

Dr. Rachael McCoy and Dr. Peter Scornaiencki

Dr. Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award

It is fitting that two Sault Ste. Marie residents who have been involved in the medical community for many years would be the recipients of an award that is named after two former Sault residents who were also involved in the Sault and LSSU medical community. Rachael McCoy and Peter Scornaiencki, both doctors of chiropractic and certified chiropractic sports physicians, are the recipients of this year's Dr. Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award.



Staunch supporters of LSSU, they sponsor a \$100 award for the best biology senior thesis poster each year, while Rachel has helped seniors with research projects and Peter is an adjunct instructor on campus. They are both very active supporters of Laker hockey.

Rachel is a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., who attended LSSU for three years and then was accepted into Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minnesota. It was there she met Peter, or “Dr. Pete,” as he is known around town these days. They graduated, were married, and decided to put down roots in the Sault, where they established Bordertown Chiropractic, a successful business that promotes healthy living.

From the beginning, they have been active in the community and supportive of LSSU. They have donated funds both personally and through their business, and also have donated equipment. Both are involved with the Upper Peninsula Horseman's Association, Hospice of the Eastern U.P. and Rotary. In addition, Peter is a former trustee with the Chippewa County Community Foundation and coaches youth hockey.

Their clinic was chosen for a United Way Business Neighbor Award in 2010, and the 2012 F.M. “Bud” Mansfield Business of the Year Award in 2012.

“When looking for a location to call home, we searched for an area that would be close to our families, along with a center of higher learning,” said Peter. “Sault Ste. Marie fit the bill. LSSU is a special place with us. In addition to Rachael attending LSSU, her mother graduated with a social sciences degree as a non-traditional student. LSSU is vital to the city and surrounding area and has provided us with a center of knowledge and many activities to enhance life in the north.”

Having LSSU here has also allowed Peter to teach, while Rachael has been known to take a few classes that she was never able to fit into her schedule when she was attending years ago.

“Our kids have been raised on the campus of LSSU,” said Rachael. “They’ve enjoyed many of the summer camps and feel very much at home here. We have enjoyed the energy that is brought to the city by the students each year and have loved following the sports teams. Since we have a sports chiropractic specialty, we have really enjoyed treating and working with the many Laker athletes for the past 10 years.”

The Finlayson Award is presented to friends of the university in recognition of contributions to their profession and/or community, and for advocacy of LSSU through their time and/or resources.