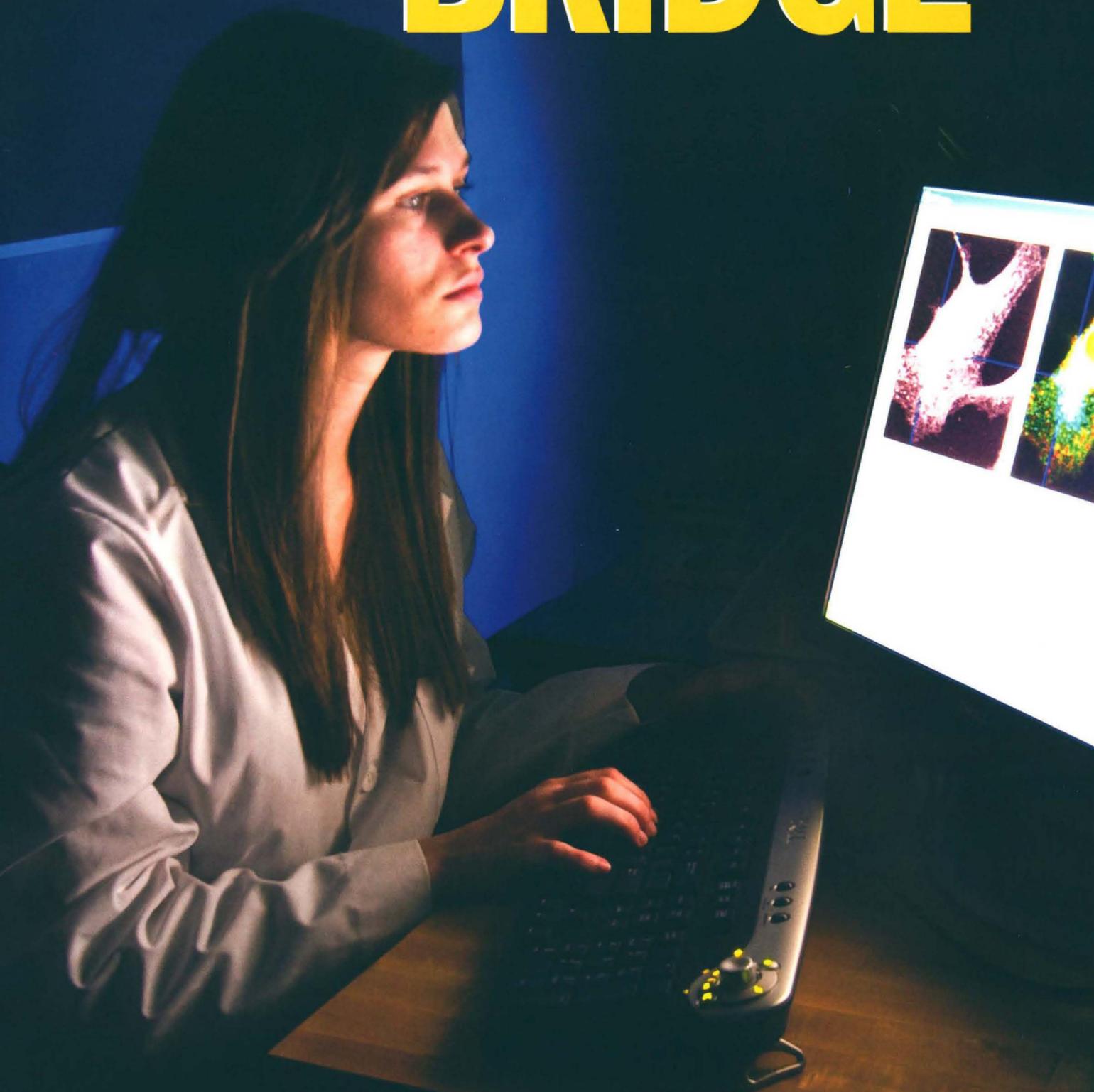


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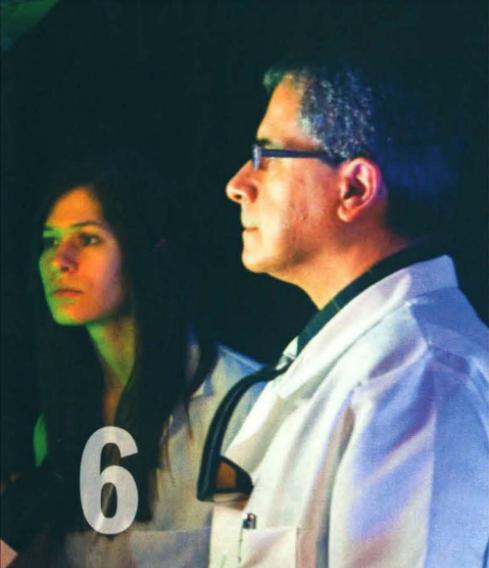
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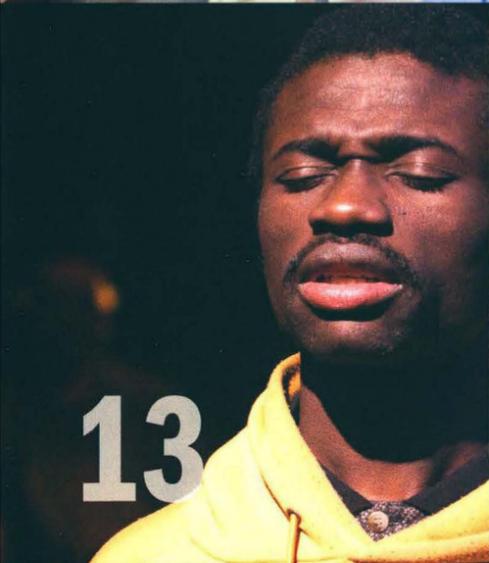


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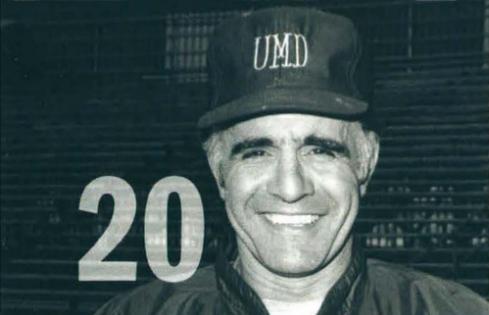
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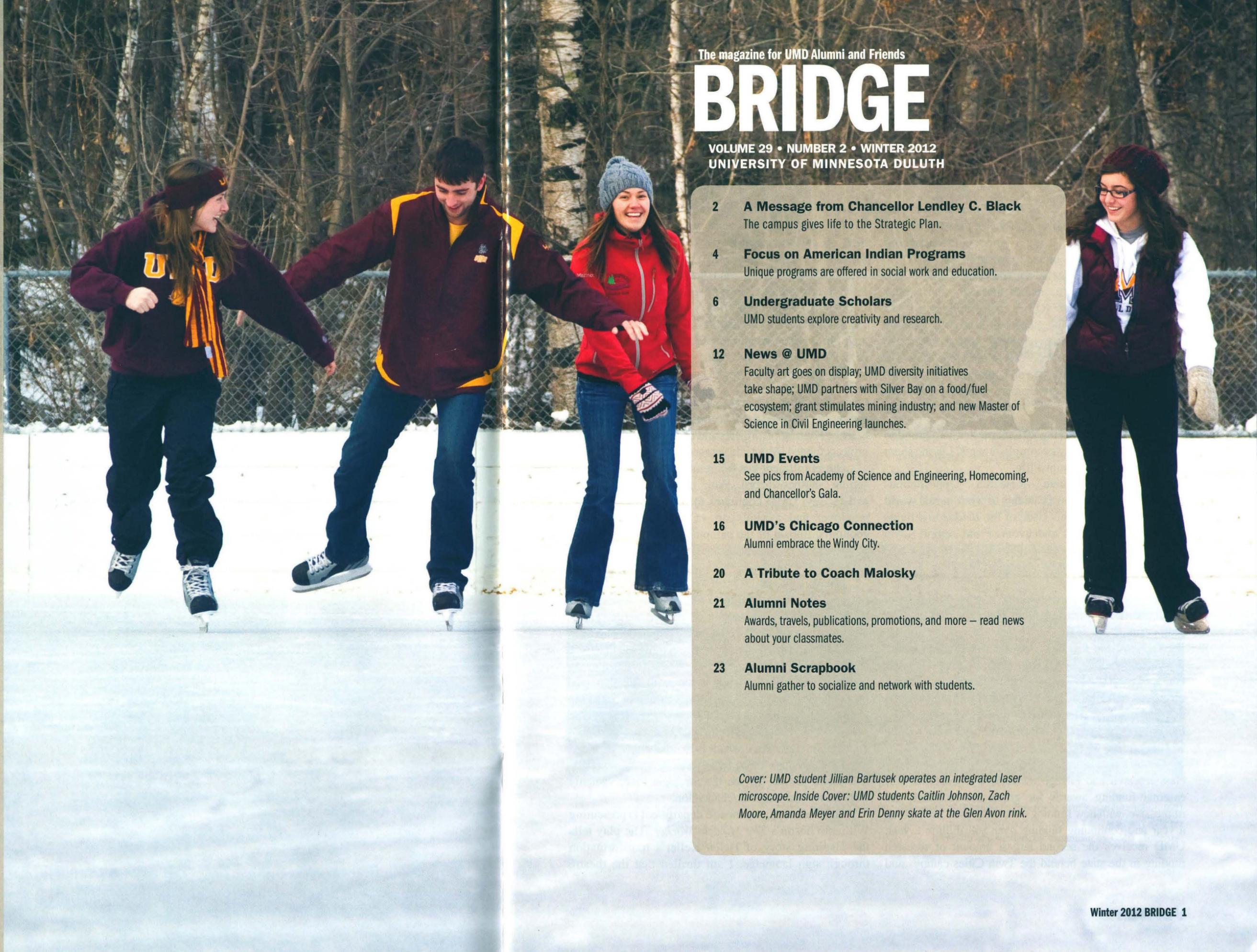
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“UMD IS PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH TOOLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

A Message from the Chancellor

DR. LENDLEY C. (LYNN) BLACK

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

As we enter the spring 2012 semester, I'm proud to report on UMD's many accomplishments. Let me share some highlights of campus life.

Our Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) allows students to work in real world research situations. This issue of the *Bridge* highlights several of this year's endeavors. From senior Kayla Engebretson's study of sugar-sweetened beverage consumption in hospitals to senior Jillian Bartusek's research on the impact of pharmaceuticals at the cellular level, UMD is providing students with tools to make a difference and priming them for careers after graduation.

Designs for the new American Indian Learning Resource Center (AILRC) are complete, and construction is ready to go. Read more about the rich offerings of our American Indian programs on the next few pages. The AILRC project is included in the university's capital bonding request, and we are working to secure funding this legislative session.

Our scientists and faculty continue to produce world-class research and engage in creative discoveries. Our external funding awards for grants and contracts are impressive, with new funding exceeding over \$20 million a year and continuing funding over \$68 million a year. UMD receives the second largest amount of research funding in the state behind the Twin Cities campus and

more than all of the other Minnesota higher education campuses combined. UMD currently has over 30 National Science Foundation projects and dozens of other research projects funded by outside sources.

Our enrollment last fall remained strong at 11,806, setting another record. With more than 1,700 staff and faculty, UMD continues to be a premier regional employer and a vital part of the community. The economic impact of the campus, from the payroll and jobs created, to student and visitor spending, annually exceeds \$374 million.

I am very excited and proud to announce that UMD is becoming more diverse, inclusive, and sustainable. Our students of color increased in all race/ethnic categories this year and total 15% of our student population, up from 13.9% a year ago. We began implementing the Strategic Plan in fall 2011 and a campus-wide effort is already producing results. In conjunction with the planning process, a Campus Climate Change initiative led to the creation of a collection of campus change teams. The priorities the teams identified are now captured in Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, which is to create a positive and inclusive campus climate by advancing equity, diversity, and social justice. To see the Strategic Plan, visit my website www.d.umn.edu/chancellor.

This February, our theatre department is presenting William Gibson's *The Miracle Worker*. The play tells the inspiring story of Helen Keller's transformation through sign language. I am thrilled that the theatre

is working with the American Sign Language (ASL) community to enable every performance to be ASL interpreted. A student ASL group and the student organization Access for All are also participating.

Our sustainability efforts include the Victus Farm project. UMD's Center for Sustainable Community Development (CSCD) and the City of Silver Bay are working together to create an integrated algal oil, fish, and plant production system that will create jobs, as well as produce clean energy and locally grown, nutritious foods.

In fall 2011, UMD received federal funding from the Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge. The financing will support the development of new business and new product innovation to serve Minnesota's growing mining industry. UMD's Center for Economic Development (CED) will receive \$150,000 per year to assist small businesses and the Natural Resources

Research Institute (NRRI) will receive \$800,000 for product development.

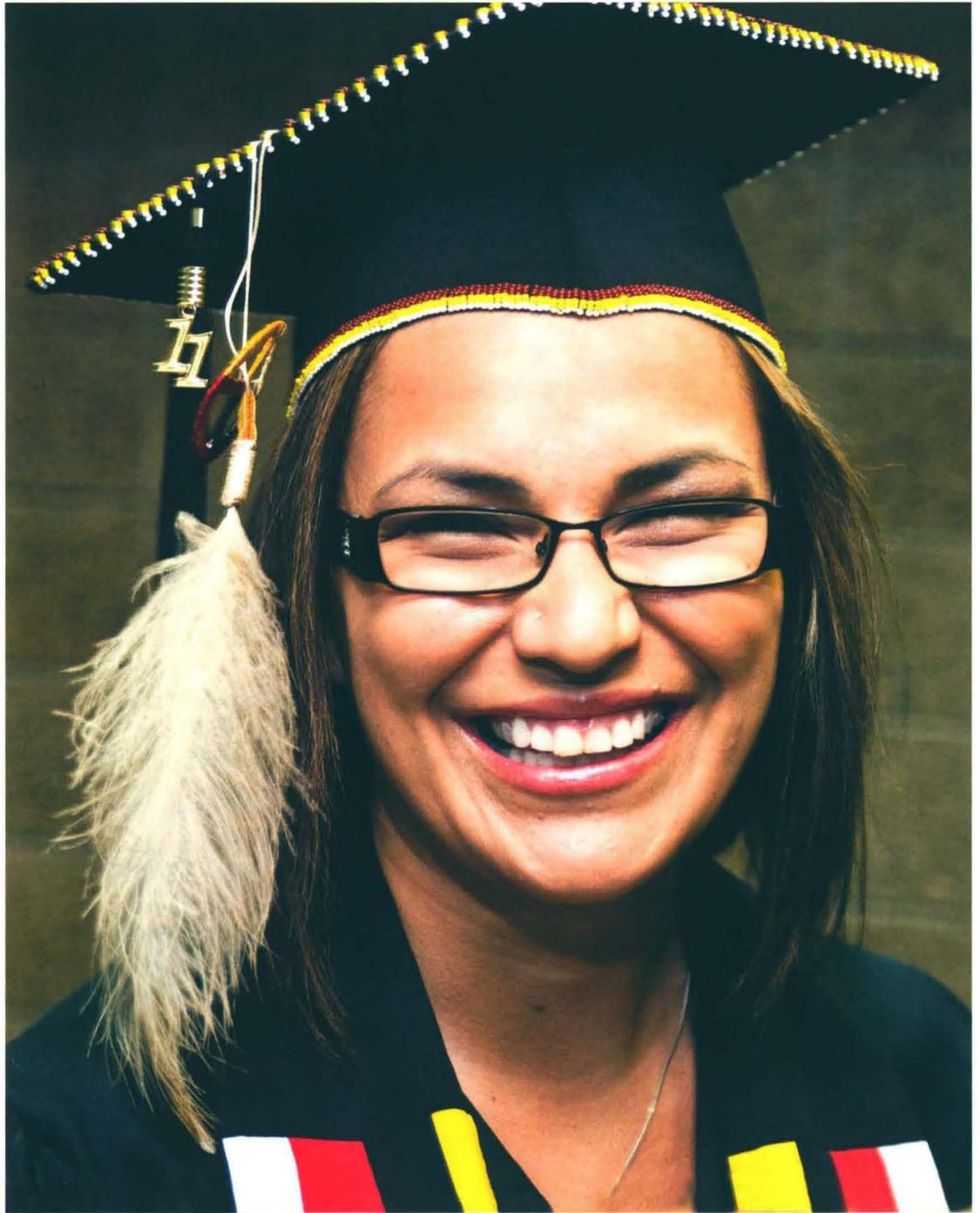
Two programs were made available to students this year. Both enhance UMD's work with our state's rich American Indian culture. The Indigenous Doctor of Education (Ed.D) Program offers a full doctoral program, encompassing Indigenous content, perspectives, and learning experiences. The Master of Tribal Administration and Governance has exceeded its fall enrollment goals. The program prepares students to apply their skills to manage the daily realities of tribal governance.

As you can see, it promises to be another great year. Thank you for your time, talent, energy, and generosity. You are always welcome at UMD, and we look forward to your next visit.

Rendley C. Black



Fall 2011— Left: University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler (standing, left) visited the UMD campus. Right: Hundreds attended a Take a Stand rally for diversity and inclusivity organized by UMD students.



Bobbi Jo Potter, Master of Social Work, 2011

We serve the educational needs of indigenous peoples, their economic growth, their culture, and the sovereignty of the American Indian nations of the region, the state, and North America.

Vision statement excerpt, UMD Strategic Plan, 2011

ADVANCING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONORING AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE

THE AMERICAN INDIAN LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Forty years ago, UMD was one of the first public universities in the nation to recognize American Indian Studies as a unique discipline. Today, UMD's set of American Indian programs comprises one of the nation's largest with nearly 30 different student programs.

Not only one of the nation's largest, UMD's set of American Indian programs also is one of the nation's best. UMD educates American Indian students to be doctors and other health care professionals, teachers, social workers, and researchers and a wide variety of other careers through which they can contribute to the American Indian community as well as to the entire state of Minnesota and beyond.

Two programs were launched in 2011. An Indigenous Doctor of Education (Ed.D) program presents a full doctoral program in education that is inclusive of Indigenous content, perspectives, and learning experiences. The Masters of Tribal Administration and Governance curriculum includes principles of tribal sovereignty; tribal budgets, finance and accounting; principles of tribal management; federal Indian law; and leadership and ethics. "These two new academic offerings add to the other programs in education, social work, liberal arts, medicine, and science, scattered across campus, that showcase UMD's unique commitment," said UMD Chancellor Lendley C. Black.

A NEW CENTER

The American Indian Learning Resource Center, endorsed by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and included in the University of Minnesota's bonding bill request, is before the 2012 Minnesota Legislature. UMD is working in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Office of Government and Community Relations, located on the Twin Cities campus, to present the project to the state legislature.

The need for the center is great, according to Chancellor Black. American Indian programs are scattered and squeezed into spaces throughout campus and as such, do not have the prominence they deserve.

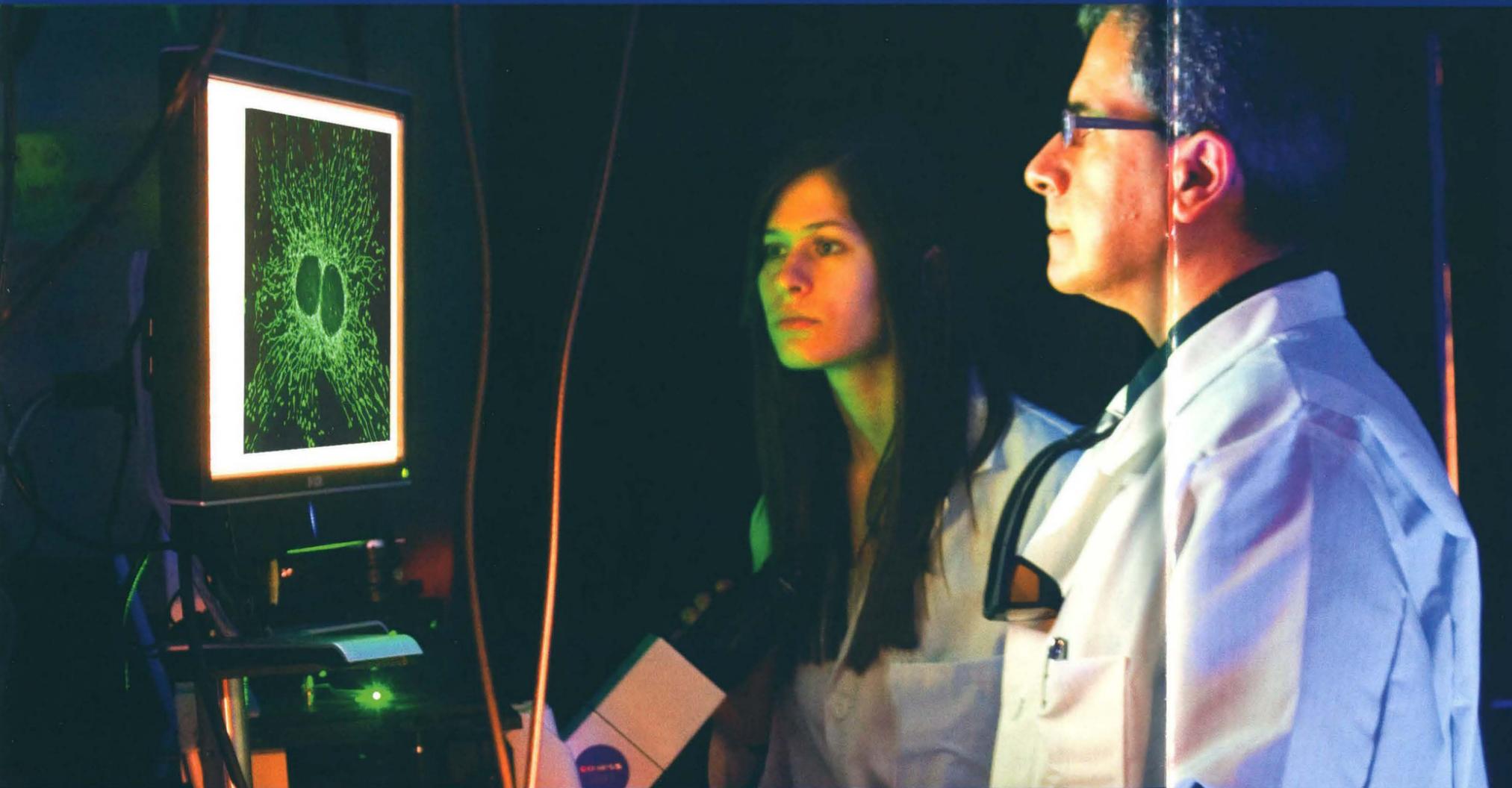
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Thousands of students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends of the U of M firmly believe in higher education's role in pushing our state forward. These citizens are working across the state and across U of M campuses to actively engage elected officials about the University's initiatives and other key issues. They are writing letters to the editors of Minnesota newspapers. They are attending events, contacting legislators, and sharing their stories. To find out about actions you can take, visit: www.supporttheu.umn.edu.

The new center would solve this dilemma and also would provide needed space to UMD's crowded campus. The center would be featured as a gateway to the UMD campus and a source of pride for UMD and for the American Indian community.

The center would act as a magnet, drawing people from all walks of life. It would provide American Indian students with a supportive, welcoming environment that is especially important for their success. Through its design, layout, signage, library, exhibition of American Indian art and artifacts, and its adherence to important values of American Indian culture, the building itself would be a learning tool for people from across campus, across the community, and across the state of Minnesota.

Total construction cost for the center is about \$11 million. Of this amount, the 2012 Minnesota Legislature is being asked to contribute \$7.3 million. UMD would fund the remaining cost of the project, about \$3.6 million. In December 2011, the building received a strong commitment from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee. They voted unanimously to help raise \$1.1 million for the project and to contribute political support.



Unraveling the Secrets of Living Cells

Ahmed Heikal's integrated laser microscope is one of only a few in the world. A laser beam, which increases clarity and sharpness, is used to illuminate the workings of miniscule living cells. Heikal has a second microscope in which a type of sophisticated strobe light allows a series of images to be taken. These pictures reveal what very few have ever seen before: how cells respond to drugs, toxins, and environmental stimuli. Heikal explains it this way, "We combine ultrashort laser pulses with our microscopes to view magnified human cells or tissues, as well as the

molecular machines responsible for the survival and function of these tiny cells." Jillian Bartusek, a senior majoring in biochemistry, has had the opportunity to work with Heikal during the past two years as an undergraduate research assistant. Their groundbreaking study examines a newly approved drug for multiple sclerosis to understand how it works on the single cell level. The drug has been synthesized with a fluorescent tag allowing Heikal and Bartusek to photograph in real-time and follow the activity of drugs in living cells under the microscope.

UROPs: Unlocking the Unknown

Research at UMD translates into patents, licenses, new industry, and jobs. A large number of undergraduate students are taking advantage of these research opportunities.

UMD is ranked among the top universities in the country for its commitment to the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. Financial awards are offered to full-time undergraduates for research, scholarly endeavors, or creative projects undertaken in partnership with a faculty member. UMD receives more external research funding than all other Minnesota state colleges and universities combined, except for the UM-Twin Cities campus. Nearly every field of study offers undergraduate research: business and economics, education and human service professions, fine arts, liberal arts, and the sciences.

Creativity and Language

Jean-Baptiste Quillien worked with children in the spring of 2011 to see if learning a language would affect their creative capacity. Working with his UROP advisor, Fay Maas, an associate professor in the Department of Psychology, Quillien tested



Jean-Baptiste Quillien

a group of 8 to 12 year-old students before and after giving them 15 French lessons, then compared them to a similar group of students who weren't given French lessons. The results were inconclusive but have laid the groundwork for Quillien's future research on the subject, which he will continue while he pursues his doctorate at the UM-Twin Cities Campus.

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Digital Composites and the Mysteries

Senior Ryan Holmquist, and his UROP advisor Joellyn Rock, associate professor in the Department of Art and Design, have collaborated to create a spoof of a bonus DVD for a film that has never been made. The fake film is about the ancient Greek Eleusinian Mysteries.

The overall project is quirky. It is modeled after the mockumentary style using fragments of cinematic evidence: video clips, location stills, design sketches, storyboards, and more. Because they are inventing a special feature reel without a full-length film, Holmquist

and Rock use a green screen, models, actors, and digital imaging software. "It's a good opportunity to practice my video and editing skills," said Holmquist.

Holmquist primarily works with the backgrounds, sometimes merging footage shot in two different places. Significant images came from Rock's 2011 trip to Greece and other footage was shot in Duluth, at Chester Creek, Park Point, and the waterfalls of Tischer Creek. Other times, he builds more detailed images from still photography or original footage. The project is expected to debut in 2013.

Sweetened Beverages

Bedassa Tadesse, an associate professor of economics, helped UMD senior Kayla Engebretson take her study of sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) in hospitals from a qualitative study in health care management to a quantitative study in economics. Engebretson, a double major in health care management and economics, is interested in a trend by hospitals to combat obesity by eliminating or reducing the sale of SSBs. They are taking SSBs out of their vending machines, out of the cafeteria, and off the patient menus.



Kayla Engebretson and Bedassa Tadesse

Marionettes to the Muppets

"Any inanimate object can become a puppet and anything can be a stage," said senior Jenelle Bartelt. Her UROP "The World of Puppetry" explored the historical origins of puppetry around the world and detailed how that history benefits theatre and film productions for the current generation. Bartelt, an acting major with a minor in dance, was encouraged to take on this UROP by her advisor, Ann Bergeron, professor of theater.

Accuracy and Eye Tracking

Making use of cutting-edge technology, exercise science major Angela Pitan and her UROP advisor Professor Duane Millsagle, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, are seeking answers to the question of gender differences in tracking moving objects. National studies indicate that men do better than women in coincidence anticipation timing, a skill used in activities like hitting a moving target or catching thrown objects. The pair are testing whether different strategies used when following objects is a reason for the gender discrepancy.



Seeds and Climate Change

Julie Etterson's newest initiative, Project Baseline, will prepare a living seed bank that can be resurrected in the future to study how natural selection has changed wild plant populations. Etterson, associate professor, Department of Biology, was recently awarded \$1.2 million from the National Science Foundation to collect seeds for a massive seed bank.

The four-year project will fund the collection of millions of seeds from a variety of wild plant species in the U.S. "In 10, or even 50 years, we'll be able to grow ancestral seeds side-by-side with contemporary

collections, showing how a species reacts to drought, insect invasion, or other changes," Etterson said.

Etterson will orchestrate dozens of volunteers, as they collect seeds across the country. Seeds will be frozen in liquid nitrogen at a germplasm facility in Fort Collins, Colo. "It's important to do this now so future evolutionary biologists can examine how differences, including climate change, have affected these species," Etterson says. Etterson and UMD will manage \$816,200 of the funding for the acquisition of seed samples from the Midwest for the next four years.

Micro-finance: Women in Kenya

After a semester in Kenya working with women who had obtained microloans and started small businesses in rural areas, Danielle Rice came back to UMD with more questions than answers. "I wanted to know, were their lives better off?" she said. With the help of her UROP advisor Professor John Arthur, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, she designed a questionnaire that a Kenyan colleague administered. Rice learned that the women did believe their lives had improved. "They were breaking the cycle of poverty," she said.



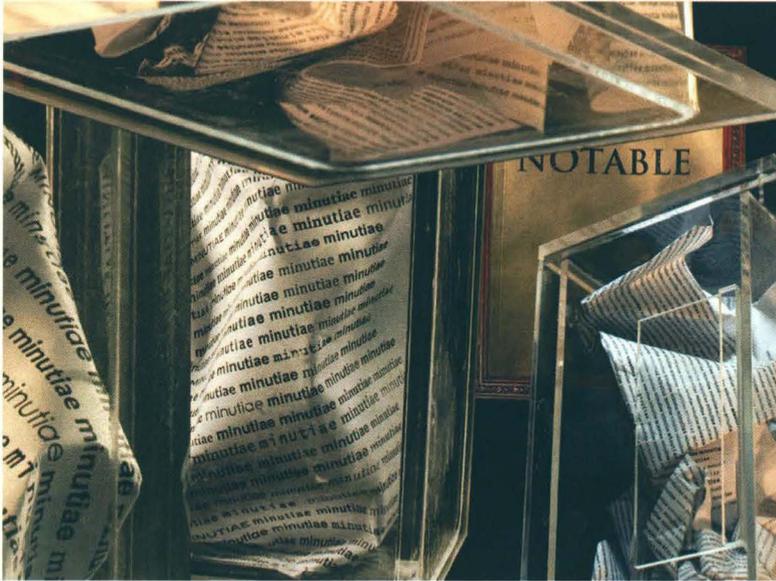
John Arthur and Danielle Rice

Understanding Violent Media

Violent media sells well. Jessica Pospeck ('11), who is pursuing her masters in Business Administration at UMD, initiated a UROP last year to discover whether people respond to violence or separate stimuli, like music. Her research has practical applications in the field of marketing. "Consumers are less attentive to advertisements aired during violent programming," she said. Pospeck and her UROP advisor Assistant Professor Aaron Boyson, Department of Communication, hope that by proving violence to be inconsequential to sales, its use in media will decrease, rendering advertisements more effective.

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People, events, developments, and programs: top news about the University of Minnesota Duluth



Faculty Art at the Tweed

Recent work by UMD Art and Design faculty is on display at the Tweed Museum of Art through March 4. “A lot of our professional activities are shown in other parts of the country. This is a chance for students and the general Duluth public to see what we do,” said James Klueg, head of the Department of Art and Design.

Gloria DeFilipps Brush
8350 (*notable minutiae 2*), 2010
Archival pigment ink print

100 Years – 10 Chefs – One Fish

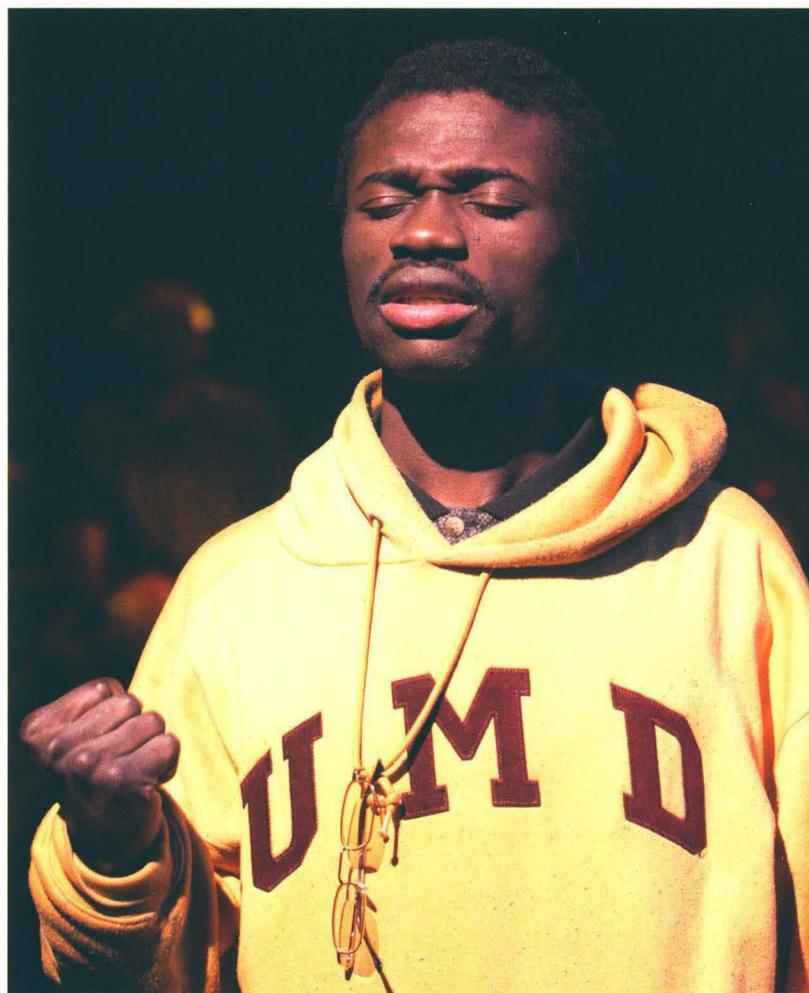
Minnesota Sea Grant’s “Salute to Lake Superior’s Sustainable Fisheries” was both a tribute to environmentally conscious Lake Superior fishermen and to Sea Grant founder Athelstan Spilhaus, who would have been 100 years old last November. The event featured ten chefs participating in a cooking contest using Lake Superior herring. The winning prize was \$1,000 and, of course, bragging rights.

Lights . . . Camera . . . Research

The National Science Foundation’s online magazine, *Science Nation*, has produced video stories on four UMD scientific research projects. The episodes spotlight Natural Resources Research Institute’s Great Lakes Worm Watch; UMD geologist John Goodge’s findings from his journey to the East Antarctic Shield; Large Lakes Observatory’s oceanographic studies aboard the Research Vessel *Blue Heron*; and the documentation of the Chippewa language as a resource for Ojibwe language revitalization.

Komemba Jean Lohese is a senior majoring in biology and a member of the spoken word group Simultaneous.

Photo by Rick Lewis.



Woven with Stories and Songs

A collaboration between campus and community actors, artists, and musicians, *Land of Plenty: How Did You Come to Be Here?* was presented by UMD's Diversity Commission. The multimedia performance wrestled with the realities of the United States as both a land of opportunity and welcome, and as a land of inequality, exclusion, and forced relocation.

Silk Spaces at Weisman

At the invitation of the newly renovated Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis, UMD Associate Professor Eun-Kyung Suh created an installation inspired by their renowned Korean furniture collection. "The silk spaces suggest both the constants and the fluctuations experienced by immigrants. It asks us to ponder our own life-ways and passages," Suh said.



Commitment to Diversity

The University of Minnesota system presented UMD with the 2011 Equity and Diversity Outstanding Unit Award for its commitment to integrating equity and diversity into the campus culture. "It is an honor to be recognized for what we have accomplished to create a positive and inclusive climate for everyone," said Chancellor Black.

Stellar Work

Fresh from an extensive renovation, the Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium has added new seating, surround sound, and digital lighting. The planetarium, which opened in 1967, now offers full-dome theater presentations. Last year, nearly 10,000 people visited the Alworth Planetarium and became better acquainted with the universe.

Food, Fuel, and Jobs

The City of Silver Bay and UMD's Center for Sustainable Community Development (CSCD) have partnered to form Victus Farm. The facility, which is currently under construction, will house a self-contained food and renewable fuel ecosystem. The fish, produce, and algal oil generated by the greenhouse environment will be sold for revenue. Shown (l-r) are: CSCD staff member Baylor Radke, College of Liberal Arts Dean Susan Maher, Director of External Affairs Susan Banovetz, CSCD staff member David Abazs, Silver Bay Mayor Scott Johnson, Representative David Dill, CSCD Director Mike Mageau, and Senator Thomas M. Bakk.



Groundbreaking for the Victus Farm project

Innovation Creates Employment

UMD's Center for Economic Development and Natural Resources Research Institute received grant monies from the federal Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge to help stimulate businesses in the Minnesota mining industry. Regionally, the grants are expected to create 655 new jobs, result in the start of at least 13 new businesses, and train hundreds of new workers.



Governor Mark Dayton and Chancellor Lendley C. Black listen to comments on Minnesota's economy

Building Towards the Future

The Swenson Civil Engineering Building is now the home of UMD's new Master of Science in Civil Engineering. "The American Society of Civil Engineers considers the master's degree the professional degree for civil engineers," said Andrea Schokker, executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, and former head of the Civil Engineering Department. With expansive, sun-lit labs and classes dedicated to demonstration and first-hand experimentation, the facilities enhance a top-tier education.



Swenson Civil Engineering Building

Stunning, Expressive, Functional

The Swenson Civil Engineering Building was recently honored with the prestigious Distinguished Building Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Chicago chapter. The eastern façade, with its massive cypress scuppers, was selected to grace the cover of the Nov./Dec. 2011 issue of *Chicago Architect*, AIA Chicago's magazine.



UMD EVENTS

Above: Swenson College of Science and Engineering Dean James P. Riehl (far left) and Chancellor Lendley C. Black (far right) join the five new members of the 2011 Academy of Science and Engineering: (l-r) Samuel Beard '52 served as president, chairman of the board, and chief executive officer of Exxon Nuclear Company; Bridget Rogers '87, '89 develops science-based security technologies for Sandia National Labs; Allan Rudeck Jr. '94 is vice president of Minnesota Power, an Allete company, Generations Operations; Randolph Koski '69 is a scientist emeritus at the U.S. Geological Survey; and Daniel Engstrom, '71 is director of the St. Croix Watershed Research Station at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Right: Duluth Mayor Don Ness '98 and Regent David McMillan '83 at the UMD Homecoming football game.

Bottom: Honorary hosts Jay and DeeDee Widdes with Connie Black and Chancellor Lendley C. Black at the November Chancellor's Gala.





Chicago... the Windy City, the Second City... Home of the Blackhawks, White Sox, Cubs, Bulls, and Da Bears, along with hundreds of UMD alumni. In December 2011, UMD held an alumni gathering at the American Blues Theater on North Lincoln Ave. in Chicago and a lively group attended the performance of *It's a Wonderful Life: Live at the Biograph*. The Chicago-based theater has a connection to UMD. Professor of theater and interim dean in UMD's School of Fine Arts, William Payne, is the co-founder of the theater. He has been an ensemble member since 1985 and has directed nearly a dozen shows.

UMD'S CHICAGO CONNECTION

An Expansive Business Outlook - Craig Omtvedt

"Take charge of your life. Decide what you want to do in two or five years, and map out a plan." That's the advice Craig Omtvedt '72, CFO of Fortune Brands, gives to business students. Omtvedt should know. From setting pins in a bowling alley in West Duluth to CFO of a Fortune 500 company, Omtvedt's plan was to take on ever-greater responsibility. And his trajectory has been straight up.

The events that transpired have been remarkable. Omtvedt joined Fortune Brands in 1989 and ultimately became senior vice president and chief financial officer. The companies and brands he led are well known: Pinnacle Golf, Titleist, FootJoy, Cobra Golf, Waterloo Industries, Masterbrand Cabinets, Moen, Master Lock, American Lock, Jim Beam, Maker's Mark, Windsor Canadian, Sauza Tequila, Courvoisier Cognac, and VOX Vodka, to name a few. This past year, Fortune Brands broke into separate entities. Omtvedt continues to serve as an advisor to the successor company, Beam Inc. He is still involved with the Cincinnati-based General Cable Corp., the trucking manufacturer Oshkosh Corporation, and Standard & Poor's CFO Advisory Council.

Omtvedt's business sense came early. "I grew up in Smithville, a neighborhood in West Duluth," Omtvedt said. His father sold Electrolux vacuum cleaners, door-to-door. Omtvedt had a paper route. He worked at a bowling alley. When he turned 16, he worked 38-hour weeks as a gas station attendant and mechanic.

At UMD, Omtvedt started in engineering but switched to business finance and accounting. By that time, he was a controller in the shipping department at Sears. He was also the business manager for the *Statesman*, the campus newspaper, and took it from near-bankruptcy to a solid footing.

"The greatest gift I received from UMD was the quality of faculty," Omtvedt recalled. He had Jerrold Peterson for an economics professor just as Peterson arrived at UMD. "The overview of micro- and macro-economics Professor Peterson gave us still stays with me today."

After graduation Omtvedt landed a position in corporate operations at Sears. First, he worked in Green Bay in a controller position. "That's where I met my wife, Jane. It was love at first sight." From there, a series

of positions at Sears took him to Minneapolis, to Dubuque, Iowa, and to Chicago. He joined The Pillsbury Company in Minneapolis for four years.

“A recruiter for American Brands called,” Omtvedt said. “Six months later, I was in Greenwich, Connecticut, as the global head of international audits.” He faced the challenge. “The hallmark of American Brands and its successor, Fortune Brands, was their true focus on shareholder value,” he said. “We weren’t afraid to take risks and to stay versatile.” Over the years, they sold the tobacco companies and concentrated on golf, home and hardware products, and spirits. They brought the business back to Chicago. During Omtvedt’s tenure as CFO, Fortune Brands delivered a total shareholder return that was nearly double that of the S&P 500.

Omtvedt’s greatest personal achievement is his continuing role as a national trustee for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. “I believe every kid deserves a fair start, and the Boys and Girls Clubs do an amazing job,” he said. Over the years, he led big Midwest fundraisers, including the golf events, and raised over \$4 million for the non-profit.

“The stars aligned to allow me to retire early,” Omtvedt said. “I’m excited to enter another chapter in my life. I want to play golf and learn Spanish. The world is too exciting of a place, and I have too much energy to slow down. I want to do more charity work, more consulting, and continue to serve on the boards I work with now.”



Craig Omtvedt

Warrior Creativity - Jessa Carlstrom

Jessa Carlstrom is the founder of Warrior Arts Studio, a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to honoring the stories and experiences of military veterans. While the program harnesses the energy of volunteers to lead writing exercises, pottery classes, and other creative sessions, it is the short play workshops that Carlstrom talks about most.

One Iraqi veteran brought Carlstrom his journals from two tours of duty. He wanted to write a novel. When Warrior Arts offered a five-week, page-to-play workshop, he opted in. Carlstrom brought in a volunteer playwright for the group and two men volunteered as the actors.

An Air Force veteran, Tim, wrote of his experiences during and after deployment. “A play was performed from the work for Tim’s friends, family, and strangers,” Carlstrom said. “One woman in the audience told Tim she felt physically ill watching the play. She wanted to leave the theater.” Tim grinned when he heard that reaction. “Through art, he was able to communicate his precise feelings,” Carlstrom said.

Warrior Arts isn’t therapy. Carlstrom is adamant about that. “We help veterans create real art: powerful, moving, emotionally-charged work.” Carlstrom, a 2000 theatre alumna, worked in two Chicago theater companies. “I met a lot of talented people here. I found a home and a family,” she said. Now, her dream is to bring Warrior Arts into a permanent home. Grant writing and fund-raising are on her agenda.

It is important to Carlstrom that the program continues to expand. “The smallest story can open doors. The act of sharing an experience has phenomenal power. I’ve seen people transformed through art.”



Jessa Carlstrom

The Quest for Comfort - Christine Collins

Pain is complex. "It isn't simply physical trauma that translates into pain. Emotion, memory, and stress are substantial factors as well," said Christine Collins '76, a director in Neuroscience Research at Abbott Labs. Collins' work is part of decades of research on cytoskeleton proteins. These move and transport substances and sensory data through cell pathways, bumping from one to the next, through the nervous system to the brain. Instead of looking at drugs that dull the senses, Collins is leading a team of researchers in the quest for a novel therapy for chronic pain, interrupting the signals sent to and from the brain.

Her varied experiences in biochemistry and medicine provide her with the background to take on this sophisticated research. At Abbott Labs, she holds four patents for her work. She has done research on metabolic disease, diabetes, and obesity. Her virology group supported drug trials for treatment of the Hepatitis C virus infection. She came to Abbott from years of teaching and conducting research at Northwestern University Medical School. Before that, she completed a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Michigan State University, where she met her husband, Russell Kohnken. They both did postdoctoral work at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Collins' mother, Eleanor Collins, was a faculty member and chair of the UMD Department of Home Economics. Collins was inspired by a woman teaching "hard math," her calculus teacher, Grace Peterson. Collins also worked for biochemist Paul Anderson and mathematician Joe Gallian. "My quest for answers began at UMD," she said.



Christine Collins

Publishing Panorama - Robert Harder

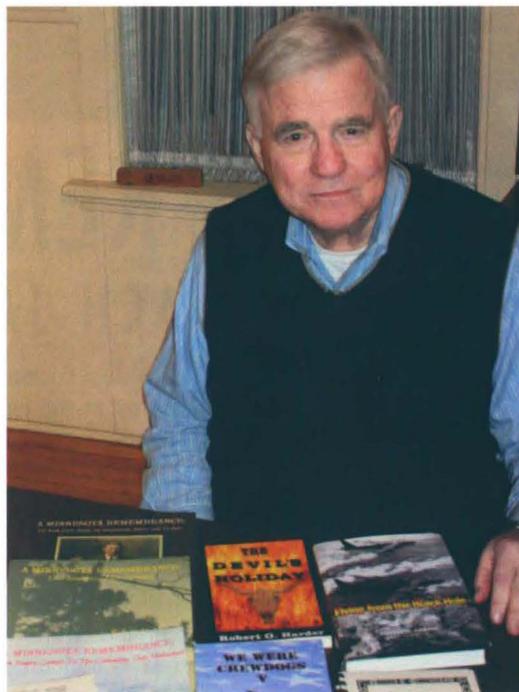
He is a descendent of Pocahontas. His grandfather ran logging camps. His grandmother took thousands of photographs of Minnesota's Aitkin County from the 1890s to 1940. His mother attended Duluth State Teachers College and learned to speak Ojibwe.

Robert Harder has written about all of it and more. He has published five works of short fiction and five books of non-fiction, most of it about American frontier history and military aviation. His collection, *A Minnesota Remembrance*, is a detailed personalized history of north-central Minnesota.

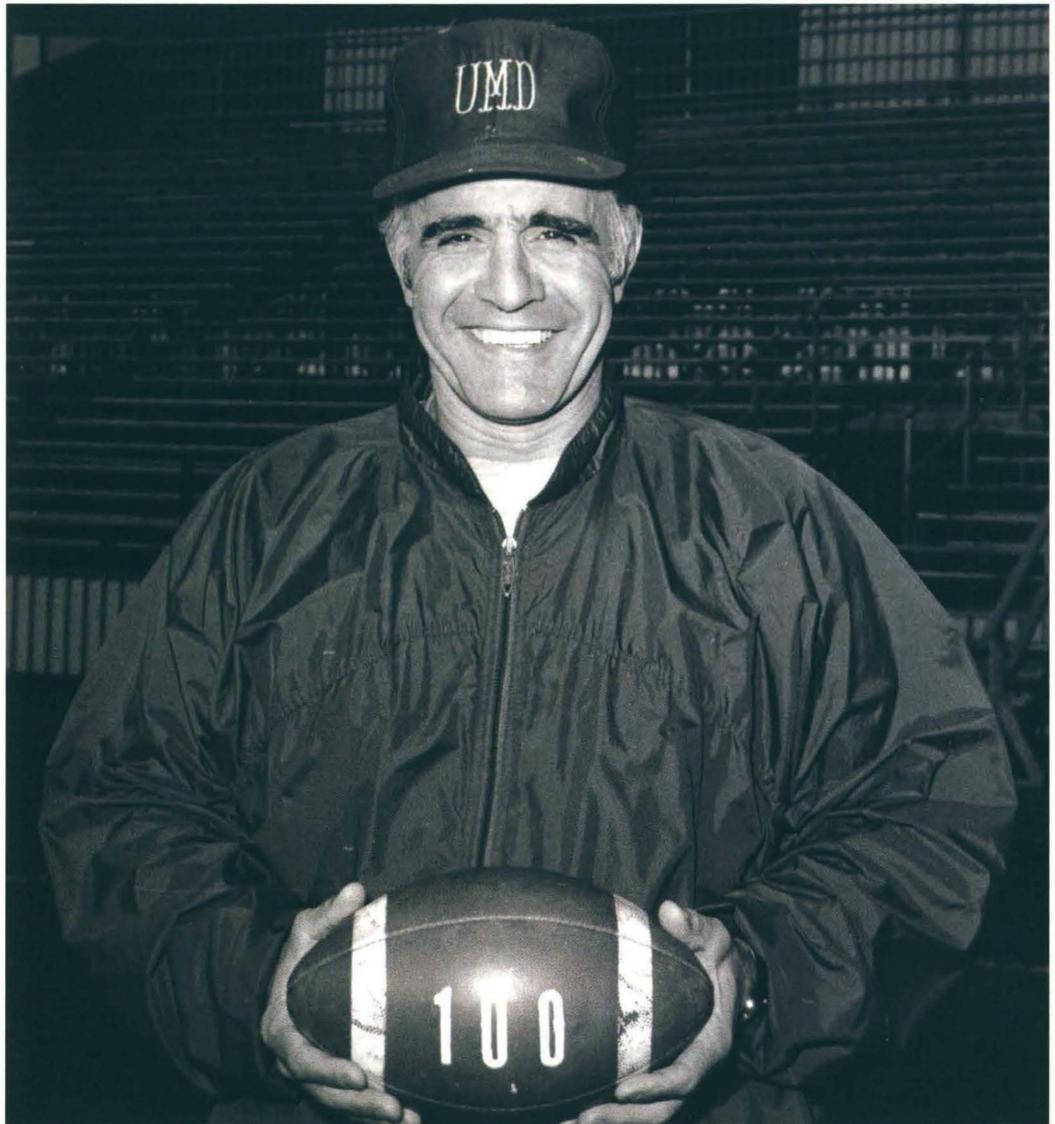
His latest and most prestigious book, *Flying from the Black Hole: The B-52 Navigator-Bombardiers of Vietnam*, was published by the U.S. Naval Institute Press in 2009. The book tells the story of the heavy bombers and their aircrews during Vietnam, including a 1972 air battle over Hanoi. Harder served as a USAF officer and B-52 navigator-bombardier in Vietnam and the Strategic Air Command.

Harder gives UMD's AFROTC Detachment 420 enormous credit for helping him get through college. "I skipped a grade so when I first attended UMD, I was only 16 years old and a pretty raw kid," Harder said. "I made many lifelong friends in the corps of cadets, which is paying an unexpected dividend as time marches on."

After returning from Vietnam, Harder became a commercial pilot and certified flight instructor. He worked at some of Minnesota's great retail companies — Target and the old LaBelles chain. He and his wife, DeeDee, moved to Chicago in 1982, where Harder joined Montgomery Ward as a merchandise manager and later, vice-president. Retired from business, he is now a full-time writer.



Robert Harder



Coach Malosky celebrates his 100th win.

A REMARKABLE LEADER

COACH JAMES MALOSKY 1928 - 2011

UMD lost a friend on Dec. 4, 2011, when legendary football Coach James (Jim) Malosky passed away at the age of 82. Chancellor Lendley C. Black said, "Coach Malosky will live in the hearts and minds of thousands of people and in history through the stories that will be shared from one generation to the next. His values were demonstrated by his devotion to his family, to his teams, and to UMD. His work ethic was unparalleled; he never missed a practice or a game in 40 years. His leadership was extraordinary. He was, and will remain, a giant among people."

Malosky took over the Bulldog football program in 1958. While at the helm, he led the team to nine conference championships. Prior to the 1998 season, Malosky was forced to retire due to health concerns. At the time of his retirement, he was the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division II history at 255-125-13 overall and now sits at second-most all time. He was inducted into the University of Minnesota Hall of Fame in 1996, the UMD Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, and the North Sun Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame in 2000. In 2004, UMD renamed its home field in honor of Coach Malosky.

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1961

Karen L. (Skoglund) Meyer and **Thomas A. Meyer**, '63, South Pasadena, Fla., welcomed their first great-grandchild, Mya Lynne Allison.

1962

Rodney G. Schofield, Buena Vista, Colo., is vice president and organizational consultant for Infinite Excellence. Rod co-leads a leadership training program for emerging Palestinian leaders in Israel/Palestine and serves as a consultant to the school system of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land.

1968

Carl Gawboy, Duluth, Minn. has published *Ancient Earth and the First Ancestors: A Cultural and Geological Journey* with co-author Ron Morton.

1970

Clark C. Peterson, Hinckley, Minn., is a professional announcer and writer. Clark was one of the speakers for the Twin Cities September 11th tenth anniversary program. Being a survivor of the Oklahoma City bombing, he spoke about "the two worst domestic terrorist attacks in our history."

1978

Jane C. (Elder) Naughtin, Plymouth, Minn., has been named one of the Top Women in Finance by Finance & Commerce, Inc. in Minneapolis.

1979

Gary L. Huusko, Eagan, Minn., works as a patent attorney with Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty & Molenda, P.A. in Apple Valley. Gary was recently appointed to the District 196 School Board.

Lawrence A. Johnson, Duluth, Minn., is currently a senior information systems auditor for ALLETE.

1981

Theresa G. (Murray) Hughes, Saint Paul, Minn., was named an Unsung Legal Hero by *Minnesota Lawyer*. This award honors outstanding efforts of those making notable contributions to the legal profession throughout Minnesota.

1982

Scott W. Marshall and **Darlene M. Spongberg-Marshall** '84, live in Duluth, Minn., where Scott works as owner and treasurer of Marshall Hardware, Inc.

1983

Melissa A. Fatchett, Edina, Minn., works as a licensing compliance specialist and healthcare paralegal for Medtronic.

1984

Kara S. (Wikstrom) Skowera, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., is a school psychologist for the Lake Havasu Unified School District.

1985

David W. Downing, Saint Paul, Minn., is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He is also enjoying a two-year stint as an Honorary Commander with the 934th Airlift Wing, learning more about the work of the men and women of the Air Force Reserve's "Flying Vikings."

Timothy R. Zezulka, Wilmington, Del., a 25-year hotel veteran, is currently the general manager of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Wilmington.

1986

Christopher Dahlberg, Duluth, Minn., a St. Louis County Commissioner, was recently appointed to the Duluth Seaway Port Authority.

1987

Margaret A. Anderson, ME '87, Duluth, Minn., has retired from her position as a teacher and has started a non-profit called "Circle of Hope" which provides breast cancer treatment payments to clients in need.

1988

Randy W. Gilbert, Wayzata, Minn., is a director at Assurance Consulting, LLC.

Linda L. Grover, MA '95, Duluth, Minn., is an assistant professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota Duluth. She has been named the recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Institute's 2011 Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize for promising new authors. The annual award was given for Linda's debut short story collection, *The Dance Boots*.

1989

Scott C. LaDean, Maple Grove, Minn., is a director of tax at Nilfisk-Advance, Inc.

1990

Brian R. Petersen, Saint Paul, Minn., retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel on September 1, 2011. Brian is now a program manager in finance and logistics for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

1991

Richard Gonzalez Esq., Westbury, N.Y., has retired from his Lieutenant Commander position for the U.S. Coast Guard. Richard now works as an admiralty attorney for Rubin, Fiorella & Friedman LLP focusing practice in New York and New Jersey.

Scott C. Leach, Saint Paul, Minn., is a senior buyer for the University of Minnesota.

1992

William J. Marshall, MIS '96, Ham Lake, Minn., works for the State of Minnesota as a Worker's Compensation judge.

1993

Denise R. (Jadeke) Gudevangel, MA, Fertile, Minn., is a psychologist and adult community services coordinator for Northwestern Mental Health Center, Inc.

Shelly L. (Beaty) Pierson, Eau Claire, Wis., is a teacher for the School District of Altoona.

1994

Kelly L. (McNamara) Edlund, Maple Grove, Minn., is a manager of technical training for Dorsey & Whitney, LLP.

1996

Jodi M. (Holmen) Lewis, Eagle, Colo., works as a director of professional services for RTP, LLC.

Ashley H. Moerke, Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., is currently a biology professor at Lake Superior State University. Ashley recently accepted LSSU's Excellence in Advising Award.

1997

Srikanto H. Paul, San Antonio, Texas, is a senior manager of environmental health and safety at St. Mary's University.

Ryan R. Rohrbach, Spring Park, Minn., is currently employed by Rapala VMC Corporation as a controller.

1999

Jayson C. Hron, Sartell, Minn., is a public relations specialist at Cetera Financial Group and is also a member of the Society for International Hockey Research. Jayson recently launched *Historically Inclined*, a historical research and writing blog.

Kimberly A. (Johnson) Parmeter, Duluth, Minn., works for the March of Dimes-Northland Division as the executive director.

2001

Nicole L. (Gilles) Mantopoulos, Forestdale, Mass., is the owner of Fish Kisser Designs, an internet-based business offering hand-crafted invitations, announcements, and greeting cards.

2002

Leeann M. (Akervik) Manning, Cold Spring, Ky., works as a national sales manager for KeySource Medical.

Brian L. Nordmann, San Diego, Calif., is currently an IT systems manager for the Cubic Corporation.

Damien R. Paulson, Duluth, Minn., has been named the new head coach of the Thunder Men's Basketball Program by the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

2003

Marc K. Morrison, Eden Prairie, Minn., works in retail as a co-manager at Sports Authority.

2006

Alexandra E. Kotlarek, Minneapolis, Minn., appeared in her fourth Minneapolis Musical Theatre production, *Bat Boy: The Musical*, playing the role of Shelly Parker at the Illusion Theater.

Kecia B. Rehkamp, Minneapolis, Minn., has appeared in theatre productions at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Urban Samurai, Theatre Unbound, and most recently, the Illusion Theatre in a production of *Bat Boy: The Musical*. This is Kecia's third Minneapolis Musical Theatre production.

Lucas Westerman, Chokio, Minn., received a commission into the U.S. Air Force after graduation via the UMD ROTC program. Lucas is currently a captain stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City where he flies on the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft.

2007

Jeremiah J. "JJ" Kelley, Minneapolis, Minn., is the director and star of the films *Paddle to Seattle* and *Pedal to the Midnight Sun*. J.J. appeared at the Big Water Film Festival on November 5 at Stagenorth in Washburn, Wis., where he presented his film *Pedal to the Midnight Sun* and showed clips from his upcoming film.

2008

Daniel R. Lynch, Two Harbors, Minn., is a self-employed author. Since graduation, Daniel has researched, written, and published seven books about geological topics including field guides for collectors and hobbyists.



ALUMNI SCRAPBOOK

Top: UMD vs. Twin Cities Break the Ice at the DECC on October 14, 2011 - Accounting Group pictured: Back row (L-R): Steve Morris, Traci Morris, Mark Johnson, Laura Johnson (McGladrey), Errol Stewart, Al Roline (accounting faculty), Randy Skalberg (accounting faculty) Front row (L-R): Daniel Hsiao (accounting faculty), Bob Cedergren and Sandra Cedergren.

Middle: Class of 1961 50th Class Reunion in the Chancellor's suite: watching the Homecoming Football Game on October 22, 2011. Back row: Bob and Helga Wallner, Corrine and Dave Carlson, John Drazenovich, Kathy Croke, Peter Johnson, Dick Sarkela and Paul Peterson. Front row: Beatrice Zane, Corrine Johnson, Dorothy Gum, Beth Brown, Gaile Drazenovich, Nancy Luomala, Jan Stone, Tom Stone and Ken Risdon.

Bottom: Networking Night at the Zeitgeist Atrium in Duluth on November 9, 2011 brought students together with alumni and area business professionals.

2009

Lauren M. (Chuba) Greenley and **Michael Greenley**, BA '10, both of Richfield, Minn., were married on June 11, 2011 in Richfield.

Bryan J. Koop, Minneapolis, Minn., is a graphic designer for the Carlson School of Management on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Meghan M. Kuznia, Belle Plaine, Minn., graduated in 2011 from the UMD graduate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders and is now working as a speech-language pathologist for Aegis Therapies.

Hailey A. (Edwards) Olson was married in August 2010 and now lives in New London, Minn.

Ravi Verma, Superior, Wis., is currently working as an IT Application Development Manager for Jack Links Beef Jerky.

2010

Tian Lan, Kowloon, Hong Kong, received the highest student honor, the Student Award, from the London Business School before relocating from London to Hong Kong. Tian now works as an analyst in sales and trading at Morgan Stanley.

2011

Callie S. Hidding, West Concord, Minn., is an intake representative for the University of Minnesota Physicians.

Katherine "Katie" R. Johnson, Burnsville, Minn., is currently working as an IT consultant and customer product representative for McKesson.

Laura J. Melde, Peoria, Ariz., is now a physical education teacher for the Glendale Elementary School District.

Bradley J. Nartowt, Gainesville, Fla., works for the University of Florida in the department of physics as a teaching assistant and is a Ph.D. aspirant.

Wendy R. (Hendrickson) Olson, Pequot Lakes, Minn., is currently a children's mental health professional for Northern Pines Mental Health Center in Brainerd.

Leslie M. Quinn, Duluth, Minn., completed her internship with and is newly employed by the National Rural Health Resource Center as a program coordinator.

GOOGLE EXPERT NAMED ACM FELLOW



Amit Singhal '92 MS, computer science, was recently named an Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Fellow. The ACM is the world's largest

educational and scientific computing society. Singhal was selected for providing fundamental knowledge to the field. He is credited with most of the information retrieval design decisions in Google Search – a massive system that has responded to hundreds of billions of queries. Singhal has a deep understanding of Google's entire algorithmic system. Among many other things, Singhal championed Google Instant, which returns search results as the user types. After receiving his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Cornell University, he joined AT&T Labs in 1996 and Google in 2000.

FIRST STREET GANG MAXIMIZES SCHOLARSHIP

It was once the largest school-recognized social organization on the UMD campus, dominating intramural sports, holding legendary parties, and attracting an array of talented people. The group, First Street Gang, hasn't stopped. The members formed the "Geoff Spencer Memorial Scholarship" in 2002, relying on the donations of 43 members to build an endowment fund. Since 2003, the fund has been large enough to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to one Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE) student each year. Through the yield on investments and increased donations, the fund has reached \$100,000. "First Street Gang is delighted to be able to continue its contributions in furthering the education of deserving UMD students," said Bob Hofstrom. "Nine years ago, we dreamed of achieving a fund balance of \$100,000. Today, that dream has been realized."

As a result, First Street Gang will offer two scholarships beginning in fall 2012. One \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to an LSBE student and a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in education. "We are grateful for the continued donations of so many of our members," said Hofstrom. "We are particularly proud to be recognized by LSBE as the largest scholarship fund. What UMD gave to us all, we are delighted to return." The group clearly continues to maximize its impact.

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2011-12 scholarship recipient

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Faculty:

James S. Malosky
December 4, 2011

Vernon H. Opheim
October 25, 2011

1932

Evelyn M. Reese, BA
July 28, 2011

1933

Maude (Cochran) Gernander, BA
November 30, 2011

1936

John E. Vucinovich, BA
August 18, 2011

1941

Shirley (Karsner) Garber, BS
September 19, 2011

1942

Helen L. (Hagen) Poliquin, BA
November 4, 2011

1949

Ethel V. Nordling, BA
September 16, 2011

George M. Vivian, BA
November 1, 2011

1950

Jaqueline M. LeBeau, BAA, BS
September 27, 2011

1951

Roger "Rog" A. Elverhoy, BA
September 17, 2011

Paul A. Nace, BS
August 22, 2011

1952

Frank S. Benassi, BS
October 13, 2011

1953

Marilyn J. (Novak) Desilet, BS
December 2, 2011

Ervin K. Dorff, BA
August 8, 2011

1956

Vernon K. Nelson, BBA, BA
December 9, 2011

Richard K. Swanstrom, BAS
January 7, 2012

1960

Alice E. (Donovan) Saarela, BS
January 8, 2012

1962

Leonard D. Matta, BA
October 30, 2011

1963

John R. DeSmedt, BBA
November 30, 2011

Louana R. (Gamache) Johnson,
BAS, '68 MA
December 14, 2011

William "Don" Johnson, BAS
November 19, 2011

Lewis M. Latto, Jr., BA
August 24, 2011

1964

John R. Lemire, BS
September 2, 2011

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MEET AL PETERSON, ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT



Al Peterson with an unidentified friend

The UMD Alumni Association is proud to introduce the 2011-2012 Alumni Board of Directors President, Dr. Alan Peterson. Peterson became the board president on July 1, 2011, taking over the position from Jake Konerza, a 2004 graduate residing in the Twin Cities.

Al Peterson began classes at UMD in 1966 as a pre-med major. He was accepted into UMD's accelerated pre-med program which allowed him to attend Medical School (Twin Cities campus) after only three years of undergraduate courses at UMD. After finishing Medical School, Peterson did his Internal Medicine residency at the University Hospital in the Twin Cities. He then took a job at the Duluth Clinic as a general internist and worked there his entire thirty-year career in the medical field. Peterson retired from his practice at age 58.

Peterson originally became involved with UMD's Alumni Association because of his "sense of gratitude for what UMD is: a calm but enthusiastic, welcoming, academically outstanding University." His goal while being President of the Alumni Association is "to expand the base of active, involved alumni." Al showed his sense of humor when asked what he anticipates as being his biggest challenge as President, when he jokingly stated, "finishing the board meetings before everyone falls asleep."

Alumni Events

Spirit Mountain

Saturday, March 3

Fun for the entire family!

Skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing and alpine coaster rides

Chili lunch: 12-1:30 pm in the

Fireside Room, Spirit Mt. Chalet

PebbleCreek

Monday, March 5

Alumni and Friends Golf Outing

PebbleCreek - Tuscany Falls

Goodyear, AZ

1 pm (18 holes) & 3 pm (9 holes)

Alumni and Friends

Dinner Reception

PebbleCreek - Chianti Lounge

Goodyear, AZ, 5:00 pm

Green Valley

Tuesday, March 6

Alumni and Friends Luncheon

Home of Rhoda ('54) and

Phil Serrin; Green Valley, AZ

Noon

Twin Cities Fun

Friday, April 27

Annual UMD Alumni Reception

Metropolitan Club,

St. Louis Park, MN, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Graduation Party

Thursday, May 3

Event for 2012 Graduates

Glensheen Historic Estate, 6:00 pm

Grandma's Marathon

Saturday, June 16

Grandma's Marathon Alumni Tent

Canal Park Lodge parking lot

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Colorado Picnic

Saturday, June 23, TBA

Alumni and Friends Picnic

in Colorado

Alumni Travel

Holland & Belgium

April 20 - April 28

Magnificent Waterways of Holland and Belgium: Discover Amsterdam, the Hague, the vistas of Delft, and the flower expo in the Netherlands.

Black Sea

August 17 - August 30

Black Sea Serenade: Enjoy a voyage with Oceania Cruises from Athens to Istanbul.

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November 18 - December 2

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LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD



UMD hockey player Jack Connolly is one of 10 finalists for the 2012 Lowe's Senior Class Award. The award is presented annually to an NCAA Div. I athlete in 10 sports including men's hockey, based on achievement in the "Four C's" -- classroom, character, community and competition.

Connolly, a Duluth native, maintains a 3.30 cumulative grade point average as a communication major and will graduate this May. Show your support for this two-time All-American by casting a vote for him every day until March 18 at www.seniorclassaward.com.

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1965
Frederick A. Hinzmann, BA
 December 28, 2011

Lois M. (Floey) Moeller, BS
 November 11, 2011

1967
Daryl K. Malm, BA, BS
 August 24, 2011

1968
Jane E. (Turner) Maddy, MA
 May 3, 2011

Amelia M. (Sikorski) Pulczynski, MA
 November 18, 2011

Roland "Butch" B. Pastika, Jr., BS
 October 2, 2011

1971
Audrey E. (Eisenrich) Vomachka, BA
 August 19, 2011

1972
Rosemary N. Frye, BA
 September 17, 2011

Larry V. Kroll, BBA
 December 18, 2011

1973
Janet D. (Schultz) Degolier, BA,
 December 17, 2011

1983
Robert D. "Harv" Harvey, ME
 December 23, 2011

1984
Ronald C. Nelson, BA
 January 7, 2012

Seppo H. Valppu, BA
 August 10, 2011

1989
Christopher J. Vizanko, MBA
 September 16, 2011

1990
Sophia B. Barteldt, BA
 October 20, 2011

1999
Rita M. (Poeske) Nimz, MA
 October 6, 2011

Catherine A. Shanks, MA
 September 24, 2011

2011
Shayla J. Johnson, BA
 October 1, 2011

Nikolas A. Nelson, BBA
 November 15, 2011

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Graduation Year: _____

Email: _____

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Employer: _____

Title/Occupation: _____

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This year's scholarship recipients are junior Anna Tucker, (shown on the left) a communication major and daughter of alumna Jeanne Tucker. Anna was chosen not only for her academic commitment, but also for her involvement in student organizations and service projects in the Duluth community. Senior Samantha Berg (shown on the right) is a two-time recipient majoring in teaching life sciences. She is the granddaughter of alumnus Russell Berg. Anna and Samantha are co-chairs of the Alumni Association Scholarship Board's Bulldog Committee.

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UMD @ Spirit Mountain
Chili Lunch 12pm - 1:30pm
Spirit Mt., Duluth

March **5**

Alumni and Friends Golf Outing
1pm (18 holes), 3pm (9 holes)
Reception - 5pm, Goodyear, AZ



March **6**

Alumni and Friends Luncheon
Green Valley, AZ - 12pm



Alumni Trips to Holland and
Belgium, the Black Sea, and
India and Nepal.

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April **27**

Annual Alumni Reception
Metropolitan Club
St. Louis Park, MN
5:30pm - 7:30pm

May **3**

Graduation Party 6pm - 9pm
Glensheen Historic Estate, Duluth

June **16**

**Grandma's Marathon
Alumni Tent**
Canal Park Lodge Parking Lot
8:30am - 1:30pm

June **23**

**Alumni and Friends
Colorado Picnic**

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