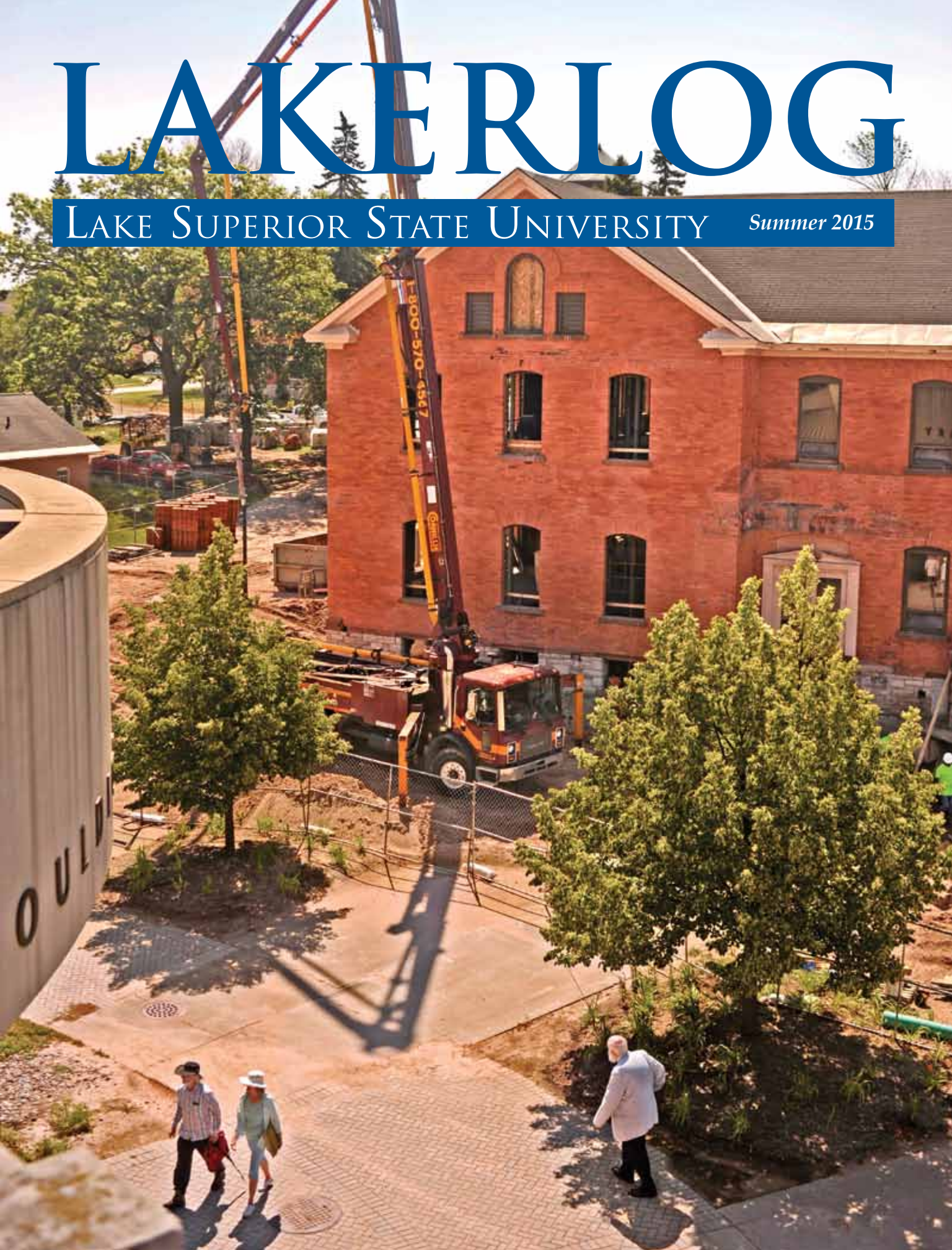


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MISSION STATEMENT - Our principal mission at Lake Superior State University is to help students develop to their full potential. We do this by providing high-quality, academically rigorous programs in an engaged, personal and supportive environment. This combination nurtures potential and sets students on paths to rewarding careers and productive, satisfying lives. We also serve the regional, national and global communities by contributing to the growth, dissemination and application of knowledge.

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Around the World



LOG IN THE WATER – Students in LSSU biology professor Tom Allan’s Tropical Ecology course made it into the water again with their copy of the Laker Log. The students were snorkeling off Cano Island in Costa Rica.

ON THE COVER – Prof. James Moody strolls between Shouldice Library and South Hall as construction continues on the building. The renovated Fort Brady barracks will become R.W. Considine Hall in about one year.

From the President

Teresa and I have been enjoying an incredible adventure since we moved to LSSU and Sault Ste. Marie a little over a year ago. We are proud to be members of the Laker family.

Much has happened in the past year. We have made significant progress in improving our facilities. The renovations to transform South Hall into the future R.W. Consideine Hall are under way, and we are moving forward with planning and eventual fundraising for the new LSSU Center for Freshwater Research and Education (formerly the aquatic research laboratory). In addition, we are actively raising funds for a new simulation healthcare education facility, which will be a signature building on Easterday Avenue, and we have just contracted for a campus facilities master plan. The plan will include our facilities vision for the next 20 years and will be broken down into phases to help place future building sites on campus, examine our current facilities use, prioritize updates, and help us better connect our transportation corridors to the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

LSSU is also making progress to increase our visibility and attract new students. We launched our One-Rate-at-Lake State initiative last fall to attract out of state students, and we can use your assistance with that effort. Please help spread the word that non-resident students living anywhere in North America now pay the same tuition as our Michigan resident students.



Every Friday - wear your blue and gold, wherever you are!

We signed articulation agreements with two-year colleges in Wisconsin, Michigan and Ontario, and we are increasing our marketing and advertising in these areas, with a focus on marketing our academic opportunities in the context of our setting in the heart of the beautiful upper Great Lakes.

In addition, we're opening the doors to non-traditional students and helping those who want to come back to college to finish a degree, change careers, or explore new interests. We held an open house for non-traditional students in July.

We're making improvements internally, also. We have combined two vice president positions -- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management -- to focus on collaboratively recruiting and retaining students. (See the story on our new vice president Matt Jurvelin in this issue.) We are also working to consolidate the academic colleges and schools to better communicate, collaborate, and enhance our ability to serve students.

LSSU is continuing to fully implement a system of shared governance where faculty, staff, and students have a voice in decision-making on campus. Shared governance truly is about creating a community of learners and scholars who share in shaping the vision and future of our institution.

Above all, we are focusing on excellence in our academic programs, our research and scholarship efforts, and in student success and support. We believe that LSSU is truly the most personal public university in the Great Lakes and we want our student support and development opportunities to stand out.

As we look to the future, we have challenges, and we need your help as alumni. We seek to improve our visibility and get the word out about Lake State to even more students. You can help us by talking about your experiences at LSSU with friends, family, and your community, or by bringing a potential student to campus. We would be happy to arrange for a personal tour for



President Tom Pleger signing spring semester diplomas.

any prospective students that you send our way. You can also help by supporting LSSU with a gift, either to a specific project, scholarship, the Fund for LSSU, or as an undesignated contribution.

We greatly appreciate your support. Together, we will ensure a great future for LSSU!

Go, Lakers!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Thomas G. Pleger'.



Sam Gilbert

Dr. Charles Schmidt and Dr. Thomas Pleger

Dr. David Wilson

LSSU adds more than 500 to the alumni ranks

Over the years, many speakers have told LSSU graduates how education has the potential to change their lives. But perhaps none of those speakers could demonstrate that transformation as clearly as Dr. David Wilson did for LSSU graduates at their commencement ceremony on May 2.

Wilson, who is president of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, went from a shack with no electricity or plumbing in rural Alabama to Tuskegee University, where he earned degrees in political science and education. Later, he earned a master's degree in educational planning, and a doctorate in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard.

When he decided he wanted to go to college, Wilson said his father told him, "College is for white people." But five years later, Wilson's father

sent him out the door to Tuskegee by handing him a five dollar bill and telling him to "use it well." Wilson said that five dollar bill and his parents' investment in him were the greatest gifts he ever received.

The ceremony also included the formal installment of Dr. Thomas Pleger as LSSU's eighth president, as well as presentation of an honorary doctorate to Charles (Chuck) Schmidt, Rochester Hills, and remarks from Sault Ste. Marie business graduate Sam Gilbert.

Pleger, who came to LSSU from University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County, said he has enjoyed his first year as president and looks forward to the institution's future.

"I am truly humbled and honored to serve as the eighth president of Lake Superior State University," he said. "When my

wife Teresa and I moved to Sault Ste. Marie from Wisconsin last June, we found a unique and special university community. Although we have challenges, our future looks bright. We have over 30,000 alumni and will add over 500 to the ranks today as we celebrate their success. They will go on to become leaders in their communities and, as alumni, will play an important part in shaping the future of Lake State."

Read much more and see graduation photos at lssu.edu.

Biology professor John Roesse receives Distinguished Teaching Award

Dr. John Roesse may not lead a wild life, but he knows a lot about wildlife and does an exceptional job of helping his students learn about it. In recognition of his superior skills in the classroom, the longtime biology professor was chosen to receive the Distinguished Teaching Award during LSSU's commencement ceremony on May 2.

A committee of five of the most recent recipients of the award and graduating students with the highest grade point averages in their schools chose Roesse based on nominations submitted by students, co-workers, and alumni. The award recipient is kept secret until it is announced at graduation.

"Recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award are members of the faculty who exemplify the best of LSSU," said LSSU Provost Morrie Walworth. "They demonstrate command of their subject matter, explain difficult concepts clearly, utilize creative and innovative methods to engage students, generate excitement and enthusiasm for their subjects, maintain challenging learning standards, inspire their students, and serve as a role model.

"This year's recipient has been recognized by students as someone who is passionate about teaching, dedicated to the students, strict and tough, but fair, and wholeheartedly concerned about student learning," Walworth continued. "His lectures are said to be, not only interesting and extremely well organized, but

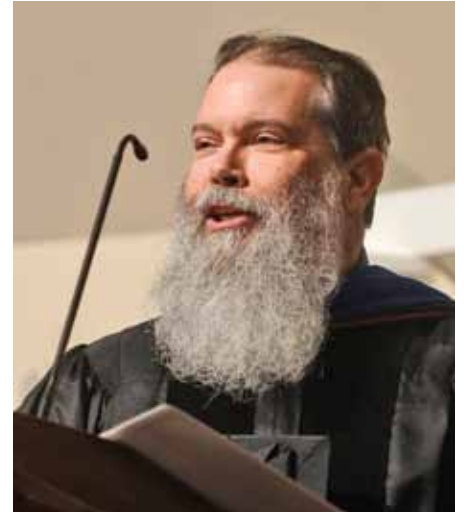
filled with personal and practical advice. Students say that he loves math and applies it in a meaningful way within his lectures and labs.

Those who nominated Roesse for the award noted that his passion, knowledge and experience have enabled his students to gain appreciation for subject matters in which they may originally have held no interest. They also said he has an exceptional ability to have a lasting impact on the lives of his students because he cares about them, is always approachable and shows them how to find answers for themselves. Words used to describe him include "passionate, dedicated, respected, and inspirational."

In addition to running a tight ship in the classroom, Roesse is known for his contagious enthusiasm and sense of humor. He is also known for his preference to teach morning classes, a pleasure not always shared by his students.

"Wow...I need to thank some people, starting with my wife. This is all for you," he said upon accepting the award. "I also want to thank those who gave me this opportunity, my current colleagues for putting up with me for so many years, and my colleagues of fewer years, for reminding me of how much energy I used to have. I also must thank my parents and family, and of course the students, especially my students."

Roesse, a certified wildlife biologist, was hired to teach at LSSU in 1990, shortly after he earned a doctorate from Texas A&M



Dr. John Roesse

University. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

He is the principal advisor for LSSU students majoring in wildlife management, and also advises students who select fisheries management or the combined fisheries and wildlife management degree option. He teaches quantitative biology, mammalogy, wildlife management, vertebrate anatomy, vertebrate embryology, animal nutrition and wildlife ecology. In addition to his teaching and advising responsibilities, he serves on the LSSU Curriculum Committee and is chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Roesse and his wife Lisa live in Sault Ste. Marie.



LOG
Around the World

LOG IN CHINA -- Mark Laleman '86 stopped for a quick photo during one of his many work-related trips to Guangdong, China. Mark is a field supervisor for Complete Automation in Lake Orion. During the trip when this photo was taken, he was installing automated paint lines for a manufacturer in East Beijing.

Jurvelin hired as VP of enrollment management and student affairs

Matt Jurvelin, former assistant campus dean for student affairs at University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County, has been hired as LSSU's vice president for enrollment management and student affairs.

Jurvelin started July 27 in the job, which combines two VP positions. He succeeds Bill Eilola, former VP of enrollment services, who took a position in Ohio earlier this year, and Dr. Ken Peress, current VP of student affairs, who will be working with Jurvelin until he retires later this year.

"We are pleased to have Matt join the LSSU team," said LSSU President Tom Pleger, who worked with Jurvelin in Wisconsin. "He has an extensive background in student affairs and enrollment management. Having worked with him, I know he brings a valuable set of skills to help strengthen our student recruitment, retention, and support efforts. Matt also is good at building teams and communicating, and I know he will work to unite the student affairs and enrollment areas of the campus to better serve the institution and our students."

Jurvelin will be the chief student affairs officer responsible for development, assessment

and improvement of the campus environment and student programs and services, and will be responsible for leading and coordinating enrollment management and student retention efforts.

Jurvelin has worked at institutions in the University of Wisconsin system for more than 15 years. In his most recent position, he was in charge of admissions and enrollment management, including the areas of financial aid, registrar and institutional research. Previously, he was registrar and director of admissions for the University of Wisconsin Colleges, and held positions at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

"I'm looking forward to working with my new LSSU team," said Jurvelin. "An LSSU education helps students find success that will bring benefit not only to those students, but to the many communities in which they will serve."

"You want to see students succeed," Jurvelin told the Sault Evening News upon his hire. "That's why we're in this line of work."

Jurvelin is no stranger to the Eastern Upper Peninsula. He and his



Matt Jurvelin

wife, Jackie, spent their honeymoon on Mackinac Island. He said the two of them are eager to introduce their three children – Will, 13, Gabby, 10, and Frankie, 8 -- to the area.

Jurvelin holds a master's degree in education from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a bachelor's degree in history and political science, also from the La Crosse campus.

Before beginning his career in higher education, he also worked in community positions with the City of La Crosse, Wisc. and with the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce.

Library to get louder with new director

The new director of the Kenneth Shouldice Library says he is known as "the loudest librarian," and it's a title that he is proud to wear.

"It's probably true," says Marc Boucher, who started his new position in May, succeeding longtime director Dr. Fred Michels, who retired in 2011. "I'm not all about quiet libraries...They should be vibrant, active, full of group discussions. We want to engage the campus community, and that fully includes the public."

Boucher brings about 20 years of experience in the field, having started



Marc Boucher

as a reference librarian in 1996 at Salina Public Library in Salina, Kansas, shortly after graduating from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with master's degrees in history and library science. He came to LSSU from University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County, where he was library director. In between, he worked in libraries at Nicolet College in Rhinelander, Wisc., UW-Washington County in West Bend, Wisc., and Ripon College in Ripon, Wisc.

Getting settled into his job over the summer, Boucher said he has been getting to know the staff and is

making plans for the fall, when most students return.

"I've made contact with Bayliss Public Library and we're interested in pursuing some joint projects," he said. "There are lots of things in the works. We have a great staff who can work together to help build campus enrollment and retention."

Outside of work, Marc and his wife, Meg, enjoy music, hiking, biking and boating. Marc coaches and plays hockey with their son, Henry, 8. He also enjoys working on antique boats and motors.

In addition to his degrees in history and library science from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Boucher holds an associate's degree in computer networking.

Find out more about the Shouldice Library at lssu.edu/library.

Kellerman, Killips chosen as employees of the year

LSSU employees and students chose staffers Jerry Killips and Jackie Kellerman as employees of the year from 19 nominees during the university's annual Retirement and Service Awards banquet in April. The program included recognition for LSSU retirees and employees who have logged more than 10 years of service.

Kellerman, the administrative/professional-class recipient, is assistant director of financial aid in the Fletcher Center. Her career began as a sales clerk in 1988 in the old South Hall bookstore. In 1995, she became a special clerk in Financial Aid and was promoted in 1999.

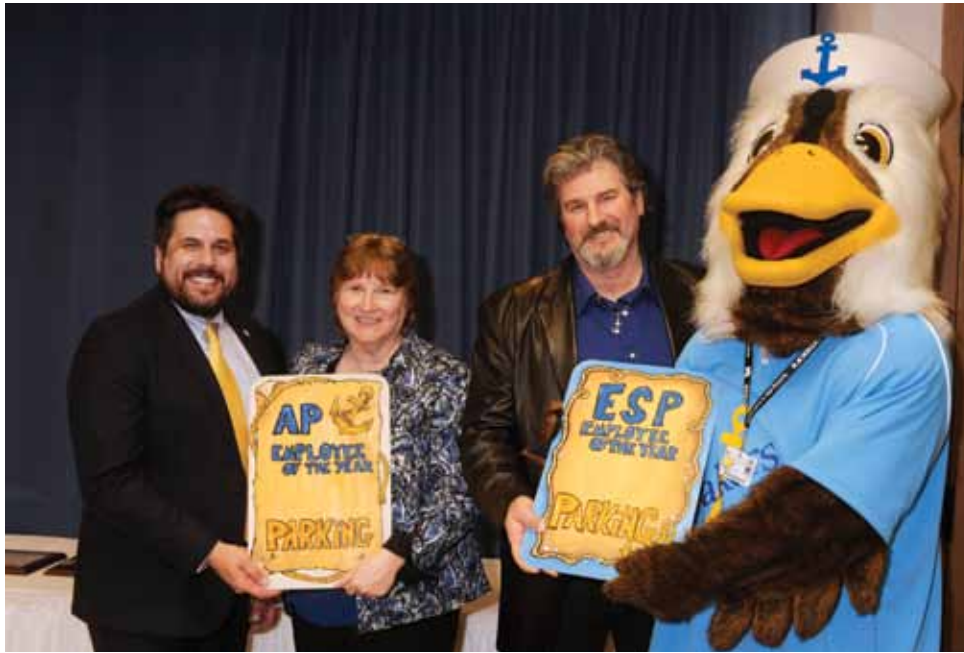
"Jackie is the quintessential team player," said Deborah Faust, LSSU's financial aid director. "She is always willing to share the workload and help others, and will go the extra mile for everyone. She is one of those people who you always want to have on your team, because you know that she can be counted on."

Support staff recipient Jerry Killips started at LSSU in 2006 as temporary custodial help. Before the year was over, he was hired on as a building attendant. In August 2010, he was promoted to structural mechanic, where he soon became known for his craftsmanship around campus, including the fireplaces in the Walker Cisler Center Galley and Brady Hall, the custom bookshelf in the president's office, and much more.

"If you need something built, and built right, call Jerry. His quality handiwork is visible all around campus," said Steve Gregory, director of LSSU's Physical Plant. "Jerry is a talented craftsman and makes many things the university could not afford otherwise. He goes above and beyond what has been expected of his position."

The evening also recognized five longtime employees who are retiring from LSSU.

John Burdett was hired in 1996 as an information technology specialist. He facilitated a student help desk in the Learning Center that allowed students to bring laptops, i-clickers, and any other electronic device for which they needed assistance. Burdett was the drummer and one of



UNIVERSITY'S BEST - LSSU President Tom Pleger and mascot Seamore hand-off portable, personalized reserved parking spots to Jackie Kellerman and Jerry Killips in honor of them being chosen as LSSU employees of the year. The awards were presented during the university's annual Retirement and Service Awards banquet on April 8 in Sault Ste. Marie. Any LSSU employee or student may nominate employees for the awards. Nineteen employees were nominated this year. Kellerman, the administrative/professional class recipient, is assistant director of Financial Aid. Support staff recipient Jerry Killips is a structural mechanic in LSSU's Physical Plant.

the original members of The Royal Guardsmen, a band known for, among other songs, "Snoopy vs. The Red Baron."

Jeff Oja started in 1984 as a printing production technician in Graphics. He later became a building attendant in the Walker Cisler Center, a position from which he retired this spring.

Jim Smith started in 1988 as an on-call pool attendant. In 1989, he was hired to fill a vacant position as a building attendant, a position he held until his retirement. Over the years, Jim was very active as a union representative and was nominated for the Employee of the Year Award in 2000 and 2003.

Luanne Webb started in 1999 as a special clerk in the Financial Aid office. She received nominations for the employee of the year many times - 2002, 2008, and 2009, finally landing the award in 2013.

Carol Kellis was hired in 1983 as a temporary employee who eventually become a building

attendant in 1985 when a vacancy opened. In 1999, she was nominated to be employee of the year. She retired June 1.

The program also honored LSSU employees with 10, 20, and 30 years of service.

Read more and check out a slide show at lssu.edu by searching for "retirement and service awards."

Lake State After Hours

First Thursday of every month
at various local venues.
Check out our next location at
alumni.lssu.edu/events

Scholarship established for alumna's love of nursing

The university and the LSSU Foundation are pleased to announce a scholarship that will carry on a special legacy in providing financial assistance to students who exemplify a passion for nursing.

The Bonnie Crabb-Tremblay Memorial Nursing Scholarship is named after LSSU nursing alumna Bonnie Crabb-Tremblay, who died in March 2015 after battling cancer. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to a junior or senior in the LSSU bachelor of science in nursing program. Selection will be made on the recommendation of the nursing faculty, based on the student who best exemplifies the dedication and compassion of the nursing field, much like Bonnie herself, who was known as a "people person" and truly defined the nursing profession. The student must also carry at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Bonnie was born in Escanaba and graduated from North Central High School in Powers, Mich., in 1972. She continued her education, receiving degrees in both nursing and psychology from Lake Superior State College in 1976.

Her passion in life was nursing, and after a career in several different nursing specialties, she coined the phrase, "Hey, I'm just the Old Nurse!" During her career, she worked in many areas of nursing while focusing on providing the best compassionate care for everyone she met.

"In our small community, it affects us all when we lose someone like Bonnie," said Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation. "I feel so fortunate that both of our families grew up together. The challenge is now on all of us to keep alive the spirit of such a caring and charismatic person. She is truly missed."

"Mom absolutely loved being a nurse," said Bonnie's son Blake Crabb. "She took great pride in garnering multiple specialties that enabled her to give patients exceptional care. She treated with her heart first and her hands second. She also loved teaching new nurses, making them feel important and empowered. Her patients meant the world to her and as a kid I remember her taking calls at all hours of the night. She never stopped being a nurse!"

Blake said that in the months before his mom died, his family discussed the scholarship with her.

"She told me, 'Blake, make sure this isn't all about me. It has to be providing nursing students with an opportunity to succeed. We need more great nurses that truly care and will put their patients first.'"

"Scholarship recipients will be the future nurses of our ever-changing and evolving health care system," Blake said.

"I believe wholeheartedly that nurses are the backbone of healthcare," he said. "Our family excitedly



FOR HER FACETS OF NURSING –President Tom Pleger, center, signs documents with Brooke and Blake Crabb that establish the Bonnie Crabb-Tremblay Memorial Nursing Scholarship, in memory and honor of their mother. Crabb-Tremblay, who received degrees in both nursing and psychology in 1976, had a career that spanned specialties such as emergency medicine, geriatrics, psychology, dialysis, home health and hospice, and air medical transport. She died in March 2015 after a battle with cancer.



Bonnie Crabb-Tremblay

looks forward to perpetually supporting nursing education at LSSU in her honor. Cheers to Mom and the future nurses she will inspire!"

Blake's sister, Brooke, agreed that her mother put her heart and soul into her life's work.

"To my mom, nursing wasn't just her profession; it was her life, love, and passion," she said. "She loved her patients, and she loved being able to help them no matter what the circumstance was. She went above and beyond with her work, and always worked with her heart. Her job never seemed to be done!"

"Education was incredibly important to her," Brooke continued. "She always wanted to learn new things and become qualified in different medical specialties so she could treat and teach more people. Mom loved to educate new nurses and give them confidence to take on the nursing profession and its many challenges. She always said, 'This isn't going to be easy, by any means, but I promise you that it will be worth it!'"

"Our family is happy and proud to support nursing education at LSSU. I know this is the absolute best way to honor her and the nursing profession that she loved so much. We wish nothing but the best to all future LSSU nurses! I hope my mom can continue to inspire and motivate them for years to come."

For more information on how you can support the Bonnie Crabb-Tremblay Memorial Nursing Scholarship, please contact the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665 or foundation@lssu.edu. Those who wish to make a gift may also visit lssu.edu/give.

Fund for LSSU is one of university's pillars of success

The LSSU Foundation's Fund for LSSU continues to provide LSSU students with valuable assistance, while also giving donors a satisfying program that lets them see immediate results.

Funded by gifts to the annual fundraising program, the Fund for LSSU supports student-focused projects through a grant application process. Proposals are reviewed to see how they fit the criteria of the fund's four pillars: philanthropy, infrastructure, enrollment, and student professional development.

"Unrestricted support of the university to initiatives such as the Fund for LSSU produces an immediate impact, bringing donors great fulfillment as they see their contributions at work," said Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation.

Following the successful 2014 implementation of a new grants program, the LSSU Foundation asked the LSSU community for submissions to the Fund for LSSU grants cycle this year, and the community responded.

Twenty applications were received and reviewed for projects that ranged from Upper Peninsula conservation studies, to a community baby shower, to advancing aquaculture, with many



These 19 LSSU psychology students attended the Michigan Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference in 2015 with assistance from the Fund for LSSU. The students each presented their capstone research projects to their peers from institutions throughout Michigan.

requests to assist student travel and presentations at conferences and symposiums. Foundation staff and members of its board of directors reviewed the applications and selected 12 of the applications for partial- or full-funding.

Does the Fund for LSSU sound like something you would enjoy supporting? Visit lssu.edu/give to give online or call the LSSU

Foundation at 906-635-2665.

To read more about all of the projects that were funded, please visit lssu.edu/foundation/fund.



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Legacy Wall

The LSSU Alumni Association is pleased to offer you a unique opportunity to add your name to the distinguished group of names already adorning the beautiful foyer of the Kenneth J. Shouldice Library. A \$200 gift will reserve a specially designed brick etched with your name, that of a loved one, favorite faculty/staff member or campus organization on the Legacy Wall.

Your tax deductible donation will join with others to create the Superior Legacy Alumni Fund, which finances special projects for LSSU students and alumni.

For more information or to reserve your brick, contact the Alumni office at alumnirelations@lssu.edu; call 906-635-6219; or visit alumni.lssu.edu/legacy.

Golden Graduate Society launches scholarship fund



GIFT FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS – LSSU President Tom Pleger witnesses the creation of the Golden Graduate Society Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance to students majoring full-time in any course of study at LSSU. Signing is Art Disbrow '53, Troy, Ohio, who is spearheading the fund's launch. The signing took place at a reception hosted by the LSSU Alumni Association the night before commencement in Lukenda Alumni House on May 1. The Golden Graduate Society is open to any alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago. A majority of its members attended Lake State when it was the Sault Branch of the Michigan College of Mining and Technological/Michigan Technological University between 1946-65.

Alumni who go back almost 70 years have created a scholarship to help Lake State students of today. The Golden Graduate Society Scholarship will provide financial assistance to students majoring full-time in any course of study at LSSU.

The Golden Graduate Society is open to any alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago. A majority of its members attended Lake State when it was the Sault Branch of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology/Michigan Technological

University between 1946-1965. However, this year marks the first time Lake Superior State College graduates can officially join the society. Sault Branch was granted autonomy from Michigan Tech to become LSSC in 1965. The society was launched in 1999.

Each year, a new face or two gets added to its growing roster. First-timers get a commemorative medallion embossed with an official LSSU seal and engraved with the words, Sault Branch. Because there

are no true graduating classes dating back to LSSU's early days — Houghton was the main campus and the branch didn't issue degrees — an inductee's graduation year becomes the last year enrolled at the Sault campus.

The induction ceremony takes place during an honors breakfast on graduation day, after which the Sault-Branchers lead the traditional processional march into commencement ceremonies.

Golden Grads are also guests of honor at a reception hosted by the LSSU Alumni Association the night before commencement in Lukenda Alumni House, which is where documents launching the Golden Graduate Society Scholarship were signed on May 1.

"I am extremely proud to be an alumnus of the Soo Branch of Michigan Tech," said Art Disbrow, a 1953 graduate from Troy, Ohio, who is spearheading the fund's creation. "Now it is time to give back by supporting the Golden Grad Scholarship fund so that other young students can enjoy the same opportunities we were offered."

Once the fund reaches \$25,000, an award will be made each fall. Until then, Disbrow issues a challenge to fellow Golden Graduates, or anyone for that matter, who wants to help fund the scholarship.

"Michigan Tech was suggested by my high school chemistry and physics teacher, who I highly respected," said Disbrow. "His advice, combined with a small scholarship that helped with my expenses, led to one of the best decisions I've ever made. Please join me in being a founding contributor to this fund so we can leave an appropriate legacy."

Run a Web search on "LSSU foundation giving" to make a contribution to the Golden Graduate Society Scholarship fund; type the name under the "other gift designation" category.

Health care professionals, students to benefit from proposed Simulation Education Center

By Phil Wenzel
Sault Evening News

LSSU is raising funds for a new simulation education facility to benefit health care students on campus and medical professionals in the community.

The new LSSU Superior Simulation and Innovation Center would be constructed along Easterday Avenue, and could be operating as soon as January 2017.

According to Ron Hutchins, dean of LSSU's School of Nursing, simulation education seeks to place participants in life-like situations designed to give them a sense of "realism." He said the simulation should help them understand what to expect in an actual emergency.

"The idea is to allow students to develop both confidence in providing services and competence in doing a good job," Hutchins said.

The simulation often uses actors or mannequins to emulate the real-life scenarios. They also use high-fidelity simulators, which are high-tech, human-like mechanical devices, as well as equipment that allows medical information to be communicated from remote areas.

"These highly sophisticated mannequins can sweat, they can bleed, they can do all kinds of nifty things," Hutchins said of the simulators. "We can hear their hearts, lungs, basically anything a person can do."

Prof. Jodi Orm, LSSU's simulation education director, said the practice has been in use by universities around the country for about 10 years, but it really blossomed over the last five.

"Every nursing or medical school or health care profession program in the country uses simulation," Orm said.

Currently, LSSU students and others in the health care community are being educated with simulation



Rendering of LSSU's Simulation Education Center.

at a facility in Sault Ste. Marie's SmartZone. The new facility would feature a realistic intensive care unit, operating room, trauma room and emergency room.

Hutchins said the new facility could make LSSU's program unique by offering a building that is shared by both students and health care professionals. It would be developed especially for clinical placement, which could also help the local community because many LSSU graduates decide to work in the Sault Ste. Marie area, he said.

Fundraising for the proposed Easterday facility has been under way for about a year. Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation, said some important gifts have already been received and add that if support continues to build, organizers hope to have 40-60 percent of the funding secured by the end of summer.

Coates called the campaign "a unique opportunity in our fundraising history at Lake State... It's a unique, special project with a real focus on training people how to save lives in the Eastern U.P. and the Northern Lower Peninsula."

Organizers are reaching out to the community through presentations and simulation education demonstrations. The project was presented June 1 to the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission, at which time a Resolution of Support was issued by the City.

In addition, LSSU hosted an international simulation educator conference in May with Laerdal Medical and Wolters Kluwer, both leaders in state-of-the-art medical patient simulation technology. The conference featured keynote speaker Vickie Slot, principal simulation expert with Spectrum Health Hospitals, who shared her experiences in designing and remodeling 22,000 sq. ft. of space into an education and simulation center for nurses, doctors, and health-care professionals in the greater Grand Rapids, Mich., area, much like what LSSU plans to do.

Orm said she and her colleagues are excited about the potential for their new home. For more information, contact Orm at jorm@lssu.edu or call the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665.



FROM ON HIGH – Site preparation continues on the \$13.5 million project that will turn South Hall into R.W. Consideine Hall. This aerial perspective looks west over the building’s south entrance, which will house a cafe and student commons. Crews are installing water and sewer lines, as well as dumping backfill and improving basement foundations before installing structural steel. The 44,000-square-foot building will house LSSU’s Lukenda School of Business when it opens for classes in fall 2016. Run a Web search on “LSSU Consideine” for more about the project. Look for two aerial tours - search “LSSU Consideine drone” - on YouTube taken June 24. A search for “ustream Consideine renovation” lands on live construction site video.



ANOTHER LAKER JOINS THE WINGS — The Blashill Family poses in Detroit as Jeff, far left, becomes the new head coach of the Detroit Red Wings. Jeff is the son of LSSU Professor Emeritus Jim Blashill, far right, who taught criminal justice for many years. Between father and son are Jeff’s wife, Erica, their three children, Josie, Teddy and Owen, and Jeff’s mother/Jim’s wife Rosemary. Jeff, who grew up playing hockey on campus when the family lived there, is the 27th head coach in Red Wings franchise history, and the first who was born in the U.S. His days playing hockey in the parking lot on campus led to his playing goalie for Ferris State, and then coaching jobs at Miami of Ohio and Western Michigan University before he moved on to the Red Wings as an assistant and the Grand Rapids Griffons as head coach. (Photos courtesy Detroit Red Wings and Blashill family.)

LAKERS SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN ALL-AMERICA QUEST

Justin Dieck's national championship in the shot put and Robert Valdez's runner-up finish in the high jump are the culmination of two distinctly different exploits that became intertwined by the encouragement that the two athletes provided for each other.

Valdez, a junior from McAllen, Texas, earned his second All-America honor during the March 14-15 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Ala. Dieck, a junior from Swartz Creek, Mich., won a national title during his first national meet appearance. He entered the meet hoping to crack the top eight and become an All-American. He dominated the shot put from start to finish.

"I was really nervous," Dieck said. "It was my first nationals. Going into it I didn't know what to expect. It was such a big meet."

Dieck was the first thrower and he set the pace with a personal-record distance of 17.58 meters.

"My first throw was a big throw," Dieck said. "Rob said, 'Man, you made the podium right there.'"

Valdez, who had competed the previous day, tried to help Dieck relax, but that wasn't really possible. Dieck bettered his PR by throwing 17.67 meters (57-11 3/4) on his fifth attempt. He had the meet won by his sixth attempt.

"I was glad Rob was there," Dieck said. "For the bigger meets, we don't get to take the whole team with us. We feed off each other and motivate each other. I always get jacked watching him jump. In the GLIAC meets, I'd watch Rob jump, then I'd go throw."

Valdez cleared a school-record height of 2.21 meters (7-3) on his third attempt during the fourth



Justin Dieck



Robert Valdez

round of the high jump on March 14. Isaac Jean-Paul of Lewis won the event by clearing 7-3 on his second attempt.

Valdez and Jean-Paul would have finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in Division I.

"I was really nervous I guess, even though I knew what to expect," Valdez said. "I knew the competition. It motivated me a lot, knowing that I had another teammate there...It was an awesome competition. A lot of fun, that's for sure. I wanted to do it big so Justin could watch me and get fired up."

Valdez began the indoor season with a PR of 6-11. He set new PRs several times.

"Roberto has found his success at LSSU by being patient with the process," LSSU coach Jason Davis said. "He has developed tremendously in the last year or so into one of the best jumpers in the nation, including all divisions and national class jumpers."

"I felt I was the cleanest jumper that day," said Valdez, who was ranked third prior to the national meet. "That guy just got me on that last bar."

"Roberto is never satisfied with his accomplishments," Davis said. "He always wants more. This is a great thing in an athlete. He has big goals and knows what it takes

to achieve them. It is very rare to have someone on your team with the competitive drive Roberto has. This leads him to push the limits physically and make great leaps in training and competition."

Dieck was ranked fifth nationally after the GLIAC Championships and dropped to eighth just before the NCAA meet.

"Justin has worked hard his entire career at LSSU,"

Davis said. "This national title is the culmination of that. I have rarely met someone who wants to win as much as Justin does. His success will certainly spark the interest of throwers in the region and nation."

Dieck is a former prep football player and all-state thrower who came to LSSU in 2012-13 after staying at home his first year after high school. Once he began training at LSSU, he found out quickly that GLIAC competition is the best in the nation. This year, five of the top 10 throwers in the nation represent the conference.

Valdez gave up football to focus on track and field when he was a high school junior. He had participated in track and field since grade school and idolized a high jumper that played for his father's football team. Telling his father he didn't want to play football was the hardest thing he's ever done.

Both athletes hope their success elevates LSSU's track and field identity.

"The track program hasn't always been known, but we're representing Lake Superior State. Hard work pays off no matter where you're at. If you want to win, if you want to get better, you will."

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HETTINGA IS MIDWEST COACH OF THE YEAR



Coach Steve Hettinga

Laker men's basketball coach Steve Hettinga was named Midwest Region Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

In his eighth season at LSSU, Hettinga led the Lakers to a 26-7 record and their second straight NCAA Tournament appearance. He was also named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2014 and 2015 after leading his squad to back-to-back GLIAC regular-season titles. The Lakers were 18-4 in league play in 2014-2015.

Hettinga is 143-92 with three 20-win seasons and three NCAA tournament appearances during his career with the Lakers. No LSSU men's basketball team has posted more wins over a two-year period. He has a head coaching record of 238-199 over 15 seasons.

This year's squad was led by All-GLIAC First Team honorees Alex Williams and Tony Harris, who were both seniors. The Lakers led the GLIAC in scoring defense throughout the season. They allowed only 64.5 points per game, which ranked 22nd nationally.

The Lakers were also ranked 22nd in the season's final NABC Division II Poll.

FAMILY LAKER TRADITION CONTINUES



Kirsten Malpass signs a letter of intent to play tennis at LSSU. Her mother Brenda Malpass is on her right and father Tad Malpass is on her left. Behind them are East Jordan girls' tennis coach Gretchen Bender and Bay Tennis and Fitness tennis professional Chris Wagner (Photo courtesy Petoskey News-Review)

The university's close ties with East Jordan, Mich., and the Malpass family were strengthened when East Jordan High School graduate Kirsten Malpass signed a national letter of intent to play tennis at LSSU.

Kirsten's father, Tad Malpass '82, was a tennis player at Lake State and was later appointed coach by LSSU Athletic Director Bud Cooper. He received LSSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2013.

The family history doesn't end there, as Kirsten's uncle, Tracy Malpass, graduated in 1977 and is the executive vice President of EJ (formerly East Jordan Iron Works) where many Laker alumni hold positions.

Kirsten is eager to start her career at LSSU. "I grew up going there, so I've always dreamed about it and it's where I feel comfortable."

Follow Laker tennis and other LSSU sports at Issulakers.com.

FORMER UAF HALL-OF-FAMER NAMED VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH

For most new head coaches at LSSU, the challenge of selling a prospect on the upside of living in a small, sports-minded northern Michigan community with long winters can be overwhelming. For our new head volleyball coach, Mallory Larranaga, it's routine.

Through hockey -- namely the Alaska Gold Kings semi-pro team and the original Soo Indians Junior A hockey program -- Sault Ste. Marie and Fairbanks, Alaska, have enjoyed a 40-year connection. Another link was added with the appointment of Larranaga to LSSU's staff. The Oregon native set several attacking records at UAF from 2001-05 and coached the Nanooks for four years, serving as head coach during the past two seasons.

Larranaga replaces Jennifer Constantino, who resigned as head coach to become LSSU's full-time NCAA compliance and Title IX officer.

"The number one thing for me is being in a place where community is such an important thing," Larranaga said. "This is a great place to have a successful team. It's in a community that wants to support Lake State athletics."

Larranaga holds Great Northwest Athletic Conference records for most kills in a three-



Mallory Larranaga

set match (27), single-season kills per set (4.91), single-season points per set (5.58) and most career (21) and single-season (11) matches with 20 or more kills. She ranks fifth in GNAC career kills with 1,363 and eighth in average kills per set (3.83). She was a two-time UAF team captain, three-time GNAC All-Academic Team selection, 2004 AVCA and Daktronics all-region honoree, 2004 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention and 2010 inductee into the UAF Sports Hall of Fame.

Larranaga and her husband, Efren, made the trek from Alaska with their three sons, Canyon

(9), Harper (7) and Hudson (3). Efren played hockey for the Soo Indians in the 1990s and is a 2002 graduate of UAF, where he lettered in hockey for four seasons.

Mallory's June visit during the interview process was her second to the Upper Peninsula.

"I like the small-town feel," she said. "I'm used to recruiting athletes who want an adventure... who want to experience 30-below instead of being afraid of it."

Larranaga met a few LSSU players and is excited to meet the rest of her team. When she hits the recruiting trail, she hopes to make the most of LSSU's new "One Rate at Lake State" tuition incentive, which allows students from across North America to attend for resident tuition rates.

Larranaga began a rebuilding process at UAF with a disciplined approach and plans to instill similar systems at LSSU.

"We completely rebuilt the program...I'm really military in terms of training. There is a method to and reason for everything I do. It's going to take a little while with a new group. We're not here to be average. We need to look at ourselves a different way."

Larranaga is the seventh head coach in the 41-year history of LSSU volleyball.

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LSSU, University of Wisconsin Colleges sign transfer agreement

LSSU and the University of Wisconsin Colleges, the 13 liberal arts transfer institutions of the University of Wisconsin System and UW Colleges Online, have signed an agreement to make it easier for UW students to transfer to LSSU.

The move will connect LSSU with 14,000 prospective students, many of whom are planning to transfer to other colleges after completing their first two years of studies.

"We look forward to working with the UW Colleges to accept transfer students, particularly given that we offer programs in high-demand areas such as nursing, engineering, business, fire science, and criminal justice," said LSSU President Tom Pleger. "I also believe our new 'one-rate' tuition program should make us a very attractive option for these students."

LSSU's Board of Trustees approved the university's "One Rate at Lake State" tuition program last fall, allowing non-residents anywhere in North America to pay resident tuition prices at LSSU.



Billboards such as this one are advertising the LSSU-UWC connection.

The agreement, known as the "LSSU-Wisconsin Bridge," will make certain that transfer students graduate with the same outcomes as students who start their studies at LSSU. It went into effect on May 1.

LSSU Provost Morrie Walworth, who worked with UW administration to establish the student pathway, said, "I believe the strong foundation provided by the UWC degree will provide the students with all the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed at LSSU. I hope the LSSU-Wisconsin Bridge is just the first of many

collaborations between LSSU and neighboring states."

Walworth noted that Wisconsin students can also complete a degree in business administration, accounting, criminal justice, early childhood education, liberal studies, and individualized studies, or enter the nursing bachelor of science degree completion program - all at the LSSU Regional Center in Escanaba, just 35 miles from the Wisconsin border.

For more information about the University of Wisconsin Colleges, visit uwc.edu.



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Ian R. Ward *Outstanding Alumnus Award*



Ian R. Ward, a 1976 LSSU business administration/management graduate, has been chosen as the recipient of this year's LSSU Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The East Lansing resident has been a member of the LSSU Foundation's board of directors for more than 12 years, including several years as chair of the finance committee and member of the executive committee, and is a longtime proponent and generous donor.

Ian is senior vice president of investments, operational services and real estate for Auto Owners Insurance Co., one of the largest insurance companies in the nation and the largest in Michigan. He is one of 11 officers in the Lansing office, and he is in charge of managing the financial portfolio for the entire organization and its business operations. He's worked there for 37 years.

In his position, he encourages his company to hire LSSU graduates, brings recruiters to campus, and speaks to classes whenever he has an opportunity.

"The quality of the education I received at LSSU prepared me well for the career that followed,"

Ian said. "In the investment field, I continually interact with individuals with degrees from many larger schools and I feel the small-class environment and common-sense approach at LSSU has served me well.

Ian's Laker connections run deep. He was a successful student-athlete and leader when he was a student, and was part of the 1974 hockey team that was inducted into the LSSU Athletic Hall of Fame. His wife Toni is an alumna, and their son Brad was a student-athlete when he was an LSSU student. The Alumni Association presented him with the Kenneth J. Shouldice Achievement Award in 2000.

"Ian is a humble, successful business leader who is respected by his classmates and fellow board members," said Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation. "We are very fortunate to have someone with his business acumen on the board, and he has been so supportive of LSSU in many

ways. He is an outstanding example for our students to emulate."

Ian encouraged more alumni to get involved on campus.

"I have enjoyed my involvement with the LSSU Foundation," he said. "It has allowed me to stay in touch and give back to the alma mater that has been so good to me and my family. The future of LSSU depends on strong support from alumni, and I encourage all alumni to consider supporting LSSU with your talent, time, and financial resources. For me, it is all about the students and their future, and helping LSSU stay vibrant for years to come."

The LSSU Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award, established in 1968, is the highest honor that the association presents. It recognizes recipients for their personal and professional accomplishments and their involvement with LSSU, highlighting the significant achievements of alumni who serve as leaders in our region, state and nations.

Alumni Awards Banquet

Join us to pay respect to several alumni and friends who are being honored for their service to the university and community at the Alumni Awards Banquet during Great Lake State Weekend, **Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17.**

The awards banquet, a highlight of the weekend, begins at 5 p.m. on Friday in the Walker Cisler Center. Contact the Alumni Relations office at 906-635-2831 for tickets, or check out lssu.edu/glsw.

Prof. Emeritus Raymond R. Chelberg

Lighthouse Award



The late Prof. Emeritus Raymond R. Chelberg, one of the first people to come to the U.S. Army's Fort Brady to help transform it into a college, is being recognized by the LSSU Alumni Association with the Lighthouse Award. The award, given at the discretion of the awards selection committee in recognition of longtime advocacy for the university, has been awarded only once before.

Prof. Chelberg joined the staff of Michigan College of Mining and Technology in 1938 as an instructor

in the department of chemistry and assistant football coach. When the decision was made to open a branch of MCMT in Sault Ste. Marie, he was selected to move from Houghton to the Soo and take charge of the Chemistry Department.

Prof. Chelberg was the third person to report to duty on the new campus, quickly converting it from an Army post to a college campus. He told stories over the years of hacking through overgrown shrubs and vines to get to his assigned university housing unit, painting former barracks walls to turn them into blackboards, and setting up chemistry experiments on boards supported by saw horses.

In addition to teaching, he became involved with athletics at the Sault Branch. He coached football until the program was cut, and was dedicated to promoting and assisting the basketball program. He served as the official timer for all of the home games.

Known for his skill in the classroom as well as his willingness to assist students whenever they needed help, even on weekends, Prof. Chelberg was recognized for his work in 1958 with the first Distinguished Teaching award at the Sault Branch. To this day, his former

students talk about the impact he made on their lives.

Former LSSU President Kenneth Light said of him, "His contributions to this campus and to this college were profound. He was more than a dedicated teacher and department head, but was also a kindly and thoughtful human being who brightened the day of many of us who worked for him."

A native of Minnesota, Prof. Chelberg received his bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., and his master's degree from University of Minnesota. Before he came to MCMT and LSSU, he taught high school science and was athletics director for two high schools in Minnesota, taught chemistry and coached football at Itasca Community College in Coleraine, Minn. and then at Gogebic Junior College in Ironwood.

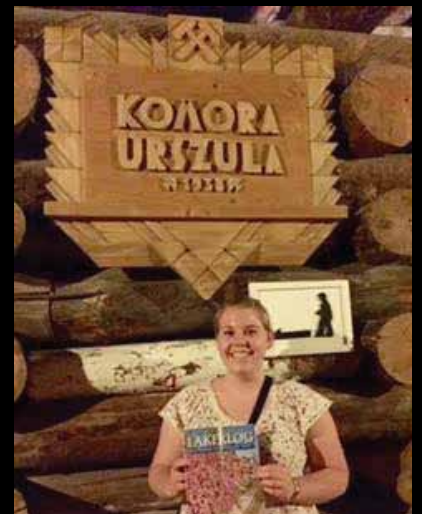
Prof. Chelberg's wife, Marian, taught music appreciation at LSSU. Their son, Lt. General Robert D. Chelberg '58, received the LSSU Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1986.

Prof. Chelberg retired in 1970. Upon his death in 1991, the Chelberg family established the LSSU Outstanding Science Athlete Scholarship in his memory.

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LOG IN POLAND—Victoria Steffke, Trenton, Mich., a senior in the LSSU nursing program, traveled to Krakow for a study abroad trip last year. She's pictured here with her copy of the Laker Log at the Wieliczka salt mine, which is on the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world list of culture and natural heritage sites.



Derrick Bates

Paul Ripley Young Alumnus Award



The LSSU Alumni Association is presenting Derrick Bates with the Paul Ripley Young Alumnus Award for achieving exceptional personal and professional success early in his career. The 2006 environmental science graduate has been singled out for awards in all of the positions he has held since his graduation.

Derrick started his career as the pretreatment coordinator in the wastewater treatment plant with the City of South Bend, Indiana's Dept. of Environmental Services. For nearly four years, he was the government official responsible for

issuing and renewing industrial wastewater discharge permits for dozens of industrial sites in South Bend. Among his duties, he worked with compliance issues for industrial sites, developing schedules and performing on-site inspections.

Following that, he joined McCormick and Company in South Bend as the environmental coordinator and wastewater treatment operator. In this position, he was the team leader responsible for maintaining a safe environmental setting in this fast-paced industry.

Today, he is the advanced health environmental safety and security specialist for KIK Custom Products in Elkhart, Indiana, where he oversees environmental, health, safety and security programs for two manufacturing plants that produce aerosol and liquid fill products with 1000 employees.

Throughout his career, Derrick has been recognized for excellence in his work, most notably during his tenure with McCormick, when he received the C.P. McCormick Award, the highest award that the company bestows on its employees, and the Star-Thrower Award for his efforts in supporting the company's long-term sustainability efforts.

In 2012, he received the Indiana Industrial Wastewater Operator of

the Year Award from the Indiana Industrial Operators Association, in recognition for excellence in leadership and dedication to the betterment of the association and state environmental standards. In 2009, he received the Excellence in Innovation in Government award from South Bend Mayor Steven Luecke for his work in environmental compliance for the city.

Derrick said his success has prompted him to continue to improve his performance in his field.

"My goal is to continue my education and take on new challenges," he said. "I am honored to be recognized by the Alumni Association with the Ripley Award. LSSU gave me the education and skills for the foundation that allowed me to excel in my career field. The professional relationships with professors and ability to work with state-of-the-art equipment as an undergraduate put me ahead of a lot of my peers. I am truly grateful for the hands-on work that went along with the academic instruction to make my career a success."

Derrick holds HAZWOPER OSHA certification, as well as OSHA hazard training for general industry and is a certified and licensed wastewater treatment plant operator.



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LOG IN PUERTO RICO – Kirstyn (Hoorstra) Beaulieu '09 and Robert Beaulieu '01 of Sault Ste. Marie pose with their copy of the Laker Log while vacationing in Puerto Rico, on one of many stops on their seven-day Disney cruise with their daughters, Brynn and Iyla, and several family members.

Jean-Pierre Rasaiah Kenneth Shouldice Achievement Award



The LSSU Alumni Association is presenting Jean-Pierre Rasaiah, president of 4D Systems in Auburn Hills, with its Kenneth J. Shouldice Achievement Award.

Since graduating in 1993 with an automated systems engineering technology degree, JP has been a champion of LSSU's engineering programs and its graduates. Over

the years, he has hired many LSSU graduates and has secured donations of equipment for the LSSU School of Engineering.

Upon graduation, JP worked for nearly 17 years at Applied Manufacturing Technologies in Lake Orion, becoming well-respected in the company and with his peers in the field.

"In just a few years of working in the robotics field, JP became an expert and a 'go-to' person in the area of robotics simulation," said Prof. Jim Devaprasad. "Recognizing this, AMT started its own simulation division and JP was asked to guide it. Under his leadership, AMT pioneered robot simulation in the automotive industry."

While at AMT, JP continued his education, earning a master's degree in systems engineering at Oakland University in 2008. Then, in 2011, he started his own company, 4D Systems, in Auburn Hills, which sells the leading software for digital processing and manufacturing, provides engineering and efficiency consulting services, and more. The company expanded quickly

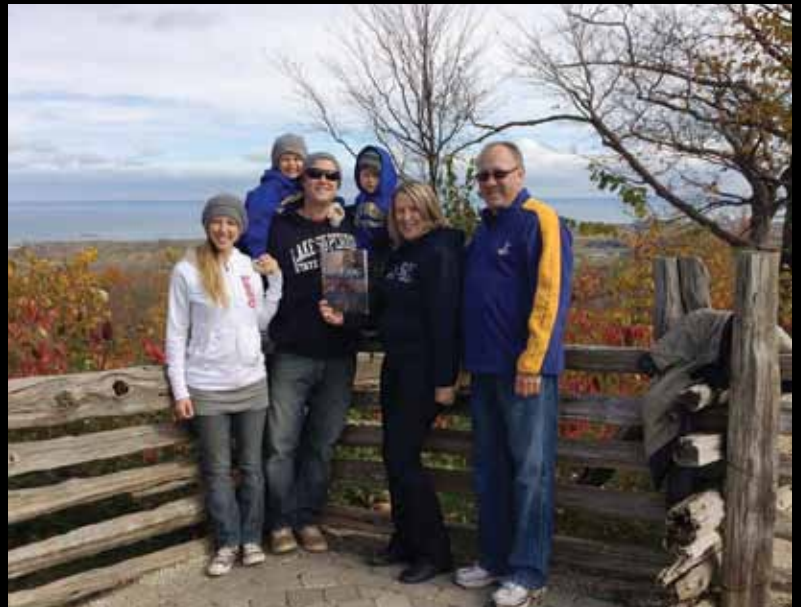
to include 30 employees, and it continues to grow.

"JP has been a committed alumnus of LSSU," Devaprasad said. "Apart from touting and promoting LSSU as the school to check for hiring top talent, he has constantly been in touch with LSSU's Engineering departments with a specific goal to help the departments and their graduates. He has hired many LSSU graduates through AMT and now through his own company, and he has spearheaded multiple senior projects with LSSU. He has been responsible for the donation of engineering software and robotics hardware to LSSU. The most recent donations include two licenses of Siemens Engineering software suite and a robotics platform that included an extruded aluminum framework, Bosch Rexroth conveyor system and controls."

The LSSU Alumni Association's Kenneth Shouldice Achievement Award, established in 1994, honors individuals whose personal and professional successes serve as outstanding examples to LSSU graduates.

LOG *Around the World*

LOG ON BLUE MOUNTAIN – Luanne (Simmons) Webb '76 is enjoying retirement with her husband Bob '76 and their family. They're pictured here at Blue Mountain in Collingwood, Ont., with their daughter Amanda Jerome '03, husband Brendan and boys Lukas (l) and Koen. Amanda is the manager of sales, events and catering at Oliver and Bonacini Restaurant in the Westin Hotel at Blue Mountain. She also has her own business in wedding/event planning and is the publisher of "It's Your Day Events and Design."



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.



LOG ON THE ADRIATIC SEA – Kaleri Kommusaar '93 and his wife Sylvia, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., pose with their copy of the Laker Log at Budva, a 2,500-year-old town near the port of Kotor, Montenegro.

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Alumni gather here, there, everywhere

– Join us at a place near you!

Here's a sample of some of the places your Alumni Association has been over the past several months. If you missed us, catch us next time! You can see coming events, as well as photos from past events, at alumni.lssu.edu/events.



Laker Softball Spaghetti Dinner

On Valentine's Day, more than 100 Laker supporters enjoyed a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Laker softball in the Norris Center's Student Activity Center. Alumni Association board members provided home-baked desserts for this event that took place between Laker basketball and Laker hockey games.



Basketball Alumni Reunion

It's happened two years in a row – a nail-biting, league-clinching game against Michigan Tech for the annual Basketball Alumni Reunion, which took place this year on Feb. 21. And it has been a winning tradition for the Lakers, so we love it! Alumni of the men's and women's teams turned out to cheer on the current players, get recognized at half time, and then gather at Buffalo Wild Wings to celebrate afterward. Join us on Feb. 6 for the 2016 Basketball Alumni Reunion, when the Lakers take on Hillsdale.

Hockey Tailgate Party in Marquette

Laker hockey fans enjoyed the last tailgate party of the season at the Ore Dock Brewery prior to the game at NMU. Mark your calendar for the first tailgate of the 2015-2016 season on Oct. 17 at the Norris Center, followed closely by a gathering in East Lansing on Oct. 23 for Laker hockey vs. MSU.

Lakers at the Greyhounds

The Laker hockey team didn't skate against the Junior A Soo Greyhounds across the St. Mary's River, but Laker alumni and fans did gather at the Essar Centre to watch the game. Fans gathered for pizza between periods as they cheered the Hounds on to another victory.

Engineering reception at Automate

Engineering alumni from a half-dozen companies joined LSSU engineering faculty and dean David Finley at a reception in conjunction with the Automate conference in Chicago last March.

Member of MET class of 1965 seeks reunion

If you're a member of the 1965 class of mechanical engineering technology graduates, classmate Bert Peterson is looking for you.

"This year is the 50th anniversary of our graduation," Peterson said. "If anyone is interested in having an informal reunion of some sort, please let me know. Perhaps we could get together at the Sault during Great Lake State Weekend, Oct. 16-17."

Barring that, Peterson suggests sharing some information about what you've been doing through letter or e-mail message.

If you're interested, please contact him at 135 Beech St., Kingsford, Mich., 49802 or 906-828-1252 or theditlab@aol.com.

Volleyball Alumni Tournament

Laker volleyball alumni gathered for lunch at the Norris Center before splitting up for a good-natured game against current players on the team. Join us Oct. 16-17 for the all-athlete alumni reunion during Great Lake State Weekend!



Senior Sendoff

Let's see... free food, numerous door prizes and fellow Lake State grads... what's not to like? Senior Sendoff at Moloney's Alley is always a popular event, and this year it was no different. Approximately 200 grads enjoyed the festivities sponsored by the Alumni Association in April.



Detroit Tigers group outing

About 60 LSSU alumni and friends gathered in the Witherell Lounge for a buffet lunch in June before the Detroit Tigers took on Cleveland. We had great weather and a close game, which made for a terrific outing. Join us at Joe Louis Arena to watch the Red Wings November 8 and January 23rd.



Zoo-de-Mackinac

About 20 Laker alumni and friends participated in the 2015 bike ride from Harbor Springs to Mackinaw City in May. We kicked off the ride with our traditional Zooberry pancake breakfast at Boyne Highlands and met up afterwards in Mackinaw City and on Mackinac Island. Join us in 2016 – the event is getting bigger every year!

Golden Grad Reunion

Eleven former students of the Sault Branch of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology joined the 500-plus Lake State grads at the 2015 commencement ceremonies on May 2, leading the procession of grads into Abel Arena. These "Golden Grads" enjoyed a reception at Lukenda Alumni House on Friday evening and breakfast with students receiving academic honors on Saturday morning. This year, the group created the Golden Graduate Society Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance to students majoring full-time in any course of study at LSSU. Supporters are seeking to endow this new scholarship. For more information, or to donate, contact the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665.

To see more events go to lssu.edu/alumni/events.

Come back to campus for LSSU homecoming: Great Lake State Weekend

Mark your calendar for Great Lake State Weekend 2015, which is set for **Oct. 16-17**.

This is LSSU's homecoming, and it has events for Lake State alumni, students and their families, as well as the community. **Registration is free** and entitles you to several discounts not available to non-registered participants.

Friday, Oct. 16

Arrive early for the Career Fair starting at noon at Walker Cisler Center, or join us in honoring five outstanding individuals at the **Alumni Awards Reception and Banquet** starting at 5 p.m. The reception will wrap up in time for you to catch **Creole Stomp** at the Arts Center at 8 p.m. Alumni athletes will gather at Buffalo Wild Wings that evening to kickoff the **Athletic Alumni Reunion**.

Saturday, Oct. 17

The annual **Campus Challenge 5k Fun Run/Walk** starts at 9:30 a.m. in front the Norris Center. Athletics will host a number of events today for alumni athletes, including a **basketball breakfast** at 10 a.m., **wiffle ball** for softball alumni at 10:30 a.m., and **women's basketball alumni vs. current players** in the Cooper Gym at 2 p.m.

Kids Kollege runs from 3-5 p.m. in the Norris Center's Student Activity Center. Then at 5 p.m., catch the **homecoming parade**, which ends at the Norris Center, where we'll have a **tailgate party** for the family with food, games and music. **Laker hockey** takes on the Wildcats of Northern Michigan University at 7 p.m. in the only home game of the weekend.

Reunions this year include athletic alumni and mechanical engineering tech alumni of 1965. If you want to get your group together, contact the Alumni Office and we can help!

For a full schedule of campus events this weekend, background on alumni award recipients and online registration, check out the GLSW website, lssu.edu/glsw.



From your Alumni Association Board

Fellow Lakers,

As you can see throughout this issue, there is much happening with our university and with our Alumni Association. Let me tell you a little more about programs and services, and board membership.

Programs and Services -- Of course, Alumni Association membership provides a way to stay connected with our university, but we are also continuously enhancing association programs and services to make sure they far outweigh the \$30 annual membership cost. One of our recent additions is the Legacy Award for a dependent of a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association. We just selected our third annual recipient. We are working on a way to bring an additional Legacy Award to our members in the near future.

The Liberty Mutual home and auto insurance discount program has been another of our recent additions. This program is exceeding expectations for member discounts and association revenue. Next is an association travel program. We have partnered with Collette, one of the premier travel companies in the US, to offer travel services. Like the Liberty Mutual program, our association with Collette not only provides services and discounts to members, but also revenue to our Alumni Association.

Check out the alumni website at alumni.lssu.edu for more information on these programs and many others.

Board Membership -- As I have noted before, our Alumni Association board of directors is dynamic in its membership, due to terms and term limits. Because of this, there is always a need for new board members. We hold two board meetings per year on campus and we ask members to participate with one subcommittee from Great Lake State Weekend, Membership and Marketing, Events and Socials, or Revenue and Affinity. With today's technology, we are able to accommodate board members who are not able to make it to campus for each event. Please contact any of us if you have an interest in serving on our board. We would appreciate hearing from you and discussing the options.

Visit our web site -- alumni.lssu.edu -- for more information on our programs and services, board membership and any events past and future. The site includes e-mail addresses for our board members, who welcome your questions, feedback or suggestions. And, of course, you can always get in touch with our Alumni Association director, Susan Fitzpatrick, at 906-635-2831 or sfitzpatrick@lssu.edu.

Go, Lakers!

Dan Goodrich '93, '99, President
LSSU Alumni Association
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40s

Kenneth Hatfield '46, Sault Ste. Marie, and his wife, Kyung, had their art displayed at the Arts Center gallery at LSSU during the months of June and July.

60s

Donald McLean '65, Brimley, was elected chairman of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation. He is in his third term as a Chippewa County Commissioner and serves on the local Michigan Works! governing board and as chairman of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission.

70s

Kathy (Paul) Albon '77, Sault Ste. Marie, was awarded the Keeping Michigan Beautiful certificate of appreciation for her 25-plus years of keeping Michigan beautiful.

Walter Binder '78, Sault Ste. Marie, won the 2014 Earth Steward Award for practicing responsible and safe care for the sustainability of our natural resources. Walter and his family own and operate Border Country Berries, where customers can pick their own raspberries and blueberries.

Dr. Kevin Cooper '79, Sault Ste. Marie, is donating basic dental services to middle school and high school students at Sault Area High School's Sault Health Adolescent Care Center.

Ezio Di Emanuele '78, Guelph, Ontario, is the senior advisor for MNP LLP, as well as being the president of his own company, Ezio A Di Emanuele and Associates. His company's focus is consulting and business advisory services.

Michael Hoffner '76, Quincy, is the director of career and technical education at Branch County Area Career Center.

Four LSSU alumni, all sisters, mothers or daughters, have opened a successful new restaurant called The Wicked Sister in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, on Ashmun Street just south of the bridge. Keeping it all in the family are **Nancy (Graham) Rose '70, Jeanne (Graham) McCulligh '76, Laurie (Graham) Jarvie '08 and Cathy (Rose) Howell '10.**

Carrie (Fancett) Pagels '78, Yorktown, Va., is a novelist at Pelican Book Group, an author at Heats Overcoming Press, and a contributing author at Guideposts. Carrie is known for her novels as well as other works, several of which have been number one on Amazon. In the past year, she has won five awards for her writing, including winner of the historical genre in The Story 2014 for her short story, "The Quilting Contest," and honorable mention in the Maggie Awards for Excellence. Before becoming a writer, Pagels was a psychologist who specialized in working with adolescents.

Bill Totten '75, Fort Worth, Tex., is the customer service/trade partner support for Ben Hogan Golf Co. Bill sold his first set of golf clubs to Laker hockey alumnus, **Rod Hookwith '76**, who was the captain of the Laker hockey team in 1976, and part of the 1974 NAIA Championship.

Bradley Vauter '75, Lansing, has expanded his law office and taken on a partner in Grand Ledge. Bradley practices mainly elder law, non-profit work, estate planning, and LGBT issues.

Glenn Williams '78, Venice, Calif., has been an architect for 25 years for his own company, Studio of Glenn Williams. He is also a subject matter expert consultant for the California Architects Board.

Class Notes

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Susan (Kilmek) Balbaugh '85, Kalamazoo, has been selected as executive director at The Music Center in Battle Creek.

Timothy Cook '87, Cheboygan, was appointed undersheriff with the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Dept. Previously he held the position of detective sergeant and detective lieutenant.

Ed Eisch '86, Harbor Springs, has been promoted to fish production program manager with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources after serving as acting manager for nearly a year. Eisch started his career as a fisheries technician at Harrietta State Fish Hatchery, Cadillac, in 1989. He was promoted to fisheries biologist in 1998 at Oden State Fish Hatchery, Petoskey, where he headed up the design team that rebuilt the hatchery. He was promoted to Northern Lower Peninsula area hatchery manager in November 2002. In his new role, he oversees all fish production operations for the Michigan DNR.

Steven Glezen '86, Sault Ste. Marie, has been promoted to senior vice president/chief lending officer of Old Mission Bank. Glezen is also a member of the Sault Historic Sites board.

Cynthia (Krancevich) Holman BSN, MHA, '81, Wyomissing, Penn., is a registered nurse at Reading Hospital in Reading, Penn.

Bette (Jennings) Lincoln '85, Milwaukee, completed her bachelor of arts in psychology, magna cum laude, from Argosy University. She plans to continue working on a master's degree in mental health counseling.

Thomas McNamara '89, Petoskey, has been promoted to the director of human resources for the Moran Iron Works.

Class Notes

Michael Ripley '87, Sault Ste. Marie, has been appointed to the Great Lakes Water Quality Board by the International Joint Commission. He is serving as the U.S. co-chair of the emerging issues workgroup. Michael is the environmental coordinator for the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program in Sault Ste. Marie.

Wayne Ross '88, Petoskey, is the senior software engineer at Jervis B. Webb Company in Harbor Springs.

Dale Salves '84, Fairborn, Ohio, is the clinical laboratory supervisor at Grandview Medical Center. Previously, he was a medical technologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Lt. Col. Josh Soblaskey '82, Houston, has retired from the U.S. Air Force after 30 years. His last position was senior intelligence officer with 147th Operations Support Squadron.

Matthew Wickey '86, Royal Oak, is the senior project manager at DeepField Networks. Previously, he was the PMO manager at NovoDynamics. Matthew is project management professional certified, as well as certified as a ScrumMaster.



Terry-Lyn (Running) Beckman '90, Sault Ste. Marie, is the director of nursing at Tendercare of Sault Ste. Marie.

Scott Bentley '93, Monroe, is the first superintendent at River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

Kathy (Rehoric) Berchem '97, Sault Ste. Marie, earned her doctorate in nursing practice in December 2014 from Rush University and was promoted to associate professor at LSSU.

Chantalle Clement-Logan '99, Riverside, Calif., has been working for the State of California Department of Justice in Forensic Services for 15 years. Over the years, she has moved up in ranking from a laboratory technician to senior criminalist. Recently, she was promoted to the position of assistant laboratory director/criminalist supervisor.

James Cropper '93, Glen Carbon, Ill., has been hired as a cyber security project manager for the Program Management Office. His job purpose is to ensure that global communications architecture is secure from the enemies of the United States. Cropper recently retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel, serving in multiple intelligence roles around the world.

Douglas Deeter '98, Freeland, has been promoted to principal at Rehmann, which is a CPA, wealth management and corporate investigation firm. Deeter has been a member of the firm's audit and assurance department for more than 15 years.

Anthony Dulimba '95, Auburn Hills, is the founder of ADD Software. At LSSU's 2015 engineering banquet, Dulimba was awarded the Alumni Engineering Fellow Award for contributing to the engineering and technology program. Anthony established and continues to support the ADD Software Scholarship, which benefits junior engineering students with an interest in robotics.

Todd Fritch '93, Milford, has been appointed chief academic officer at Shorelight Education. This position is in addition to his responsibilities as vice president of business education.

Tod Grams '95, Zeeland, is lead electronics engineer for Disher Design and Development. Grams received his master's degree in engineering management from Western Michigan University and an associate's degree in applied science in electronics technology from Lansing Community College. Tod is experienced in leadership, design and manufacturing, and research.

Matt Hellens '98, Petoskey, has been hired as the director of the information technology staff for Emmet County. Some of his duties include website functions, building security, and phone systems. Previously, Matt was a network administration consultant at Empiric Solutions.

Bruce Hoffort '98, Greenville, Wisc., is the field service leader at Paper Converting Machine Company.

David Hovie '94, Sault Ste. Marie, was named Citizen of the Year by the VFW Post 3676.

Nate Kaczmarek '97, Sault Ste. Marie, won first place at the 2015 Bay of Pigs Walleye Tournament in Brimley.

Christopher Karsten '98, Navarre, Fla., is a field engineer at Variant Solutions. Previously, he was an analyst for GLOBAL Integrated Security in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Darren Kramer '99, Gladstone, is now the Northern Lake Michigan Unit Manager with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources Fisheries Division. He works out of the Escanaba Field Office.

Micki Leppien '90, Sault Ste. Marie, received the Police Officers Association of Michigan 2015 Officer of the Year award.

Adam Lyon '92, Mancelona, is the integration and process improvement manager at East Jordan Ironworks.

Lynn Mande '93, Okemos, is working at Michigan State University as a research administrator. Recently she was recognized for having the best research poster of the year by the Society of Research Administrators International. Before her time at MSU, she received her master's degree from Central Michigan University in health services administration and subsequently worked in the United States Senate and then the Michigan House of Representatives.

Tim McCloud '99, San Francisco, is the director of global growth and user acquisition at Movable-Playkids, as well as an advisor of user acquisition and app store optimization at Connect. Previously, Tim was the director of mobile marketing and customer acquisition at Big Fish.

Kelly (Mumich) McGinn '99, East Jordan, is the city treasurer for Charlevoix. Some of her work includes property tax collection and distribution, accounting, payroll, cash receipting and investment of city funds.

Tracy (McBryde) Menard '97, Sault Ste. Marie, was honored as Service Learning Educator of the Year by The League Michigan, part of the Michigan Nonprofit Association. This first of its kind award was presented to her as an educator "who has demonstrated excellence in equipping young people with the knowledge, resources and passion to lead and serve." Menard has been teaching at Sault Area High School for 16 years. In her service learning class, students are introduced to various community agencies, then decide as a class which projects they want to undertake, based on need. Menard was also recently named Helpful Teacher of the Month by Sault High, where she teaches or has taught theater, English, psychology, drama, yearbook and writing lab. She is the founder of a student service group called Students United.

Mary Myton '96, Sault Ste. Marie, received the Distinguished Teacher Award for Elementary Education for Sault Ste. Marie Public Schools.

Paula (Turnell) Patrus '91, Livonia, has been promoted to financial coordinator at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Brian Reattoir '90, Brimley, is the superintendent of Brimley Area Schools. Previously, he was the principal of Brimley High School.

Stephen Stark '90, Port Huron, is working for Nordson, where he is a powder application specialist. Previously, Stark was a field engineer for 13 years.

Aaron Switzer '98, Old Mission, has been promoted to the Northern Lower Peninsula Area Hatchery Manger position with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. In this role, he serves as the unit manager for Harrietta, Platte and Oden state fish hatcheries. Switzer has held several positions with DNR Fisheries, starting as a fisheries assistant at Wolf Lake, and then at Oden before transferring to Platte. He was promoted to hatchery biologist in 2011.

Joseph Throneberry '98, Las Vegas, is a principal fraud investigator for Capital One.

Jamin Valdez '98, Ladera Ranch, Calif., is vice president of the environmental team at JLT Specialty Insurance Services. The team is responsible for environmental brokerage and advisory services for the company. Valdez's experience has come from being the account executive at Aon Risk Solutions, leading the environmental/pollution unit of DLD Insurance Brokers, and other notable roles.

Paul VanWagoner '98, Sault Ste. Marie, a morning talk show host for The Eagle, has been recognized as February's Community Partner of the Month by United Way, along with his co-host, Travis Sumbera.



Chris Adams '06, Yreka, Calif., is pursuing a Ph.D. in fisheries from Michigan Technological University.

Jaclyn Armstrong '09, San Francisco, is a nutrition and content manager at GYFS, is a nutrition coach and consultant, and is a sports nutritionist for the Academy of Art University. Recently Jacki won the University of California-Berkeley SPOT AWARD for her service with the university's health services.

Michael Baitinger '04, Livonia, is an account executive at Robert Half Legal in Detroit. He will be handling new business development and strategic account management. Previously, he was a legal recruiter.

Walter Bennette '09, Rome, NY, completed his Ph.D. in industrial engineering at Iowa State University in 2014. His dissertation was on instance selection for model-based classifiers. He is now a research engineer for the Air Force Research Laboratory information directorate, where he investigates large-scale simulations and data-mining methods.

Thomas Berriman '04, Byron Center, was hired as the principal/superintendent for Byron Center Charter Schools.

John Breitzman '08, Escanaba, is an application developer at Ford Motor Company. He will be working on the development of the ICESim application in an agile environment with Ford engineers.

Michael Budd '04, Crossett, Ark., helped northeast Arkansas farmers and wildlife during a very wet spring as part of his job as a land biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He organized the MUD Drive, which seeks to convince farmers to voluntarily stop draining fields after harvest with the goal of stopping sediment runoff and allowing leftover seeds and crops to be used by waterfowl. The effort received assistance from local Audubon chapters and donations from individuals, including Budd and his co-workers. Funds raised were used as cash prizes for 4-H youth who participated in a conservation contest associated with the drive. Budd and his wife, Aimee, live in Crossett with their two children, Sophia, 4, and Owen, nearly 2.

Class Notes

Sophia Chandauka '00, London, co-founded the Black British Business Awards in the United Kingdom to promote the black community within the workforce and show their potential and economic contributions they make. The goal is to get rid of negative stereotypes and bring in positive role models to inspire others. Chandauka is the head of group treasury at Virgin Money. She is the 2008 recipient of LSSU's Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni.

Paul Coccimiglio '05, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., is the director of facilities management at Sault Area Hospital. Previously, he was the senior process analyst at Essar Steel Algoma and an instructor at Sault College.

Sara (Godfrey) Cole '09, Escanaba, is the new executive director at the Bays de Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau. Her duties include large scale event planning and public relations. Sara earned her master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

Gail Dyer '08, Elmira, NY, is an automation controls engineer at Corning, where she designs and programs robot systems, programs PLCs and HMIs, and performs risk assessments. Gail has been awarded her first patent, which picks up and places hot 3D glass with a robot. She is also finishing her master's degree in mechatronics.

Christyn Herman '05, Bath, is a communication representative for the State of Michigan Budget Office and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Ashley Hughes '06, Gladstone, is the head varsity softball coach at Gladstone High School. Her team was the 2014 Division III state champions. Hughes played for the Laker softball team from 2002-2006.

Craig Imeson '00, Green Bay, Wisc., is the IT manager at Valley Packaging Supply Co. Previously, he was the lead application developer for Castle Sales.

Amanda (Webb) Jerome '03, Collingwood, Ont., is the manager of sales, events, and catering at Oliver and Bononcini Restaurant at Blue Mountain in Canada. Amanda also has her own business in wedding and event planning and is the publisher of "It's Your Day" wedding guide at itzyourday.com.

Jennifer Johnson '08 is the fisheries biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Crystal Falls.

Denise (Lounds) Mayer '07, Sault Ste. Marie, is the director of nursing at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry. Previously, she was the medical surgical supervisor at Helen Newberry and a nursing supervisor at Sault Ste. Marie's War Memorial Hospital. Denise feels that her degrees – bachelor of science in nursing and master's degrees in nursing science and health administration -- and her current position are all thanks to her beginnings at LSSU and she encourages more students to pursue the grand career of nursing.

Lee-Anne (Simon) Millas '06, Midlothian, Ill. received her master's degree in nursing as a family nurse practitioner from Governor's State University and is currently working as a certified family nurse practitioner in the Chicago area.

Josh Milleson '06, Clearfield, Utah, is the environment, health, safety, security and sustainability manager for Kellogg in Salt Lake City. Previously at Kellogg, he was the environmental and sustainability manager in Omaha, Neb. Josh is working on his MBA.

Aaron Mize '02, Alexandria, Va., is chief of the branch of policy and planning for the National Wildlife Refuge System of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Previously, he was the deputy refuge manager at Bosque del Apache NWR. Aaron received the LSSU Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni in 2014.

Casey O'Connor '09, Eureka, Mont., is the case manager at Chrysalis School Montana. Previously she was the program supervisor at Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.



ALUMNI FELLOW -- *Anthony Dulimba, center, a 1995 engineering graduate and founder of ADD Software LLC, chats with engineering students who are 2014 benefactors of a scholarship Dulimba created in his company's name. Dulimba received LSSU's School of Engineering and Technology Alumni Engineering Fellow Award for 2015. From left are Shell Stacey, a 2015 computer engineering (CE) graduate from Las Vegas now working as a software engineer at Honeywell Aerospace in Phoenix, Ariz.; Trace Hill, a CE junior from Roscommon, Mich.; and Jennifer Fredericks, sophomore in electrical engineering from South Lyon, Mich.*



READY FOR DUTY -- *Criminal Justice students who are members of the Lake Superior State University Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards class of 2015 pose after finishing their exit standard physical fitness class in June. The group achieved a 100 percent passing score with Chad Thomas, Alpena, setting a new LSSU record by completing 100 push-ups in a minute. LSSU MCOLES Director Dr. Herb Henderson '94 said he believes Thomas' achievement is also a state record, as the Michigan State Police Academy record is 99 push-ups in a minute. The LSSU MCOLES physical fitness training is very rigorous; students spend the entire school year meeting at 6:30 a.m. three times a week to prepare for testing during the summer academy. This is the 37th academy class in a program that prepares graduates for police work and conforms to MCOLES guidelines. The class is instructed by Det. Sgt. Tom Swanson '95 of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Dept. (center) and was proctored by Chippewa County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Brad Clegg '99. (LSSU/Herb Henderson)*

Lucas Otten '05, Traverse City, was named the manager of technical services at Munson Healthcare Hospital, where he is in charge of all IP networking and security, open system, and database administration.

James Parker '09, Sault Ste. Marie, is a loan representative for Central Savings Bank. Previously, he was the marketing director and then a credit analyst.

Dyllin Patrick, '06, Mattawan, is the senior research specialist for MPI Research. Some of his duties include performing, researching, and teaching advanced histology techniques and researching, testing and validation.

Loralei Premo '07, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., is the project manager and project technician at Pinchin. She formerly held the position of resource technician at the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Jillena (Skaggs) Rose '03, Sault Ste. Marie, an LSSU professor, has written a manuscript, *Light As Sparrows*, which has been accepted by Aldrich Press and will be published later this year. The book is a collection of poems which are based on the artist Georgia O'Keefe, as well as Georgia's husband, Alfred Stieglitz.

Maria Ross '02, Weehawken, N.J., is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in Manhattan. Previously, she was a financial advisor at UBS. Maria is a certified financial planner and has earned her MBA from Long Island University. Outside of work, she works with the Russian Children's Welfare Society and volunteers as a judge for InvestWrite, a program of the SIFMA Foundation.

Steven Shoemaker '03, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., is a lawyer at Wishart Law Firm. Previously, he was an articling lawyer at Gilbertson Davis Emerson in Toronto.

Michael Strazisar '00, Watkinsville, Ga., is the pharmaceutical manufacturing supervisor at Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. Previously, he was the quality control supervisor there, as well as a captain in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, where he earned a Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Heather (Benjamin) Verhagen '01, Waterford, Wisc., received the 2015 Lukenda School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award. Verhagen is the senior manager at Deloitte, where she works in risk management. Previously, she was the senior risk manager at Associated Banc-Corp.



MORE LAKER CONSERVATION OFFICERS -- Four LSSU alumni were among the 37 new conservation officers who completed the conservation officer academy and were sworn in to the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources ranks on June 5 in Lansing. The new Laker "COs" are Adam LeClerc '07, criminal justice/natural resources technology; William Kinney '08, natural resources technology; Mark Zitnik '10, criminal justice; and James Zellinger '12, fisheries and wildlife management. They join 23 more Lakers who are Michigan conservation officers. After completing the 22-week academy, the new officers are now in the middle of 18 weeks of field training with more experienced conservation officers in the counties in which they'll be assigned. DNR conservation officers are certified police officers with the authority to enforce Michigan's criminal laws. As conservation officers, they also have unique training in a wide variety of other areas related to the protection of Michigan's citizens and natural resources, including search and rescue, ice rescue, and other life-saving operations. Three of the new Laker officers are in the second row: Adam is third from left, Mark is seventh from left and James is eighth from left. William is in the back row, seventh from the right. (Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR)



Engineering grad receives award for work

Jerry Drennan '03, Sylva, Ohio, was part of a team that recently received the YOUshine CEO Award from First Solar, Inc., Perrysburg, Ohio, where he is employed as a process development engineer.

The award is the highest the company presents to its employees. The CEO and board of directors review projects annually from across the company and recognize those who go above and beyond normal work and exemplify core values and behaviors of First Solar. Drennan and four colleagues were picked from more than 100 projects for theirs, titled, "Rate of Build Up Slowed (ROBS)."

"The project was a solution to a problem that we have been trying to solve for more than 15 years," said Drennan. "It resulted in more than \$6 million in savings without spending capital."

Drennan credits LSSU with his success.

"I believe the fundamentals, systematic approach to communication and problem-solving, and hands-on experience from LSSU provided me with the solid foundation and tools to be successful," Drennan said. "I appreciated the many hours spent by the faculty to develop our skills and abilities, and I felt that senior projects helped to prepare me for the work and engineering environment as it allowed me to develop skills and confidence to work with cross-functional engineering groups and people.

"In today's fast-paced, multi-national engineering environment, being able to work with multiple groups is critical to being successful," he continued. "I still ask myself when working on a project, 'What would Duesing Do?'"

Drennan has been with First Solar for 8 years, working as a material engineer and currently as a process development engineer in the VTD Semiconductor Group. He and his wife, Nicole, enjoy watching the Lakers play hockey at Bowling Green or University of Michigan when they are in the area.

Class Notes

Kyle Ward '09, Mt. Morris, Ill., has received the national ROTC George C. Marshall Award for being the best senior cadet. The award is the highest an ROTC cadet may receive.

Jennifer (Crawford) Wierzba '08, Sault Ste. Marie, is a service representative with Mike Baker State Farm Insurance. Jennifer and her husband, **Matt Wierzba '07**, have two children, Oliver, 4, and Stella, 1.

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Ashley Alexander '15, Sanford, has been accepted into the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

Specialist Adrian Anderson '13, Onaway, has graduated from basic training for the United States Army in Fort Benning, Ga.

Brandi Anderson '15, Negaunee, has been accepted into the medical laboratory science internship programs at the St. John Health System.

Josh Bearden '12, Wasilla, Alaska, is a registered nurse for the State of Alaska. On his days off, he is a fishing guide at Talstar Fishing Lodge in Skwenta.

Andrew Carlson '13, Cheboygan, is a security officer for McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital.

Dylan Carlson '13, Sault Ste. Marie, has accepted a position at IBM in Tucson.

Angela Cena '13, St. Ignace, has been accepted into the Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

Jullian Cerasuolo '15, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has been accepted into the Illinois College of Optometry.

Helen-Ann (Prince) Cordes '12, Harrisville, is an Alpena County 4-H program coordinator.

Rachael Cunningham '10, Eugene, Ore., has been selected for the American Heart Association pre-doctoral fellowship. This award helps students begin their careers in cardiovascular and stroke research. After graduating from LSSU with a forensic chemistry degree, Rachel is completing her fourth year of graduate school at the University of Oregon. Her research focuses on anticancer therapeutics with biomolecules in the cell.

Andrew Doerr '13, Remus, is a teacher at Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant.

Audrey Fradette '13, Cheboygan, is a medical laboratory scientist for McLaren Health Care Corp. after completing her internship in fall 2014.

Stephanie Gaff '15, Barrow, Alaska, is a laboratory manager and project assistant at UIC Science.

Laura Gamble '14, Sault Ste. Marie, was accepted to graduate school to study statistics at Oregon State University.

Ryan Hering '11, Sault Ste. Marie, has been recognized as the law enforcement Officer of the Year by the VFW Post 3676.

Ben Hoesl '10, Grand Ledge, is working for the Cadillac office of the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources as a wildlife assistant.

Gordon Jacobs '10, Lutz, Fla., is a health and fitness specialist at Medfit. Some of his main duties include supervising and monitoring exercise participants, designing workout programs for clientele, and providing one-on-one consulting, training, and motivation.



CHANCE MEETING – *Russ Jones '85, Howell, had to travel thousands of miles to run into fellow alumnus Jeff Johnston '00, Cheboygan. The two ran into each other in Tokyo this year during a show that was hosted by FANUC, where Russ is manager of new market development. Jeff is a mechanical engineer with Precision Technologies, one of FANUC's customers. Russ had worked with Jeff and his student team on their senior project 15 years ago.*

Emily Jensen '11, Hartland, is the manager of operations and business process and the lead analyst for sales and marketing systems at Answers.

Zachary MacVoy '11, Livonia, is the new CEO of GreenLancer. Previously, he was vice president of sales at United Lighting Standards.

Brian Parkham '14, Auburn Hills, is an electrical engineer at Patti Engineering. During his year at Patti, Brian has found much success and was featured in their newsletter in the, "Spotlight of the Month."

Stephanie Peck '14, Albany, Ga., is a technical engineer at Procter & Gamble.

Jake Riley '12, Cadillac, and **Kelly Turek '11, Lincoln, Neb.**, join **Billy Keiper '06, Mulliken**, at the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality.

Emily Ruppert '14, Kalkaska, is a surgical scheduling coordinator for McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, as well as an EMT for the Frederic Twp. Fire Dept.

Trisha Send '14, Suttons Bay, is an intern at Hurley Medical Center.

Elizabeth Sherwood '14, Charlevoix, is an inside sales representative at Redi-Rock International. Redi-Rock has received the "Michigan 50 Companies to Watch" award for its growth and innovative ideas since its founding in 2000.

Abby (Crawford) Smith '11, Rockford, is a nurse for Devos Children's Hospital. Previously, she worked for Spectrum Health's Blodgett Campus in Grand Rapids. Her husband, **Bob Smith '10**, is a social worker in Grand Rapids. They have a daughter, Norah, who was born in August 2014.

Kristin Stempky '14, Okemos, is the operations coordinator at the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Previously, she was the recreation programming assistant at the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources.

Kaitlyn Stoltzfus '14, Muskegon, was accepted into Goshen College's graduate program in environmental education.

Megan Sundstrom '13, Lansing, is the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Barwis Methods.

Julie Timmer '11, Brimley, has been accepted into Central Michigan University's online graduate program to pursue a master's degree in administration.

Daniel Tincknell '12, Harrison, is an outdoor education and program specialist at Michigan Crossroads Council. Previously, he was the Del-Mi District Executive at the Crossroads of America Council in Indianapolis, Ind.

Glenn Watchorn '14, Waynesville, N.C., joined the sports medicine staff at St. Luke's University Health Network upon completion of graduate school in June.

Briana White '11, Harrison, graduated in 2014 from Central Michigan University with her master's degree in history.

Emily Wonser '14, formerly of Erie, Penn., is working as a summer technician with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies.



LAKERS IN HEALTH CARE – Five Laker nursing alumni took a break from their work at Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. for a quick photo. From left are Melissa Berry (Lehmann) '14, Comstock Park; Kyle Rosteck '13, Allendale; Tara Rosteck (Hegbloom) '12, Muskegon; Amanda Albrecht (Filkins) '11, Ada; and Jenny Ponstein (Ollermann) '03, West Olive.

Buoys and Gulls

Jessica (O'Grady) Abston '06, Perryville, Ky., and husband Daniel are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Cecilia, on Aug. 6, 2014.

Thomas Berriman '04, Allegan, and wife **Holly (Hollern) '05,** welcomed their first child, Avia Marie Berriman, on Oct. 21, 2014.

Rebecca (Remondini) Clawson '08, Sault Ste. Marie, and husband John, welcomed Jacob Richard on Dec. 6, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs 8oz and was 19 ¾ inches long.

Cinamon (Van Horn) Donley '02, Fort Wayne, Ind., and husband Patrick, welcomed their second child Keira Ann on Feb. 2. She has an older brother, Brennan, 1.

Andrew Fry '05, Elkhart, Ind., and wife **Janica '03,** are happy to announce the birth of their second daughter, Cecelia Joyce, on Nov. 13, 2014 in Mishawaka. Joyce joins her big sister, Noelle, who was born in 2011.

Chantelle Gorham-Kuris '03, Levack, Ont., husband **David Kurtis '85,** and big sister Ella Grace announce the arrival of their son and brother, Austin David Kurtis, born July 15, 2014.

Troy Hahn '07, Spring, Tex., and wife **Katherine (Harrison) '07,** welcomed their son Asher Glenn into the world March 17 in The Woodlands, Tex.

Julie (Keller) Janiskee '01, Petoskey, and husband Adam announce the arrival of their first child, a girl named Fallon Corrine, on April 7.

Courtney (Gerrish) Julien '01, Webster, NY, and husband Matthew are proud to welcome their son Samuel Thomas, born Sept., 16, 2014. Samuel joins big brother Isaac.

Nick Kassuba '08, Lake City, and wife Kasey Fraser, welcomed Benjamin Edward into the world on April 30.

Ryan Lubben '09, Dafer, wife **Stef (Parylak) '09,** and big brother Colt welcomed home little sister Lily Marie on Oct. 8, 2014.

Steven Millas '08, Midlothian, Ill., and wife **Lee-Anne (Simon) '06,** welcomed their second child, Alexandre Richard, on July 30, 2014. Alexandre joins big brother Nathan.

Edwin Miller '07, Charlotte, and wife **Karen (Stinson) '06,** welcomed their second child, Collin James, on Feb. 11. Collin has an older brother, Gavin.

Simon Purdy '10, Kalamazoo, and wife **Karen (Gilbert) '11,** announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Louise, on Sept. 17, 2014.

Derek Tyler '00, Stevensville, and wife Jennifer, welcomed their daughter Abigail Jean on July 19, 2014. She joins big brother Cody.



Rebecca (Remondini) Clawson '08 with Jacob Richard.

Send your birth announcement to
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and we will send your baby
a free Laker bib.

Joined Hands

Nicholas Cordes '12 and Helen-Ann Price '12, Oscoda, married Oct. 4, 2014 in the Huron National Forest.

Kimberly Gauss '01, Ann Arbor, married Ron Simmons on April 17, 2013 in Ann Arbor.

Jean Pergande '02, Comstock Park, married Dan Rock Dec. 31, 2014. Jeanne is teaching fourth grade in Kentwood.

Friends we'll miss

Keith Adams, '87, Irving, Tex., June 4, 2011. Allegan, Mich. native and Eagle Scout held degrees from LSSU and Western Michigan University. Employed by Sedgewick Inc. for 10 years.

Sandra (Synett) Alexander '99, Sault Ste. Marie, March 19. Co-founded Alpha Theta Omega. Enjoyed snowshoeing and running with her fiancé Mark and two sons, and volunteering. Worked for Chippewa County Parole and Probation Dept., 14 years.

Chester Barrett '80, Sault Ste. Marie, May 21. Navy WW II veteran served in U.S. Coast Guard for over 30 years. Held associate's degree in construction technology. Member of the Masons, Elks, VFW, American Legion, and Military Officers Association of America.

Shirley (Walker) Bentgen '71, St. Ignace, May 19. St. Ignace native was with Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), division of U.S. Naval Reserve. Retired from Mich. Dept. of Social Services. Headed committee to establish memorial in St. Ignace for commercial fishermen who lost their lives on the lakes.

Raymond Black '48, Yarmouth Port, Mass., Feb. 5. Born in Newark Valley, NY, was the lead engineer at Universal Voltronics for many years and U.S. Army veteran.

Harry Collins '78, Sault Ste. Marie, May 24. Born in Muskegon, served U.S. Army for more than 20 years. Employed with the federal prison system and deputy sergeant with Chippewa County Sheriff's Dept., from 1974-1991. Attended Northern Michigan University for police training school, graduated as class president, 1975. Received associate's degrees in law enforcement and corrections, LSSC.

Bonnie Crabb-Tremblay '75, Sault Ste. Marie, March 2. Turned her passion for nursing into a rewarding career in health care. Married longtime companion, Joe Tremblay, Dec. 22, 2010, while on lunch break and still wearing scrubs. *Read more about a scholarship in her honor in this issue.*

Randy Edward '69, Cape Coral, Fla., May 15. Born in Sault Ste. Marie, moved to Cape Coral over 30 years ago, where he was a real estate agent.

Dewey Fornnarino '71, Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 17. Enjoyed the little things in life, such as hockey, watching TV, and going to the movies.

Joseph Gabriel '98, Whitehall, March 4. Employed by Coldwater Dept. of Public Safety as police officer and firefighter before Muskegon County Sheriff's Dept., where he was a road patrol officer. Active in the schools that his three children attended, coached T-ball and youth football, and was a Boy Scout leader.

Maxine Anne Gleason '50, Sault Ste. Marie, April 15. Elementary school teacher with Sault Area Public Schools for 32 years. She and her husband, the late Gilbert Gleason, LSSU professor emeritus, established the Gleason Natural History Museum in LSSU's Crawford Hall. Was an avid supporter of LSSU education and sports, especially hockey, and established the LSSU Gilbert Gleason Environmental Science Scholarship in honor of late husband. Known for her knitting and sewing, especially hats for newborns at Sault's War Memorial Hospital.

Eileen Becks



Eileen (Portice) Becks, 79, died March 7 at her home in Pickford. She was a longtime employee of LSSU, best known for helping students in the counseling center formerly located in Brown Hall.

Becks was born July 10, 1935 in Sault Ste. Marie. She grew up in Pickford, and married and lived in

St. Ignace for several years before returning to Pickford with her four young children. She later married William F. Becks on June 27, 1981, after her children were grown.

She carpooled with many people during the nearly 30 years that she commuted to LSSU and stayed busy in the Pickford-Stalwart area, making pasties and pies for church fundraisers and helping out with the annual Stalwart Fair dinners. She was a former Cub Scout leader and a member of the Red Hats Society. In addition to being a skilled seamstress, she enjoyed gardening, feeding and watching birds, and making ceramics.

Her husband Bill preceded her in death last September. She is survived by her four children, three step-children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many others in her extended family.

Memorials may be left to the Stalwart Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at rgalerfuneralhome.com

Patti-Jo (Cross) Goldberg '75, Sault Ste. Marie, May 23. Born and raised in the Sault, taught at Jefferson and Lincoln elementary schools for 20 years. Loved to watch wildlife and NASCAR races.

Robert Hanna '72, Sault Ste. Marie, died May 5 at the age of 66. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 14, 1948.

Elizabeth "Joan" Hopper '92, Sault Ste. Marie, May 3. Detroit native worked 22 years with Chippewa Co. Register of Deeds. Enjoyed summer concerts at the Soo Locks, community plays, picking berries, reading, and spending time with her family.

Edward Jarvie, Traverse City, May 21. Rudyard High graduate enlisted in U.S. Navy before beginning career in education. At Rudyard, he was teacher, principal, superintendent and basketball coach. Became superintendent of Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District in 1979, retired in 1989. Served on LSSU Board of Trustees, 1986-1994.

Gerald Lane '75, Kennesaw, Ga., May 3. Graduated from Sault Area High School and Lawton School of Radiology. Served in U.S. Air Force, nine years. Enjoyed spending time with family, boating, sports.

Gary Larsen '53, Tiffin, Ohio, Dec. 22, 2010. U.S. Army veteran started at Sault Branch and completed degree in chemical engineering in Houghton. Worked as chemical engineer at Basic Refractories. Volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and spent much time outdoors.

Gerard Marquis '56, Brimley, May 5. Born in Van Buren, Maine, U.S. Air Force veteran was part of first contingent at Air Force Radar Base in Sault Ste. Marie. Enjoyed speaking French and having conversations with his friends, and gardening.

Sally North, St. Ignace, 81, July 3. She and her husband, the late Sen. Walter North, were longtime benefactors of the university. Appointed by governor to Mackinac Co. Dept. of Social Services, elected treasurer of Moran Twp. School Board and was Cub Scouts leader. Founded Mackinac Co. "Friends of the Animals" non-profit group, and received St. Ignace Citizen of the Year Award, 1990.

Mark Patterson Martus Jr. '04, Lashmeet, W. Va., March 21, 2010. Served eight years in the U.S. Air Force on F-16 flight crew. Also served in Iraq. Enjoyed flying, racing, boating, working on cars, snowboarding and surfing.

Friends we'll miss

Helen (McGrath) Mattson '77, Farmington Hills, Feb. 7. After living in Detroit suburbs, she and her husband and seven children moved to Rudyard in 1969. Member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, loved to read and travel.

Allison (Gamble) McCord '12, Hessel, May 4. Born in Morgan City, La., moved to Hessel at age 6 to live with her grandmother. Worked as an LPN at Cedar Cove Assisted Living in Cedarville. Loved cooking and the outdoors.

Dale Carstens



Retired LSSU engineering professor Dale L. Carstens, 76, died March 24 in Florence, Ariz.

Carstens started teaching at LSSU in 1966 and retired in 1994. An Oaktown, Ind. native, he and his wife Jane (Byers) lived in Indiana, California and Ohio before settling

in Sault Ste. Marie. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from Purdue shortly before coming to LSSU.

Carstens loved to travel and spend time with his family. He enjoyed riding his ATV in the Arizona desert, watching NASCAR racing, and listening to classic country music. He was an artist who could create beautiful horseshoe sculptures and could fix anything mechanical.

He is survived by his three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held in Michigan later this summer. Please contact his daughter, Kelly, at kbailo@a-rec.net if you would like to attend or send a tribute.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in his or Jane's name. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.heritagefuneralchapels.com>

Friends we'll miss

Faith (Turner) McGruther '84, Brimley, Feb. 23. Member of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, secretary of Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority and eventually executive director in 1998 until retirement in 2002. Member of Aquatic Nuisance Species Taskforce, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, and Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary.

Frederick Millard '49, Livonia, Nov. 10, 2011. Survived by wife Barbara, three children and four grandchildren.

Don Muio '73, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., April 12. Former Laker goaltender (1969-1973) was also the director of human resources for Cross Country Automotive Services. Coached Soo Greyhounds (OHL) and AAA midget hockey. Served as an assistant coach at LSSU in early 1980s and volunteer goaltender coach from 2004-2011. Member of the 1972 NAIA national championship team inducted into LSSU Sports Hall of Fame, 2001.

Jane (Yurk) Ogle '91, Sault Ste. Marie, April 26. Born in Flint, received her associate's degree from LSSU while working as director of scheduling, a position she held for over 10 years. Member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and American Cancer Society. Enjoyed family gatherings at Higgins Lake, and making beaded jewelry.

Gerald Orsborn '59, Lansing, Dec. 18, 2014. Earned degree in computer technology and worked as computer technician for Michigan Hospital and Health Association. Member of Wacousta Lions Club, Wacousta-DeWitt Masonic Lodge 359, OES 133, and Michigan Grand Lodge.

Frank Shumway, Harbor Springs, March 7, 2014. Served in U.S. Navy, retired in 1977 as senior vice president for Michigan National Bank, Lansing. Worked as a commercial real estate broker and developer in Harbor Springs.

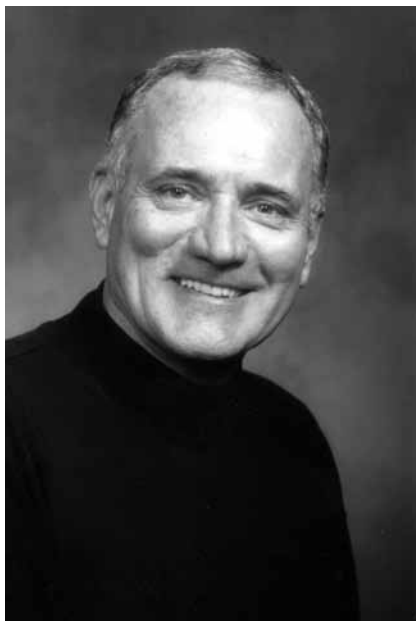
Charles Frederick Smith '47, Elyria, Ohio, Feb. 8. U.S. Navy WWII veteran. Oarsman with the international rowing team while in college. Became junior test engineer at Bendiz Heavy Vehicle Systems Group; retired as director of production engineering, then started C. F. Smith Associates.

Sharon (Nobliski) Wright, Colorado Springs, Colo., died Dec. 28, 2014 at the age of 72.

Laura Gail (Aldrich) Stormzand '94, Cheboygan, Jan. 18. Dayton, Ohio native earned master's degree in business administration from LSSU in 1994. Was a jazzercise instructor, as well as a dietician and diabetes educator for Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, Lambert Health Center in St. Ignace, and McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Arza Swart '48, Birmingham, April 4. Worked on the freighter D.G. Kerr, where his high school sweetheart Mildred would bring him sweets when the ship passed through the Soo Locks. Korean War veteran taught at Beverly Hills Elementary School, Beverly Hills, Mich., for over 40 years.

Gary E. "Mac" McClellan



Gary E. "Mac" McClellan, Frankenmuth, a longtime supporter of the university, died on June 28, at his home. He was 74.

Although the Detroit native was not an LSSU alumnus, he became a great fan of the university and Laker athletics, especially hockey, when he opened businesses in downtown Sault Ste. Marie,

including a fudge shop, which was one of several he and his wife, Sault native and 1965 LSSU alumna Carol Kinney, established from the Sault to Frankenmuth and beyond in a career that spanned 50 years.

McClellan was one of a handful of people who helped create the SooBlueLiners, and he also served on the LSSU Foundation board of directors. The LSSU Alumni Association presented McClellan with the Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award in 2002.

He is survived by Carol, three daughters and a son, as well as a sister, brother, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation to St. Mary's Catholic School, Sault Ste. Marie, the McClellan Family Endowment Fund at LSSU, which seeks to enhance LSSU hockey operations, or the German America Partnership Program through Frankenmuth High School.

Read more at www.cederbergfh.com or run a search on mLive.com/saginaw

Jane Hart, founder of LSSU Hart Scholarship, dies at 93



Jane B. "Janey" Hart, recipient of an honorary doctorate at LSSU in 1999 and whose family established the Sen. Philip A. Hart Memorial Scholarship at LSSU in the name of her late husband, died June 5 in West Hartford, Conn. She was 93.

Mrs. Hart was known as an anti-war activist, humanitarian, champion of women's rights, and pilot who was once part of a group of women who were being considered for astronaut training in 1961. She flew her husband to campaign stops in a helicopter, drawing attention in many communities, according to her son, Michael.

She and her family established the Hart endowment at LSSU at the request of Sen. Hart just prior to his death with the idea of helping many students who may be the first in their families to attend college and who often need financial assistance. The full-

tuition award has benefited many students since 1976. Students who apply for the scholarship must show their ideals and goals to reflect those of the senator, with selection based on academic achievement and demonstrated interest in public service, as reflected through leadership roles and volunteer activities in their schools and communities.

Over the years, Mrs. Hart met with recipients of the Hart Scholarship while visiting the LSSU campus. She met past and present recipients during a 20th anniversary fundraising event in 1997 in Detroit that was organized by the LSSU Foundation. In 1999, she spoke at LSSU's commencement ceremony when she received an honorary doctorate.

Hart earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology at George Washington University when she was in her 40s. During her years in college, she was described as a

strong liberal activist who was not afraid of speaking her mind and standing up for what she felt was a just cause.

"I expect to tell the truth as I see it," she is quoted as telling some who questioned whether her causes would have a detrimental effect upon her husband's political career. "The truth, as close as humans can come to it, is not a political disadvantage."

A firm believer in women's rights, she was an outspoken proponent of the Equal Rights Amendment. She presided over the founding meeting of the Washington D.C. chapter of the National Organization for Women in May 1967. She also fought for reform in the Catholic Church, becoming chair of the Center for Christian Renewal in 1968, and was involved with various causes to assist the less fortunate in the United States. She worked hand-in-hand with her husband in promoting issues such as environmental protection, consumer protection, ethics and more.

She was arrested during a Vietnam War protest at the Pentagon in 1969, and traveled to Hanoi to see the effects of the war for herself and meet with prisoners of war.

Hart was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Detroit, the youngest daughter of industrialist Walter O. and Jane C. Briggs. She married Phil Hart in 1943 when he was still in the Army. The couple had nine children; eight survive her.

Mrs. Hart will be buried beside her husband at St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery on Mackinac Island, where she was a summer resident for many years. The family requests donations to the Hart Scholarship Fund at LSSU, or to Planned Parenthood. To donate to the scholarship, visit Issu.edu/give.

Messages in a Bottle

To Dr. Nancy Kirkpatrick and Dr. Britton Ranson Olson,

Since graduation in 2012, I have been working as a medical technologist at Aspirus GrandView Hospital in Ironwood. It has been a wonderful experience, but I needed more of a challenge. I applied to the physician assistant program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and I got in! This is a two-year master's program. Madison reviewed 1200 applications, had 124 interviews, and only accepted 35 students.

My experience at Lake State was the best of my life thus far. I was always challenged academically, but I also had tremendous support. To this day, people are still amazed that I was capable of designing my own research and that I was required to complete a senior thesis. My transcript and the academic courses offered at LSSU have proven to be highly competitive with other larger universities. I couldn't be more proud to be a Laker.

Cassy Schemberger, MT (ASCP) '12
Madison, Wisc.

Dr. Pleger:

I read the account of the passing of Walt North. Know that during my tenure as president of LSSU, there was no greater advocate for the university than Senator North.

This was a time of building, renovation and physical expansion for the university, and leading the way on most of the projects was Walt North. The expansion and renovation of the Shouldice Library, Crawford Hall, Abel Arena, Student Activity Center and Arts Center all bear witness to his dedication. Without his, at times, herculean efforts to gain state support, many of these projects would have foundered. We spent many hours in his office in Lansing planning funding strategies. He did not falter, because he knew the students would be the direct beneficiaries. His wit, energy and enthusiasm were contagious.

Also during this time, Walt was either on the LSSU Foundation board of directors or chaired it. I remember many meetings where Walt was the cheerleader, urging the other members to support an initiative. He led by example by making personal contributions to many of the improvements we were able to accomplish.

No university and no president could have a better friend and advocate.

Robert D. Arbuckle, President Emeritus
Apollo, Penn.

Regarding an event with Prof. Val Philips' Sports/Events Marketing class for the Make-a-Wish Foundation --
To everyone involved with the Swishes for Wishes tournament:

You did a great job organizing, marketing, and running this tournament. You should all be very proud of the successful tournament you all had a hand in. The Soo needs more events like this.

These students nailed it. We run our children all over the state for basketball tournaments, and other than the Gus Macker which pays big bucks for advertising, this one was advertised better than any we have traveled to. I'm sure they didn't plan for such great attendance, but in our division alone there were 14 teams. Typically there are only 5-6 teams in each division.

These young men and women are worthy of an A+. They did a great job, and helped a great cause.

Norman P. Guild
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Thank you for the thoughtful obituary on Cheri Castner in last fall's issue of the Laker Log. I was deeply saddened to learn of her death last spring. I worked with her at the Campus Shoppe during my four years at Lake State, and she was indeed a wonderful person.

Cheri and other Campus Shoppe staff, including Lee Freedman, Deanna Suggitt, Jackie Kellerman, and Steve Atkinson treated us student employees well. They were like family to me.

The Campus Shoppe was a very special part of my time in the Soo, and I will always remember it fondly.

Peter P Nieckarz Jr '93
Sylva, NC



EVENTS

	Women's Walk	Aug. 29	9 am	Norris Center, LSSU
	Lake State After Hours	Sept. 3	5 pm	1668 Winery & Lockside Brewery, SSM, MI
	Lake State After Hours	Oct. 1	5 pm	Buffalo Wild Wings, SSM, MI
	Great Lake State Weekend www.lssu.edu/glsww	Oct. 16-17	All Weekend	LSSU Campus
	Laker hockey vs. Michigan State - Hockey social for Laker fans	Oct. 23	TBA	Munn Arena, East Lansing Trippers on Frandor
	Pink in the Rink -Laker Volleyball & Laker Hockey	Oct. 31	2 pm	Norris Center
	Lake State After Hours	Nov. 5	5 pm	Soo Brewing Company, SSM, MI
	Laker Hockey vs. Bowling Green -Hockey Social for Laker fans	Nov. 7	7:07 pm 5:30 pm	Bowling Green, Ohio Jed's Fireball & Grill, BG
	Yooper Night at the Joe -Social & Red Wings vs. Dallas	Nov. 8	1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Social Location TBA, Detroit Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, MI
	Hockey social for Laker fans -Laker Hockey vs. Arizona State	Nov. 14	5:30 pm 7:07 pm	Lukenda Alumni House Taffy Abel Arena
	Lake State After Hours	Dec. 3	5 pm	Captain's Pub, SSM, MI
	Hockey social for Laker fans -Laker Hockey vs. Mich. Tech	Dec. 12	5:30 pm 7:07 pm	Lukenda Alumni House Taffy Abel Arena
	Hockey social for Laker fans -Laker Hockey vs. Alaska	Jan. 16	5:30 pm 7:07 pm	Lukenda Alumni House Taffy Abel Arena
	Hockey social for Laker fans -Laker Hockey vs. Minn. Mankato	Jan. 23	5:30 pm 7:07 pm	Rounder's, Mankato Mankato, Minnesota
	Basketball Alumni Reunion	Feb. 6	All Day	Bud Cooper Gym
	Hockey social for Laker fans -Laker Hockey vs. NMU	Feb. 27	5:30 pm 7:07 pm	Lukenda Alumni House Taffy Abel Arena

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Merling Trio (piano trio)

Thurs., Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Mack Sisters (piano)

Fri., Oct. 16 8 p.m.
Dennis Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp

Fri/Sat Nov. 6/7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 8 at 2:30 p.m.
"The Trip to Bountiful" (LSSU Theatre production)

Mon., Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.
Whispers of the North
(the music of Gordon Lightfoot)
Benefit for the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society

Sat., Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.
Sault Symphony

Tues., March 8, 2016
Dervish (Irish Music)

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