, Terrie Moen, Dave Moen at a Twin Cities event.

Central High School reunion tour.

Gathering at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, Calif.

Dick Geisler, Herb Schutt, John McFaul in Osprey, Fla.

Meagan Campbell, Cassie Roemhildt, Rachel Streit in Superior, Wis.
Dear Friends,

I am honored and pleased to be serving as your Foundation Board President for the next two years. Outgoing President Steve DeVinck did a fantastic job leading and growing the Foundation for the past two years, and we are in an excellent position to continue on our path of strength, growth and increased support to UW-Superior and its amazing students.

I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for providing your own personal resources, which helped us raise $2.2 million this past year. With your support and a stable economic environment our endowment is now nearly $12 million for the first time. We provided over $760,000 in scholarship assistance to incoming and returning students and an additional $458,000 in support to academic programs, undergraduate research and other university priorities. These results would not have been possible without the generosity and volunteer time of so many. Thank you, again.

I welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts and ideas. What is clear to me, and I’m sure to you as well, is that the public higher education landscape is drastically changing – and the importance and need for charitable contributions has never been greater. UW-Superior is a small campus with no fund reserves. In order to remain competitive and thrive as an institution, the Foundation needs to increase its scholarship support, provide students with additional experiential learning opportunities, invest in faculty development and increase support for undergraduate research and global learning programs.

Together, we can secure excellence in learning for today’s students as well as generations to come.

Best regards,

Dave Anderson

President, UW-Superior Foundation

New Directors

Three new Directors joined the UW-Superior Foundation Board.

Terry Mattson (Class of 1984), president, Visit Saint Paul
Joy Johnson (Class of 2009), retired assistant to the chancellor, UW-Superior
Tony Hernandez (Class of 1984), president and CEO, Latino Broadcasting Co. in Coral Gables, Fla.

Mattson, Johnson and Hernandez are outstanding additions to the Foundation Board of Directors, and will be actively involved in fulfilling the mission and vision of the Foundation.

Outgoing Directors

Two outgoing Directors were honored at the Donor Appreciation Dinner held on October 1.

Orvin (Orv) Clark (Class of 1966) served the Foundation for the maximum three terms of three years each. Joining the Board in 2006, Clark was an active and engaged Director and served most recently on the Finance Committee – overseeing the Board’s fiduciary responsibilities. He also brought a faculty perspective to the Board as a professor in the Educational Leadership Department. Clark retired from the university this past May.

Estelle (Essie) Rochman (Class of 1969) also joined the Foundation Board in 2006 and served the maximum nine years. During her time, Rochman served on the Governance Committee and most recently served as Board Secretary. She brought a thorough knowledge of higher education experience to the Board, as she is the director of student affairs at Washington University in St. Louis.
Partnering with Northland Foundation

The Northland Foundation has recently awarded the Foundation a $15,000 grant for the UW-Superior Career Ready Internships program.

The Career Ready Internships program benefits students by offering opportunities to gain invaluable, real-world experience through paid internships in their fields of study. One student who was supported with a paid internship said, “The program made me work that much harder while I was interning and that reflected on my performance. My internship has even offered me a job in the future.”

John and Suzie Munsell remembered

Thanks to alumni, retirees, staff and friends, the Munsells’ legacies live on.

Mr. Stewart Platner, former colleague and close friend to John and Suzie, led the efforts to raise funds for the Munsell Memorial Tree Fund established at the UW-Superior Foundation. As a result of his fundraising efforts, two new Japanese tree lilacs have been planted in front of Holden Fine Arts Center; one for John and another for Suzie. Both were passionate and dedicated to the students and the mission of UW-Superior.

John D. Munsell was an influential theater faculty member and mentor who died in 2013 after a brief illness. His career spanned 34 years, from his hiring in 1967 as a teaching specialist to his retirement in 2001. In that time, he taught more than 30 different courses in theater, television and speech; hosted public radio programs; and directed more than 60 stage productions. He also ran a touring summer theater program; served as artistic director for University Theatre; acted in over 200 stage and television performances and helped inspire numerous students to pursue the theater.

Suzie Bednar-Munsell (Class of 1991) was a fixture on the campus for more than three decades. Suzie worked in numerous positions and departments, but was most notably associated with the Communicating Arts/Theatre Department. It was there that she met John, and they were married in 1986. She was a mentor to many, and one of the kindest, warmest and friendliest people that ever supported the university. Suzie passed away in November 2014.

Next time you are driving down Catlin Avenue, look for the John and Suzie Munsell trees in front of the Holden Fine Arts Center.

Japanese tree lilacs were planted in front of Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center in memory of John and Suzie Munsell.
New scholarships

The following scholarships are newly established at the UW-Superior Foundation – and are helping fund a Superior education.

- Pope Wright Memorial Scholarship
- Betty Root Memorial Scholarship
- Kevin Griepentrog Memorial Scholarship
- William Keller Music Scholarship
- Harold and Doris Mattson Scholarship
- Dorothy and George Gott Music Scholarship
- John and Hilma Boos Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. O. Gayle Manion Scholarship
- St. Luke's Scholarship
- IANNA Scholarship
- Generations Scholarship
- Northern State Bank Scholarship
- Betty Twining Blue Social Work Scholarship
- Superior Central High School Class of '59 Scholarship
- Superior Jaycees Scholarship

If you are interested in establishing a new scholarship or funding an existing one, please contact University Advancement at 715-394-8452. For a complete listing of Foundation scholarships, please visit our website at www.uwsuper.edu/give2uws.

Swimming pool named in honor of Joan L. Hedrick

In April 2015, the university’s swimming pool was formally named after the late Joan L. Hedrick. Hedrick taught in the Physical Education department at UW-Superior from 1964-1994, and was “unofficially” the pool’s keeper. Staff, alumni and former colleagues gathered at the dedication ceremony.

For 30 years she was a dedicated faculty member who was among the early pioneers in developing health-related academic programs for students. During her tenure, in addition to her teaching responsibilities, Hedrick was the Director of Intramurals, Director of Aquatics, Assistant Volleyball Coach and coached competitive and synchronized swimming, badminton and square dancing.

Her work didn’t stop there though. Along with Dr. Lydia Thering, she coordinated the HHP 102 Wellness program – a class that replaced the traditional phy ed class in the liberal arts offerings, which was decades before its time. Hedrick, Dr. Thering, and colleague Dr. Rhea Das also started a Corporate Wellness major, and were all known for their commitment to providing athletic opportunities for young women. “I never worked with such an open minded individual,” said Dr. Thering. “Joan was very competent, loved academic research and was a pleasure to work and coach with.”

Among all of her talents and commitments, she had a true love for the pool. “Naming the swimming pool in Joan’s honor provides a lifetime of remembrance,” said Jeanne Thompson, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement. “Her passion for the pool went beyond teaching and coaching, she also personally cleaned and maintained the pool, testing chemicals and such, in her free time.”

The Joan L. Hedrick Swimming Pool is located in the Marcovich Wellness Center.

Superior Day of Giving: Strength in Numbers

The inaugural Superior Day of Giving was a huge success! Last spring, generous alumni and friends came together in one 24-hour period and donated to the UW-Superior Foundation, securing an additional $10,000 in challenge match funds.

190+ donors Gave in support of scholarships, faculty development, academic programs and facility improvements

$93,890 Raised through online giving, cash and pledges

Next Superior Day of Giving is April 6, 2016
An estate gift to the Foundation is one of the most powerful and lasting ways to support students, faculty and programs at UW-Superior.

Named after Old Main, the oldest building and symbolic heart of the UW-Superior campus, the Old Main Society was established in 2015 to honor alumni and friends who have expressed their intention to make a legacy gift to the Foundation through the use of lifetime and estate gifts. The Old Main Society, like its namesake, represents the past, present and future of the university.

On Wednesday, June 10, members of the Old Main Society gathered in the Yellowjacket Union for the inaugural Old Main Society Luncheon. Each member was presented with an Old Main Society pin.

“Joining the Old Main Society by including the Foundation in an estate plan is the ultimate gift commitment an individual can make,” said Jeanne Thompson, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and Executive Director of the UW-Superior Foundation. “It is truly rewarding to witness firsthand the belief our Old Main Society members have in the mission and vision of both the university and foundation. Each legacy gift will make a substantial difference in the educational opportunities we provide our students now and for generations to come.”

There are currently 117 Old Main Society members. To learn more or to visit with an Advancement professional on how you can become an Old Main Society member, please contact Jeanne Thompson at 715-394-8598 or jthomp51@uwsuper.edu.

Thank you to the 2015 Alumni Association Platinum Sponsors

Left to right: John Berchild, Kathy Berchild, Lydia Thering, Beth Gilbert, Chancellor Renée Wachter, Ann Rock, Becky Erlenbach, Julius Erlenbach, Bernie Hughes and Meredith Nelson.
1952
Jean Ann Endrizzi was recently honored with the following: 2013 Hurley, Wis., Ed. Hall of Fame, 2014 Duluth Denfeld Hall of Fame, 2014 UMD University for Seniors Confucius Award, and 2015 American Association of Community Theaters Volunteer Award.

1957
June Pedersen Jerome retired from 42 years of teaching in 1999. She was recently admitted to the Golden Living Center in Hayward, Wis. She is married to Delbert Jerome (Class of 1964) and has two sons and eight grandchildren. Though she suffers from dementia, she has a beautiful, positive disposition and always welcomes visitors.

1959
Ed Slovak is retired and enjoys volunteering with many veterans groups and in his community. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, live in Waterford, Wis.

1962
Jerry Swanson and Georgia Hanstrom Swanson (Class of 1963) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April.

1965
John Berchild and Kathy Darst Berchild (Class of 1964), welcomed their first grandchild, a boy, Tycho John Berchild, in May.

1967
Tom Kyle and his wife Heather are enjoying travel in retirement. In October, 2014, they toured Spain, visiting seven cities in 10 days. They also enjoy spending time with their two wonderful grandchildren, Morgan and Ronan.

1968
David Thompson recently wrote “Celebrating 150 Years of the Railway Post Office” for the Chicago & North Western Historical Society’s Fall 2014 issue of “North Western Lines Magazine” and “The Mail is Coming - 100 Years of the Railway Post Office in Minnesota (1871-1971)” for the Minnesota Historical Society’s Spring 2015 issue of “Minnesota History Magazine.”

Kenneth “Scooter” Johnson was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Arizona Chapter of the American College of Surgeons at its annual scientific meeting held in November. Dr. Johnson is retired, and lives in Tucson, Ariz., with his wife Cathy.

Herb Schutt and wife Sandra are enjoying the warm weather in Bradenton, Fla. They also still enjoy the summer months in Ithaca, N.Y., on Cayuga Lake. Herb traveled to Superior this summer to meet with his fellow Phi Sig brothers for a reunion.

1969
Lynda Brawner was a featured artist in February at the Arts Emporium and Essenhaus in Wabeno, Wis.

1970
Bob Alleva and his wife Jo operate Wolverine Village, a cross country ski lodge in Ironwood, Mich. One of their lodge buildings is Mortorelli Hall, honoring Mertz Mortorelli, one of Bob’s mentors while he attended UW-Superior.

George “Bud” Brand coached the Cal Ripken Jr. Athletics to the 2015 regular season league Championship with a record of 13-2 loses. In 29 years of coaching youth baseball in Superior, Wis., he has had 45 teams at various age levels and has won 13 individual championships. Bud was also asked to submit an original poem to Poetryfest Press for its 2015 signature anthology to be entitled “Flight of Angels - Our 50 Brightest Stars in Poetry.” With this publication, he will now have 48 poems published a total of 124 times in various newspapers, anthologies, and books of poetry.

Paul Forslund is now semi-retired from his company, Forslund Building Supply, Inc. He and wife Candace will be doing the RV lifestyle during the winters and will continue to live in Ironwood, Mich.

1971
Dennis Fransen retired in July from Thales Defense & Security, Inc., after serving as their CFO for the past 10 years. Dennis and Pat Moline Fransen (Class of 1972) reside in Laytonsville, Md., and plan to stay in the area. Pat and Dennis’ two daughters and family, which includes two grandchildren, live nearby.

Richard Bonnem retired after 24 years teaching at Cochiti Middle School, and is enjoying the free time. He and wife Jaling live in Rio Rancho, N.M.

1972
Greg Wurz moved to Recklinghausen, Germany, in March 2014, to work as resident designer at a ballet school and dance company. He also serves as the director of marketing, public relations and social media. In addition, he works with several other dance companies as a designer, and continues to work in the music industry.

1973
Brian Mackyol and his wife Sandra Oliver Mackyol (Class of 1972) recently retired. They have been traveling, both domestic and international, and are enjoying seeing the world. They live in Watertown, Wis.

1975
Pam Solberg-Tapper, president of Coach for Success in Duluth, was named a member of the National Speakers Association, the premier organization for speakers in the U.S. Coach for Success is a career and executive coaching business with clients nationwide.

Greg “Sam” Rajanen was inducted into the Superior High School Athletic and Academic Hall of Fame in September. He coached hockey from 1977-93 and from 2005-11 was a hockey scout for the NHL Calgary Flames.

Larry Hildebrandt is the zoning administrator for Ashland County, Wis. and has been in that position since 1975.

1976
Bruce Hanson is retired and lives in Cable, Wis. His son Josh Hanson (Class of 2002) is a teacher and successful high school basketball coach for Drummond. He recently won his 150 game, and is one of only a handful of coaches who has both played and coached in the state tournament for the same high school.

Valerie Bergstrom Berkely had her artwork on exhibit at
the Center for the Visual Arts in downtown Wausau, Wis., this past May-July. The exhibit was titled “Lake Effect - New Work by Valerie Berkely.”

1977
Bill Robson is retired and enjoys hiking, traveling, reading and catching up with friends. He recently got in touch with his TKE fraternity brothers on Facebook.

1978
Lee Klein was named the chief financial officer of Catholic Charities Bureau in Superior. He spent 30 years as finance director, deputy city administrator and city administrator for the city of Two Harbors, Minn.

Dale Newman has begun his graduate directorial duties at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. In addition to directing periodontal graduate students, he will also be directing prostodontic graduates in 2016. He currently supervises the general practice residents and Academy of General Dentistry residents, and will also be teaching practice management and immunology/microbiology to the new graduates.

1979
Mark Moselle was inducted into the Superior High School Athletic and Academic Hall of Fame in September. He earned all-district honors in football and all-conference in football and baseball, and signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Bears in 1979.

John Hack was inducted into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame in September.

Monte Dennard is a retired school teacher and lives in Canton, Mich., with his wife Bernice.

1981
Mike Metcalf is now the chief operating officer of PeaceHealth.

Celebrating our published Yellowjackets

Gary Banker (Class of 1974), retired Superior School District English teacher, has published a new poetry book about his time growing up and his family. The book, “From a Yellowed Photo,” was released in the spring of 2015 and takes the reader through a journey of the life and times of Banker. “It’s an insight into life,” Banker said.

The book was produced locally by Savage Press, which is owned by another UW-Superior graduate, Mike Savage (Class of 1975).

Don Scribner (Class of 1972) has published a new novel. “Who Killed Love” is about a writer who was invited to his ex-lover Teri’s wedding. Upset about the fact that she is getting married, Harley, the main protagonist, goes on a journey of self-reflection all the while pondering the question, what killed the love they had? Mystery arises in the novel when Teri is murdered and Harley seeks to discover who killed her.

Former UW-Superior physics professor Allen Anway published a book using a view camera and 5-by-7 inch film to document the natural beauty of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. The book, “Is That an Old Camera?” contains 100 of his finest photos. Ruth Anway, his youngest daughter, assisted in the project by cleaning and scanning the more than 2,300 images. The book is used at Duluth’s Miller-Dwan Medical Center and is available to patients in recovery.

“Ohio Rocks!” a guide to geological sites in the Buckeye State, is the newest book by retired faculty member Albert Dickas. “Ohio Rocks!” takes readers to some of the state’s most interesting geologic locations. Dickas, who taught at UW-Superior for 31 years, has also authored, “101 American Geo-sites You’ve Gotta See.”
Simkins honored by UW System

Simona Simkins (Class of 2015) was one of 17 recipients of the University of Wisconsin System’s 2015 Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award, an annual honor given to faculty, staff, students, or community members to recognize their contributions to diversity and the status of women within the UW System.

“The UW System has a longstanding commitment to promoting diversity at our institutions. The women we are honoring with these awards are shining examples of how innovative thinking and dedication can come together to impact and enrich the UW experience for everyone,” said UW System President Ray Cross.

Also honored by UW System was graduate student Debbie Cheslock (Class of 2014), recipient of the Dr. P.B. Poorman Award for Outstanding Achievement on Behalf of LGBTQ People. Recipients of both awards were formally recognized on Oct. 9 in Madison.

Marcie Anderson Gotelaere is now a zone application specialist with Siemens Healthcare.

1986
Ronald Pezze is now practicing law with his own firm, Ratzel, Pytlak and Pezze, LLC., which is located in Brookfield, Wis. Ronald has served as a member of the Wisconsin State Bar board of directors for the Litigation section, was selected as a “Super Lawyer” by his peers, and has been listed in “The Best Lawyers in America” since 2007.

1987
Leonardo Bigott is currently working as an English instructor, translator and music journalist for Ladosis, Venezuela’s top music magazine.

Matthew Collins received the Region 7 Administrator Award in recognition of his time spent as the director of special education for the Minocqua, Wis., J1 School District. He is now the director of special education for the Cooperative Education Service Agency (CESA) 9.

1989
April Gotelaere Campbell and her husband Jim Campbell (Class of 1987) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2014. The couple met while working at the concession stand at Wessman Arena while attending UW-Superior. They live in Superior and have three sons, including one who is currently attending UW-Superior.

1990
Tom Dorin is a locomotive engineer with Canadian National.

1991
Stephanie Fermanich Hauser joined the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association executive staff as an assistant director in July.

1993
Kevin Beardsley was named chief financial officer of Duluth Seaway Port Authority. He has 20 years of experience in accounting, taxation, financial management, and strategic planning.

Marcia Domecq joined the behavioral health department at the Essentia Health Superior Clinic.

1994
Cindy Magnuson is now the principal at Oak Ridge Elementary School in Eagan, Minn.

Don Serkowski led the Wilmot Academic Decathletes to the Division 2 national title in Garden Grove, Calif. Wilmot High School has won consecutive state championships and have been to as many national finals. Last year they finished second in Division 2 at nationals, which were held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

1995
Jennifer Bilderback Nelson is the director of Planning and Improvement for the Intermediate District 287, and lives in New Brighton, Minn.

Doreen Ruhanen was given the 2015 Goldfine Gold Star Teacher Award in May. She has taught in Duluth, Minn., for over 25 years and is currently at Homecroft Elementary.

Tanya Wick Milanowski is still enjoying her position as school psychologist for the St. Croix Falls School District, and recently bought a new home in Balsam Lake, Wis.

1996
Scott Christopherson-Schorn is the associate director of the University Student Union with Associated Students, Inc., at California State University, Long Beach, Calif.

1998
Scott Stralka is now the principal at Riverview Middle School in Barron, Wis.

Sumedha Perera is working for Palerra Inc., using machine learning...
Alumni return to engage in

UW-Superior continued to further its connections in both the community and alumni with its April 2015 production of “Tomfoolery.” The play, co-produced by UW-Superior and Rubber Chicken Theater, featured a cast of alumni with Christa J. Schulz, Cheryl Zupec and David Saffert onstage, with Sharon Dixon-Obst directing.

The play featured a musical revue of the witty, wicked and twisted world of satirical songwriter Tom Lehrer. Many of the songs were first performed in the 1950s and 1960s and became infamous for their witty naughtiness, and with titles like “Poisoning Pigeons In the Park,” “The Masochism Tango,” and “The Vatican Rag,” it’s easy to understand why.

Sharon Dixon Obst (Class of 1996 and 2013), who received both her graduate and undergraduate degrees from UW-Superior, has worked in the Duluth, Minn., area as an actor, director, music director, and writer for many theatre companies.

David Saffert (Class of 1997) graduated with a bachelor’s degree in piano performance. He currently works for the Portland Opera. Before his move to Portland, Ore., he worked in Minnesota at The Guthrie, Theatre de la Jeune Lune, History Theatre, and James Sewell Ballet.

Christa Schulz (Class of 1989) earned her degree in Mass Communication. She last appeared on the stage of the Manion Theatre in a production of “You Can’t Take It With You,” directed by John D. Munsell.


Chris Nollet was coined the “unofficial alumnus” by his cast mates because he actually graduated from Columbia University after a stint at UW-Superior.

Co-producer of the play Brian Matuszak (Class of 1999) said, “Coming to UW-Superior is always coming home for me. I attended school here in the 80s and 90s. Supportive, dedicated theatre faculty like John Munsell, Stewart Platner, Bill Stock, Gayle Manion and Cheryl Starr made it not only an education environment, but a home.”

Jennifer Maki is an associate professor of chemistry at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., and the chair of the chemistry and physical sciences department. She married Andrea Crouse in 2014.

Andre Henley was appointed to the advisory board for Aetna Health Care in February.

2000
Andrea Anderson Stacy is the manager of the cytology and pathology departments at Legacy Health Systems. She and husband Tom live in Portland, Ore. with her 11 year old step-son and their four dogs. They enjoy watching their son play sports and being on the Columbia River on their boat.

2001
Harry Anderson was honored with a “20 Under 40 Award” by the Duluth News Tribune.

Deana Towle Lowinski and husband Ronald celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Adalyn Emma Kay, in November 2014 in Templeton, Calif. Adalyn was baptized in January in Duluth.

The cast of Tomfoolery included alumni (left to right) Cheryl Menzel Zupec, Chris Nollet, David Saffert and Christa Schulz.
A familiar face, voice returns to campus

Danielle Kaeding (Class of 2007) has been named the new regional reporter in Superior for KUWS-FM 91.3 and Wisconsin Public Radio.

The radio veteran was originally hired as an interim reporter following the death of long-time Superior bureau reporter Mike Simonson. After conducting a national search for the position, Kaeding was hired for the full-time position with WPR.

She was a student reporter for Simonson at KUWS-FM and initially learned the journalism profession through him. More than a mentor to her, “he was a true friend,” she said.

“Dani is a former student of Mike’s and cut her journalistic teeth as a reporter in the Superior bureau,” said WPR Northern Regional Manager John Munson. “WPR is committed to listeners in northern Wisconsin and we’re happy to have Dani covering the news for a local and statewide audience.

Kaeding is an experienced and award winning journalist who is familiar with the communities and issues of northern Wisconsin. Among other credits, her experience includes a stint as a La Crosse bureau reporter for WPR and as station manager and news reporter for Northland College station WRNC-LP in Ashland, Wis.

Jennifer Raykowski joined the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Minneapolis as manager of CTS document review in December.

Anita Harrison was awarded the Spring Wisconsin essay contest winner from the American Association of Educations for 2015. She is a special education teacher at Vincent High School for Milwaukee Public Schools and lives in Milwaukee with her husband and three dogs and three cats.

2002
Tom Fennessey retired from UW-Superior in April, and is now employed with LHB as an owner's representative and part of the company's integrative design team.

Jack Gunderson joined the Duluth News Tribune as a full-time customer service representative in the circulation department.

Andrew Donahue was named the director of the Small Business Development Center at UW-Superior in April.

Ryan Schmidt is a service engineer with GPM, Inc.

2003
Josh Stotts is the owner of Sir Benedict’s Tavern on the Lake in Duluth, Minn.

Cynthia Jennerman Shephard and her husband are over the road truck drivers and have seen 46 of the lower 48 states. Before their current positions, they had been employed in China and traveled to places such as Thailand and New Zealand.

Tanya Dahlberg Medgaarden is now the chief operating officer with the credit union practice in Minn., Iowa, and Western Wis., at CliftonLarsonAllen.

2004
Kelly Braun married Ryan Wiisanen on April 25 at Fairlawn Mansion in Superior, Wis. She is a manager of children’s and young adult services for the Superior Public Library.

2005
Leah Proepper Fisher was hired in April as an associate at Hanft Fridke, a professional association of attorneys.

2002
Nick Garramone of Edward Jones in Duluth, Minn., won the firm’s Zeke McIntyre Pioneer Award, which recognizes new financial advisers who achieve high levels of success early in their careers. Garramone was one of only 247 of the firm’s more than 14,000 financial advisers to receive the award.

Corey Tanton is a teacher for Marysville Public Schools in Mich.

2004
Kimberly Brzezinski was named an up-and-coming attorney by Minnesota Lawyer magazine.

Jennifer Clemens is now the principal of Woodland Elementary School in Barron, Wis.

Hollie Kerr Putnam was awarded a National Science Foundation Ocean Sciences postdoctoral research fellowship to study the genetic and epigenetic contribution to stress response in coral. She lives in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Tanya Dahlberg Medgaarden is now the chief operating officer with the credit union practice in Minn., Iowa, and Western Wis., at CliftonLarsonAllen.
Amy Tripp-Steiner was appointed as an assistant attorney general for the state of Minnesota in July.

2006
Amanda Jean Beaulieu was invited by Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi to attend a press conference in Washington D.C., in March to represent the millions of Americans who have benefited from the passing of the Affordable Care Act.

Jeff Meidl is currently attending Northwestern Health Sciences University, pursuing a doctor of chiropractic degree. He and his fiancé welcomed their son Jett in February of 2014.

2007
Brian Flick obtained his LICSW and supervises an assertive community treatment team in St. Paul, Minn., working with individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.

Missy Herold was named controller at Woodland Hills in April, and is responsible for management of the agency’s business office and financial affairs.

Thomas King is now principal trainer of all new engineers for the Apple Online Store at Apple Computer in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Chaw Moua currently works for St. Jude, and is in the process of starting a scholarship foundation.

2008
Bixby Ho was recently promoted to chairman of the Oahu County Democratic Party, and is hoping to form a Hawaii region alumni chapter.

Jennifer Smith is a pre-kindergarten teacher for the School District of Flambeau, Wis.

Erica Crissinger Priscella received a master’s degree in education from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

Stefan Fletcher began working as a special assistant with UW System Administration in January. He also serves on the board of directors for Madison Magnet, a non-profit association serving young professionals in the Greater Madison area.

Casey Rozkowski was named the new head coach of the women’s basketball team at North Central University in May.

2009
Carissa Nord has been hired as an assistant women’s basketball coach at Bucknell University.

April Fleck Kalmon is working as an IS quality assurance analyst for Menards. She lives in Eau Claire, Wis., with her husband Bruce.

Jamie Nelson is the community development manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin. She will serve as the lead strategist for agency-wide fundraising, event management and volunteer recruitment.

Brianne Looze Du Clos is working toward her Ph.D. in ecology and environmental sciences at the University of Maine in Orono. She earned her master’s degree in forest resources from UMaine in 2012, and married Kevin Du Clos in 2013.

Stacey Chezik is an athletic trainer with Summit Orthopedics, and lives in Hastings, Minn.

Andrew Toth is conducting stem cell research as a junior scientist at the University of Minnesota. He lives in St. Cloud, Minn.

Damodar Koirala is a graduate student at Purdue University.

Stacy Reuelle-Dupont graduated with her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, somatic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is currently employed as the adult outpatient team lead at Axis Health System in Durango, Colo.

Carrie Bergstrom Dittmar is a licensed agent with Real Living Messina and Associates in Duluth, Minn.

Randi Kay Johnson Weiland is a teacher at Partnership Academy Charter School and lives in Minnesota with her husband Lee.

Cassie Fulda was promoted to the role of permit specialist with LHB.

Eric Olson was named to the board of directors of the Austin (Minn.) Area YMCA, and is also currently president of the Austin Kiwanis.

2010
Andrew Olson is now a reference attorney for Thomson Reuters in Eagan, Minn.

Hilary Krenz married Justin Boespflug on January 2 in St. Paul, Minn.

Rich Kremer is a reporter and the host of the topical call-in show The West Side for Wisconsin Public Radio in Eau Claire, Wis.

Lindsey Jacobson is the new executive director of the Superior Business Improvement District.

2011
Brittany Berrens Markgren received the Governor’s Tourism Rising Star Award in March for her outstanding contributions to the state’s hospitality and travel industry. Brittany is the director of marketing, promotions and social media for the Superior-Douglas County Area Chamber and Visitors Bureau.

Matt Wiest earned his doctorate of chiropractic degree from the Palmer College of Chiropractic and is practicing with Finish Line Chiropractic in Savage, Minn.

Nick Reijo is a traffic coordinator with Midwest Energy Resources Co.

David Fenner married Kelsey Splinter on July 25 in Superior.

Anya Russom was accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Malawi in March to begin training as an environmental education volunteer. Her projects include educating youth on environmental issues, organizing environmental groups, promoting sustainable use of wildlife, forest or marine resources and developing income-generating activities for communities near protected areas.

Cameron Kruger became the new president/CEO of the Duluth Children’s Museum in November 2014.

Danielle Love Owen and her husband David live in Phoenix.

2012
Kala Pedersen is a merchandise planner with Maurices and lives in Duluth, Minn.

Lacie West won first place in the International Association of Eating Disorder Professionals “Imagine Me Beyond What You See” competition. Lacie and another art therapist collaborated to create the sculpture “Rising from the Ashes.”

Emily Borra graduated from Indiana University with
Kathryn Ferguson joins Duluth Seaway Port Authority

The Duluth Seaway Port Authority named Kathryn Ferguson (Class of 2006) as Director of Business Development. She is the first point of contact with the Port Authority for companies pursuing domestic and international trade opportunities. Additionally, Ferguson will work to develop, attract and retain business for the Port Authority and its properties – coordinating business expansion prospects with industrial development organizations throughout the region.

Ferguson brings a decade of professional experience and academic credentials to this position. Her expertise crosses a wide range of industries and encompasses materials moved by water, road and rail here in the Twin Ports and across the Upper Midwest.

She graduated with bachelor’s degrees in transportation and logistics management and computer information systems from UW-Superior, and also earned an MBA at the University of Minnesota Duluth. She currently is pursuing a doctorate in transportation and logistics through North Dakota State University and is certified by the American Society of Transportation and Logistics.
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Visit uwsuper.edu/alumni/travel for more details or contact Tom Bergh at 715-394-8081.
in memoriam

Henry Hulter (1934), San Rafael, Calif., January 16, 2015
Helen Soderlund Jacobson (1937), Omaha, Neb., Sept. 11, 2015
O. Wesley Hofstad (1938), Silver Spring, Md., July 12, 2015
Vicky Fedyn Krause (1942), Superior, Wis., February 20, 2015
Mary Jane Ward Baalrud (1944), Waukesha, Wis., December 30, 2014
Delores Herubin Scharhag (1946), Superior, Wis., June 19, 2015
Beverly Bastian (1947), Park Falls, Wis., November 1, 2014
Henry DeBruyne (1947), Beloit, Wis., December 5, 2014
Roy Bloomquist (1948), Golden Valley, Minn., September 29, 2014
Win Abney (1948), Wabeno, Wis., December 29, 2014
Marion (Meers, Norby) Anderson (1949), Stillwater, Minn., July 25, 2015
John Collins (1950), Superior, Wis., November 27, 2014
Donald Vogt (1952), Allenton, Wis., February 18, 2013
Helen Thompson Baker (1952), Superior, Wis., February 15, 2015
Henry DeBruyne (1953), Portage, Wis., July 18, 2015
Roderic Thompson (1954), Proctor, Minn., June 21, 2015
Sherman Miller (1956), Roseville, Minn., October 10, 2014
John Buytaert (1956), Cloquet, Minn., February 17, 2015
Jean Foley McGillis (1956), Duluth, Minn., May 20, 2015
Duane Matye (1957), Eau Claire, Wis., February 24, 2015
Elaine Berger Aronsohn (1958), Passaic, N.J., December 10, 2014
Gordon Olson (1958), Oshkosh, Wis., March 10, 2015
William Farmakes (1958), Superior, Wis., March 22, 2015
Charlene Abrahamsom Nelson (1959), Madison, Wis., February 15, 2015
Gerald Salo (1960), Middleton, Wis., November 24, 2014
Vern Hollister (1960), Eau Claire, Wis., March 10, 2015
Richard Jacobson (1960), Superior, Wis., April 5, 2015
Kenneth Mosentine (1961), Eau Claire, Wis., June 17, 2014
Walter Pawlikowski (1961), Superior, Wis., July 4, 2015
Mary Sue Lange (1964), Superior, Wis., October 8, 2014
Robert Moe (1964), Cloquet, Minn., March 24, 2015
Jerome Tabelle (1964), Superior, Wis., August 7, 2015
Harvey Anderson (1964), Superior, Wis., August 19, 2015
Ronald Danielson (1965), Superior, Wis., February 5, 2015
John Pappas (1966), Crosby, Minn., April 2, 2015
Jon Dallman (1966), Duluth, Minn., August 23, 2015
Evelyn Erickson Gella (1966), Superior, Wis., August 27, 2015
A. David Ouellette (1967), Glendale, Calif., September 21, 2014
John Wohlwend (1967), Summit, Wis., January 6, 2015
Emmett Johnson (1967), Superior, Wis., January 22, 2015
Kenneth Thomson (1967), Superior, Wis., May 24, 2015
William Frederick (1967), Hartford, Wis., July 12, 2015
Susan Olson Moline (1968), San Antonio, Texas, September 30, 2014
Robert Weiland (1968), Dayton, Ohio, July 15, 2014
Gary Hummel (1968), Fall Creek, Wis., December 13, 2014
John Rindo (1968), Altoona, Wis., June 15, 2015
Gerald Davidson (1968), Floodwood, Minn., August 10, 2015
Everett Obenhein (1969), Turnersville, N.J., April 30, 2014
Charlotte Olson Vogt (1969), Allenton, Wis., August 6, 2014
Lawrence Parfitt (1969), New Richmond, Wis., September 8, 2014
Gerald Martin (1971), Ellsworth, Maine, January 5, 2014
Thomas Synnott (1971), Centennial, Colo., October 22, 2014
Nicholas Fedoroff (1971), Cape May, N.J., February 19, 2015
Arnold Overby (1971), Beaver Bay, Minn., June 8, 2015
Russell Hoglund (1972), Esko, Minn., October 31, 2014
Phyllis Ellis (1972), Superior, Wis., July 12, 2015
William Ellison (1973), Superior, Wis., May 20, 2015
Terry Prine (1974), Superior, Wis., December 31, 2014
Dennis Swenson (1975), Cornucopia, Wis., May 1, 2015
Julie Stafford (1976), Chippewa Falls, Wis., June 4, 2015
Bonnie Knops VanErt Larson (1978), Superior, Wis., August 7, 2015
Randy Bloomquist (1981), Rhinelander, Wis., January 18, 2015
Alan Riddle (1984), Hermantown, Minn., October 10, 2014
James Kumbera (1984), Three Lakes, Wis., September 6, 2015
Bonnie Knops VanErt Larson (1978), Superior, Wis., August 7, 2015
Randy Bloomquist (1981), Rhinelander, Wis., January 18, 2015
Alan Riddle (1984), Hermantown, Minn., October 10, 2014
James Kumbera (1984), Three Lakes, Wis., September 6, 2015
Terry Prine (1974), Superior, Wis., December 31, 2014
Dennis Swenson (1975), Cornucopia, Wis., May 1, 2015
Julie Stafford (1976), Chippewa Falls, Wis., June 4, 2015
Bonnie Knops VanErt Larson (1978), Superior, Wis., August 7, 2015
Randy Bloomquist (1981), Rhinelander, Wis., January 18, 2015
Alan Riddle (1984), Hermantown, Minn., October 10, 2014
James Kumbera (1984), Three Lakes, Wis., September 6, 2015
James Junker (1988), Ashland, Wis., October 22, 2014
Johnson Johnson (2000), Duluth, Minn., March 26, 2015
Ken Johnson (1994), Rhinelander, Wis., December 18, 2014
Sherrie Kaping Pederson (2000), Duluth, Minn., March 26, 2015
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in memoriam

Milton (M.R.) Charles, retired faculty member, passed away on March 4, 2015, in Lacey, Wash. After years of teaching, he spent his last 18 years at UW-Superior as professor and chair of the Sociology/Anthropology Department, where he was instrumental in founding the social work program and its accreditation.

Dr. Charles retired in 1984, and moved to Lacey with his wife, Barbara. He enjoyed writing short stories and character sketches, and his family recently published a collection of his favorite stories called "Variations on the Pronoun I: Some Vignettes of Life," which is available through Amazon.

William (Pope) Wright, Jr., professor, artist and mentor to a countless number of students at UW-Superior, passed away on July 22, 2015. Wright began teaching at UW-Superior in 1971, and was a member of the campus community for 44 years. He was the first Black Student Union faculty advisor and the first African-American professor at the university. In 1983, he was named the director of the Minority Affairs Office, and was known for always finding time for students of all backgrounds and cultures. He is survived by his wife Sandra, who was a dedicated educator as well.

The family has established a scholarship fund in Pope’s memory. The scholarship will be for minority students with financial need who are majoring in any concentration of the visual arts, and gifts may be sent to the Foundation.

John Haugland (Class of 1954) passed away on March 19, 2015, in Superior. Dr. Haugland began his lifelong relationship with UW-Superior in 1934, attending kindergarten in McCaskill and graduating with a bachelor’s degree.

He returned to Superior to join the history faculty in 1961, and, for over 23 years, held several positions such as Academic Affairs Vice President and Dean of Faculty, and was later named Provost/Vice Chancellor. Dr. Haugland also served on the UW-Superior Foundation Board of Directors until 2000. He, along with his wife Joan, was a very active member of the Superior community and held positions on many local boards.
New freshmen enrollment is up 15% over last fall! →

Here’s a snapshot of our student body

95% Undergraduate
5% Graduate
24% Online learners
51% WI residents
38% MN residents
190 International students
44 Countries represented
48% First generation