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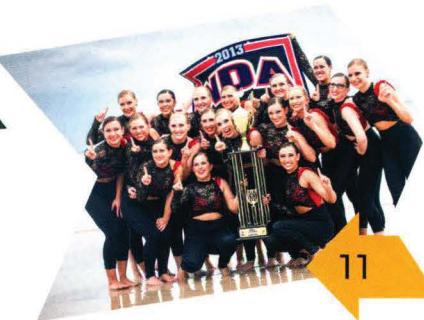
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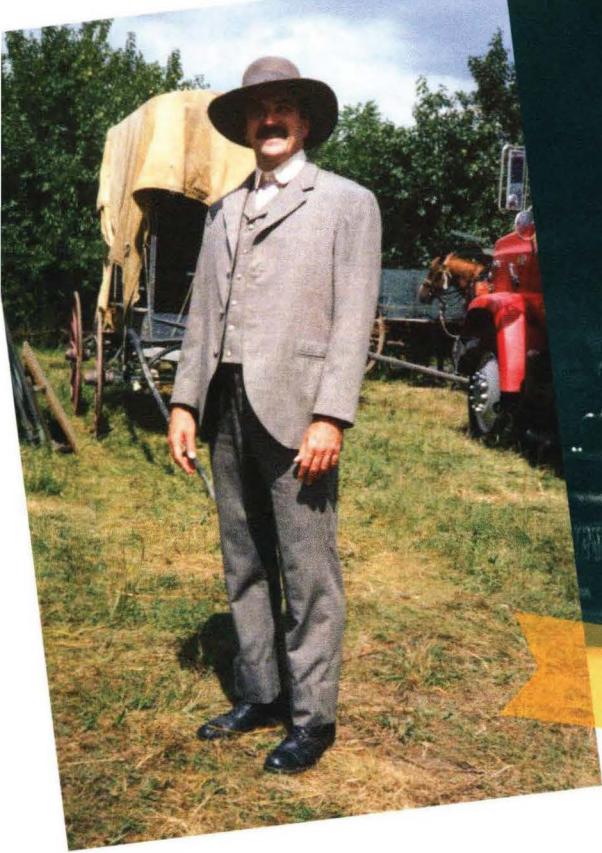
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A Message from the Chancellor



Above left: Chancellor Lendley C. Black in Hallmark Hall of Fame movie *Skylark* in 1993.

Above right: Chancellor Black (center) as stage manager of *Harvey* in 1972 at the University of Tennessee at Martin.



Career paths are rarely linear. We travel on winding roads, over hills, and around curves.

In this issue of the *Bridge*, you will read about some of our alumni who have turned their UMD educations into meaningful careers, doing things that they may have never expected.

As an incoming college freshman, I wanted to be a lawyer. A work-study job as a theatre director's assistant transformed my future. I changed my major to English and became an actor/director while pursuing my master's and doctoral degrees in theatre.

Working in theatre set the stage for my career, providing me with critical skills such as teamwork, effective communication, working with diverse people and points of view, building a common vision, analyzing and interpreting information, managing a budget, managing time, receiving public criticism, and handling pressure.

I found my calling as a teacher while leading seminars on acting. Even in the administrative role of chancellor at UMD, I still make time to present class lectures and have had the honor of performing on stage alongside students.

As I get to know more UMD students and alumni, I see common traits of curiosity, ambition, resilience, and determination. Those who can, make things happen.

I hope you enjoy the following stories about some of our amazing alumni who are making their mark on the world.

Special thanks to those who contribute to the Alumni Notes section of this magazine. I read every entry. All of your stories unite and inspire us, so keep them coming.

Lendley C. Black, Chancellor

>> Charting Their Own Course

For some, the word "career" evokes a straightforward process, their college degree marking the beginning of a single upward trajectory.

For others, a career takes a more circuitous route. Their degrees are the beginning, where skills attained in one area are applied to another. Like notes in a jazz piece, combined in new ways, skills are reconfigured, producing exciting new results.

The alumni highlighted on the following pages have created careers they never imagined. They have taken the best of what they learned and followed their hearts. They have created lives as unique as works of art, as unique as they are.

Sailing from Stage to Sea

"I didn't graduate from UMD saying, 'I'm going to own the Vista Fleet someday,' but that's what happened." The story of how it happened, how a theatre major ended up owning one of Duluth's iconic tourist destinations, is all about transferable skills.

Sarah Steinbach received a bachelor of arts in theatre from UMD in 2002. Pursuing a bachelor of arts instead of a more focused bachelor of fine arts allowed her to broaden her study to include all aspects of theatre, aspects that are relevant on a daily basis on the Vista Fleet. In fact, it's not a stretch to say that Steinbach's theatre background has actually led to an improvement in the operation.

Steinbach's experience on stage converted to a more riveting Vista Fleet tour. According to Steinbach, it used to be pretty dry. Without any special training, a crewmember would ramble off the tour script.

Enter Steinbach from stage left: She recognized that the tour is a performance. She created a new name for the tour guides: tour guide entertainers. Steinbach began actively recruiting theatre students and holding auditions for the job.

She teaches tour guide entertainers how to read their audience and treat the tour like a play. The Vista Fleet now has eight tour guide entertainers, all UMD theatre majors, led by another UMD theatre alum.

Stage management experience directly translates to outstanding events. "Producing events is, fundamentally, stage management," explained Steinbach. "The client is the director, the decorations are the set, and my staff is the stage crew."

Drawing on her theatre degree, Sarah Steinbach has transformed the Vista Fleet harbor tour experience.



UMD theatre students and Vista Queen tour guide entertainers
(top: l-r) Moja Kalstrom, '16; James Goodman, '14; and Taylor Jensen, '14.
(bottom: l-r) Dan Marta, '14, and Brittany Mingo, '14.

"Producing events is, fundamentally, stage management."

Steinbach was the box office manager for the School of Fine Arts (SFA) right after she graduated. She learned the crucial need for positive first impressions from Sherise Morgan, her supervisor at SFA, and has applied that knowledge to the Vista Fleet with her staff. Steinbach's experience in the theatre box office was ultimately a benchmark for the Vista Fleet's ticket sales.

Performance, stage management, ticket sales ... as it turns out, all are transferable skills for a UMD grad who seamlessly sailed from the stage to the sea.

Healing Minds, Transforming Lives

"Working fills me with a great sense of joy, because I am doing what I love," said Dr. Denise Ojarigi, '05, who is now a registered psychologist. She is a clinical supervisor in the Intensive Family Services Program at Casa Pacifica Center for Children and Families in Camarillo, Calif. However, this was not her plan when she first came to UMD.

"Ever since I was a child I wanted to be a surgeon," Ojarigi said. "I had open heart surgery when I was very young. After that, I was intrigued by medicine and wanted to mend the hearts of others."

When Take Your Daughter to Work Day came around, she put on scrubs to shadow her father in the postanesthesia care unit. "That visit motivated me to take biology, chemistry, and anatomy at North High School," said Ojarigi.

When she arrived at UMD as a Wallin Scholar, she plowed forward, taking more chemistry and biology. But in her freshman year, two classes caused her to change her course. A psychology class exposed her to a holistic worldview and the mind/body connection. A second course highlighted how psychology permeates family, work, social, and other aspects of life.

"I was intrigued by medicine and wanted to mend the hearts of others."

Her years in the UMD psychology program and five years of training after UMD prepared her well for her new mission. The skills she learned as she considered becoming a medical doctor — diagnosing symptoms and feeling empathy for her patients, for instance — transferred well to her career as a psychologist. She feels grateful.

"Every day, people share their hopes and fears with me," Ojarigi said. "They invite me into their lives. I am where I want to be."

The skills Denise Ojarigi learned as she considered becoming a medical doctor have proved essential in her work as a psychologist. Photo courtesy of Carlos Soto.





Speaking Fluent Business

Becoming proficient in a language is one of those skills that opens doors. Minneapolis native, James "Willie" Monteiro, '84, knows. As a UMD student majoring in business and German, he spent a summer working for Control Data. One day, on his lunch hour, he bumped into Willi Illbruck. Oblivious to the fact that Illbruck was a notable German industrialist and internationally known yachtsman, Monteiro used his "schr gut Deutsch" and struck up a conversation. This impressed the multinational manufacturing magnate. "He offered me a job on the spot, but I couldn't take it," said Monteiro.

"He offered me a job on the spot . . ."

The offer had to wait until Monteiro graduated from UMD and tried his hand at jobs in Minnesota. But in 1988, Monteiro took a position at Illbruck's company in Minneapolis.

Monteiro often traveled to another of Illbruck's manufacturing facilities in Leverkusen, Germany, and even lived there for a time. Monteiro's final adventure as Illbruck's employee took him to South America from 1990 to 1992. He set up a new manufacturing facility in São Paulo, Brazil, making automotive parts for Ford and Volkswagen plants around the world.

In 1992, Monteiro returned to the U.S. He identified a need for a business-to-business manufacturing facility. "We make products for companies that have a specialized need. We make foam components for medical, industrial, and sports equipment," Monteiro said. Along with a partner, he opened Flextech Foam in St. Louis Park, Minn., which today has grown to a productive and profitable company with 40 employees and an international client list.

Monteiro's experience illustrates the change globalization has brought to transnational markets. Monteiro, who is proficient in Portuguese along with German, now echoes what he heard from his UMD German teachers, Frau Harriet Viksna, George O'Brien, and Jonathan Conant: "Language skills are in demand."



Currently in the residency phase of medical training, Chee Vang believes his calling is to serve the Hmong community.

Caring for a Community

“I saw my own culture with new eyes.”

Sometimes when you return home, you discover what you went away to find. Chee Vang, '07, grew up in a Hmong neighborhood in St. Paul and went off to UMD seeking a rewarding, exciting career. His mom, a registered nurse, wanted him to study medicine. Vang objected. "I wanted to design video games," Vang said. So he majored in computer science, but along the way, he took natural science classes and worked with children as a volunteer in the Duluth schools.

Back in St. Paul, Vang got a job working in the computer industry and discovered it wasn't as exciting as had hoped. Helping Hmong refugee children learn English was much more rewarding, and he reconsidered becoming a medical doctor. He took a few prerequisite classes and, in 2010, he was accepted into the University of Minnesota Medical School. Vang is currently in the internship and residency phase of his training. Medical school has challenged him to embrace his two cultures.

"Deep-seated Hmong principles about health and illness often conflict with Western medicine," Vang said. Hmong believe that good health is based on spiritual balance. If an organ or body part is removed, the body is not considered spiritually whole. Vang is sure his calling is to serve the Hmong community. "I'm considering hospice care. There is a great need for doctors who respect Hmong spiritual beliefs," Vang said.

The communication, leadership, and management skills Vang obtained in his UMD computer science classes help him as a doctor, but Vang said leaving home was the most important lesson. He gained more of a worldview and shared experiences with a diverse group of fellow students. "I saw my own culture with new eyes," he said.



Evan Williams in Cape Town, South Africa. His passion for new experiences led him to establish a scholarship to help UMD undergraduate marketing students study abroad.

Photo courtesy of Evan Williams.

Making Global Connections

Ask Evan Williams where he'll be in ten years and he'll probably laugh. Not because he thinks it's a silly question, but because the past ten years looked nothing like what he'd originally planned. Williams believes having an imagination and taking calculated risks are critical components to success.

The Warren, Minn., native came to UMD open to possibilities. He took a wide range of classes, gleaning insights from many. In Professor Michael Sunnafrank's interpersonal communication class, "I learned how to listen to people and understand their point of view." In Intro to Theatre, "I learned how to be memorable when you only have a minute or two to make an impression."

Williams became friends with many international students, notably Mutinta Chilala, a young woman from Zambia. "Through her, I spent most of my free time with the Black Student Association. I was always interested in diversity, in seeing different perspectives," he recalled.

**"Be curious.
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lead to great things."**

Williams graduated with a degree in marketing in 2002. Market research fascinates him. "I like to understand what motivates people. It's marketing with an element of psychology, unlocking what's behind their choices."

He worked for Kraft Foods in Singapore for five years. When a new corporation, Mondelez International, formed, Williams moved to Japan as the manager of consumer insights and analytics. "I love my company. We are the world's biggest startup. They give me the ability to experiment and try new things."

Williams encourages students to resist the urge to overplan their careers and instead focus on doing what they enjoy.

"Ten years ago, if someone had told me, 'You're going to live in Japan and sell chewing gum, I wouldn't have believed them,'" he laughed. "Be curious. It's curiosity that will lead to great things."



First in the Nation

This year, for the first time, 22 UMD students graduated from the Master of Tribal Administration and Governance (MTAG) program. The program, which began in fall of 2011, is the only one of its kind, and focuses on tribal sovereignty, federal Indian law, ethics, leadership, tribal management, tribal accounting, and much more. Tadd Johnson, the director of graduate studies and chair of the American Indian Studies Department, said, "These students are the future leaders of Indian Country."

Leah Rae Savage (with daughter Deillah Savage) and Leah's mother, Sandra Savage (left), are among the first graduates of UMD's Master of Tribal Administration and Governance program.

Theory Erupts!

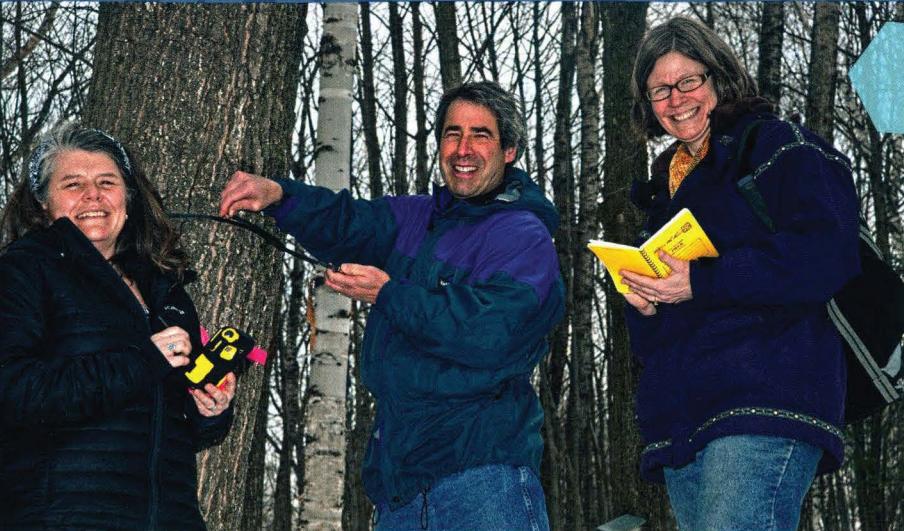
When UMD Regents Professor Tom Johnson and his colleagues found ash and organic matter in lake sediment core samples, the discovery altered knowledge about the history of the human race. In 2005, UMD's Large Lakes Observatory (LLO) and an international team of scientists extracted sediment from Africa's Lake Malawi, providing over a million years of the continent's environmental and climate history.

At the 75,000-year-old mark, LLO and its partners at the University of Oxford found ash from the Toba volcanic explosions on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. They also found algae and other organic matter, indicating the environment recovered quickly from the Toba-caused atmospheric disturbance. About the same time as the Toba eruption, genetic evidence points to a drop in the human population. Most geneticists estimate only 1,000–10,000 individuals remained.

Until this discovery, many anthropologists theorized that the population loss was triggered by Toba's explosion and its aftermath. "We can now rule out the widely touted theory that the Toba super-volcano eruption caused the near extinction of humans 75,000 years ago," said Johnson.



Drilling sediment cores in Lake Malawi in 2005. Photo courtesy of Tom Johnson.



UMD's Julie Etterson (left), along with Mark White and Meredith Cornett from The Nature Conservancy, are researching ways to ensure the survival of Great Lakes forests.

88,000 Trees

The project "Adaptation Forestry in Minnesota's Northwoods" has an ambitious agenda — to plant 88,000 trees on 2,000 acres in Minnesota's north woods.

Julie Etterson, UMD associate professor of biology, has joined a Nature Conservancy team to plant trees that are more fire resistant and tolerant of shade and drought in order to study a new native species mix. "By creating a more complex ecosystem, we will see healthier, more resilient forests," said Etterson.

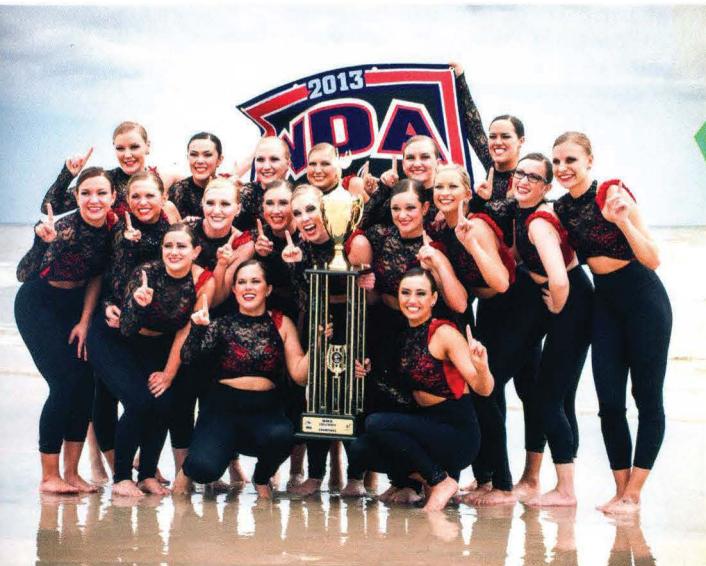
Ultimately, the scientists hope to learn whether these new forest management techniques can help the millions of acres of forest in the Great Lakes region. These forests are crucial to ensuring that the ecosystem, the local timber economy, and recreational opportunities survive future climate changes and keep Northern forests thriving for years to come.

Making the Grade

Hitting the books is one thing. Playing hard is another. Those who can, do both.

UMD's 409 student-athletes, including redshirted freshmen, posted an all-time high average GPA of 3.11 in 2012-13. Of that group, 102 achieved GPAs of 3.50 or above and eight turned in perfect 4.00 figures.

During the fall semester, the women's soccer Bulldogs produced the best GPA of any UMD team with a 3.43 mark, and women's basketball took top honors in the spring with a 3.54 figure.



UMD's dance team celebrates its national victory on a Florida beach.

Dancing Champions

The UMD dance team has a way of fascinating and dazzling crowds at UMD events. Now they have wowed audiences on a national level. The UMD dance team captured first place in the 2013 Dance Association Division II Collegiate National Championship. Through this championship, UMD students also showcased their leadership skills by taking this win without a coach. Co-captain Niki Johnson, '13, said that not having a coach strengthened them as a team and taught them to be leaders and to be organized. "This really makes us unique," she said.



(l-r) Krista Suchy and Camille Doran are working to ensure that anyone anywhere in the world can access the Tweed collection online.

Worldwide Tweed

A new digital database will revolutionize interaction with the Tweed Museum of Art collection. It will allow museumgoers and art enthusiasts around the world to browse through the vast Tweed collection, including pieces that date back as far as the mid-1800s.

The Tweed is undertaking an \$80,000 project to catalog, describe, photograph, and store 4,200 pieces of its works-on-paper. The data will then be loaded into a digital database and will ultimately be available online along with images of other works in the Tweed collection.

This 50-week project is set to finish in June 2014 and was funded by the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant (Legacy Grant) through the Minnesota Historical Society.

Green Awards x 2

This spring, UMD received two honors for sustainability. The Swenson Civil Engineering Building was listed as one of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) top ten examples of sustainable architecture and green design solutions. Sustainable strategies, like directing stormwater into cylinders filled with rocks for filtering, were incorporated into the design process. The final design achieved LEED Gold certification.

The second honor, UMD's inclusion in *The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges*, also touted the sustainable Swenson Civil Engineering Building. Some of the other green highlights listed by the review: UMD has five LEED-certified buildings; the Solar Research Project produces renewable energy atop Malosky Stadium; UMD has several small rain gardens, biofiltration areas, and two green roofs; and UMD offers incentives for commuting by bike.

Educating Through Performance

The first week in April marked a first for UMD: the inaugural "Shades of Africa" music festival. This series of concerts celebrated the rich diversity of composers and performers of African descent. The world-class performers were featured in a variety of settings: solo recitals, choral, traditional, classical, orchestral, and pop. The artists also participated in conversations with students and community members.

"Shades of Africa" was produced as part of UMD's strategic plan, goal two, "Create a positive and inclusive campus climate for all by advancing equity, diversity, and social justice." Organizer and music faculty member Rudy Perrault explained, "All of the artists selected for this festival have given themselves the mission to educate and affect change through their performances and teachings." Nearly 800 people attended "Shades of Africa" concerts. Perrault said the positive feedback points to the need for such an annual festival in the Northland.



Sowah Mensah (right) laughs with UMD students during a "Shades of Africa" performance.
Photo courtesy of Sara Hughes.



Campus Memories



(left) The foosball table in the KSC games room. From a 1972 archive photograph.
 (right) Architectural rendering of 2013 KSC renovation.



Alumni Reminisce

I became a part of UMD through the Kirby Program Board. In between hypnotists and Wrestlemania events, concerts and yelling over the wall to the Statesman office, I not only found my future husband (Jayson Hron, '99), I found myself. - Jen (Bahl) Hron, '99

We all were in Kirby Hall when the Vietnam draft numbers were pulled. One of the men in Vermilion, a fifth-year senior from New Jersey, dropped the two bottles of pop he was holding, and they crashed to the floor. They pulled his number FIRST. I often wonder if he survived. - Michael Sauve, '72

I had the privilege of working at Kirby Information Desk, THE best job on campus with the best boss, Bev Anderson. Asteroid and foosball in the Game Room improved my hand-to-eye coordination and that's helped me later on in life. (Ha ha). - Al Michaud, '84

As we go to press, the first floor of Kirby Student Center (KSC) is in the midst of a renovation. The KSC Lounge will expand from 3,500 to 6,600 square feet, providing a new look and an open floor plan.

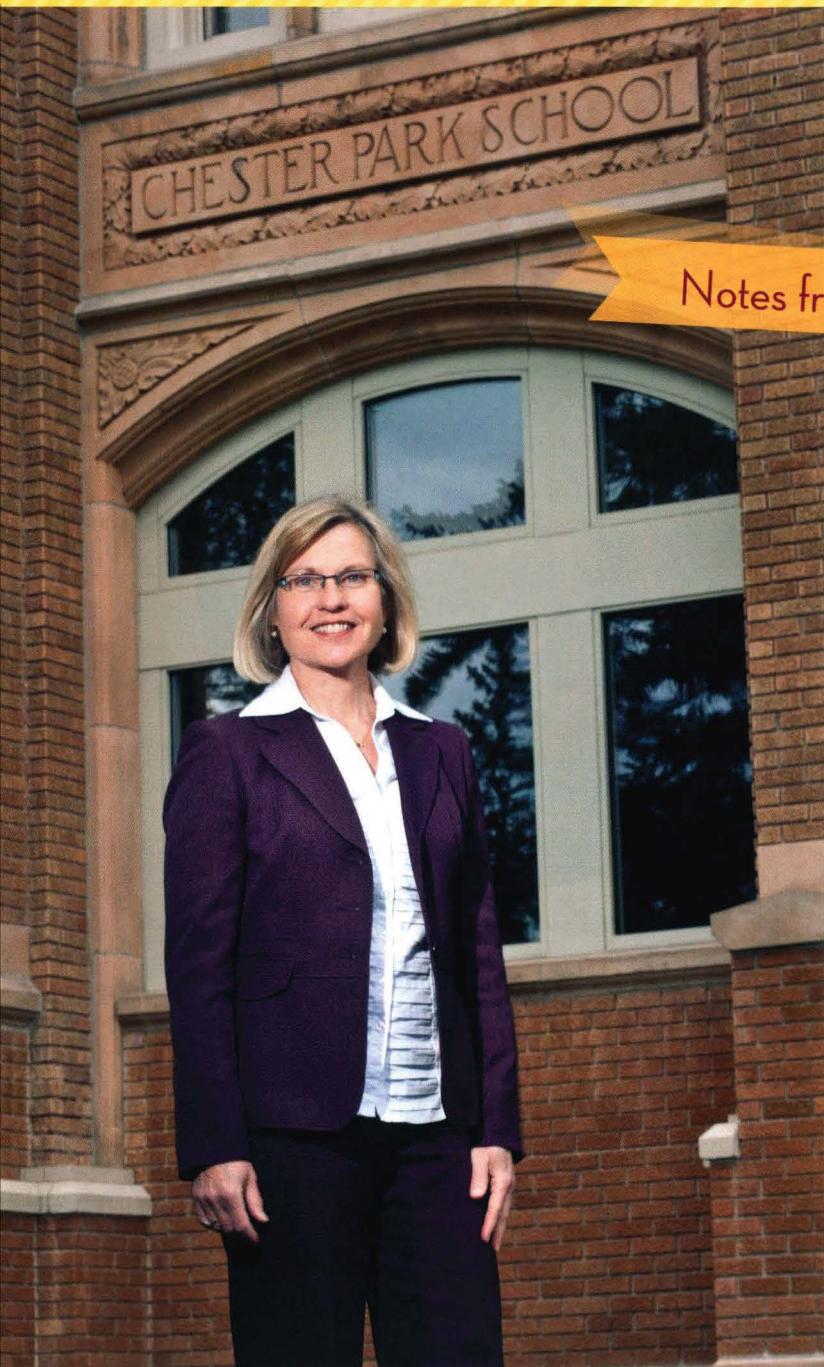
Below, UMD alumni share their KSC memories. The Kirby Student Center will continue to serve students into the future with ever-expanding programs and campus connections.

I have great memories of Kirby: open areas to visit and socialize, billiard tables with folks watching, and most weeks, Saturday night dances upstairs with live bands. - Fred Friedman, '69

In '62, KSC sponsored a juried art show for student and community artists. As members of the Kirby Program Board, Hans Tronnes, '64; Bill Baumgarten, '66; John Steel, '66; Merilee "Midge" Skafte Main, '64; John Radosevich, '69; and I, as my memory serves me, were tasked with keeping an eye on the exhibit. We decided to secretly enter a painting. With poster board, pens, brushes, and many colors, each person contributed marks, swooshes, and figures. We gave it a title, which I think included the word "Chaos." - Jim Main, '64



If you have fond memories of Kirby, we'd love to hear them. Email us at kirby@d.umn.edu or like us on facebook - KirbyUMD.



Alumni Director Lisa Pratt outside the old entrance to Chester Park School, located on the southeast corner of campus. It is the new home of the UMD Alumni Office.

Notes from the Alumni Association

Many bends and bumps in the road led me away from UMD only to return again. Like so many alumni featured in this issue of the *Bridge*, I am another example of a person using a UMD education to follow an exciting, ever-changing career path.

When I graduated from UMD in 1977 with a BBA, I never envisioned that I would be back on campus today serving as the director of Alumni Relations. I began as a French major at Colorado College, transferred to the UMD business school, married my college sweetheart, enjoyed being a stay-at-home mother of three, volunteered in the Duluth schools and community, wore many hats while employed at our local ski hill, and finally landed in the UMD Alumni Relations office. It was a future I did not foresee, and I can't imagine a more perfect place to end up.

Because UMD prepared me well for my future, it's easy to encourage all of you to suggest that your children and grandchildren attend UMD. As alumni, you could pass on potential financial benefits to them.

For students residing outside the state of Minnesota, the UMD Alumni Scholarship is awarded to non-resident, non-reciprocity students who have a parent or a grandparent who graduated from UMD. Recipients will pay current Minnesota resident tuition, renewable subject to good academic standing.

In addition, the UMD Alumni Association Scholarship is awarded each year to several deserving sophomore, junior, or senior students through an application process. This endowed scholarship is made possible through generous gifts from alumni and friends of UMD. Our very talented 2013–14 recipients are featured on the next page.

So here's to following the dream and encouraging family members and others to join the UMD community.



Lisa Pratt, '77

Online Edition Coming: In early 2014 UMD's *Bridge* magazine will debut a new exclusive online edition, complete with multimedia and expanded features. UMD news and alumni spotlights will be showcased. Please continue to share your promotions, weddings, births, adoptions, etc., at: umdalumni.com/contact/update-contact-info/.

Continuing the Bulldog Tradition

2013-14 recipients of the UMD
Alumni Association Scholarship



Aubrey Hagen

HOMETOWN: Superior, Wisc.
MAJOR: Spanish with music minor
YEAR IN SCHOOL AS OF FALL 2013: Junior

ALUMNI PARENT:

Jodi Lea (Norrell) Hagen, '82



Joy Rasmussen

HOMETOWN: Duluth, Minn.
MAJOR: Finance with professional writing minor
YEAR IN SCHOOL AS OF FALL 2013: Junior

ALUMNI GRANDPARENT:

Martin Anthony Vesel, '51



Weston Tardy

HOMETOWN: Duluth, Minn.
MAJOR: Biology
YEAR IN SCHOOL AS OF FALL 2013: Sophomore

ALUMNI PARENTS:

Adeline Renee (Rustad) Tardy, '78
Michael Louis Tardy, '80



Edward (Ed) Welch

HOMETOWN: Saginaw, Minn.
MAJOR: Civil Engineering
YEAR IN SCHOOL AS OF FALL 2013: Senior

ALUMNI PARENTS:

Clara Ann (Lincowski) Welch, '86
Steven James Welch, '86

1952 »

Dr. Leonard F. Wheat, Alexandria, Va., has published his seventh scholarly book, *Hegel's Undiscovered Thesis-Antithesis-Synthesis Dialectics: What Only Marx and Tillich Understood*.

1962 »

Richard A. Ekholm, Jupiter, Fla., has retired from United Airlines after 32 years as a pilot. He also holds a United States Coast Guard yacht captain license and still sails, operating out of South Florida.

Kenneth R. Korhonen, Ramona, Calif., has retired from the United States Navy after 21 years of service.

Dr. Rodney G. Schofield, Buena Vista, Colo., and his wife, Sharon (Anderson) Schofield, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7, 2013, in Ferndale, Wash. Rod was vice president of the Class of 1962 and serves as a consultant to a private school system and institutions in the Palestinian Territories.

1969 »

Fred T. Friedman, Duluth, Minn., is a longtime Northeastern Minnesota chief public defender and was honored for his work on behalf of the indigent in a ceremony at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul. The Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers presented Friedman with its Distinguished Service Award.

1970 »

Michael A. Hatch, Minneapolis, Minn., has been named the recipient of the "Joan and Walter Mondale Award for Public Service," given by the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor (DFL) Party. Following his career as Minnesota attorney general, Mike has been a practicing attorney at the Minneapolis firm of Blackwell Burke P. A. since 2007.

1971 »

Douglas A. Benson, Bloomington, Minn., recently retired as the supervisor for Financial and Technical Assistance Programs for the Minnesota Department of Health. His retirement follows many years as a college teaching and research faculty member in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. In addition he worked for over 15 years in community planning and development at the local, state, and federal government levels.

Alumni Notes

This issue of the Bridge reflects the notes we received before May 24, 2013.

1971 »

Dr. Richard R. Roach, MED '76, Kalamazoo, Mich., is currently an assistant professor of internal medicine at Western Michigan School of Medicine in Kalamazoo. Richard recently contributed as an editor of *Tropical Pediatrics: A Public Health Concern of International Proportions*. Published in 2012, the book highlights selective concepts of tropical pediatrics that are of importance to clinicians caring for children and adolescents with disorders usually found in subtropical and tropical areas of the world.

1973 »

Dr. Bruce L. Smith, San Marcos, Tex., retired from his position as director of the School of Journalism & Mass Communication at Texas State University Southwest to become a full-time professor there. Bruce also co-authored the third edition of a textbook: *Engaging Public Relations: A Creative Planning Approach*.

1974 »

Patrick A. Folman, Minneapolis, Minn., is enjoying an early retirement after 16 years of teaching for the Saint Paul Public School District.

1981 »

Elaine A. Romano, Duluth, Minn., is an electronic medical record processing clerk for Essentia Health. Elaine is also a member of Northland Skywarn, part of a national network of Skywarn Spotters for severe weather alerts.

1987 »

Diane C. (Bergman) Bodin-Link, Duluth, Minn., is the owner and founder of The Edge Pilates Studio, which she established in 2004. Diane is also serving her second year as chair of the Miller Dwan Foundation Board, making this her ninth year as a board member.

1990 »

Dennis E. Nelson, Duluth, Minn., accepted a position with Duluth-based CW Technology as a virtual chief information officer. Dennis assists in building and developing information technology infrastructure as well as planning long-term technology goals, budgets, and execution of those plans.

1992 »

Joyce J. (Siegel) Peppin, Rogers, Minn., was reelected to her fifth term as state representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives. She serves as the lead Republican on the Government Operations Committee, as well as on the Tax and Rules Committees.

1993 »

Sharyl A. Samargia, MA '95, River Falls, Wisc., earned a PhD in rehabilitation science from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in July 2012. Her doctoral dissertation research investigated neuroplasticity in laryngeal dystonia using a noninvasive brain stimulation technique. She has been an assistant professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls since 2003.

1996 »

Jeffrey A. Hilgert, Olivia, Minn., wrote a book that will be published this August entitled *Hazard or Hardship: Crafting Global Norms on the Right to Refuse Unsafe Work*. Jeffrey is currently an assistant professor in the School of Industrial Relations at the University of Montreal.

1997 »

Cheryl R. Reitan, MA, MLS '03, Duluth, Minn., has a new book out about the civil rights movement called *Thunder of Freedom: Black Leadership and the Transformation of 1960s Mississippi* by Sue Sojourner with Cheryl Reitan. It was published by the University Press of Kentucky in January 2013. Cheryl is the associate director of External Affairs for the University of Minnesota Duluth.

1999 »

Erica S. (Bergeson) Danielski, Duluth, Minn., became the director of integrated marketing for Amsoil Inc., in December 2012.

2002 »

Jason M. Morrison and Tara L. (Netland) Morrison '03, Murdock, Minn., welcomed a new son, Reid Henry, on March 13 this year. Jason works for Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minn., as a Check and Connect coach while Tara works as a Head Start Program area manager for Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. She is also a staff affiliate for the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association.

2004 »

Peter W. Dawson, Saint Louis Park, Minn., works as a deputy officer for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department.

LeAnne M. Downey, Burnsville, Minn., received a master's degree in public policy and leadership earlier this year from the University of Saint Thomas and currently works as a risk management consultant for Wells Fargo.

2005 »

Christiana D. Kapsner, Duluth, Minn., was named the assistant alumni director at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Adam T. Lang, Duluth, Minn., has been named director of human resources at Halvor Lines, Inc., in Superior, Wisc.

2006 »

Scott T. Dawson, Austin, Tex., is the vice president of First Trust Portfolios based in Chicago.

2007 »

June A. (Spuzak) Atkinson, MSW, Cass Lake, Minn., participated in a Holy Land Study Tour to Israel last April with a group of 11 others from Minnesota, North Dakota, and Canada.

Alexander L. Bush and Lindsay M. (Kastenmeier) Bush, Minnetonka, Minn., married in January 2013 and Alex recently passed the March 2013 Certified Financial Planning certification examination.

Julie A. Palakovich Carr, MS, Rockville, Md., is running for Rockville City Council.

2008 »

Dr. David R. Salo, Embarrass, Minn., is the 2013 recipient of the Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Rising Star New Practitioner Award. This award is presented to a newly licensed health-system pharmacist practitioner in recognition of outstanding performance and enthusiasm for the profession as well as active involvement in the MSHP.

2009 »

Craig L. Brown, Minneapolis, Minn., recently accepted a position coaching boys' lacrosse for The Blake School in Minneapolis. He's also a coach for the Team Minnesota U11 program.

Ryan L. Hanson, Duluth, Minn., is the new digital seller for Townsquare Media.

Adam D. Wilson, Brooklyn, N.Y., is co-owner and partner with his brother, Ben Wilson, for Windmill Film Studio in Williamsburg, N.Y.

2010 »

Amanda M. Olinger, Mankato, Minn., completed her master's degree from Des Moines University to become a physician assistant in May 2013. She recently accepted a job to work in family medicine with Essentia Health Superior Clinic.

2011 »

Paul M. Kimpling, Duluth, Minn., became an environmental specialist for the Duluth office of MSA (Mid-State Associates) Professional Services.

2012 »

Karissa B. (Kreuzer) Gehring, Minnetonka, Minn., is co-founder of the nonprofit Vega Productions. The company's mission is to advocate for support and provide children and youth across Minnesota with equal access to quality music and art education.

Emily P. Haavik, Duluth, Minn., has been hired as copywriter at SwimCreative, a creative, marketing, and web development firm in Duluth.

Ashlee A. Hartwig, Duluth, Minn., works as the communications associate in the Alumni Relations office at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Alaina C. Johnson, Rosemount, Minn., served at an elementary school as a literacy tutor for Minnesota Reading Corps for the 2012–13 school year.

Jeffrey P. Klenner, Pierre, S.D., currently is a geologist and environmental scientist for the State of South Dakota Minerals and Mining, Oil and Gas section, a part of the South Dakota Department of Environmental and Natural Resources.

Mollie M. Nelson, Rice Lake, Wisc., recently accepted a position as director of marketing at the Duluth Area Family YMCA.

Passings**PEOPLE OF NOTE »****Mary Ann Weber**

May 13, 2013

ALUMNI »**1949 »****Barbara A. Millner, BS**

January 8, 2012

1950 »**Norman L. Rick, BAE**

March 10, 2013

James L. Rohweder

May 3, 2013

1951 »**Gladys M. (Lehto) Schulze, BS**

June 16, 2012

1953 »**Richard A. Hill, BS**

January 29, 2013

1954 »**George B. Salstrand, BA**

January 18, 2013

1956 »**Kenneth P. Coen, BME**

May 8, 2013

1958 »**Charles R. Lind, BS, MA '76**

May 3, 2013

1959 »**Doyle F. Cossin, BAS**

April 11, 2013

Ray C. Cullen, AA

April 10, 2013

Robert A. Huttel, BA

May 1, 2013

Howard C. Zimm, BA

January 20, 2013

1962 »**Donna M. (Dagen) Swanson, BAS**

January 6, 2013

1964 »**John D. Hubbard, BAS**

February 14, 2013

John W. Sjogren, BA

April 30, 2013

1965 »**Elaine M. Carroll, BAS**

January 9, 2013

Gerald P. Driscoll, BAS

March 2, 2013

1966 »**Elizabeth S. Holmberg, BA**

December 16, 2012

Joseph E. Richey, BAS

March 27, 2013

1967 »**Margaret (Westaway) Johnson, BS**

January 4, 2013

1968 »**Brian David Aho, BA**

April 2, 2013

1969 »**Richard C. Allison, BAS**

April 12, 2013

Michael B. Greniger, BA

February 16, 2013

1971 »**Philip E. Semerau, BA**

March 1, 2013

Lt. Col. Robert C. Uebelacker, Jr., BME

February 15, 2013

1974 »**James L. McNitt, BA**

May 13, 2013

1977 »**Lois M. (Lilleoien) Hanson, BAS**

January 5, 2013

Lorraine H. (Dahl) Strom, BAS

April 4, 2013

1982 »**David F. Katoski, BA**

February 11, 2012

1985 »**Edgar "Ed" C. Beaver, BA**

May 14, 2013

1986 »**Jeffrey R. Cook, BA**

April 26, 2013

Terry L. Ollenburger, BAS '86, '91

February 13, 2013

1990 »**Allan B. Larson, BA**

May 3, 2013

2001 »**Lucas E. Floyd, BAS**

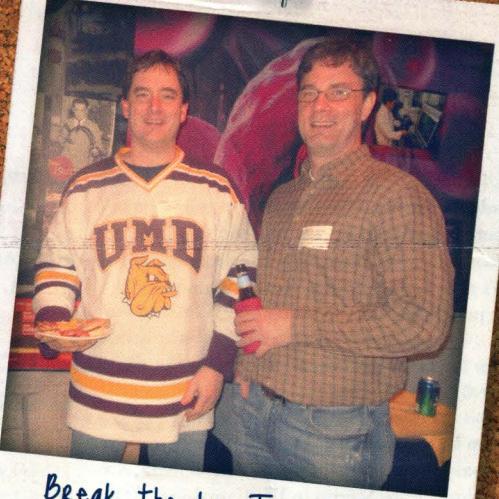
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ALUMNI & FRIENDS Scrapbook



UMD Day at Spirit Mountain

(L-R) Brandon Hilstrom, '08; Emily Hilstrom;
Mike Breher, '08; and Lyndsay Dole



Break the Ice Twin Cities
Alan Wright, '94, and Robert Wallace, '92, '94



Twin Cities Reception at Metropolitan Club
Rodney, '99, and Jeanette Landin, '04



Grad Party 2013
at Glensheen Historic Estate

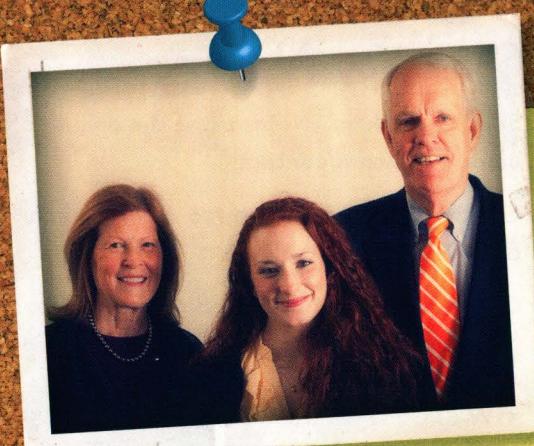
(L-R) Tyler Olsen, Blake Van Heel,
Emily Schnacky, Brad Bedford,
and Tim Swanson, all 2013 grads



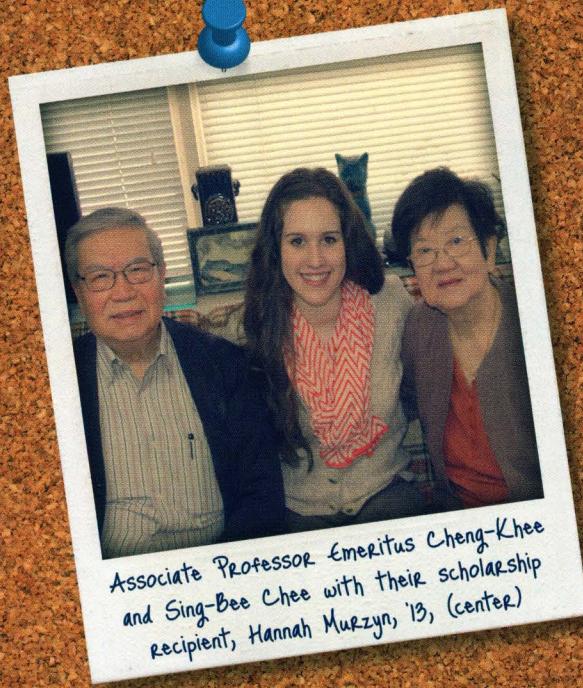
Young Alumni at Gluek's, Minneapolis
(L-R) Sadie Pulk, '08;
Chris Torberg, '08;
and Kate Wessenberg, '08



Harry Oden, '64, with some of his scholarship recipients: (l-r) Thelmy Maldonado, '15; Shannon Flaherty, '13; and Amy Jindra, '14



Sherry & Ed Hall with their scholarship recipient, Maeggy Licht, '14, (center)



Associate Professor Emeritus Cheng-Khee and Sing-Bee Chee with their scholarship recipient, Hannah Murzyn, '13, (center)



Break the Ice Duluth

(l-r) Donald Lane, Susan Bathory, '75;
Senator David J. Tomassoni,
Regent David McMillan, '83;
and Cari McMillan, '84



friends and alumni of UMD in Albuquerque, N.M.
on May 22, 2013
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Jennifer Meyer, Rosanne Sanchez, Maggie Knutila, '73,
and Mike Mullins.
Back: Ramon Sanchez, '72;
Larry Golden, '68 and '69; Ron Timmcke, '69; Tom Knutila, '73;
and Carrie Sutherland, '88



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Include names and class year of the couple, date of the wedding, and current residence. (No engagements, please.)

Death Announcement: _____

Name and class year, place, and date of death.

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Alumni Travel

- September 30–October 5, 2013**
Homecoming Week, *Duluth, MN*
Class of 1963 Reunion
October 5
Homecoming Football Game, *Malosky Stadium*
UMD vs. St. Cloud State
October 5 @ 1 pm
October 22, 2013
Young Alumni
The Bulldog/Northeast Minneapolis
November 14, 2013
Networking Night
The Underground/Duluth Depot
December 6, 2013
Break the Ice Duluth
DECC/Amsoil
January 24–25, 2014
Inaugural State of Minnesota Hockey Tournament
XCEL Energy Center, St. Paul, MN

September 15–30, 2013
Grand Danube Passage

October 30–November 12, 2013
Eastern and Oriental Express –
Bangkok to Bali

November 18–December 2, 2013
Treasures of India and Nepal

March 14–22, 2014
Antebellum South – *American Queen*

May 13–21, 2014
Normandy – 70th Anniversary of D-Day

May 14–22, 2014
Italian Inspiration – Oceania Cruises

August 13–21, 2014
Baltic Marvels – Oceania Cruises

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