Dear Friends,

Our campus spent this past year charting UW-Superior’s next phase of progress. We began in a context far different from when we began the previous planning effort. The economic downturn has heightened concerns over the affordability and value of university degrees. Globalization has accelerated its already rapid pace, and the proliferation of online degree programs and open learning platforms poses dramatic new challenges for all of higher education.

We face a climate that is far more complex and uncertain than five years ago. Yet we do so as a community that is measurably stronger, wiser, and far more collaborative. Led by the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, over the past weeks and months we conducted multiple open forums to provide information, updates and hear thoughts about the university’s future. In a collaborative process, we engaged individuals across the campus and our broader communities to provide feedback on the plan. This approach allowed us to reflect upon lessons learned from the past five years, and to consider how we best can make our campus distinct among comprehensive universities.

Superior Visions 2020, the new strategic plan, is the foundation for our next six-year vision and plan as we position our university to provide an outstanding student experience and be a driver of vitality in the region. These are high aspirations. Its success depends on the quality of our ideas and the intensity of our enthusiasm. I urge you to take an active role as we begin to see the plan implemented over the coming years and thank you in advance for your participation.

We presented the plan to the campus in May with an ultimate goal of submitting and presenting the plan before the Board of Regents by the end of the year. It is an exciting time to be a Yellowjacket!

Renée Wachter
Check it out!
Here’s a look at the progress we have made as a campus since opening our doors. Check out these bird’s eye views of the university and how it’s changed over the years. What’s your favorite part of campus (new or old)? Tell us on the UW-Superior Alumni Association Facebook page!

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Transportation and Logistics Research Center earns national recognition

UW-Superior’s Transportation and Logistics Research Center has been awarded full membership in the Council of University Transportation Centers.

Collectively, council members have advanced the state of the art in all modes and disciplines of transportation. In doing so, they have made significant and lasting contributions to the nation’s mobility, economy, and defense.

Membership in the council is limited to any organized center, institute, division, unit, or specifically identifiable organization devoted to transportation research, education and technology transfer that is an integral part of a university or four-year college. There must be a director (or equivalent) who devotes at least part time to the work of the organization. In addition, it shall have at least two other faculty or senior professional staff engaged in the conduct of transportation research, education and technology transfer. There must be evidence of a statement of purpose, proposal or strategic plan for this organization and it must provide for a continuing program with ongoing financing.

At the CUTC Annual Banquet, awards are given to researchers and students. UW-Superior students have twice been selected for a University Transportation Center Outstanding Student of the Year Award. The highly competitive award was presented to Brad Peot in 2008 and Kenneth Chong in 2011.

Wisconsin Sea Grant funds research on the St. Louis River

The St. Louis River Estuary is a valuable resource in the Twin Ports area, and a UW-Superior faculty member and Superior researcher have been awarded a grant to help preserve and promote the local waterway.

Professor Nicholas Danz of the Natural Sciences Department will study the wetlands of the St. Louis River Estuary to better understand ways to manage the ecosystem.

Danz is eager to get started. “It’s beautiful, and there are some high quality wetlands and unique plants. There are so many nooks and crannies and you can’t tell you are in the middle of a city.”

Danz will do the work with Dr. Shon Schooler of the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Schooler said, “The St. Louis River Estuary is undergoing a period of intensive restoration. There have been many individual studies of the vegetation in the St. Louis River Estuary over the past 20 years, but now we have an exciting opportunity to look at all of that data together and see what patterns emerge.”

Danz and Schooler will be working with a number of groups and researchers such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, UMD Natural Resources Research Institute, Wisconsin and Minnesota departments of natural resources, and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. UW-Superior students will also be involved as the study progresses.

Wisconsin Sea Grant has awarded UW-Superior $98,000 dollars for the two-year study.
UW-Superior among top ten online programs in the nation

UW-Superior’s online degree program ranks among the best in the nation on U.S. News and World Report’s “Best Online Education Program Rankings” list for 2014.

UW-Superior is ranked ninth for online bachelor’s programs in the country and is the top-ranked campus in the UW System for online degrees.

“We are so pleased to receive this designation,” said UW-Superior Chancellor Renée Wachter. “It recognizes the high quality of our academic programs and faculty as well as the services we provide to help students be successful.”

UW-Superior’s 35-year-old distance learning program is one of the oldest in the state and the first to offer self-paced independent learning leading to a degree. The program went online in 1999.

UW-Superior offers six online bachelor degree options for learners: communicating arts; elementary education; exercise science; health and wellness management; interdisciplinary studies/individually designed; and sustainable management.

An online master’s degree in sustainable management – the first in the country – was introduced in 2013.

“Students say high-quality advising services, in-demand majors, flexible schedules, and high standards are what drew them to pursue their online degrees at UW-Superior,” said Christina Kline (Class of 2011), interim director of the UW-Superior Distance Learning Center. “Our focus is on giving students a top quality education and a highly personalized experience.”

Several distance learning graduates participated in the Spring 2014 UW-Superior commencement ceremony photo. They are pictured with Chancellor Renée Wachter, Provost Faith Hensrud, and distance learning faculty and staff.
Veteran and Nontraditional Student Center honored

UW-Superior’s Veteran and Nontraditional Student Center (VNSC) is earning regional and national recognition for its service to the men and women who have served our country.

In March, the VNSC earned the Above and Beyond Award from Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office. Sixty-five Wisconsin National Guard and Reserve members nominated their employers, and UW-Superior was one of nine employers to receive the award on March 29-30 in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Carl Huber won an individual Patriot Award for his service to members of the National Guard and Reserve in recognition of extraordinary support of one of their employees, Sergeant Leon Adrian, who serves in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Huber was nominated for this national award by SGT Adrian, who is a member of the National Guard and assigned to the Crazy Troop, 1-94 CAV in Cloquet, Minn.

SGT Adrian said, “Carl focuses on ensuring that veterans receive the educational benefits and support they need to complete their education. He regularly directs student-veterans to solutions to their problems. He extends this helpfulness to aiding Guardsmen who work for him and ensuring that our work schedules are not in conflict with National Guard commitments.”

In addition, the VNSC and the Douglas County Veterans Service Office held a Veterans Expo in the Yellowjacket Union May 13 to serve veteran students and veterans throughout the community in the Twin Ports area. The event served as a showcase of veteran outreach services in the area and to answer questions about veteran benefits. The keynote speaker was Secretary John Scocos of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mueller named assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management

UW-Superior welcomed John Mueller to campus in January. Mueller brings over sixteen years of experience in higher education, with his most recent position being the vice president for enrollment services at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wis.

“We are thrilled to welcome John to campus,” said Dr. Faith Hensrud, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs. “His experience, combined with a proven track record of successfully leading enrollment management teams, is sure to be a solid foundation for him to lead and enhance our enrollment strategies here at UW-Superior.”

Mueller received his bachelor of science in natural resources from UW-Madison and earned his master of science in education-enrollment management specialization from Capella University. In this role at UW-Superior, he will oversee admissions, advising, registrar, financial aid and lead the campus enrollment management plan. Mueller will also serve as a member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet.

“I am truly thankful for the opportunity to join the distinguished team at the University of Wisconsin-Superior,” said Mueller. “The university has a long history of innovation and service to the community, and I am looking forward to collaborating with the faculty and staff to build upon this tradition.”
A stone, a house, and a Yellowjacket. What do they all have in common? The Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, of course.

For the second time in his career, Jeff Isaacson, Class of 2012, represented the United States of America as an Olympic curler. The UW-Superior alumnus also competed at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games.

The chance to represent one’s country is an honor. “I think it was even more special to get to go to a second Olympics. For me, it really shows the hard work and sacrifices I have put into the game. It takes an incredible amount of time and energy to get to that point,” said Isaacson.

For the Iron Range native, the faculty at UW-Superior made the difference for him as he pursued his master’s degree in educational administration. “I had most of my classes with Terri Kronzer. I enjoyed her classes and hearing her stories – especially with her law background and school experiences. She helped guide me through the program and kept me on track.”

Kronzer wasn’t the only one to make an impact on this world-class athlete. “I was happy to have my last class with Mary Lee-Nichols,” said the two-time Olympian. “Mary is such a positive, supportive, and down-to-earth person. I’ve never experienced anyone who was willing to take so much time for her students. She cares deeply about what she does and is a fantastic role model for anyone going into the field of education.”

Lee-Nichols watched the Olympics with even more focus with a former student competing. “He really is a remarkable person, and we can be really proud of him. He was sending great emails to Educational Leadership faculty while in Sochi – it has been fun to follow his experiences!”

Isaacson used the Olympics to teach the world the true meaning of team. Jeff initially received a lot of national media attention for being a teacher, but on the final weekend of competition he received even more attention for what NBC Sports called, “an Olympic rarity” when he asked to sit out one of the final matches so that the team alternate could experience playing in an Olympic competition.

That Olympic lesson even impressed his former professor, Mary Lee-Nichols. “This really reflects how I know Jeff as a student and teacher, quiet and humble, thoughtful and caring. Here, teaching the world how we do things, honoring the hard work of an entire team.”

While the Olympic curling stones didn’t get to the house as often as they would have liked in Sochi for Isaacson and his teammates, this Yellowjacket had no regrets in his decision to wear the USA colors one final time.

Isaacson is currently teaching middle school science to grades 6-8 in Gilbert, Minn. “I also provide home-bound instruction for students who can’t be at the school. I am looking forward to taking a break from curling. I enjoy it, and the game has given me so much, but we compete for little to no money and I can’t keep on doing that forever. I am going to put more focus into my career and play the game on the more recreational level. At least that’s the plan for now.”
Yellowjacket student-athletes shine

We have already reached the end of another school year, and the 2013-2014 year seems to have flown by faster than ever. Take a look at what our student-athletes have been up to.

Winter Recap

The men’s hockey team, despite a fourth-place finish in the WIAC during the regular season, played its best hockey of the season heading into the playoffs and advanced to the conference title game before falling to UW-Eau Claire.

The women’s basketball team also had a deep run in the post-season. Two seasons ago the Yellowjackets ended a long playoff drought to earn the sixth seed in the WIAC tournament. Last season the Yellowjackets hosted, and won, a WIAC playoff game for the first time. This year they did one better, winning a pair of road playoff games on the way to the WIAC title game, where they eventually fell to UW-Oshkosh, missing out on UW-Superior’s first-ever automatic qualifier into the NCAA tournament.

Junior guard Sally Linzmeier had a banner year, passing the 1,000-point mark and winning the WIAC Player of the Year award after leading the conference in scoring and rebounding. Linzmeier was named All-WIAC First Team for the second year in a row and chosen as a member of the WIAC All-Defensive Team for a third straight season. Linzmeier also earned All-American Third Team honors from d3hoops.com.

Men’s hockey player Pat Dalbec capped his Yellowjacket career in fine style, taking home the Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete Award from the WIAC. The Superior native, who graduated in May, had a 3.76 grade point average and majored in pre-engineering with a double minor in physics and math.

Spring Recap

Baseball, softball and track and field completed the 2014 season. The Yellowjacket baseball team went 8-3 on its spring trip, while the softball team went a perfect 13-0 in Florida. Both teams missed out on the post-season while track and field had numerous school records set in both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Community Involvement

Away from the playing surface, the Yellowjackets continue to be active in the community. Yellowjacket student-athletes again have committed numerous hours to Superior High School, which sees them participate in the evaluation of senior projects. The projects, a requirement for graduation for every student at SHS, get evaluated by members of the community.

“We have been extremely pleased with the participation of UW-Superior student-athletes in the senior projects”, said Dave Minor, president and CEO of the Superior-Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, an organizer of the evaluations.

“Having them come in and be a part of the process is a critical component for the high school seniors. To have someone so close to their age come and give them positive feedback on their presentations is priceless.”

In addition, Yellowjacket student-athletes have continued their successful “Caroling for Cans” food drive and several teams conducted fundraisers and programs for cancer awareness and research - “Stick it to Cancer” (men’s and women’s hockey); “Dig Pink” (volleyball); and “Caps for Cancer” (men’s and women’s soccer).

Keep up with the Yellowjackets! iFan Sports Network (www.ifan.tv) covers most UW-Superior home games.

Find the schedule at: uwsyellowjackets.com
You Can Play

Yellowjacket Athletics became the first athletics department in either Wisconsin or Minnesota to become a part of the You Can Play project. You Can Play is a national campaign dedicated to ensuring equality, respect, and safety for all athletes, without regard to sexual orientation. Started in 2012, You Can Play works to guarantee that athletes are given a fair opportunity to compete, judged by other athletes and fans alike, only by what they contribute to the sport or their team’s success. You Can Play seeks to challenge the culture of locker rooms and spectator areas by focusing only on an athlete’s skills, work ethic and competitive spirit.

“We are excited to be on the leading edge of this human rights project and look forward to helping bring awareness to this incredibly important cause,” Athletics Director Steve Nelson said. “At UW-Superior it is so very important that student-athletes not just have the opportunity to compete in the sports that they love, but that they can do so without the fear of being discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.”

UW-Superior unveiled its You Can Play video on April 10. Watch the video pledge at www.youtube.com/uwsuperior.

Conference Switch

After more than 100 years as a member of the WIAC, UW-Superior will be shifting away from the only conference home it has ever known following the 2014-15 season. In 2015-16, the Yellowjackets, with the exception of hockey, will begin competing in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC).

“When you have been a part of something for as long as we have been in the WIAC, it is obviously a decision that comes with a lot of thought and a lot of anxiety, but in the end we felt that shifting to the UMAC was in our best interests for multiple reasons,” Nelson said. “We will miss the affiliation with the WIAC and its members, but we are also excited about the possibilities that come with joining the UMAC. It’s a good move for UW-Superior.”

Among the advantages that come with joining the UMAC are a conference footprint that will allow for shorter road trips and less missed class time; an affiliation with other institutions that are similar in size and mission; and the natural rivalry that exists with current UMAC member St. Scholastica.

“We are excited to be competing in the same conference as St. Scholastica,” Nelson said. “It is really going to energize the rivalry and is going to be great for both of our athletic programs, the campus communities and all of the Twin Ports.”

In addition to St. Scholastica, other members of the UMAC include Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, Minn.); Crown College (St. Bonifacius, Minn.); Martin Luther College (New Ulm, Minn.); Minnesota-Morris (Morris, Minn.); North Central University (Minneapolis, Minn.); Northland College (Ashland, Wis.); and University of Northwestern (St. Paul, Minn.).
Every organization should reflect on who they are and who they want to be. It is critical to the success of an organization to build a solid foundation and set a clear vision for the future. UW-Superior’s new strategic plan, Superior Visions 2020, does just that. The plan works to expand on the university’s successes and provide structure and measurement to new initiatives.

In what was over a 12-month process, students, faculty, staff, alumni, business leaders, and community members provided input, collected and analyzed data, and worked through drafts and discussions to formulate the university’s new strategic plan. “Our last strategic plan was launched in 2008,” commented Chancellor Renée Wachter, “and the environment has changed a lot since then. This process really helped campus better understand our culture, areas of opportunities and where we can succeed.”

### Building the Foundation

Over a year in the making, many people were involved in the process. A steering committee consisting of faculty and staff were the driving force behind the plan. A set of guiding principles were created to guide the plan development. These principles called for the plan to be student focused, to achieve recognized excellence in areas that demonstrate outstanding quality, to be efficient and effective in the use of resources, and to position the university as a partner of choice in the region.

The process was also guided by a framework that the campus community helped to create. This framework called for the plan to be driven by UW-Superior’s mission, vision and values as well as to respect and align initiatives with university heritage. “We cannot forget our history, but we need to look to the future,” said Chancellor Wachter. “This new plan must be inclusive, transparent, data-informed, achievable, creative and entrepreneurial.”

With the guiding principles and framework established the plan entered the research stage, which involved the creation of eight research teams consisting of various members of the campus community. These research teams worked to answer a series of questions that provided background and insight for the steering committee to consider when crafting the first draft. Research questions included identifying who the university serves, program demand and effectiveness, competitive advantages, external and internal influences, campus culture, and sources of revenue. The research teams used information from constituent surveys, industry best practices, articles and case studies, as well as an in-depth collection and analysis of data to produce a report of their findings.

In addition, Chancellor Wachter and the strategic planning steering committee conducted campus meetings to present the information. Campus and community members provided feedback during several review periods throughout the process.
The new UW-Superior mission statement is expecting final approval from the UW System Board of Regents this summer. The new mission, vision and values are as follows:

### Mission Statement

The University of Wisconsin-Superior fosters intellectual growth and career preparation within a liberal arts tradition that emphasizes individual attention, embodies respect for diverse cultures and multiple voices, and engages the community and region.

### Vision Statement

The University of Wisconsin-Superior will be known as an institution that transforms learners, engages the community, and enhances the vitality of its region.

### Values Statement

At the University of Wisconsin-Superior, we are committed to academic excellence, with an emphasis on student-focused learning, intellectual and personal development, continuous improvement, inclusivity, community partnerships, and global awareness.

### Strategic Initiatives

The Superior Visions 2020 strategic plan revolves around four strategic initiatives, coined STAR.

- **Student Experience**
- **Thriving Partnerships**
- **Achieving Excellence**
- **Resource Management**

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University Mission, Vision and Values

One of the intentions of this process was to review the university mission statement as well as the vision and values. The mission statement was last revised in 2001. The emphasis on the guiding principle to become a regional partner of choice influenced the decision to add “...and engages the community and region” to the end of the existing mission statement.

Wachter explains this as a concerted effort to infuse more of the Twin Ports area into campus activities and academic programs. “There is a strong desire to have a stronger connection with the community and remove borders that sometimes surround our campus. We want to make the community the living-learning lab for our students.”

### Initiative I

**Student Experience**

The first initiative is about enhancing the student experience and gets to the core of providing meaningful experiences to prepare graduates for their careers. “We will focus more on career preparation for students,” stressed Chancellor Wachter, “helping them map out their academic and post-academic options and plans, while providing students with more practical tools for success.” Some of the implementation items to make this strategy successful involve being thoughtful to provide students at least two experiential learning opportunities during their time at UW-Superior.

Experiential learning is a process through which students develop knowledge, skills, and values from experiences outside the traditional academic setting. Experiential learning encompasses a variety of activities including internships, service learning, undergraduate research, study abroad, and other creative and professional work experiences. These activities stimulate academic inquiry by promoting interdisciplinary learning, civic engagement, career development, cultural awareness, leadership, and other professional and intellectual skills.

Besides the focus on more hands-on learning opportunities and career planning, this initiative calls for examining program delivery. This includes integration of online course offerings, expanded evening and summer offerings, accelerated degree options and other delivery models to provide faster degree completion.
The university will provide students with transformative, collaborative, flexible and career-relevant learning experiences.

Goal 1: Ensure that all students are engaged in experiential learning

Goal 2: Ensure that a student’s curricular and co-curricular experiences are intentionally linked and facilitated

Goal 3: Invest in the development of delivery modes that reflect the continuum of learning access options

Goal 4: Build strong transition programs from undergraduate study to careers and graduate/professional school

Initiative II
Thriving Partnerships

The revision to the mission statement to focus more on the community and region provided a natural link for this strategic initiative. A new Center for Community Engaged Learning will be created to provide coordination of new efforts to better align academic programs and campus activities to the community. A concerted effort will be made to develop curriculum, research, and program offerings that align with regional needs, along with the creation of community advisory boards for academic programs.

Kathi Madsen of the United Way meets with two academic service-learning students as they work together on a project. The students provide skills and knowledge to the United Way and receive a valuable experience in return.

The university will deliver innovative programs that enhance the vitality of the region.

Goal 1: Become the region’s premier institution for community engagement

Goal 2: Develop and maintain a portfolio of programs that meet current and projected regional and national employment needs

Goal 3: Support and promote signature programs, particularly those that meet regional needs

Goal 4: Support regional needs through research, scholarship, and creative activity

Initiative III
Achieving Excellence

Recognizing the accomplishments of faculty and staff are important to sustaining a positive campus culture. In return, those faculty and staff interactions dramatically impact the student experience. Continued emphasis on enrollment is critical to the long-term success of the university. This initiative seeks to identify and focus on improving relationships and awareness with select key feeder institutions. Enrollment practices to expand international and online student populations will also add to the diversity of the student body.

The university will be a diverse community that attracts, supports, and recognizes high-achieving students and employees.

Goal 1: Recruit a diverse student body that will demonstrate a high likelihood for success and persistence

Goal 2: Improve student retention and create clear pathways to timely graduation

Goal 3: Reward employee excellence and promote institutional values

Initiative IV
Resource Management

As with any plan, the need to effectively use resources, make adjustments as needed, and track progress is required to be successful. The university will seek to define and implement
academic program assessment, which also meets expectations of the Higher Learning Commission accreditation requirements. Implementing an integrated budgeting and planning process will build on the work already developed through this strategic planning process. Utilizing resources such as the UW-Superior Foundation will further provide support and structure for success.

The university will establish and maintain an infrastructure to promote accountability, sustainability, and continuous improvement.

**Goal 1:** Establish and monitor assessment structures and processes in all academic and non-academic programs

**Goal 2:** Ensure that the budget and planning process of the university is transparent and grounded in the Strategic Plan

**Goal 3:** Ensure resources and facilities are appropriate to support the university as an institution committed to excellence

The faculty and staff have already begun to implement the plan. Action items for the first three years were identified along with success measures and scheduled progress reports. Campus also underwent a program prioritization process this last academic year in response to continued fiscal challenges. It was designed as a self-review process of all academic and non-academic programs with the goal of identifying areas for budget reduction and revenue growth. The outcome is still underway and is being guided by the new strategic plan. “This is an aggressive plan, but it is feasible,” Chancellor Wachter said. “It balances our liberal arts tradition and positions UW-Superior and our graduates for future success.”

For complete details visit www.uwsuper.edu/strategicplan.

Activity like the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve’s Rivers2Lake program, which supports teachers in integrating inquiry and outdoor-based learning experiences into their academic curricula, helps to build stronger community and educational partnerships.

UW-Superior on YouTube
Haven’t been to campus lately? Check us out on YouTube and see our new virtual campus tour, campus overview and more.

youtube.com/uwsuperior
Diana Chi, keeping L.A. informed for 28 years

Diana Chi (Class of 1974 and 1976) took the tools she learned here on campus and brought them with her to the bright lights of L.A. Working in one job for nearly three decades is getting rare, and doing so in a hectic deadline-driven TV newsroom is even more unique. Chi is a writer/producer for KTLA-TV in Los Angeles.

Diana Chi will be celebrating 28 years of work with the Los Angeles station in August. 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 Arts and Sciences, and Golden Mikes from the Radio Television News Association of Southern California.

She graduated with a 4.0 GPA and honors. While at UW-Superior in 1975, she earned the Outstanding Woman Student Award and is a former member of American Women in Radio and Television.

Andersen Bauch live in Nashville, Tenn., for eight months and spend four months in the summer at their cabin near Mellen, Wis. Jerry is active with friends in the “old Sems” fraternity and has been participating in their reunions since 1982.

Reno Fechtner is retired and living in Greenfield, Wis., with his wife Joan Lepkowicz, who is also enjoying retirement.

Geoffrey Bush is an artist and writer, and lives in Golden Valley, Minn., with his wife Marie.

Judy Harrer Reinke is now fully retired and busier than ever.

George “Bud” Brand was presented an award of appreciation by the Superior Youth Organization for his seven years of coaching youth baseball.

Paula Hefele Schelling opened Savvy Seniors Concierge, and the business is doing well. She lives in Clearwater, Fla., with her husband James.

Monica Tikkanen is the director of human resources for the School District of Superior, where she has been employed for 27 years. She is also a grandmother to eight grandchildren, ages nine to six months. Monica has helped to mentor several intern practicum students from UW-Superior.

Dick Pittroff and his wife Lucy are retired at Robson Ranch, an over 55 community in Denton, Texas. They still love to travel, but have cut back a bit now that they are homeowners. They still see a number of UW-Superior alumni and always enjoy the mini-reunions.

Lloyd Williams was inducted into the Notre Dame Regional High School Hall of Fame. He was a record-setter in high school track and continued his career at UW-Superior, where he set records in indoor and outdoor track events.

Greg McGarry is now retired and lives in Bethel, Minn.

Bruce Plante led the Hermantown Hawks boy’s hockey team to a second place finish in the Minnesota State Championship tournament in March.

Jim Zastrow has been appointed as the north region community banking manager for BMO Harris Bank.

Bill Robson is living and working in Philadelphia, and would like to hear from his TKE fraternity brothers.

Randy Rand retired after teaching high school in Park Falls for 32 years. He coached wrestling and football for many of those years. This year he coached on the staff of Chequamegon High School.

Thomas King and his wife Debbi enjoy hiking and skiing on frozen lakes, and completed 119 lake-ice hikes in 2013. They live in Solon Springs, Wis.

Dave Anderson is now the assistant deputy secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.
1979
Michael Hendrickson has been doing business as Bodies in Balance Massage Therapy for 21 years. He lives in Laurium, Mich.

Laurie Jensen was named dean of allied health and nursing at Lake Superior College in March.

1980
Charles Milliren welcomed his first grandchild, Evlyn Milliren, into the world on October 23, 2013. His son Dan Milliren, Class of 2008, and his wife Leann, live in Greenville, Wis., where Dan is an elementary physical education teacher for the Hortonville school district.

1981
Steve DeVinck became the chief financial officer of ALLETE Inc., on March 3. He has been with ALLETE since 1997. Steve also serves as president of the UW-Superior Foundation Board, is a member of the board of the Superior Douglas County YMCA, and is a member of the Finance Council for the Catholic Diocese of Superior. He and his wife Britt DeVinck, Class of 2006, live in Superior.

1984
Steve Germond was named to the RE/MAX 100 Percent Club, the fourth highest regional honor for sales in a single year.

1985
Tom Viaene is retired and living in Fort Myers, Fla.

1986
Mary Tripp received her doctorate of business administration with a concentration in marketing from Walden University in October.

Case closed: Johanna Kirk is an award-winning lawyer

As a student at UW-Superior, Johanna Kirk (Class of 2001) was a legal studies major and a member of the mock trial team. That experience with law kick-started a legal career that continues to this day.

This alumna is making an impact with clients in Superior, Douglas County and Northwestern Wisconsin with a different kind of approach to legal services.

In December 2013, Johanna R. Kirk opened a solo practice, Kirk Law Office, L.L.C., in Superior, Wis. The firm provides legal services to businesses, non-profits, and individuals in many areas of law. Kirk said, "My firm looks different than the traditional law office. There is no library full of books. There is no file storage room. I have chosen to go digital with these and other aspects of my firm, because some of those traditional practices generate costs that just get passed on to clients." She said her goal is to continue providing clients with top-notch legal services while incorporating new methods of structuring the attorney-client relationship and alternative billing systems.

The UW-Superior Alumni Association recently established the Young Alumni Achievement Award to honor alumni that have graduated within the past 15 years, and whose success serves as an inspiration for current and prospective students. Johanna Kirk was the first to earn the award. She was hired by Knudson, Torvinen, and Jones in 2006, after graduating from the Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minn. In January 2010 she was named a partner in the firm.

"My passion for the law comes from a never-ending desire to learn and help people. All clients–businesses and individuals–are looking for realistic, down-to-earth, practical and cost effective legal advice and services. I strive to create long-term relationships with my clients that go beyond just being their lawyer," said Kirk.

In 2010, Johanna was named one of the Wisconsin Law Journal's "Up and Coming Lawyers of 2010". The honor recognizes young attorneys throughout the state who are doing exceptional work. Johanna was chosen in part because of her successful appellate work and her volunteer service to the state and local bar associations.

She continues to be connected with the community by volunteering on several board of directors and committees. "I have many friends who have become clients and even more clients who have become my friends. The Superior and Douglas County area makes this so easy because the people here appreciate genuine relationships and the quality of work that I provide."

This hockey mom is married to Steve Kirk (Class of 2001), assistant director of Campus Recreation at UW-Superior.
1987
David Gerber was inducted into the UW-Superior Hall of Fame on October 5, as a recipient of the Mertz Mortorelli Athletic/Coaching Achievement Award.

Kara Pezzi has been selected for the 2014-15 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship (AEF) Program. Beginning September 1, 2014, she will serve an 11-month fellowship in Washington, D.C., at the Department of Energy, Office of Science. Kara is a high school science teacher at Appleton East High School in Wisconsin.

Brian Matuszak, known for his comic roles, played Macbeth in Wise Fool Shakespeare's production this March. He is the executive producer of the Rubber Chicken Theatre in Duluth.

1988

1992
Mike Welch is now a commercial lender with Superior Choice Credit Union in Superior.

Gary Plesko has retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Sergeant First Class after 33 years of service in four branches, including two tours in Iraq.

1994

Don Serkowski coached the 2014 academic decathlon Wisconsin state champions who qualified to compete at nationals in Honolulu in April. Don is a teacher at Wilmot Union High School. He has been married to his beautiful wife Jennifer for 11 years and they have four year old twin boys, Brandon and Hayden.

1995
Ronald Walsh was chosen as Superintendent of the Year for 2013 by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators. He is employed with the Elk Mound Area School District.

1996
Mary Lundberg-Kimmes married Atticus Larson on December 27. She is employed by the School District of Superior at Cooper Elementary.

1997
Chris Lonke led the New Prague Trojans to the third place spot in the Minnesota High School Class A Boys Hockey tournament in March.

2002
Jill Toms was promoted to general manager of Grandma’s Saloon and Grill in Canal Park.

2003
Jeff Gasele is the project manager at Citon Computer Corp., where he will be responsible for communication and planning on customer projects.

Tanya Dahlberg Medgaarden was promoted to principal in the financial institutions group at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in Austin, Minn., in November.

2004
Kimberly Brzezinski joined Hanft Fride Law Firm in January, and specializes in civil litigation, construction law, land use issues, boundary and title correction matters, access issues,
Rheba Mabie Zimmerman named as Stormy Kromer Living Legend at the tender age of 36

Unless you’re 90, you probably haven’t imagined half the adventures and challenges the newest Living Legend, Rheba Mabie Zimmerman (Class of 2002), has seen in her young life. That is precisely why her mom nominated her.

- She’s a science and agriculture teacher.
- She’s a tap-dance teacher.
- She’s a U.S. Golf Association National Team Player and Wisconsin Golfer of the Year.
- She’s coached the Wisconsin High School Champion curling team.
- She’s a figure-skating instructor.
- She’s helped show the #1 Old English Sheep Dog at Westminster for years.
- She’s a student pursuing her dream of becoming a veterinarian.
- She’s fighting Multiple Sclerosis—and winning.
- She’s a clown. (No, seriously. An actual, professional clown with size 20 shoes.)

And she’s done it all because she knows life is too short to miss out.

“I am thrilled to have this award, but I really do need to share it with my brother, Hammie,” said Rheba, who grew up in Boulder Junction, Wis., less than an hour from Stormy Kromer clothing line headquarters in Ironwood, Mich. “I watched him grow up struggling against total physical and mental disability. I watched him fight just to breathe and to do things the rest of us so carelessly take for granted. He inspired me to do the most with what I’ve been given.”

In Rheba’s sophomore year of college, she developed a bout of double-vision that lasted several months. It forced her off the golf team, and as it grew worse and stole her ability to read or study, it forced her out of college. It took over a year to diagnose the problem, and when she learned she had MS, it was somewhat of a relief.

That’s another thing to add to this Living Legend’s list of accomplishments—work as a national patient advocate —speaking around the country and one-on-one to help every MS patient she can.

To learn more, visit www.stormykromer.com. Story courtesy of Stormy Kromer.
marketing manager at Citon Computer Corp., where she will support the sales team and expand brand awareness.

Brian Flick obtained his master’s degree in social work from the University of Minnesota in 2012. He currently works in St. Paul with individuals experiencing serious and persistent mental illness as a practitioner of an assertive community treatment team.

2009
Shawn Mgelde married Tomasz Wisniowski on October 26 in St. Paul. She is a loan document specialist for Wells Fargo.

Cassie Sobojinski Fulda is an administrative assistant with LHB, Inc. She and husband Brian Fulda live in Superior.

2010
Brad Peot is now the marketing manager for the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, which is operated by Watco Transportation Services.

Andrew Amys is now a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors in Duluth.

Cindy Luoma was promoted to general manager of support services at Jamar Company in Duluth.

2012
Alex Bakken is now working as a criminal investigator for the Wyoming Department of Corrections.

Allison Kozisek married Travis Tacheny on July 13, 2013. She currently works at UW-Superior in Admissions and University Relations.

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UW-Superior says ‘farewell’ to retiring faculty

William P. Morgan III

A fter serving UW-Superior for 49 years, William P. Morgan III retired from UW-Superior in March 2014. He taught students in the Visual Arts Department for nearly five generations in the subjects of art history, painting, woodcut and collage. Professor Morgan, who also served as Faculty Marshal at commencement ceremonies, was noted for his extensive knowledge of art history and for his ability to share this knowledge with his students through vivid, richly detailed narrative.

Norma Stevlingson

N orma Stevlingson retired from UW-Superior in May 2014 after 39 years of service. Dr. Stevlingson started her career at UW-Superior as a lecturer in the Music Department in September 1975. She became an assistant professor in 1978, and full professor in 1989. Dr. Stevlingson taught organ and harpsichord, as well as Freshman Theory, Music History, Counterpoint, and Form and Analysis.

Susan Loonsk

S usan Loonsk retired from UW-Superior in May 2014 after 27 years of service. Ms. Loonsk arrived on campus in 1987 as an assistant professor of art and art therapy. She became an associate professor in 1993 and full professor in 1998. Her courses included Painting, Printmaking, Drawing, Art Therapy, Expressive Arts for Change, and Ecopsychology Art and Meditation. Her mixed-media paintings are post-modern in style and use elements of autobiography and narrative to interpret, explore, and discover the diverse realities of our world.
Deb and Peter Nordgren

Peter Nordgren (Class of 1974) served UW-Superior in numerous roles as a faculty member and administrator. He was associate dean for distance learning and continuing education since 2006 and was the interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and outreach since 2010. Peter was a library science faculty member, director of computing and media services and most recently was director of the Distance Learning Center. Peter retired in December 2013 and was an employee of the university for 27 years.

Deb Nordgren (Class of 1993) began as assistant professor in Library Science and a technical services librarian. She served as interim library director 2002-2004 and 2007-2009, and became library director in 2010. Deb was Chair of the Writing and Library Science Department, provided leadership in a variety of governance roles over the past 24 years, and obtained her master’s degree from UW-Superior. She retired in December 2013 after 24 years of service.
Alumni Events

**July 24**
Clyde Iron Works  
Duluth, Minnesota  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**July 25**
Yellowjacket Golf Outing  
Nemadji Golf Course  
Superior, Wisconsin

**July 31**
Summer Preview (Admissions event)  
UW-Superior  
Superior, Wisconsin  
More info at uwsuper.edu/visit

**September 17**
Aces on 29th  
Superior, Wisconsin  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**September 20**
Lambda/Sigma Reunion Luncheon  
Richard I. Bong Heritage Center  
Superior, Wisconsin

**October 16, 17, 18**
Fall Preview (Admissions event)  
UW-Superior  
Superior, Wisconsin  
More info at uwsuper.edu/visit

**November 14-15**
‘Jacket Racket  
UW-Superior  
Superior, Wisconsin  
More info at uwsuper.edu/jacketracket

**December 6**
Chancellor’s Ball  
Yellowjacket Union Great Room  
Superior, Wisconsin

More information and event listings at: uwsuper.edu/alumni

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Chancellor’s Ball - December 7, 2013

Alumni event at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City, where Alumnus Rick Erickson, is the cantor

Jerry Belleville with men’s baseball coach Nick Bursik in Tucson, Ariz.

Anna McNeil, Patsy Riley, Tom Riley, John McNeil and Darol Kaufman in Mesa, Ariz.

Billy Wright performing at Open Mic Night at UW-Superior

UW-Superior students Wyatt Soderquist and Eric Dahlberg, with UW-Superior faculty member Dr. Richard Stewart and alumni Sandra Gregory, Doug McCoy, and Margaret and Tom Culbert

Chris and LaTisha Coffin

Bradley Kilsonok, Amanda Akason, and Allison and Travis Tacheny

Randy and Christina Kline with Kay and Mark Sitek

Anthony and Brittany Hook with Matthew and Rebecca Collins

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superior connections

Wine and Jazz - April 24, 2014

Dena Petite, Wendy Buczynski, Mary Ann Katzmark

Michael LaValley and Amber O'Connor

Robert Gordon, James Gage, Stephen Jacobson, Ingrid Stephens and Jennifer Gordon

Chancellor Renée Wachter and Taylor Pedersen

Cindy Fennessey, Amy Benson and Jeff Benson

Todd Schramm, Tracy Schramm and Twila Friborg

Sandy and Tom Henning

Mary Hains, Kathleen McDonald, Barbara Steen, and Coleen Viebahm

Debra and Ken Harmer and Dean McCall

Erin Swanson, Sheila Ohm, Amy Kline and Trisha Kallinen

Kathleen Collins, Kay and Norm Boucher and Richard Stewart

Mark and Susan O'Neill, Mary Lou and Don Griffin, (front) Bill and Lisa Hesselgrave and Kraig and Amy Kunkel

Monica Tikkanen, Vinod Gupta, Eileen McDonald, and Marilyn and Warren Nelson

Britt and Steve DeVinck with Mark and Judy Connolly

Kate and Dean McCall
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to let you know that the UW-Superior Foundation is doing well. We had a great 2013 in contributions received, number of supporters, and investment earnings and appreciation. Our endowment surpassed the $10 million mark for the first time ever – thanks to prudent investment strategies, an improved economy, and most importantly because of the generosity of so many alumni and friends like you.

While we still have one of the smallest endowments among the UW-campuses, we have made tremendous progress in growth. A strong endowment will help ensure that students will have the scholarship resources needed to obtain a top-notch education at UW-Superior well into the future. A strong endowment will also help attract and retain first-rate faculty, something UW-Superior is well known for.

We do have campaign plans on the horizon as well, which will enhance our efforts and realize our goal to further grow our endowment. With the university’s new strategic plan now completed, the Foundation Board of Directors, Advancement staff, Chancellor Wachter, and other university administration will work closely to identify fundraising initiatives and priorities that will help propel UW-Superior forward. Stay tuned!

Enjoy summer!

Steve DeVinck ’81
President, UW-Superior Foundation

Leave your mark. Imagine

... on a building, in a classroom or lab, or near a student gathering space. Show generations to come that you and your family support their education. The UW-Superior Foundation has a long list of naming opportunities waiting to be purchased. Leave your mark.

Over the past decade, UW-Superior has seen tremendous infrastructure transformation with an expansion and renovation for a new Marcovich Wellness Center, renovated Jim Dan Hill Library, new Yellowjacket Union and our newest academic learning facility, Swenson Hall. All of these capital projects have strengthened the quality of the educational experience provided to UW-Superior students – inside and outside the classroom.

While private gifts helped fund these renovations and new facilities, the university and Foundation still have contributions to secure. The National Bank of Commerce saw this funding opportunity as a way to partner with the Foundation.

A Community Partnership

National Bank of Commerce has been an amazingly supportive community partner of UW-Superior and its students. It has graciously funded many initiatives including the Marcovich Wellness Center’s climbing wall, student scholarships, alumni relations activities and events, athletic programs, and the annual Superior Fund, just to name a few. “From hiring our graduates to its generous charitable contributions, we are genuinely appreciative of all they do,” said Jeanne Thompson, vice chancellor for University Advancement and executive director of the UW-Superior Foundation.
When NBC was approached to consider a naming opportunity in the Yellowjacket Union, they jumped at the opportunity to partner once again – this time choosing to fund the naming rights to the Union Landing. Bruce Thompson is the president of the Wisconsin banks of the National Bank of Commerce and is proud of the working relationship the university and bank have. “If you look at the economic engine that this university is for this community and the economic engine that National Bank of Commerce is at $520 million dollars in assets for this community, it is only natural that we partner and grow relationships to make our community stronger.”

Bruce Thompson also noted the human resources the two share as well, by hiring interns and employees from the university. “The university is producing great talent, and we are hiring this great talent and putting it to good use.”

**A Lasting Legacy**

Philanthropic naming of campus facilities provides enduring recognition that honors the generous support of individuals and organizations. Recently, Harold Hanson of Gainsville, Fla., chose to fund the Physics Lab in Barstow Hall in honor of his deceased wife, Mary Jean, because that is where they met in 1941. Harold’s touching story of remembrance was featured in the Fall 2013 issue of “Superior Alumni.”

For the National Bank of Commerce and individuals like Harold Hanson, their gifts have created a lasting legacy and visible footprint on the campus of UW-Superior.

If you are interested in creating your own lasting legacy by funding a specific space on campus, you can do so with a one-time gift or by pledging over multiple years. In recognition of your support, signage will be installed and a press release will be sent to local media with your permission. For a list of naming opportunities that exist in our two newest facilities, Yellowjacket Union and Swenson Hall, visit www.uwsuper.edu/NameIt. For naming opportunities that exist in other campus facilities or outdoor areas, please contact Jeanne Thompson at 715-394-8598 or jthomp51@uwsuper.edu.
Newly established scholarships create an impact

Establishing a scholarship with the UW-Superior Foundation is one way to match your passion to impact. Here are the most recently established scholarships:

**Dr. Beth Gilbert Academic Excellence Music Scholarship**
Awarded to students with a 3.6 or greater GPA who have completed all freshman core courses in music (theory and ear training).

**Peggy Metzer Scholarship**
For a female student in her junior or senior year and first in her family to attend college.

**Jim Grittner Ceramics Scholarship**
To be awarded to students in their second, third or fourth academic year, majoring in art, and show promise and commitment to pottery.

**Harold P. and Mary Jean Hanson Scholarship**
For a student from Superior, Wis., with a GPA of 3.0 or greater and financial need.

**Dorothy and George Gott Scholarship**
Awarded to sophomore, junior or senior students majoring or minoring in English, in good academic standing, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.

**Dr. Dale A. Newman Scholarship in honor of Marie Bergmann Mattson**
Awarded to students studying violin or string instrument (preference) or voice, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater and financial need.

**Dr. Dale A. Newman Scholarship in honor of Dr. Louise Bader Hawley**
Awarded to students proceeding towards dentistry (preference) or medicine, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater and financial need.

**Silva Kahl Scholarship**
For a student majoring in either history, or broad field social studies with a history concentration.

**Lucy and Woody Christiansen Chemistry Scholarship Fund**
Awarded to a student majoring in chemistry, in good academic standing, and has financial need.

**American Indian Scholarship**
For a full-time junior or senior student of Native American ethnicity.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or want to discuss scholarship funding options, please contact University Advancement at 715-394-8452.

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Student callers thank you!

If you gave to this year’s Superior Fund Phone-A-Thon, THANK YOU!

We sincerely appreciate your contributions and the time you took to share your UW-Superior experiences with our dedicated student callers. Students not only call for your updated information and support, but to personally thank you for the experiences and opportunities you have provided with your gifts to the UW-Superior Foundation.

Students witness firsthand what your gifts provide, which include faculty support, academic enhancements, student scholarships, and campus improvements. When UW-Superior calls and you answer, you learn firsthand how your financial support is affecting a student’s education and future.

If you missed our call but want to join other alumni and friends in supporting today’s students, please visit [wsupers.edu/donate](http://wsupers.edu/donate).

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Student callers Cole Minnich, Cassidy Sather, Chance Seibel and Kristine Clarke thank you for supporting this year’s Phone-A-Thon!
SURFing in Superior sounds like an activity with limited appeal, especially after the cold, snowy spring we had, but in June, students from all disciplines will be diving into SURF at UW-Superior.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (or SURF) program at UW-Superior gives students the opportunity to work with a mentor to explore a research problem or undertake a scholarly, creative activity. SURFs provide students with a stipend intended to cover summer living expenses so they can devote time to their chosen project. Mentors, a key part of the program, also receive a stipend. They meet regularly with individual students to provide feedback, guidance, and professional support.

The SURF program at UW-Superior began in 2012 with support from the UW-Superior Foundation. The goal of the program is to foster undergraduate research and creative activity and mentoring in all disciplines. SURF awards are competitive – students work with mentors to develop and submit proposals, which are reviewed by faculty and staff. Seventeen students received SURF awards in the first two years of the program, and ten more students will be supported in 2014.

The SURF program gives students a very holistic experience. They do everything from developing an idea to writing a proposal and designing their project. Students who receive SURFs carry out their projects over the summer and present their findings or finished products at professional meetings and conferences.

Undergraduate research programs are common on college campuses. What sets UW-Superior apart may be the wide variety of scholarly projects taken on by students. They include not only math and science, but literature, law, art, and social work, among others. SURFing at UW-Superior is for everyone.

UW-Superior receives grant from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation

The Veterans and Nontraditional Student Center was awarded nearly $20,000 in grant funding through the Community Opportunity Fund and Second Chance Fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation.

This grant will help UW-Superior increase its capacity in providing development and educational program opportunities not only to its very own veterans and nontraditional students, but to the entire Twin Ports community.
In Memoriam

Leonard Welch (1941), Rhinelander, Wis., February 8, 2014
Virginia Swanson Erickson (1942), Superior, Wis., February 8, 2014
Rosemary Herubin Irion (1952), San Clemente, Calif., June 3, 2013
Leo Good (1952), Cloquet, Minn., January 27, 2014
Robert Guenther (1952), Pekin, Ill., October 18, 2013
Donald Soderberg (1953), Superior, Wis., December 31, 2013
Richard Heytens (1954), Superior, Wis., December 23, 2013
Gertie Anderson Payton (1955), Superior, Wis., December 3, 2013
Opal Anderson Rorig (1956), Hudson, Wis., November 10, 2013
Leo Good (1952), Cloquet, Minn., January 27, 2014
Robert Guenther (1952), Pekin, Ill., October 18, 2013
Donald Soderberg (1953), Superior, Wis., December 31, 2013
Richard Heytens (1954), Superior, Wis., December 23, 2013
Gertie Anderson Payton (1955), Superior, Wis., December 3, 2013
Opal Anderson Rorig (1956), Hudson, Wis., November 10, 2013
Robert Wiinamaki (1958), Bayfield, Wis., December 11, 2013
James Gotham (1958), Superior, Wis., February 5, 2014
Donald Greenwood (1960), Surprise, Ariz., February 25, 2013
Mary Dwyer Harnden (1964), Hayward, Wis., March 31, 2014
Lawrence Nyberg (1968), Superior, Wis., February 9, 2014
Robert Wiinamaki (1958), Bayfield, Wis., December 11, 2013
James Gotham (1958), Superior, Wis., February 5, 2014
Donald Greenwood (1960), Surprise, Ariz., February 25, 2013
William McMullen (1960), Scottsdale, Ariz., April 8, 2014
Mary Dwyer Harnden (1964), Hayward, Wis., March 31, 2014
William Saverda (1965), Minneapolis, Minn., February 4, 2013
Matilda Bleskan Slovick (1965), Superior, Wis., March 31, 2014
Elmer Perala (1966), Ashwaubenon, Wis., January 4, 2014
William Gustafson (1967), Waukesha, Wis., March 22, 2014
Richard Nygaard (1968), Duluth, Minn., November 13, 2013
Lawrence Nyberg (1968), Superior, Wis., February 9, 2014
Barbara Welter Davidman (1970), Springfield, N.J., October 5, 2009
Robert Burmester (1970), Fort Myers, Fla., February 18, 2014
William Doskocil (1971), Hayward, Wis., March 8, 2014
James Hepkoski (1971), Duluth, Minn., March 26, 2014
Gerladine McNeight (1972), Miamisburg, Ohio, September 25, 2013
Milton Vieth (1972), Kenosha, Wis., October 11, 2013
Gene Magnuson (1972), Two Harbors, Minn., January 21, 2014
Steven Wasserman (1973), San Diego, Calif., December 24, 2013
Joel Massey (1975), Hudson, Wis., January 11, 2014
Gerald Rivord (1977), Superior, Wis., November 17, 2013
James Amundson (1981), Lake Nebagamon, Wis., January 21, 2014
Reinhardt Kaufman (1985), West Salem, Wis., October 10, 2013
Micheal Byrne (1985), Superior, Wis., November 17, 2013
Mary Kohoe Nemec (1985), Phillips, Wis., January 12, 2014
Maxine Christensen Florey (1986), Superior, Wis., January 15, 2014
Carolyn Juhala Clark (1993), Duluth, Minn., December 24, 2013
Ann Hayes Schwebach (1994), Hudson, Iowa, December 26, 2013
Jill Ahlgren (2002), Cloquet, Minn., November 21, 2013
Alana Privette (2004), Carlton, Minn., October 17, 2013
Soren Kasperen (2007), Duluth, Minn., January 8, 2014
Brad Corry (2010), Wausau, Wis., December 29, 2013
Ryan Howes (2010), Duluth, Minn., March 7, 2014

UW-Superior remembers emeriti professors

Dr. O. Gayle Manion, retired faculty member, administrator and leader at UW-Superior, passed away on May 1, 2014 at the age of 93. He began his teaching career on campus in 1952. Besides instruction, he also served as chairman of the communicating arts department, dean of fine arts and founded and served as dean of UW-Superior Continuing Education and Extension programs. Dr. Manion also led the planning of the Holden Fine Arts Building, where Manion Theatre was named in his honor.

Dr. Robert Trauba, UW-Superior professor and dean, passed away on March 2, 2014, in Duluth, Minn. He was 88 years old.

He began his teaching career in Beloit, Wis., where he taught for four years. He then went on to the University of Kansas for three years, and then the University of Wisconsin-Superior where he taught from 1951-1987. He later became the dean of education at UW-Superior and a faculty emeritus.

Dr. Donald Davidson, a retired biology faculty member, passed away on February 13, 2014. A faculty emeritus, he began teaching in the biology department at UW-Superior in 1965 and retired in 2007.

In 2010, UW-Superior named its herbarium for Dr. Donald Davidson for his important role in building the archive of plant samples while educating thousands of students about botany. In addition to his decades of teaching and research, Davidson and his wife Ruthanna created five student scholarships in a variety of academic subjects.

Joe Belany

UW-Superior Alumni Board member

Joe Belany (Class of 1975) passed away on April 23, 2014. Joe was a true advocate for the university, and his passion for UW-Superior was contagious and will be missed.

Robert Lundberg

Robert Lundberg, a former UW-Superior Foundation board member, passed away on March 23, 2014. Robert served on the UW-Superior Foundation Board of Directors from 1985 to 1999.
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