

# LAKE RLOG

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**ON THE COVER**— *The northeast corner of campus, with its stately oak trees and Fort Brady buildings, is a pleasant place any time of the year, and especially in summer.*

# GLSW

## Come back to campus NOVEMBER 8-10

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Great Lake State Weekend 2013, November 8-10.

This is LSSU's homecoming weekend, and it has something for everyone with Lake State connections!

Registration is free, and you can participate in as many events as you'd like. Registering will entitle you to several discounts not available to non-registered participants.

Read on for a brief rundown of events, and check in this issue and online at [alumni.lssu.edu](http://alumni.lssu.edu) for the latest detailed event schedule.

### Friday, November 8

Get together with fellow Laker alumni and LSSU faculty past and present at our Welcome Back tailgate party at Lukenda Alumni House. We'll have lots of food and you can bring your own adult beverages, if you'd like. Enjoy a meal before you catch Laker hockey vs. Alaska-Fairbanks at Taffy Abel Arena. After the game, stay for a bowl of ice cream in the arena.

### Saturday, November 9

The annual Campus Challenge 5k Fun Run/Walk starts at 9 a.m. in front the Norris Center. Not into the competition? You can have brunch in the Quarterdeck – only \$5 for registered GLSW participants.

Later, cheer on Laker basketball as the team takes on Missouri-St. Louis in the Cooper Gym. Bring the kids along, or unload them at Kids Kollege, where they will be entertained by current LSSU students. Also on Saturday: a Laker blood drive, planetarium show and reception at Lukenda Alumni House.

LSSU will honor five outstanding individuals at the Alumni Awards Banquet in the evening. If you're looking for something more family-friendly, check out the games and inflatables at the Pre-Game Bash in the Norris Center's Student Activity Center. Everything wraps up in time for game two of the Lakers vs. Alaska series. Join fellow alumni for a reception in the hockey alumni box during the game, and come downtown for the poker run afterward.

### Sunday, November 10

Laker men's basketball will tip off against Illinois-Springfield in the final game of the pre-season GLIAC vs. GLVS Challenge.

Find out more and register at [lssu.edu/glsw](http://lssu.edu/glsw).

## From the President

Greetings from LSSU! I hope you are enjoying your summer. Here is some news about your university that you can consider while you're relaxing in the season's warmth.

We recently contracted a study of current and prospective students on their perceptions of the university to help us with recruitment. Some of the findings were not too surprising. For example, the number one reason students do **not** choose Lake State is because of our location, while the number one reason students **do** choose LSSU is also our location. Some students believe we are too remote, while others embrace the recreational opportunities they find here.

Of more concern was the perception by some prospective students that program quality may be lacking. I need your help in changing this perception. As alumni and friends of LSSU, you know our focus on undergraduate education means students are taught in small classes by professors, not graduate students. The results are reflected in recent data on student performance.

-- LSSU nursing students continue to pass the State Nursing Board Test at a rate higher than state and national averages, with a 100 percent pass rate in three of the last four semesters. Meanwhile, LSSU pre-professional students have a very high placement rate into medical schools and continue to do well in their medical professions as physicians, physicians' assistants, optometrists, podiatrists, veterinarians and more.

-- Last year, we restructured our teacher education program to address issues identified by the Michigan Dept. of Education. In recent visits by the state and the national accrediting body, Lake State was commended for its transparency and honesty in dealing with the issues, as well as the improvements we have implemented. Our current students now have an 81 percent pass rate on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification. As a result of the improvements, we expect to eventually reinstate some programs we suspended while restructuring the program.

-- LSSU business graduates are ranked in the top 25 percent of ETS® Major Field Test scores, with several individuals scoring in the top five percent. Accounting graduates have the highest CPA exam pass rate in the Upper Peninsula and one of the highest rates for public institutions in the state.

-- LSSU engineering seniors pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, the first step toward professional certification, at a rate of 90 percent versus the national average of 70 percent.

-- Recently, students Addie Dutton and Garret Price received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "Greater Research Opportunity Award," a \$50,000 fellowship given to just 40 students nationwide. Laker John Griffioen received the award last year.

-- Sociology student Whitney Brooks was recognized with the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper Award at the 2012 Michigan Sociological Association conference. This award is given to one student in the



*Tony McLain*

state and is the third such award our students have received in recent years.

These are just a few examples, as LSSU students continue to make their mark in the professional world. Read more about all of them and more at [lssu.edu](http://lssu.edu).

Just as this issue was going to press, we received outstanding news that Gov. Rick Snyder approved \$9 million in capital outlay expenditures for the "South Hall Renovation Project" to update and enhance the classroom building for the new Lukenda School of Business. After more than 10 years of attempts to secure state funding for the project, we are taking the next vital step in our continued efforts to deliver programs that keep us on the cutting edge and competitive.

At the request of the LSSU Board of Trustees, the LSSU Foundation launched a campaign to raise \$3 million, the university's required portion of the \$12 million project. I'm very proud to say that, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of more than 200 donors, we've achieved 70% of that goal. Fundraising continues, and we'll be proceeding with the next phase of planning and design to insure that construction begins early in 2014. This is a monumental opportunity for Lake State, and I encourage you to show your support for this exciting project to create an invigorating educational facility for our students, faculty and staff, and our shared community. You can help us reach and surpass our goal with your gift. Find out more at [lssu.edu](http://lssu.edu).

In closing, we're all proud Lakers and we should be. Great things are happening on campus and with our alumni. If you have stories to share, please send them to us. We'd love to hear from you! Enjoy the rest of the summer. Go, Lakers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony L. McLain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony McLain

# Trustees accept Lukenda gift, announce presidential search committee



**BOARD RECOGNITION** – *Lake Superior State University's Board of Trustees formally acknowledges Lou and Mae Lukenda's continuing generosity to LSSU during its April public meeting. Shown from left are trustees Rod Nelson, Ann Parker, and Patrick Egan; Lou Lukenda, holding his citation; Trustee Scot Lindemann; Mae Lukenda; Trustee James P. Curran; Trustee and Board Chair Jenny Kronk; Trustee Gary Toffolo; LSSU President Tony McLain; Trustee Douglas Bovin; and Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation.*

During its traditional day-before-commencement meeting on campus in April, LSSU's Board of Trustees formally accepted a gift from longtime university advocates Louis and Mae Lukenda, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to name the new School of Business.

The board also announced the committee to search for LSSU's next president, welcomed Prof. Sherilyn Duesing as LSSU's most recent *Professor Emeritus* as she capped a 20-year career of teaching math at LSSU, promoted nine members of the faculty, and congratulated LSSU employees of the year Luanne Web, of the registrar's office, and Kathy Marchand, of the physical plant.

"Today we are formally entering a new era of educating business students at LSSU," said LSSU Board Chair Jenny Kronk. "Dr. Louis and Mae Lukenda have always been steadfast supporters of the university. It began with Dr. Lukenda's experiences here as a student, extended through his service on the LSSU Foundation's board of directors for 20 years, and the Lukendas' continuing support as donors and advocates."

The Lukenda School of Business will be housed in LSSU's renovated South Hall. The \$12 million project is set for groundbreaking next spring.

The Lukendas attended the meeting to be recognized by the board. Louis, a recipient of LSSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award and honorary doctorate, spoke for his family.

"We have always had a very soft spot in our hearts for Lake Superior State. We've always felt that it was something special," he said. "We come here this morning with a great degree of humility and honor to think that this business school will be carrying the Lukenda name. We're thrilled to have that honor. In recent years, when we've talked to graduates here, knowing their dedication and their impact on the school and their impact on the community, it gives us a thrill to know those students will be going a long way in the future, and we want to be a part of it."

The Lukenda name is also on the building that houses the LSSU Alumni Relations and LSSU Foundation offices.

In addition to the Lukenda donation, the board discussed the process of searching for a replacement for LSSU President Tony McLain, who will be retiring in 2014. The board formed a search committee during the spring semester that includes members who will represent constituents from campus and community. Trustee Pat Egan, a member of the committee, said the group met through the spring semester and is working with a search firm to examine candidates.

Members of the committee, in addition to Egan, include trustees Scot Lindeman and Ann Parker, alumni representative Patricia Caruso of Sault Ste. Marie; LSSU Foundation representative Larry Westby; community representative David Jahn; Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians representative Aaron Payment; LSSU employee representatives Marshall Werner, Lee Freedman and Nancy Neve, and LSSU Student Government President Doug Jones.

Egan said the group is working closely with LSSU Human Resources Director Marta Warren and will provide an update during the board's meeting in July.

Also at the meeting, the board recognized mathematics professor Sherilyn Duesing, who is retiring after 20 years of teaching at LSSU. A recipient of LSSU's Distinguished Teaching Award, Duesing was known for being a dedicated, conscientious teacher who also took time to volunteer on a variety of campus committees.

Duesing's recognition was followed by board approval for promotions of nine other members of the faculty, including Alexei Iretski PhD and Derek Wright PhD of the School of Physical Sciences; Sarah Ouimette ATC, School of Recreation Studies and Exercise Science; Valerie Philips and Gerald Root of the School of Business; Kris Olson-Pupek PhD and H. Russell Searight PhD of the School of Social Sciences; Jason Swedene PhD, School of Arts and Humanities; and Mary Been PhD, School of English, Language, and Communication Studies.

# Marchand and Webb recognized as Employees of the Year

The university bid farewell to eight retirees, recognized 21 of them for 10-40 years of service, and named two as employees of the year during its annual Retirement and Service Awards banquet in April.

The retirees included employees from throughout campus, none of them with fewer than 23 years of service. They included:

**Dean Bennette**, structural mechanic. He joined the physical plant in 1990 as a sports utility attendant in the Norris Center. Over the years, he was nominated for Employee of the Year and worked in a few plant jobs before retiring as structural mechanic.

**Lewis Brown**, professor of geology. Brown started at LSSU in 1968 as a continuing education instructor before being hired as an asst. prof. in geology in 1979. He was chair of the Geology and Physics Dept. for many years.

**Susan Camp**, director of admissions. Camp was hired in 1977 in the Graphics Dept. before working through the ranks of the Admissions Dept. from 1979-1988. She was MBA program coordinator and then director of Continuing Education until 2004, when she was appointed as director of admissions. Camp was Employee of the Year in 1994.

**Sherilyn Duesing**, assoc. prof. of mathematics. Duesing was an adjunct professor in math from 1984-1993, when she was hired full-time in the department. Her colleagues and students selected her to receive the Distinguished Teaching Award in 2005.

**Carol Farrish**, cook. Farrish started in Food Service in 1988 in a temporary position and was hired full-time the following year. She worked her way up through the ranks, retiring as a cook II in January.

**Dave Greengtski**, building attendant. Greengtski was hired in 1981 and remained in his position for more than 30 years. Along the way, he was nominated for Employee of the Year before he retired last summer.



*Luanne Webb and President Tony McLain*

**Ron Raffaele**, motor pool/stores clerk. Anyone who has needed a campus fleet vehicle since 1985 knows Raffaele. He started in the Canusa Hall dish room in 1978, then transferred to the physical plant the next year. He had central stores added to his responsibilities in 1989. Raffaele was also known for his artistic abilities, adding his cartoons to a variety of campus publications and projects through the years.

**Shirley Schoenemann**, assoc. prof., social sciences. Schoenemann was hired as supervisor of the Child Care Center in 1983 and then taught part-time in early childhood education before becoming asst. prof. in 1990. She continued her duties of supervising the center and the many students who honed their early childhood education skills there over the years.

Students and co-workers chose two longtime LSSU staff members for the Employee of the Year Awards: Kathy Marchand, who has worked for the university in the food service and physical plant departments since 1991, and Luanne Webb, who has been in the student services area since 1999, currently in the registrar's office.

Marchand, a custodian in the Shouldice Library, is a favorite among students and co-workers

who has been nominated two years previously for the award. She was noted for her concern for students and her colleagues.

"Her work ethic makes her a great role model for our students," said one person who nominated her for the award. "Her conduct is an inspiration to others."

Marchand volunteers at War Memorial Hospital and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

Webb, who is assistant registrar for technical operations, is known by her colleagues as the "pit bull," because once she gets her teeth into a project or problem, she doesn't let go. She was noted for her enthusiasm and positive attitude, as well as her support and compassion for students and co-workers.

"Luanne cares deeply about our students and is devoted to improving our campus," said one who nominated her.

Like Marchand, Webb has been nominated in the past for the award.

The program included recognition for many employees who have put in many years of service, the most – 40 – by Prof. David McDonald, Engineering. Others included:

**10 Years** -- Colleen Barr, Math/Computer Science and Recreation/Exercise Science; Linda Bouvet, Sports Information; Timothy Christian, Athletics; Louann Disney, English/Language Studies; Alexei Iretski, Physical Sciences; Gerald Root, Business; Jason Swedene, Humanities and Philosophy; Sharolyn Templeton, Food Service; and Guidi Yang, Education.

**20 Years** -- Sherilyn Duesing, Math/Computer Science; Lee Freedman, Library; Paige Gordier, Arts, Letters, Soc. Science; Paul Kelso, Physical Sciences; David Myton, Provost's Office; Nancy Neve, Registrar's Office; Terri Peller, Cisler Center; and Joseph Susi, Recreation/Exercise Science.

**30 Years** -- Juliana Cox, Business Office and Mary Jo Meehan, Career Services.



*Kathy Marchand*

# Steve Eles excels at Boston Marathon



Although he loves to run and compete, it's a safe bet that Steve Eles '03 prefers his early morning training runs over the marathons that he competes in regularly. That's because his runs near his Bay Mills home are a good time for quiet reflection, with nothing more than birds, deer, squirrels, and the occasional black bear to break his concentration.

His competitions, on the other hand, provide a variety of stimulation, although perhaps none as sobering as that which he experienced on Monday, April 15, when he participated in the 117<sup>th</sup> annual Boston Marathon. A little more than four hours into the race, terrorists set off two bombs that killed some and injured many people, mostly spectators. The bombs ended the race before thousands could cross the finish line.

Steve, an accomplished runner, had been across the finish line hours before the bombs went off. He finished 177 out of 27,000 runners – in the top one percent with a time of 2:36.48, which averages out to 5:59 per mile. His wife, children and parents were well away from the finish line and safe. Nevertheless, Steve said the experience probably changed marathons for him and everyone else.

"The Boston Marathon has a different feel," said the 2010

recipient of LSSU's Paul Ripley Young Alumnus Award and former LSSU Cross Country Team coach. "I've been in other marathons, but the atmosphere out there was different because the course goes through lots of little towns. There are families along the course who have been watching the race for 40 years."

The Boston Marathon is the country's longest-standing marathon. Runners must qualify to get in. Steve qualified in Detroit with a time of 2:35.57, or 5:58 per mile.

"Detroit has more than 20,000 runners, but it's a different feel. You don't see a lot of people; you're running through some remote areas. It's loud in some parts and quiet in others."

"Boston is fast," Steve said. "Up front in the area where I was running, there are 30-plus runners crossing the finish line each minute... And there are so many people along the course. In other marathons I've seen that, but it's not as prevalent as it is in Boston. There are two areas where it is so loud – at Boston College and at the all-girls Wellesley College. It's loud again right before the finish, when you're passing Fenway Park," he continued. "The Red Sox play a game in the morning that day – it's the only morning game they play all season, so people can come out of the park and cheer the runners on the course."

Steve finished the race a little after noon. The bombs went off a couple hours later.

"Once the bombs went off, they closed the race and it bottlenecked the runners," he said. "They didn't want more people going into the area."

Steve and his wife, Sarah (Veramay) '10 and children Autumn, 9, and Alaina, 5, had been checking out tourist attractions. His parents, who had never been to Boston, were not near the finish line, either.

"Fortunately, the kids had been walking around for hours and were tired. They wanted to eat. We were at lunch when the bombs went off. Otherwise, we might have hung around the finish line."

The family was in a restaurant when they saw the news.

"When you see something like that, it catches your attention," he said. "You think, 'Wow! This is here!' Usually it's somewhere else. I remember experiencing the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 here in the Sault. People were worried about what might happen at the Locks or the International Bridge. It's a concern, but it's distant. This is the first time I've been so close to where something like this happened."

Steve said the feeling was "eerie" as people moved through the city among the background sounds of sirens, helicopters and

an increased police presence. They went back to their hotel, which was several miles out of town, and kept an eye on the television news.

At their hotel, they spoke with a husband and wife team from Argentina who had been in the race. He had crossed the finish line minutes before the bombs went off. His wife was not far behind.

"He had crossed and was walking down the chute, getting his medal and water, and the force from the first blast knocked him over," Steve said. "He saw the second bomb go off...He could barely speak English, but it was obvious that he was shaken. His wife was not far

behind him, but she got stopped along the course. It was three hours of not knowing where each of them was."

Steve said he will continue to run in spite of what happened, but he is not sure how the events will shape future races.

"You have people handing out oranges and water along the course...I'm not sure how they would police that in the future," he said.

Steve was LSSU's cross country coach from 2005 to 2012, after he earned his master's degree in business administration from Tiffin University. Both the cross country

and track teams are increasing in popularity among students, many of whom have set impressive times and records, but none so far have beaten his student steeplechase record of 9:11.71.

As a student-athlete, the Sudbury, Ont. native won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 3,000-meter steeplechase title and was a national qualifier. He placed seventh in World Championship trials in 2003 and 12th in the Olympic trials in 2004. He finished sixth in the 1998 Canadian Nationals and eighth in 2002.



## Bud Cooper makes Stone-Skipping Hall of Fame

Longtime stone-skipping judge and LSSU Athletics Director Ronald "Bud" Cooper, shown above in striped shirt, was inducted into the Mackinac Island Stone Skipping Hall of Fame posthumously in April.

The honor was reported by Karl Rabe, son of longtime LSSU Public Relations Director Bill Rabe, who created the famous stone-skipping contest on Mackinac Island in the 1970s. The honor came during the Mackinac Island Stone-Skipping and Gerplunking Club's annual Winter Rules Committee

meeting at the Grosse Pte. Hunt Club in Grosse Pte. Woods, Mich.

"We are excited to welcome this great ambassador of the sport to the hall of fame," said Rabe.

Cooper is the first official to be inducted. He was a judge from 1984-1990 and *Judge ad auxilium vocatus* from 1990-1992.

"As LSSU's Athletics Director for 26 years, Bud increased the rigor and legitimacy of stone skipping as a sport," Rabe said. "Under his watchful eye, stone skipping earned a stellar reputation as a 'clean' sport, above the scandals that have plagued

other major sports in America."

Nominees for induction are cast in October and inducted if they receive a minimum of two Plinks (affirmative votes from the screening committee) and six Pitty-Pats (affirmative votes from the honors committee).

The organization's hall of fame is dedicated to recognizing competitors, officials, and others who have made a significant contribution to the sport. Find out more at [misshof.com](http://misshof.com).

*LSSU file photo by W.T. Rabe.*

# Commencement 2013

William Verrette of Iron Mountain spoke to LSSU's graduating class after receiving an honorary doctorate in engineering for his lifetime accomplishments and his work with the university and in education in general over the years.

Nearly 600 graduates received more than 700 degrees from LSSU this year. The commencement ceremony in the Norris Center's Taffy Abel Arena included the announcement of Prof. Deborah Choszczyk as this year's recipient of the LSSU Distinguished Teaching Award, and remarks from LSSU President Tony McLain and student respondent Tracy Merony, a criminal justice graduate from Harrison Twp., Mich.

Verrette, the owner and director of Champion Inc. of Iron Mountain lauded LSSU graduates for being able to take on any situation that comes at them.

"You've received a fine education here, where you've been taught to be problem-solvers and have learned to be flexible...In addition, you do not quit. Most of you have been given the opportunity to quit and you did not. In the future, you will be given more opportunities to quit, and I believe you will not."

LSSU President McLain noted that he had started his job at LSSU right about the time when most of the graduating class members were starting their college careers.

"You are a very special group to me. Most of you arrived here just about the same time as I did and our experiences may have been similar," he said. "We found great people here who were a pleasure to meet

and work with. We have dedicated students, faculty and staff who compete with the best of the best schools and often come out on top."

McLain noted that LSSU became more than a job and the people were more like family to him, just as they may have become to the graduates.

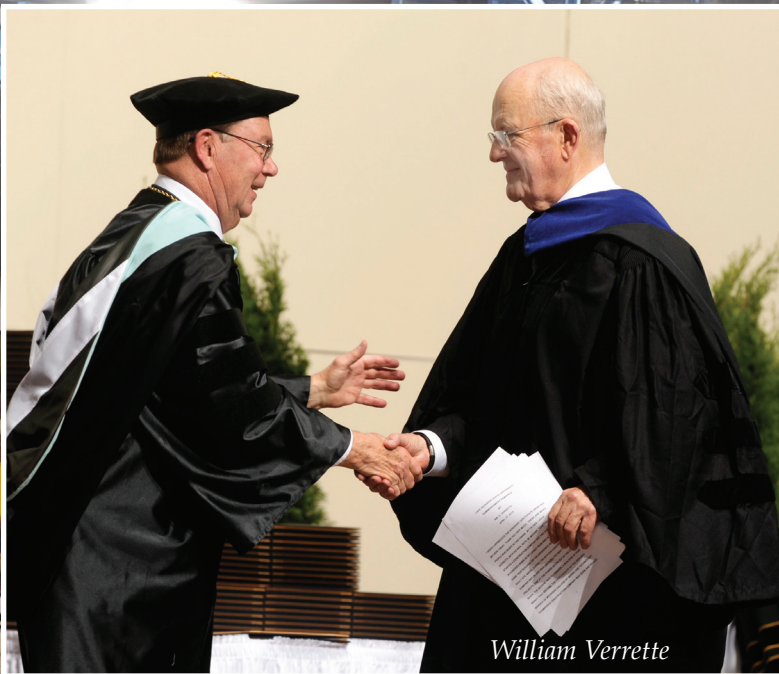
Student respondent Merony noted, as many graduates have, the benefit of studying at a small school.

"We received more than any big school could offer. We studied with actual professors, not graduate students. We chose this school for how it redefined our classroom experience, and now our experiences will have an impact on our careers for many years to come."

Read more online, including a story about Distinguished Teaching Award recipient Choszczyk.



*Distinguished Teaching Award recipient Deborah Choszczyk*



*William Verrette*



*Student Respondent Tracy Merony*

# McLean Memorial Award will help local students



**GIFT FOR LSSU-BOUND STUDENTS** – Donald and Christine McLean sign documents with LSSU President Tony McLain, left, that create a scholarship in memory of their daughter, Karen. The Karen M. McLean Memorial Award is for any LSSU-bound freshman that is a graduate of Chippewa County public schools.

Chippewa County Commissioner Don McLean and his wife Christine have created a scholarship in their daughter's memory to ensure that generations of Chippewa County college-bound students will have opportunities to further their education at LSSU.

The Karen M. McLean Memorial Award provides financial assistance to any incoming freshman who is a graduate from any Chippewa County public high school.

McLean was a bright, caring, compassionate person throughout her short life. Her parents said she

placed great value in family and friends, helping and caring for all creatures big and small. She was a lifelong learner, an avid reader and enjoyed writing short stories and poetry reflecting on her experiences in life.

The two years she spent at LSSU (1988-90) were years she valued and spoke of fondly. The jobs she worked - health care, waitressing and volunteering at the Salvation Army - always incorporated an aspect of helping others.

A scholarship award will be made each fall to an LSSU incoming freshman registered full-time and pursuing any area of study at LSSU. Applicants must be graduates of Brimley, Detour, Pickford, Rudyard, Sault Ste. Marie, or Whitefish Township Community public schools. Students must have a GPA of at least 2.5. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years. Financial need is also a consideration.

For more information, visit [lssu.edu/foundation](http://lssu.edu/foundation).

## Alumni Association creates scholarship endowment

A new scholarship created by the LSSU Alumni Association will help children and grandchildren of alumni pursue a Lake State education.

The association's board of directors voted at its May meeting to create the \$1,000 annual award, which will be funded by membership dues and the Michigan affinity license plate program. The first award will be granted for the first time this fall.

"I am so glad that the board of directors voted to endow this award," said LSSU Alumni Association Board President Dave Thomas '91. "This will guarantee that the Alumni Legacy Award

will be granted each year and will continue in perpetuity."

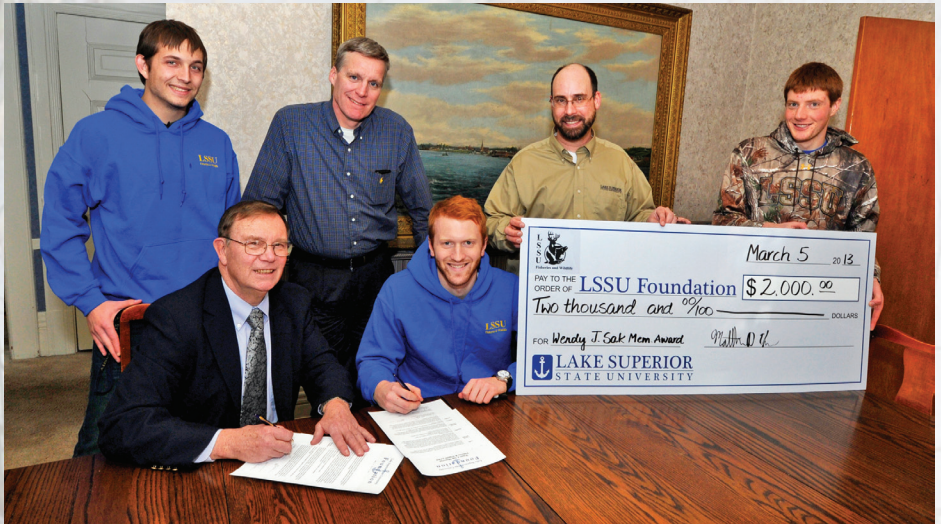
An applicant must be a child or grandchild of an LSSU alumnus/a who is a dues-paying member of the LSSU Alumni Association; must have a high school GPA of 2.5 or better; must be a full-time student; and must complete an application form and essay. This award is not automatically renewable, but recipients may re-apply each year and will be considered along with new applicants.

Applications will be available online. Send a note to the LSSU Alumni Relations Office at [alumnirelations@lssu.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@lssu.edu) for more information.

The Alumni Legacy Award is a tremendous opportunity for children and grandchildren of LSSU Alumni Association members. Are you a member? Join now at [alumni.lssu.edu](http://alumni.lssu.edu) so that your child or grandchild will be eligible. Check out the many benefits of membership on the alumni website.

Alumni may also make a tax-deductible gift to help increase the amount of this award benefitting Laker students. Go to the LSSU Foundation website [lssu.edu/give](http://lssu.edu/give) and indicate the LSSU Alumni Association Legacy Award or call 906-635-2665.

# Club starts scholarship in memory of charter member Wendy Sak



**FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LEGACY** - Officers with the LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club join their faculty advisor and university officials in creating the Wendy J. Sak Memorial Fisheries and Wildlife Award. Seated and signing chartering papers are LSSU President Tony McLain, left, and club president Tyler Jackson; standing, Nick O'Neil, club secretary, LSSU Foundation Executive Director Tom Coates, former LSSU Biology Professor Geoff Steinhart, and club treasurer Matt Elya.

An award-winning club at LSSU has established a scholarship in memory of one of its founding officers. The Wendy J. Sak Memorial Fisheries and Wildlife Award will help LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club student members of any discipline afford their education through a cash grant given each year.

An initial \$2,000 check from the LSSU club set up the award fund. Fundraisers and donations from LSSU graduates and past club members hope to grow the fund's principal to the minimum endowment level of \$25,000.

The LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club, the creation of which is one of Sak's lasting legacies to her *alma mater*, recently garnered most active subunit award from the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society for the 6th consecutive year. There are 21 student subunits that compete for the award.

The scholarship honors Sak, who was killed in an auto accident in May 2012. She grew up in Burton,

Mich., and was co-valedictorian of her 1994 Atherton High School class. In 1998, she graduated from LSSU cum laude, earning a degree in fisheries and wildlife management with a minor in law enforcement.

While earning her degree, Sak played an integral role in forming the LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club. She served as an officer and was active in club events. Almost 20 years later, the club is now an award-winning student organization with its own residence house, Laker Hall, on LSSU's historic Officers Row.

A scholarship award of at least \$500 - more as the fund grows - will be made each fall to a member in good standing of the LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club who is at least a full-time sophomore pursuing any area of study at LSSU. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.5. The scholarship is non-renewable; however past recipients may be considered.

Find out more at [lssu.edu/foundation](http://lssu.edu/foundation).



**A RUNNER'S LEGACY** – Members of LSSU's track and field team surround Dan and Janice Menard, Negaunee, with an \$850 ceremonial check for the scholarship named in honor of their son. The team earmarked 10% of all proceeds from the past year's fundraising projects to benefit the Dillon F. Menard Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Menards were on campus in April to celebrate graduation with friends of their son, who would have graduated with them. Dillon was starting his sophomore year in engineering at LSSU as a resident assistant when he died unexpectedly on Aug. 21, 2010, due to a heart condition. His namesake scholarship was established in October 2010. The scholarship endowment benefits an LSSU track and cross-country team member who is not currently receiving any other athletic scholarship support. Find out more at [Lssu.edu/foundation](http://Lssu.edu/foundation).

## Investments in South Hall Renovation Project top \$2 million

The campaign to raise \$3 million for the state-funded, \$12 million project to renovate LSSU's South Hall is drawing to a close, but there is still time for you to make your mark.

Together with the State of Michigan capital outlay program for university infrastructure, the South Hall Opportunity campaign will see the building undergo a significant transformation to become a campus highlight for students, community leaders, faculty and friends. The new South Hall will also become the permanent home of the Lukenda School of Business.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of the exciting educational future at LSSU. Join investors who have already made their commitment to provide an exceptional teaching and learning environment for the students and business leaders of tomorrow.

You may participate in the SoHO experience and success by visiting [Lssu.edu/southhall](http://Lssu.edu/southhall) to make a secure online gift, or by contacting the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665 or [foundation@Lssu.edu](mailto:foundation@Lssu.edu).

### Recent gifts include:

- The International Center to be named in honor of Betsy Demaray
- DTE Energy Foundation classroom
- Madigan/Pingatore Insurance conference room
- DeVere Construction Co. Inc.
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- Arfstrom Pharmacies Inc. dean's office
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# Lake State golf tournaments continue to support LSSU students



LSSU's 24th annual Greater Peninsula Orthopedics Golf Classic in support of the Laker Club and the Fund for LSSU was held June 1-2 for the first time at Boyne Mountain Resort. Shortly afterward, on June 14, thousands of dollars were raised for the men's basketball program during the Bud Cooper Memorial Golf Classic held at Wild Bluff in Bay Mills, Mich. Friends and alumni of LSSU came from as far away as Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Washington state to participate in the third-annual fundraiser.

Highlights of the GPO Classic included live and silent auctions that, when combined with the proceeds from a raffle, set a new record for funds raised during the weekend. Raffle prizes were a \$1,500 travel voucher, 50-inch flat-screen TV, and an iPad Mini.

Taking first place with a score of 56 in the A Flight were David Jahn, Dale Immel, Kevin Kalchik and Richard Bowerman. Second place A Flight was Gary Sharp, Steve Hettinga, Tim Christian, and Doug Laprade with a 59.

In the B Flight, Rick Fitzpatrick, Chuck Cliff, Pete Schmidt, and Dave Drzewiecki took first-place with a 65, while Mark Savoie, John Allison, Bill Goldenbogen, and Henry Guzzo placed second with a 66.

The Mixed team winners were Sandra Collins, Dan Dasho, Ernie

Maas, and Jim Mackie with a 63, followed by Keith Laabs, Megan Manninen, Kevin Manninen, and Ronda Manninen. The Women's winners were Susan Fitzpatrick, Joan Killips, Danielle Lindloff, and Luanne Webb.

Winners in the inaugural Soo Shooters Flight were Bill Crawford, Bill Eichstaedt, Tom Ewing, and Don Wilson with a 66, followed by "The Firm," consisting of Dan Parker, Greg Potter, Larry Potter, and Randy Potter.

Special event winners were Brad Ward for longest drive, and Tim Christian for closest to the pin. Women's special event winners were Ronda Manninen for longest drive and Sandra Collins for closest to the pin.

Call the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-6670 for information and sponsorship opportunities on next year's Classic.

The "Cooper Classic" is named in honor of Ronald "Bud" Cooper, the late Laker student-athlete, coach, and athletic director. Cooper devoted hours of his time since retirement in 1986 to raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to support athletics, scholarships, and renovation initiatives at Lake State.

This year's Cooper Classic was a three-person scramble that included a Million-Dollar Shot contest and other special events.



**BENEFIT APPETITE** – Golfers enjoy lunch after a day on the links during LSSU's 24th annual Greater Peninsula Orthopedics Lake State Golf Classic, held June 1-2 at Boyne Mountain Resort. This event, and the Cooper Memorial Classic raise thousands for LSSU students.

Current members of the Laker men's basketball team greeted all golfers and assisted on the course with their putting skills.

Sponsors included Ron and Corey Sober, Gallagher Benefit Services, Riverside Medical Associates, Cooper Dental, Billy Cooper Family, Gundlach Champion, War Memorial Hospital, Pingatore Cleaners, Old Mission Bank, Precision Edge Surgical Products, Rick Cooper, Rodenroth Motors, and O'Connor's.

Next year's event returns to Wild Bluff with a barbeque, the Million-Dollar Shot, and putting contest on Saturday, Aug. 2, with a four-person scramble on Aug. 3. For more information, contact head men's basketball coach Steve Hettinga at 906-635-2174 or [shettinga@lssu.edu](mailto:shettinga@lssu.edu).

# LOG

*Around the World*

## LOG IN PEARL HARBOR –

George Ingam '69, Oakland, Mich., had his copy of the Laker Log with him when he and his wife went on a two-week cruise to Hawaii. This shot was taken at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu while he was standing on the USS Arizona viewing platform.



## From the Alumni Association Board...



*Alumni Association President  
Dave Thomas*

Greetings, Laker alumni!

I hope you're enjoying summer and this issue of the Laker Log. I just want to take a little time to let you know that the Alumni Board is working for you! We strive to represent all 30,000 alumni in advising the Alumni Office regarding events and programs.

We need to hear from more of you, so tell us what you want to see! Log in to [alumni.lssu.edu](http://alumni.lssu.edu) to see a list of current board members and drop a

note to one of us with your idea. We want feedback on what we're doing now, and suggestions for what we could be doing to make your alumni experience better.

**Great Lake State Weekend is Nov. 8-9** this year.

It's being held during our first conference hockey game of the season at home, and men's basketball will be hosting the GLIAC vs. GLVC Preseason Challenge in the Bud Cooper Gym, too. Check out the GLSW web page, [lssu.edu/glsw](http://lssu.edu/glsw) for more information on the weekend.

### Join the Alumni Association

A great way for you to help strengthen alumni events and programs is by joining the Alumni Association. Among the many benefits of membership is a Laker license plate to show your Laker pride, free admission to Laker social events around the country, discount golf rates all over the country, discounts on Laker apparel and much more. Join at [alumni.lssu.edu](http://alumni.lssu.edu) and set up automatic payments for renewals or installment payments

for your lifetime membership via PayPal.

### Legacy Endowment Award

Your Alumni Association recently established a financial aid award for children of alumni. The Alumni Association Legacy Endowment Award offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a child or grandchild of a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association. The first award will be made for fall semester, but you have to be an Alumni Association member for your child or grandchild to qualify.

### Canadian representation

We welcome Kalev Kommusaar '73 to the board as he represents our Canadian Laker alumni. Please contact him at [kkommusaar@lssu.edu](mailto:kkommusaar@lssu.edu) to relay your ideas for programs and services you would like to see.

See our coming events on the last page of this issue, and check the alumni website at [alumni.lssu.edu](http://alumni.lssu.edu) for updates.

For the blue and the gold,  
Dave Thomas '91

# Great Lake State Weekend 2013

## *Celebrate Lake State's Homecoming!*

**November 8-10**

*Tentative event schedule*

### **Friday, Nov. 8**

5 p.m.	Alumni Tailgate Party <i>Cook-out for Laker alumni, fans, families</i>	Tent, Lukenda Alumni House
6 p.m.	Laker Homecoming Parade	Downtown Soo to Campus
6:30 p.m.	Laker Pep Rally	Norris Parking Lot
7:35 p.m.	Laker Hockey vs. U. of Alaska-Fairbanks	Taffy Abel Arena
9:30 p.m.	Post-game Ice Cream Celebration	Taffy Abel Arena
10 p.m.	Alumni Reunion - Get a Poker Card	Zim's

### **Saturday, Nov. 9**

10 a.m.	Campus Challenge 5K Fun Run/Walk	Norris Center
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Brunch in the QD <i>\$5 for GLSW registrants</i>	Quarterdeck
11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Blood Drive	Cisler Center Crow's Nest
Noon-4 p.m.	Open house for alumni and families	Lukenda Alumni House
1 p.m.	Planetarium Show	Ben Long Planetarium
1-3 p.m.	Kids Kollege (ages 5-12)	TBA
2-4 p.m.	Laker Hockey Locker Room Tour	Taffy Abel Arena
3 p.m.	Laker Men's Basketball vs Missouri-St. Louis	Cooper Gym
4:30 p.m.	Alumni Awards reception – <i>All welcome</i>	Cisler Superior Room
5 p.m.	Alumni Awards Banquet	Cisler Superior Room
5 p.m.	Pre-game Bash <i>Music, inflatable games and more for students and families</i>	Student Activity Center
7:05 p.m.	Laker Hockey vs. U. of Alaska-Fairbanks	Taffy Abel Arena
6:30-9 p.m.	Reception in the Hockey Alumni box	Taffy Abel Arena
10 p.m. - Midnight	Alumni Gathering - Poker card	Moloney's Alley
Midnight	Turn in poker hands for prizes	Moloney's Alley

### **Sunday, Nov. 10**

3 p.m.	Laker Men's Basketball vs Illinois-Springfield	Cooper Gym
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Go to <http://www.lssu.edu/glsw/> for updated schedule, registration and details  
Questions? Write [alumnirelations@lssu.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@lssu.edu) or call 906-635-6219

# LSSU Alumni Awards

The university will pay tribute to five outstanding individuals at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, one of the highlights of Great Lake State Weekend.

Everyone is welcome at a reception from 4:30-5 p.m. The banquet, where tickets are required, begins at 5 p.m.

Those being honored include: Tad Malpass '82, Outstanding Alumnus Award; Rick Comley '71, Shouldice Achievement Award; Christopher Fink '99, Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni; and David and Patricia Hubbard, Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award.

## Rick Comley *K. J. Shouldice Award*

Rick Comley has gone a long way since he graduated from LSSU in 1971. His storied career in athletics -- in both coaching and administration -- has singled him out as this year's recipient of the Kenneth J. Shouldice Achievement Award, which recognizes professional achievement and community service.

A former national championship hockey coach at LSSU, Northern Michigan University and Michigan State University, Comley is one of only six NCAA Division I hockey coaches to have won more than 700 games, and one of only three to have won national championships at three separate schools. The Stratford, Ont., native led NMU and MSU to NCAA championships in 1991 and 2007, respectively, and LSSU to the NAIA title in 1974. He compiled an overall 783-615-110 record from 1974-2011.

"I'm proud to have been a player, assistant coach and head coach at LSSU," Comley said. "I made many lifetime friends there and met my wife Diane (Mackey) there when we were students."

Comley is the recipient of the Spencer Penrose Memorial Award as college hockey's national coach of the year in 1980 and 1991. He was named Central Collegiate Hockey Association Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1981, and was honored as Western Collegiate Hockey Association Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1991. He is a member of the LSSU Athletics Hall of Fame, the NMU Sports Hall of Fame, and was recently inducted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame.

Highlights of his MSU tenure include the 2007 national championship, the 2006 CCHA Playoffs title, and Great Lakes Invitational titles in 2004, '06 and '09. He has seen 12 former MSU players make the National Hockey League, and has coached 15 All-CCHA performers, six All-Americans, and three Hobey Baker finalists. Overall, he coached 10 Hobey Baker Memorial Award finalists, 15 All-Americans, four league players of the year, 26 first-team all-league selections, and 85 academic all-league selections.

Comley went to MSU after spending 26 years as the head coach at NMU from 1976-2002. He was the first head coach in NMU hockey history, compiling a 538-429-68 record and guiding NMU to CCHA regular-season championships and league post-season titles in 1980 and 1981. He also coached the Wildcats to the WCHA regular-season crown in 1991 and WCHA Playoffs championships in 1989, '91 and '92. He is one of three individuals to have coached regular-season champions in the WCHA and CCHA, an honor he shares with another former Laker coach - Bill Selman.

In addition to serving as NMU hockey coach, Comley spent 13 years as the school's athletics director from 1987-2000. During his tenure, NMU constructed the Superior Dome, the Berry Events Center, and the Tom Izzo-Steve Mariucci Academic Center. The NMU Department of Athletics enjoyed success, with national championship appearances and/or wins in football, volleyball, women's and men's basketball. The women's swimming team won five Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles, and the men's and women's



Nordic skiing teams competed on the national level.

Comley began his coaching career at LSSU, where he was Coach Ron Mason's varsity assistant and recruiter during the 1972-1973 season. It was Mason who would eventually bring Comley to MSU years later. He was named LSSU's head coach the following year when Mason was hired at Bowling Green and he guided the Lakers to a 59-46-3 mark from 1973-1976, winning an NAIA National Championship and a CCHA regular-season title in 1974.

A four-year letter-winner for Mason from 1967-1971, Comley was a two-time NAIA All-American and team captain in his senior year. He was voted most valuable player and LSSU's Outstanding Athlete in 1971.

Comley earned a bachelor's degree in political science from LSSU and a master's degree in education from NMU in 1973.

Comley has also been active in his community. He has served as honorary chairman of the American Lung Association Asthma Walk and American Red Cross blood drives. He has also been part of the Coaches for Kids campaign that raised money to build a pediatric emergency room at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

He and Diane have two grown children, Rick and Gillian.

# Tad Malpass

## Outstanding Alumnus Award

LSSU's Alumni Association will recognize Tad Malpass '82, East Jordan, with its highest honor -- the Outstanding Alumnus Award -- during Great Lake State Weekend, Nov. 8-10.

The award is presented to alumni who are successful in their careers and communities, and who support LSSU with their time, talent and treasure. Tad is being recognized for his work with LSSU's Alumni Association and the LSSU Foundation, of which he was a board member, as well as his legacy with EJ Inc., formerly East Jordan Iron Works, a company that his great-grandfather started in 1883. The company is the world leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of access solutions for water, sewer, drainage, telecommunications and utility networks worldwide.

Tad has donated to numerous campus activities, including the Gem of the North campaign to expand Taffy Abel Ice Arena, the Arts Center, numerous athletic teams and the LSSU Foundation's unrestricted Development Fund. He is a current donor, and his lifetime giving puts him in the top tier of all alumni donors. He has been recognized by the university in the past, most notably with the Paul Ripley Young Alumnus Award in 1998.

Tad found LSSU to be a good fit when he was looking for a place to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering technology.

"Because I was from a small town and school, LSSU allowed me to feel connected due to its smaller size and culture of being concerned about individuals and not overall numbers of students," he said. "It resulted in my feeling a part of the entire university, as opposed to just a smaller part of a larger one. I interacted with people and activities that maybe I otherwise wouldn't have been involved in. I personally knew President Kenneth Shouldice, most of the professors, the coaches, players and staff members and some of their families. As a result, I tended to take more of an interest in everything going on at the campus."

Tad lettered in all four of his years on the LSSU tennis team and ended



up coaching the team during his final year. He was also a member of the Society of Mechanical Engineers.

"In addition to receiving a great education, my experience was made even more special by folks such as Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cooper, through my involvement with the tennis team; Prof. Richard Jennings, through my participation on the debate team; and by professors such as John Madl, James Moody and Gary Johnson, who not only made the classroom interesting, but also took a personal interest in me as well as their other students."

Immediately upon receiving his BS MET degree in 1982, Tad went to work for EJ fulltime as a project engineer. Later, he assumed the role of handling environmental affairs and public relations, and eventually became vice president of industrial sales. When he retired, he was serving as executive vice president with overall responsibility for EJ's human resources, public relations, government affairs and industrial sales departments. He continues to serve as a consultant to the company, and is a member of the company's board of directors and its advisory board. He started working for the company in various jobs in the office and foundry while in junior high school and then high school, and he continued working

there during summers while attending LSSU.

Tad represented EJ and the foundry industry as an active member on a number of boards and associations including, but not limited to: Gray Iron Founders Association, American Foundry Society, Foundry Association of Michigan, Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, Michigan Manufacturers Association, National Association of Manufacturers, and Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

Tad has also served on many boards and committees, including the Malpass Foundation, Charlevoix County Humane Society, Rotary Club of East Jordan, and Charlevoix County Business and Industry Task Force (now the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance). He received the conservationist of the year award for Charlevoix County in 1993.

"I sensed the support of the local community in being behind the university through its helpfulness and friendliness towards the college students," Malpass said of his time at LSSU. "People such as Mr. and Mrs. Robert Champion, who were my landlords for four years and were just like family to me; Bill Matheson and Bucky Cook at Matheson's Standard, where I purchased my gas and had my car worked on -- they could not have been more honest and considerate. Also, 36 years later, Bill Oberman at Barish Brothers clothing store continues to take care of not only me, but my entire family now."

"I believe one of the biggest things you take away from LSSU is the personal relationships and consideration you are given. Education and knowledge are certainly important in today's workplace, but I believe equally as important, if not more so, is your ability to communicate, to get along with and care about the people you work with, and to motivate them. LSSU does an excellent job in preparing you not only scholastically, but also as a person. To this day, I still get a warm feeling whenever I am on campus."

Tad and his wife, Brenda, have two children -- Kirsten and Keegan.

## Christopher Fink

### *Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni*

Christopher Fink Ph.D. returns to campus this fall to accept the Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni, which recognizes Lakers who have enjoyed professional success early in their careers.

Chris, who graduated from LSSU in 1999, is assistant professor and chair of the Dept. of Health and Human Kinetics at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he has worked since 2007.

"I am deeply honored to be receiving this award for many reasons, but the foremost is the key role that my time and interactions at LSSU played in leading me to where I am today," Chris said. "Because of the personal nature of my academic work with the faculty at LSSU, I always hoped to teach and conduct research at an institution where the faculty/student relationship is collaborative and close...I often cite my time at LSSU with current and potential OWU students as we discuss the value of working and learning together.

"I have no doubt that my passion, curiosity, and approach to teaching and inquiry has developed from the wonderful foundation that I gained at LSSU. I can't overstate how much it means to me to receive this award from the institution that I hold in such high regard," Chris added.

From his start at OWU, Chris has focused his teaching in health behavior and health promotion, food studies, and qualitative inquiry. In addition to being department chair, he is faculty advisor to the Peer Health Advocate Team student group, and he works with faculty and staff across disciplines on health-related projects and program development.

Chris's research and scholarly interests involve physical activity and dietary behavior change, purpose and meaning in physical activity and diet, application of theoretical constructs and principles to the health behavior change process, food education and food studies, cooking as a health behavior, and the relationship between the Mediterranean culture and lifestyle (specifically Italian) and nutritional/movement behavior choices. He is

collaborating with colleagues in Italy in examining the interplay between traditional knowledge regarding food, food system design, and health promotion, and he and his students are working on a research project in conjunction with the *Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche* in Pollenzo, Italy, titled "*Granai della Memoria*." The project examines traditional knowledge about food, especially that which has been passed down from previous generations.

Chris and his students have been working with colleagues in the International Union of Health Promotion and Education and the Association for the Study of Food and Society in developing a food-and-health-related study-abroad experience. He has led two short-term travel learning experiences to Italy, where students examined the role of the socio-cultural and physical environments in food and physical activity choices.

In addition to IUHPE and ASFS, Chris is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. He serves on a number of committees in Delaware, including a food coalition, the Delaware Parks and Recreation advisory board, the Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County, and the Go Healthy Delaware Initiative. He is a lifetime member of the LSSU Alumni Association.

"Coming into LSSU, I struggled to determine where my academic and professional path should lead," Chris said. "The vast array of relationships and experiences that emerged during my time in the exercise science and athletic training programs served to not only clarify my passion for health and well-being, but also as the perfect educational foundation to carry this forward into graduate study in the areas of exercise psychology and, later, health promotion. This was, in a word, where I learned to be curious."

From LSSU, Chris went on to Indiana University-Bloomington, where he earned a master's degree



in kinesiology, and then to Ohio State University to earn a doctorate in exercise science.

"I gained my passion for faculty work by learning from all of my wonderful professors at LSSU, but especially from Professors Joe Susi and the late Lee Gardiner, who were instrumental in developing my academic base in and excitement about this field."

Chris and his wife Julie have two children, daughter Amelia, 5 and son Luca, 2. Chris's personal interests lie close to his academic pursuits, including cycling, running, cooking, listening to Italian music, watching sports and playing guitar.

*Did you know that children of LSSU alumni who live outside of Michigan can attend LSSU at the in-state tuition rate?*

## David and Patricia Hubbard *Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award*

David and Patricia Hubbard of Cheboygan have always recognized the importance of education and community. When they lived in Sault Ste. Marie, they supported a variety of community endeavors, including many projects at LSSU.

The Alumni Association is recognizing the couple for their LSSU support with the Donald and Catherine Finlayson Distinguished Citizen Award. The award, named after a former campus physician and his wife, recognizes friends, advocates and benefactors of the university who are not alumni of the institution.

The Hubbards moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1971 when David joined Edison Sault Electric Co. to take the position of controller. He enjoyed a long career with Edison – now Cloverland Electrical Cooperative – retiring in 1998 as vice president of finance.

Both David and Patricia are graduates of Alma College, but enjoyed and actively participated in the cultural and athletic activities at LSSU, and believe strongly in the important role the university played in their lives and that of the community. They supported numerous university initiatives over the years, including Laker Club, the Cooper Scholarship, and fund drive for a new gym floor.

In 2005, they created an endowed scholarship to assist a full-time student majoring in any course of study at LSSU. They also contributed to the Arts

Center, the Aquatic Research Lab, and the South Hall Renovation Project.

David formerly served on the LSSU Foundation's board of directors and was recently named to the Alma College board of trustees.

"We were fortunate to have LSSU in our community," the Hubbards said, "and we appreciated the opportunities that it offered to our family."

While raising a family in Sault Ste. Marie, the couple spread their belief in volunteerism and support of local youth activities. Patricia taught Sunday school and volunteered with her church, the Bayliss Library, and local Girl Scouts groups. They were always ready with a helping hand or donation, often giving anonymously.

Friends who have known the Hubbards for many years agree that they are very deserving of this award for their support of the community.

One noted, "You couldn't have chosen a more perfect couple...What I respect about both Pat and Dave is that they quietly supported so many things without any expectation of celebrity."

When David retired, the couple moved to Cheboygan, where they spend time boating and continuing their volunteerism. Patricia serves on the Cheboygan Area Public Library board as its publicity chair. They return to Sault Ste. Marie every summer to visit friends.

The couple has two grown sons, Todd and Jeff.



### 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](mailto:alumnirelations@lssu.edu); call 906-635-6219; or visit [alumni.lssu.edu/legacy](http://alumni.lssu.edu/legacy).

# Eggers named head coach

Shannon Eggers, a member of the Laker women's basketball coaching staff for five seasons and interim head coach since last August, has been promoted to head coach. Her return will add much-needed stability to the program with a proud tradition.

"I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to continue to be a part of such an amazing program in one of the best Division II conferences in the nation," Eggers said. "In order to succeed, our program's level of intensity has to completely change, and after one year of being an interim coach I have quickly learned what works and what doesn't. This team must compete every night, be hard-working and play together game in and game out. The coaches in the GLIAC are some of the best and they will continue to challenge me to get better and make our program better."

LSSU Athletics Director Kris Dunbar, who was 154-72 while coaching the Lakers from 1998-2006, conducted a national search following the conclusion of the 2012-13 season.

"I am very pleased that Shannon will be leading our women's basketball program," Dunbar said. "She has been a devoted assistant and interim coach for the past five years. Her passion for Laker Athletics is evident from her commitment to the women's basketball team and to the successful fund-raising efforts for the athletics department. The search committee looked at a very strong pool of candidates, but in the end, Shannon stood out as the right person to bring success to the program."

LSSU graduated only one player from this year's squad -- All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference First Team forward Maria Blazejewski. Meanwhile, four players signed National Letters of Intent to play basketball at LSSU.

"I want to thank Kris for showing confidence in me, knowing how much this program means to her," Eggers continued. "We have a rich basketball tradition at LSSU, and I am thrilled to continue to be a part of it."



*Shannon Eggers on the Laker bench.*

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# No place like home for Mattson's dream job

By Rob Kaminski, MHSAA Benchmarks Editor  
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As half of the Superdome in New Orleans went dark early in the third quarter of Super Bowl XLVII on Feb. 3, Autumn (Waite) Mattson '01 had a thought go through her mind: 'Things can even happen during events of this magnitude.'

"I thought, 'I guess some burnt popcorn setting off the smoke alarm at a basketball game isn't the worst thing that can happen,'" said the seventh-year athletic director at Cedar Springs High School.

On this day in early February, it's the OK Conference Competitive Cheer Meet scheduled for the night that occupies much of her focus, another event in the winter sports season that can make the Red Hawks' gym feel like her home.

Coordinating events like this one – and attempting to prepare for the unexpected – is one of the components to her job to which she had previously not given much thought.

"There were bound to be some oddities of being an athletic director that I never thought about," said Mattson. "But the amount of work that goes into the actual setup for events is something I didn't fully realize. From who's taking tickets, to the cash box, concessions, locker rooms; it's a lot to prepare for."

In a position that calls for organizational skills and a high-energy personality, accessibility also helped her become a successful administrator in a short time.

"I've learned to become a very good listener. Heading into this job, I didn't realize how essential it is to listen to people," Mattson said. "I've gained a lot of perspective on the different passions people have and why they do things."

Mattson can also talk, particularly when it comes to her favorite subject: Red Hawks athletics, and the town of Cedar Springs in general. She belongs to the sixth generation of family in Cedar Springs, and says the city and its schools have always had a close-knit relationship.

That much is evident driving through the streets near the high school, all painted Cedar Springs red.



*Autumn (Waite) Mattson '01 during her days with Laker basketball.*

How many other towns across the state have residential street signs painted in high school colors?

"We've always been a close-knit community with so many good people looking out for each other, and so many groups pulling for each other here," Mattson said. "I always dreamed of coming back here. When I got the job, I had to pinch myself."

A 1997 Cedar Springs grad, Mattson's prep career led to a basketball scholarship at Lake Superior State University, where she played from 1997-2001. When she returned, she had a new role, but made herself right at home.

In her initial position as athletic department secretary, Mattson had the good fortune of working for Pete Bush, now principal at Coopersville HS.

"He was a fabulous mentor who showed me the passion and desire it took to be an athletic director," Mattson said. "He sought my feedback and advice. Looking back, that was so instrumental; I probably wouldn't have this job if he hadn't told the administration to give me a chance."

Mattson also served as the Red Hawks' girls basketball coach until four years ago, another role that helped her prepare for

administration. She now gets her fix of student interaction through the school's Athletic Leadership Council, a group Mattson started in 2010 to unite students, staff and community members. In many respects, Mattson feels like a coach – or mentor – to all of them.

"These kids all become part of the Red Hawk athletic family, and it's overwhelming the amount of joy this job brings. I get goose bumps when they succeed and I know how much hard work they've put in," she said.

A big factor in the success of any athletic director is having the support of one's own family. Team Mattson – husband Scott, a former college tennis player and coach, along with sons Drew, 9, and Evan, 6 -- is behind her 100 percent.

"We eat dinner in the office a lot," said Mattson. "I am truly blessed to have a flexible family. We also try to keep a balance with the boys; we don't force athletics down their throats. We take them to band concerts, plays, and all of the different sports. They've grown up around a lot of awesome young adults. The kids are true Red Hawk fans."

A seventh generation of Mattson's family appears set for the land of red street signs.



**EXPANDING LAKER FAMILY** – LSSU President Tony McLain’s love of the university is becoming contagious in his family. When he asked his mother Betty what she would like for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, she told him, “Laker gear.” She’s pictured here with her son and daughter-in-law, Melissa, at her birthday celebration in Ludington, wearing a new Laker jacket and displaying her new Laker blanket as a backdrop. “It was a great day,” Tony said. “She is so proud of being an honorary Laker.” Betty has three other children besides Tony, as well as 13 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Meanwhile, Tony’s niece Leah Wyant Buchanan is not an LSSU alumna, but she has become a great Laker fan – so much so that she took along her copy of the Laker Log when she was in London over the past year. Here she is in front of Buckingham Palace.



**BURN, BABY, BURN** – With spring taking a long time to arrive in Michigan, as far as warmer temperatures go, Carrie McBride ’10, Caro, became a bit anxious and decided to take matters into her own hands. Carrie, the admissions/life enrichment team coordinator of Fisher Senior Care and Rehab Center in Mayville, Mich., joined forces with the organization’s housekeeping staff to make their own small-scale snowman to usher in spring at the center. Their simple snowman of boxes, straw and paper burned away while the residents and staff gathered in the main dining room and enjoyed hot dogs and ushered in spring LSSU style! Carrie said the residents were still talking about it weeks later and she can’t wait to do it again next year. Laker grads from the past 10 years or so remember the LSSU Snowman Burning with free hot dogs, but in years past, there was no free lunch. Some brought hot chocolate (some may have brought stronger beverages) but in recent years the LSSU Student Life Office, along with Student Government, have provided free hot dogs during the spring ritual. In the last two years, Enactus (formerly Students In Free Enterprise) has sold Pino’s Italian sausage from Sault, Ont. during the burning. The ceremony continues to change through the years.

## 40s

**John A. Dobb '48, Commerce Twp.,** retired from General Motors October 31, 1986. He has six children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## 70s

**James Fallis '74, Jersey City, NJ,** retired from Northern Arizona University in July 2012 and is now the executive director of a nonprofit organization in New York City. Beat the Streets provides opportunities for inner-city kids to wrestle.

**Pat Kight '74, Albany, Ore.,** edited *The Compass* for a couple years as a student and worked at the *Evening News* before she graduated. She moved on to the Associated Press in Detroit in 1976 and then got a newspaper job offer in Oregon. Pat left the news business in the 1990s to work for the Oregon Sea Grant at Oregon State University. She started as a science writer but then moved on to web developer, photographer and digital media specialist.

**Steven Lien '77, Springfield, Mo.,** was accepted as a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Only 8 percent of IEEE's approximately 419,000 members hold this grade, which requires extensive experience and reflects professional maturity and documented achievements of significance.

**Richard Miller '77, Perrysburg, Ohio,** worked for SoloHill Engineering, Inc. and Technical Alternatives Inc. before moving on to BioLumix, Inc., where he is the production manager.

**Patrick Rowell '78, Mogadore, Ohio,** is a measurement technician for Sunoco Logistics, a subsidiary of Sunoco. He was just promoted to level 4 measurement tech and is the first person at Sunoco ever to reach that level. He is married to the former **Marcella (Szymanski) '79.**

## 80s

**Claude "Bud" Denker '80, Bloomfield Hills,** provided Upper Peninsula residents with 40 free tickets to the 2014 Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, May 30-June 1. Denker, a U.P. native and recipient of LSSU's Kenneth Shouldice Achievement Award in 2008, is chairman of the race. He said he is impressed with U.P. fans of the race and wanted to make sure they felt welcome in 2014.



**Craig Moser '85, Waukesha, Wisc.,** was named chief of the Muskego Police Dept. after being with the department for 27 years. He served with the Waukesha Co. Metro Drug Unit, was a DARE officer, tactical team leader, field training officer and program supervisor, is a state-certified instructor for firearms, emergency vehicle operation and vehicle contacts, and had been overseeing the detective bureau since 2007, when he had been promoted to captain.

## Class Notes

**Diane Krueger '85, Lansing,** is a professional environmental scientist at MWH Americas Inc. and a rabid Laker fan who enjoys getting to the Sault as often as possible for hockey and basketball games.

**Bill Rose '84, Pinckney,** is the operations supervisor at Kensington Park near Milford, in charge of the day-to-day operations for the park. He supervises the seasonal/provisional work forces, and all the revenue-generation facilities. He also coaches a summer community running program, middle school cross country in the fall and indoor winter track at the high school, specializing in the shot-put and discus.

**Debbie (Kelly) Rose '84, Pinckney,** is manager of medical audit services at St. John Providence Health System. She recently went on a week-long mission to Seguin, Haiti with RainCatchers, accompanied by fellow Lakers **Kim (Roberts) Smith '83** and daughter **Allison Rose '09.**

**James Gregg '88, Naperville, Ill.,** works in operations and engineering with Lucent Technologies. He is helping the Sault Tribe implement its new 4G system.

## Lake State After Hours

A gathering of Laker alumni, employees and friends on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m., at a variety of local establishments.

# Class Notes

## Duty earns Chrysler award – again

Alumnus Mark J. Duty '88, a powertrain synthesis manager with Chrysler Corp., is the recipient of the Walter P. Chrysler Technology Award, given to holders of Chrysler Group's most outstanding patents.

Duty, 47, who joined the company in 1996, earned the prize – his second – for work on the Powertrain Matching Analysis Toolset. Known within Chrysler Group as PMAT, it helps identify engine-transmission pairings that afford the most bang for the customer's buck.

Duty shared the prize in 2007 for his work on Chrysler Group's Fuel-Saver cylinder-deactivation

technology. His latest work, PMAT, reduces the need for physical testing by employing a reverse tractive, multi-state dynamic optimization process to deliver objective performance assessments. The simulation tool



also automatically optimizes powertrain and vehicle combinations.

PMAT helped prove Chrysler Group's ground-breaking 8-speed automatic transmission was a natural mate for the award-winning 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6. The celebrated combination helps Chrysler Group deliver best-in-class fuel economy in key segments such as full-size pickups (Ram 1500) and full-size sedans (Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger).

Judging for the award – first bestowed in 1994 – is performed by a panel of more than 80 Chrysler Group subject experts, along with previous award winners. The panel reviews every Chrysler Group patent approved during the previous year and identifies a group of finalists, from which senior management selects a winner.



**ACADEMY RETREAT KEYNOTE** –Mark Eitrem '84, supervisor of public school academies at the Michigan Department of Education, gives the keynote address during a charter school board of directors retreat June 15-16 in Sault Ste. Marie. More than 40 officials from 17 of 22 LSSU-chartered public school academies attended breakout sessions on finance, contracts, and student achievement and educational service provider evaluation. Charter school officials also toured LSSU's nursing, engineering, fire safety, criminal justice, fine arts, and aquatic research laboratory facilities. Find out more about LSSU charter schools at [lssu.edu/provost](http://lssu.edu/provost).



**Darryl Dinel '96, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**, is working at the manufacturing research and development team for Nike Vietnam LLC.

**Walter Franke '92, Bloomfield Hills**, attended LSSU for one year, majoring in pre-dentistry. He then met his wife Jana and followed her to Detroit to finish his schooling.

**Mike Garman '94, Howell**, works for Kawasaki Robotics in Wixom.

**Amy (Tonkin) Metiva '93, Sterling**, is the head athletic trainer at Pinconning High School.

**Kellie Nightlinger '96, Juneau, Alaska**, starred June 23 in a new reality show airing on the Discovery channel and website. In "Naked and Afraid," participants spent 21 days stranded in the wilderness of Tanzania, naked, without food or water, and with only one personal item, such as a knife or an axe. Nightlinger is a former Michigan conservation officer who now works for an Alaska guiding service.

**Scott Pinar '94, Wells**, is one of several Lakers working for Kawasaki Robotics in Wixom.

**Scott Smith '91, Austin Tex.**, has been recognized for 10 years of service at his company, PPD Inc., where he is a senior project manager in clinical research.

**Eric VanderEyck '98, Ferndale**, is program manager at Guardian Industries in Sterling Heights.



**Derrick Bates '06, South Bend, Ind.**, is an environmental manager at McCormick and Company.

**Chelsea (Lowes) Berg '06, Hyattsville, Md.**, is the program officer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant Office.

**Jaimee (Shunk) Brow '01, Sault Ste. Marie**, graduated from Michigan State University with a master's degree in nursing in 2011. She is now a nurse practitioner at Greater Peninsula Orthopedics.

**Hillary Bultema '07, Rochester Hills**, is an account executive at Sales Marketing Group in Southfield. Prior to that, she was a group sales representative for Palace Sports and Entertainment.

**Rosie (Kling) Delfre '00 /'05, Ilderton, Ont.**, is employed at Huron Perth Children's Aid Society, where she is a school-based family service worker. Rosie works in two Catholic schools, providing school-based counseling/support to elementary and secondary students. She received a five-year award at the Children's Aid Society in February 2013 at the annual staff recognition ceremony.

**Nicola Gray '06, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.**, is a certified athletic trainer at Sault College.

**Stephanie (Kilgore) Heath '05, South Ogden, Utah**, formerly recruitment coordinator for the Teachers of Tomorrow program at Weber State University, was offered a full time assistantship to Louisiana State University. She will be teaching while attending classes.



**Natasha (Wagner) King '00, Engadine**, is married to Gregg and they have 3 children - Lauren, Alicia, and Russell.

**Ben Kurth '06, Clarkston**, is working for AMT in the robot programming department since graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering and is now leading a project for an AMT/Fleetwood team that will be in Peru for several months to integrate a palletizing and conveyer system at a condensed milk plant. Outside of work, Ben enjoys driving his orange 1951 Willy's pickup truck, which he received from his grandfather and restored with the help of his dad. The truck was a bright spot in the LSSU Center for Applied Science parking lot until Ben graduated.

**Maureen Lynch '01, Grand Rapids**, is a human resources generalist at Flexco.

**Alexandra (Chiakmakis) Marmet '06, Royal Oak**, is a medical technologist at William Beaumont Hospital, where she contributed to the construction of a laboratory information system. She designed corporate training material and trained large and small groups of peers using LIS.

**Benjamin Momber '08, Jension**, is service operations supervisor at Farmers Insurance.

**Leith Nader '06, Milford**, works for Kawasaki Robotics in Wixom.

**Ethan Nayback '06, Marne**, works at the Institute of Neuromuscular Medicine and Rehabilitation as the head athletic trainer.

# Class Notes

**Kevin Ockert '00, Kingsley**, works for Kawasaki Robotics in Wixom.

**Scott Hartung '00, Alanson**, is employed at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

**Casey O'Connor '09, Marquette**, is a federal case manager and substance abuse counselor at Great Lakes Recovery Center.

**Kari Stroschein-Perrine '03, Fowlerville**, is married to fellow LSSU grad **Dan Perrine '97**. She works as a graphic designer for a printing company and Dan is the program manager for a tier one automotive supplier.

**Jeremy Ridky '07, Sterling Heights**, is working as the health and wellness coordinator at the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) in Rochester, Mich.

**Stephanie Roose '09, Ann Arbor**, is marketing and public relations director at Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. She develops and implements strategic plans to reach new demographics.

**Travis Rosema '03, Muskegon**, received a Meritorious Award from Muskegon Parole Office Director Daniel Heynes and Deputy Director Charles SinClair for his actions that lead to the arrest and conviction of a breaking-and-entering suspect. The arrest resulted in all the stolen items being returned to the owner within hours of the theft.

**Simone A. (Sabourin) Shetler '01, Howell**, is the senior insurance service professional and a Hantz Team underwriter at the Hanover Insurance Group.

**Bridgett Sorenson '02, St. Ignace**, was elected in 2012 to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors for Unit 3.

**Sarah (Cole) Tanis '02, Scottville**, is married to Matt Cole. They have one son, Gunner.

**Derek Theobald '04, Silver City, NM**, is a sergeant at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. He supervises the Silver City Supervisory District. Derek and his wife, Sheri, just had their third child, Kallie Joan.

**Rob Trembinski '04, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.**, along with his sister, Kristen Tembinski, have assumed ownership of Sault Ontario's EXIT Realty Lake Superior from their father, Terry. Since it opened in 2000, the EXIT franchise grew to one of the most productive offices in the area. Kristen joined the brokerage in 2006 after graduating from the University of Ottawa with an honors degree in commerce. She has been the broker of record for EXIT Realty Lake Superior since February 2012. Rob joined the brokerage in May 2012 after leaving De Pere, Wisc., where he worked at St. Norbert College as the director of residential education. He graduated with a degree in business administration/marketing from LSSU in 2004 and went on to receive his master's degree in organizational leadership from St. Ambrose University in 2007.

**Shaunna Wallis att. '93-'98, Pickford**, obtained her BS and master's degrees from Michigan State University. She is a physical therapist for the Sault Area Public Schools and is married to Randy MacDonald.

**Scott Wilding '03, Dearborn**, is project manager at Kawasaki Robotics Inc.

**Nicholas Wheeler '09, McMillan**, transferred from the Department of Natural Resources office in Newberry to the Standish office as a fire officer.

**Justin Windsor-Grenier '07, Les Cheneaux Islands**, served four years as a U.S. Navy "Frog" (underwater demolition team) and now attends the Great Lakes Boat Building School in Cedarville.

**Ben Zoppa '09, Brimley**, is employed at the Bay Mills Township Fire-Rescue. He puts together the yearly training schedule. Ben is also employed at Innovative Composites Inc., where he performs research and development on fire retardants for textiles, composites and wild-land firefighting.



**Joel Billings '11, Waterford**, is a graduate student in the fire and emergency management administration program at Oklahoma State, where he is also a graduate assistant.

**Lauren (Davison) Dey '12, Harbor Springs**, accepted a position with the Thorne Swift Nature Preserve as a naturalist.

**Shannon Eggers '10, Sault Ste. Marie**, was named head coach of the LSSU women's basketball team.

**Gordon Jacobs '10, Tampa**, accepted a position as health and fitness specialist with MediFit at Tampa Electric Company.

**Kristen (Spalding) Lorenz '10, Dorr**, is employed at Goldfish Swim School in Grand Rapids.

**Adam Lubbers '11, Twin Lake,** was promoted from recruit to fire fighter by the Grand Rapids Fire Department on October 24.

**Carrie McBride '10, Mayville,** is the admissions and life enrichment coordinator at Fisher Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center. She brought the LSSU 43-year tradition of burning a snowman on the first day of spring to the center, where it was well-received by the residents.

**Ron Neal '12, Sault Ste. Marie,** is the director of marketing at Kewadin Casino.

**John Ransom '12,** and wife Ruth moved to Ocean Springs, Miss., where John accepted a graduate research position at University of Southern Mississippi research station. He will be studying the effects of the Deep Horizon BP oil spill on larval fish populations.

**Brittany Stabile '10, Sault Ste. Marie,** was recognized for her outstanding work at Washington Elementary School as Teacher of the Month.

**Megan Wolfe '11, Villa Park,** will be attending Northern Illinois University with a graduate teaching assistantship in the fall.

**Stacie Wamsteeker '13, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,** participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Crime Stoppers June 7-11 with her supervisor, Priscilla Stevens, director of LSSU Public Safety and president of Northern International Crime Stoppers. The conference included 110 delegates from 38 Crime Stoppers chapters from throughout Ontario.

**Julie Ann Timmer '11, Brimley,** was promoted to administrative officer within the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) at Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery in the fall of 2012. Timmer first interned with the FWS in 2009, and was hired on full time immediately after graduation in 2011. Since then, she was promoted to her new position, and has been assisting several other field offices within the Midwest region with administrative duties. A special topics course at LSSU in SAP enterprise has proven to be useful in her success, for it is the system the federal government utilizes for their financial and administrative functions for all bureaus.

## Some things are even better when they're matched.

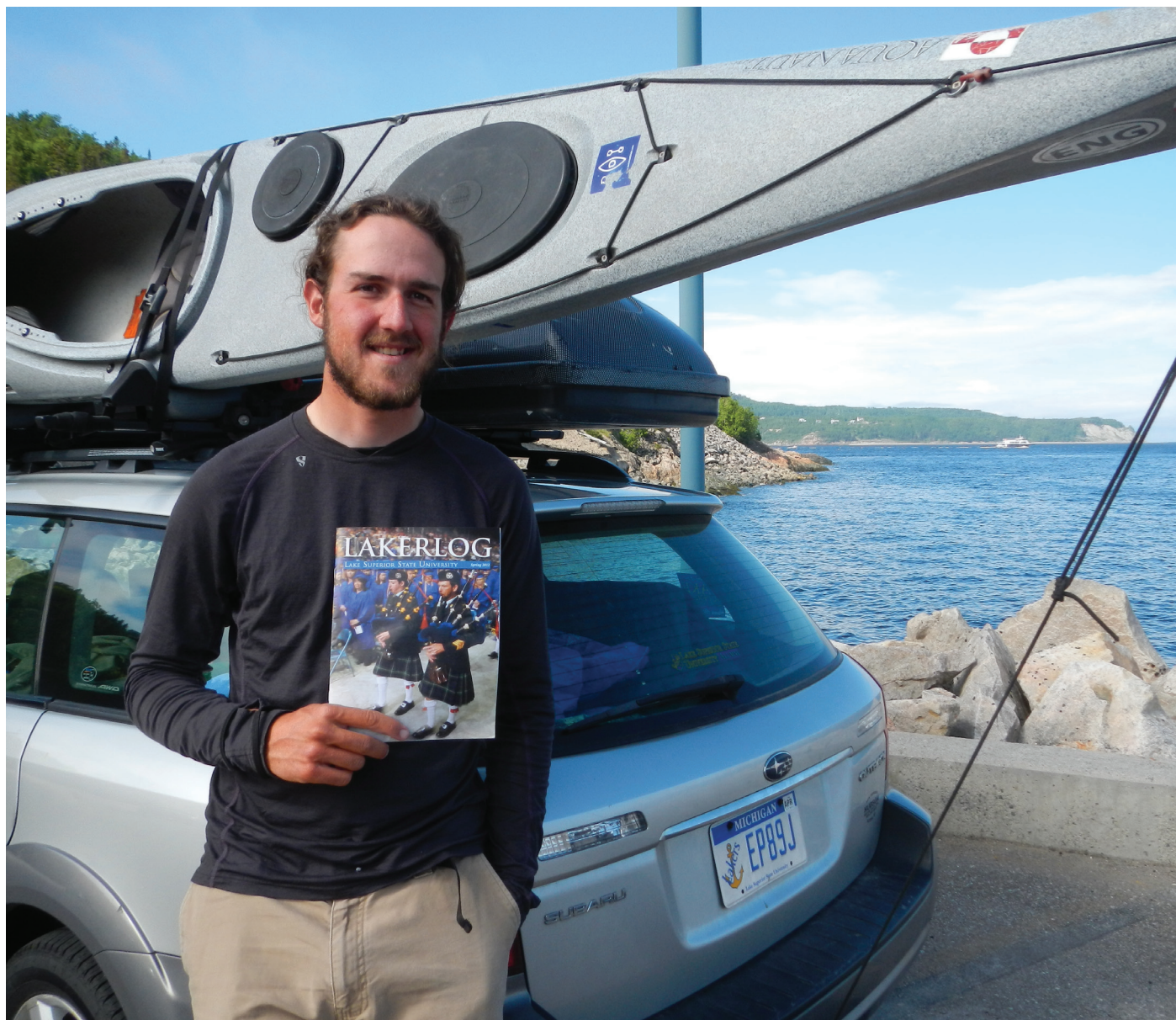
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**PADDLE TO NEARLY THE SEA** – When Tim Gallaway '12 graduated with his engineering degree, he didn't jump right into business. He took his time and took his kayak to paddle from the north shore of Lake Huron to the St. Lawrence Seaway. The trip itself was remarkable, but then Tim was able to recount it through the TED Talks' platform TEDx at Houghton.

Gallaway enjoys paddling year-round and he tries to spread the word of human-powered travel on the water. His post-graduation solo and self-supported kayak expedition took him along historic water routes through Canada. Many people said it was a "trip of a lifetime," but he would say it was his "first trip of a lifetime." Tim is shown here near the end of his trip, at St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec, on the shore of the St. Lawrence River.

TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x equals an independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized.

TED, which started as a conference to bring people together from Technology, Entertainment and Design in 1984, is a nonprofit program devoted to ideas worth spreading. Along with two annual conferences -- the TED Conference on the West Coast each spring, and the TEDGlobal conference in Edinburgh UK each summer -- TED includes the award-winning TED Talks video site, the Open Translation Project and TED Conversations, the inspiring TED Fellows and TEDx programs, and the annual TED Prize. TED conferences bring together the world's most fascinating thinkers and doers, who are challenged to give the talk of their lives in 18 minutes or less. Find Gallaway's talk by searching "Tim Gallaway TEDx" at youtube.com.

## Hammill named Officer of the Year by Safari Club



### OFFICER OF THE YEAR -

Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Mike Hammill was named the Shikar-Safari Club's 2012 Wildlife Officer of the Year, as well as the DNR Law Enforcement Division's Conservation Officer of the Year. Pictured here from left are: Hammill's stepmother, Julie; his son and wife, Chase and Christina; NRC commissioner Louise Klarr; NRC chair J.R. Richardson; Hammill; his father, Jim; DNR Director Keith Creagh; and DNR Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler. (Photo courtesy of MDNR)

Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Mike Hammill '00, Newberry, has been named the Shikar-Safari Club's 2012 Wildlife Officer of the Year.

The award is given annually by the international hunting group to a conservation officer in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces and the territories of both nations.

In earning this award, Hammill also captured the DNR Law Enforcement Division title as 2012 Conservation Officer of the Year. Both awards were presented to

Hammill during the March Natural Resources Commission in Saginaw.

"I feel real humbled just being nominated for the award," said Hammill, who works in Luce County. "There are a lot of officers who are super hard-working and just as deserving as I am. I feel very fortunate to be selected this year. It's pretty cool."

A native of Crystal Falls, Hammill joined the DNR in 2002 and has worked on the east end of the Upper Peninsula most of his career. Hammill is "a highly-motivated,

highly-dedicated officer," said Lt. Skip Hagy, his supervisor. "He is well respected by his peers and the public," Hagy said. "He does an excellent job of balancing the spirit and intent of the law. He is the poster child for law enforcement and very deserving of this award."

The Shikar-Safari Club International was founded in 1952 by an international group of hunters interested in exchanging ideas about the sport. Safari Club International is devoted to protecting hunters' rights and promoting wildlife conservation worldwide.

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# Messages in a Bottle

*Hello from sunny, warm and snowless , at least in my part of, Arizona. So, how much snow did you get this year – it's not over, yet?*

*Regarding the obit about Herb Fletcher in the latest issue of the Laker Log and the statement about him being the last surviving member of the 1948 Soo Tech football team. Well, I was a member of that team and as of this moment I am warm and breathing – there may be others, also. (Ed. note: Laker on!)*

*In the past few years, there have been several Arizona hockey players with scholarships for college hockey teams. Perhaps LSSU could look this way?*

*I wish I could have come to LSSU for the graduation ceremony this year.  
Cheers, and hope you had a nice spring!*

Dave Bush '49  
Mesa, Ariz.

*My father, Arza (Abe) Swart, received his Spring 2013 Laker Log and read the "Friends we'll miss" section concerning Herb Fletcher of Grand Rapids. The article erroneously states that Herb was the last surviving member of the 1948 Soo Tech football team.*

*My father played on the 1948 team and started at center for most, if not all of the games. At age 84, he is still living in Birmingham, Mich., with my mother, Mickey Armstrong, from the Sault. Would it be possible for you to print this correction? My father enjoyed the camaraderie of the team and was a special friend of Bud Cooper. There should be credit where credit is due.*

*... on another note, my mother, Mickey Armstrong Swart, actually wrote the fight song for the team back in 1948, I believe. She didn't attend LSSU, but was dating my dad at the time.*

Molly Swart  
Daughter of Arza Swart '48

**Ed. Note:** Apologies to all members of the 1948 team!

**To Dr. Madan Saluja on the occasion of Spring 2013 Commencement:**

*What a treat to see you on Saturday after commencement! It is always a pleasure to get the chance to spend a few minutes with my favorite prof!*

*Topping it off was running into frat brothers Joe Breed and Tom Coates. I only wish that I could have made the trip two weeks ago to see brother Vic Breed awarded with the 2013 School of Business Distinguished Alumnus Award. What a great day for my family, as our second of three daughters joined the distinguished list of Laker alumni.*

*What sets LSSU apart from other universities is the relationship between faculty and students. I had that experience during my undergrad days, knowing that I could see anyone from a professor to President Shouldice on any issue, and they would be open and willing to offer support and encouragement. I know that now when I visit MY Lake State, the folks will be just as friendly and fine people will take the time to catch up, talk of days past and future -- and not just academics, but of family and life.*

*I sell Lake State all the time as a high school coach. Each young person hears that you can go anywhere for a good education, but if you want a great all-around university experience, with instructors, administrators and staff who care, then attend LSSU.*

*That endorsement was made so evident at graduation, as student after student stopped and said hello, or shook your hand and acknowledged his relationship with you. It made me homesick for my college, but very proud as an alumnus, as the husband of an alumna, and now a father of TWO alumni!*

Bill Rose '84  
Pinckney

To the Alumni Association:

*Thank you for sponsoring our athletic trainer alumni gathering at the Great Lakes Athletic Training Association annual meeting and symposium. It was great to meet other alumni and get to know our students in the program. LSSU should be very proud of how our students performed in the GLATA quiz bowl and how they presented themselves at the conference. Kudos to our professors and staff.*

Amy Metiva ATC / AT '93  
Head Athletic Trainer, Pinconning High School

*It was an honor to partake in the LSSU Athletic Training alumni gathering at the GLATA conference in Chicago. The generosity of the Alumni Association was great appreciated. We all had a great time meeting new alumni and catching up with friends and Prof. Joe Susi. Joe has always and continues to do such a great job with the LSSU Athletic Training education program. That is apparent with his students winning the Michigan Athletic Trainers Society quiz bowl competition and being able to compete at the GLATA quiz bowl!*

Ethan Nayback MEd, AT, ATC '06  
Institute of Neuromuscular Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Head Athletic Trainer, Rockford High School

*Just wanted to send a 'thank you' to the Alumni Association for sponsoring the alumni gathering in Chicago. It was great catching up with my classmates, alumni, and Prof. Joe Susi, as well as meeting the current students! It was fun cheering on the students representing Michigan at the GLATA quiz bowl. They did Lake State proud, finishing in second place!*

Nicola Gray ATC '06  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

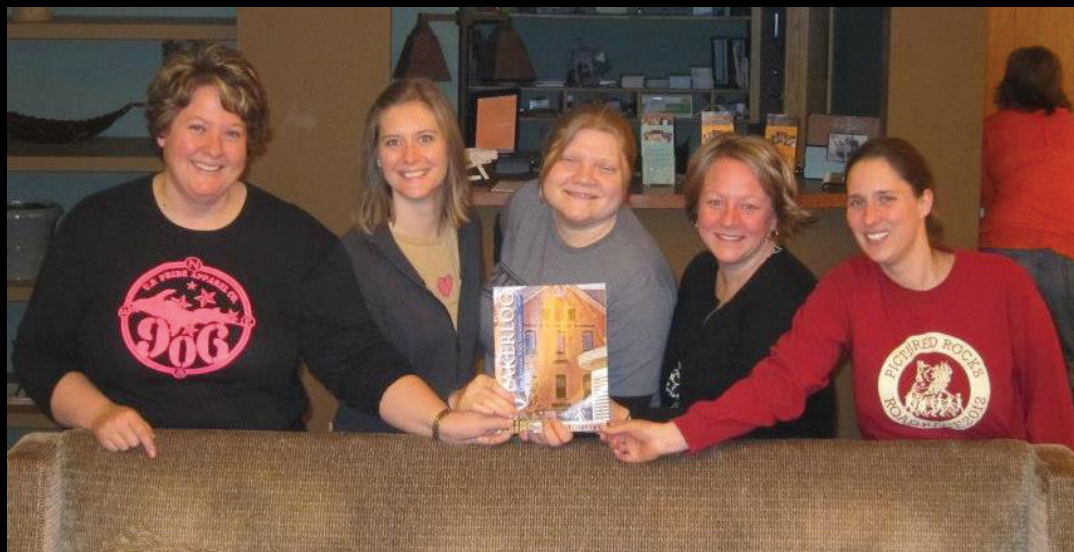
*Here is a photo of me and Jennifer (Bobiwash) Conklin '97 before her ladies ice hockey tournament in Las Vegas. Her team is called Bad Kitty.*

*I organized a Delta Phi Epsilon Las Vegas alumni event to watch her play since she is a DPhiE woman, too. When we heard she was coming into town, we made it an event to go support her. It goes back to how those connections we make at LSSU are still beneficial 20 years later.*

Irene (Colson) Coons '93  
Las Vegas



Irene (Colson) Coons '93 and  
Jennifer (Bobiwash) Conklin '97



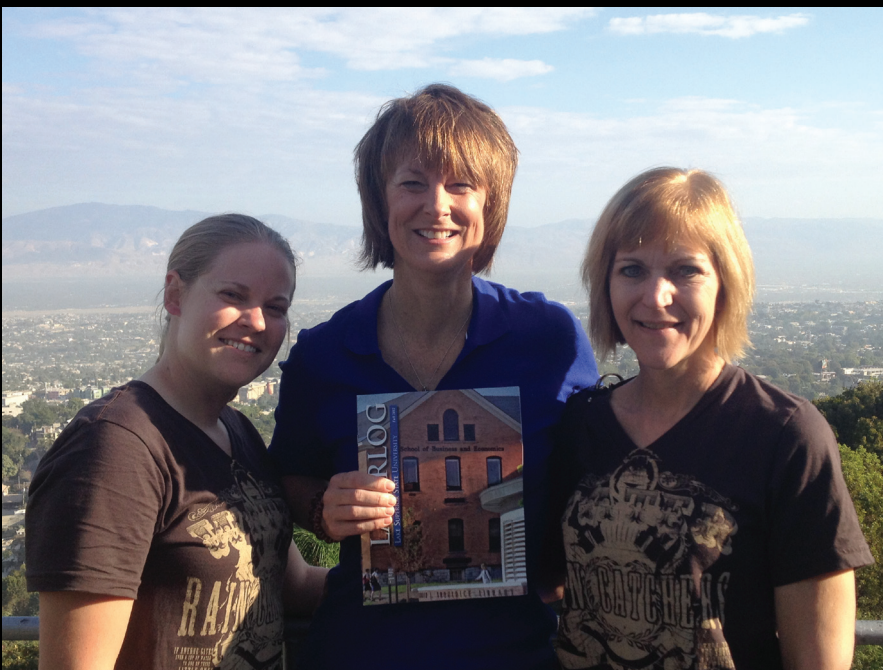
**LOG IN THE WOODS** – Tracy (Ordiway) Laitinen and fellow alumnae pose with their copy of the Laker Log during their annual late-February gathering in southwest Michigan at Into the Woods Retreat, where they shop, work on scrapbooks and get caught up on current events. From left are Laitinen '02, Sault Ste. Marie; Sarah (Tanis) Cole '02, Scottville; Michelle (Orven) Boren '02, Valparaiso, Ind.; Kari Stroschein-Perrine '03, Fowlerville; and Natasha (Wagner) King '00, Engadine.

**LAKER IN A COAL MINE** – Michael Hitch '86 poses at the world's largest open pit coal mine in Borneo, Indonesia, while he was visiting as part of his work as associate professor in the Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering at University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Since he graduated with his degree in geology from LSSU, Michael earned his Ph.D. and now does research that focuses on using mine waste, or tailings, as a mineral substrate for sequestering carbon dioxide. Through his work, he has visited 179 countries in various technical capacities.





**THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH FRIENDS OF LSSU** – The Friends of Lake Superior travel group keeps on going and going. The group of alumni, faculty, staff, retirees and friends went to Europe in May and took this photo with their copy of the Laker Log at the Eagle's Nest outside of Salzburg, Germany. FOLS is an annual tour group organized by Prof. Emeritus Carol Campagna (Nursing) and Prof. Deb McPherson, chair of LSSU Recreation Studies and Exercise Science. Any interested travelers may join the group for the 2014 tour. Pictured here, from left in front: Bob Willy, Campagna, Jean Mannesto, Sherry Brooks '83, '90, McPherson '72 and Gwen Worley '78. Back row: Nancy '62 and Paul Fenlon '62, Gary Toffolo and Fred Olesek '59.



**LOG IN HAITI** – Debbie (Kelly) Rose '84 sent this photo of three Laker nursing alumnae posing with their copy of the Laker Log in Port-au-Prince while on a week-long mission trip in Seguin, Haiti with RainCatchers. Rose is at right, while her daughter, Allison '09, is on the left. In the center is Rose's good friend Kim (Roberts) Smith '83. The two met while students at LSSU. Smith has been traveling to Haiti to work several times per year over the past 15 years. This was Allison's third trip and Debbie's second with RainCatchers.

# Alumni Association events – coming to a location near you!

Here's a look at where your Alumni Association has been over the past several months. Do you have an idea for a social event? Let us know at [alumnirelations@lssu.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@lssu.edu). Check out photos from all of these events at [alumni.lssu.edu](http://alumni.lssu.edu).

## Basketball Alumni Weekend

More than 30 Laker basketball alumni returned to campus Feb. 9 for the annual Basketball Alumni Weekend. Alumni were introduced on court during half-time of the games against Northwood and headed to Moloney's Alley for appetizers after the games.

## Softball Spaghetti Fund-raiser with Dessert

The Alumni Association teamed up with Laker Softball on Feb 16 for the annual Softball Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser. We served more than 200 people in the Cooper Gym prior to Laker hockey vs. Alaska. Local members of the Alumni Association's board of directors out-did themselves baking up treats with a Valentine's Day theme. It was a sweet deal!

## Laker Social in Marquette

Laker alumni and hockey fans gathered at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. in Marquette on March 2 prior to Laker hockey vs. NMU. The pre-game social was hosted by Carol '78 and John Boger '81 and Tony '99 and Anna '84 Mauris.

## Speed Networking on campus

Twenty-one LSSU alumni volunteered their time to meet with current students in a speed-dating type format on campus March 13. Alumni represented a variety of academic majors and professional disciplines, giving students from all areas the opportunity to find out what it's really like working in the field. Contact the alumni office if you would like to volunteer for speed networking in 2014.

## GLATA conference, Chicago

Exercise Science Prof. Joe Susi brought a group of students to the Great Lakes Athletic Training Association conference in Chicago on March 14, where they met up with LSSU alumni who were also attending the conference. The Alumni Association sponsored a social for the Lakers. Read more in Messages in a Bottle.

## Golden Grad Reunion

A record 14 alumni who attended the Sault Branch of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (precursor to LSSU) 50 or more years ago attended the 2013 Golden Grad Reunion during LSSU Commencement weekend, April 26-27.

## Zoo-de-Mack Bike Tour

Nearly a dozen Laker alumni and friends joined 4,000 other bikers in cloudy, cool temperatures to ride the 51 miles from Harbor Springs to Mackinaw City on May 18. As the pictures will show, the damp weather did not dampen spirits, and those who attended had a great time. Come join us in 2014 – the ride is spectacular! Stay tuned for information on ordering a Laker bicycle jersey – Zoo-de-Mackinac participation NOT required!



**OLD TIMES, FRESH MEMORIES** – *Golden Graduates and other dignitaries gather for the Golden Graduate reception the evening before commencement. On the left is Raoul Revord JD, class of 1958, who was attending his fourth Golden Grad reunion. Revord is an attorney in the Marquette, Mich. area. On the right is Gary Benjamin '70, who was there to honor Bill Verrette's receiving an LSSU honorary doctorate. Verrette is owner/director of Champion, Inc. Benjamin is the chairman, president, and CEO of Champion, and is a former LSSU trustee and a current member of the LSSU Foundation Board of Directors. Framed by their handshake is Mae Lukenda, wife of Louis Lukenda '49. Just over the top of Benjamin's head is Lou Lukenda, a Golden Grad attending his second reunion. The building that housed the reception is named in their honor as the Lou and Mae Lukenda Alumni House. Over Revord's shoulder is Hon. Doc. Bill Verrette chatting with Golden Grad Art Disbrow '53, who has attended Golden Grad reunions for six of the last 10 years.*

**John Babcock '69, Clear Lake,** died Jan. 23. He loved to golf, fish and get together with his family and friends for a good barbeque.

**James Calder '51, Sault Ste. Marie,** died April 21. He enjoyed boating, baseball and hockey, which he coached for several years at the mite level in his former residence of Birmingham. James returned to Sault Ste. Marie in 2010 after being away for more than 50 years.

**Duane Carlson '67, Sugar Island,** died May 2 at his home. Retired from the Michigan Dept. of Corrections, James enjoyed reading, hunting, spending time with friends and, most of all, his beloved dog, Chuck.

**Len Dupuis '62, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,** died Feb. 3, 2007 at the F.J. Davey Home at the age of 66.

**Wayne Halonen '58, Sault Ste. Marie,** died Feb. 19. Wayne joined the Peace Corps in 1965 after being inspired by a speech he heard in person from President John F. Kennedy. He played and taught the oboe, organ and other instruments. He lived and taught in many places, including Philadelphia, New York, and California, before retiring in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Michael Hope '68, Wasilla, Alaska,** died March 27. Michael was a Vietnam veteran who moved to Alaska in 1985 and worked for Akeela House as a counselor, where he retired in 1996. He also worked at Alaska Pacific University as assistant dean of students.

**Bruce G. Huston, Titusville, Fla.,** died at his home on Feb. 26. Born in 1934, he was an owner of Huston Real Estate, joining his cousin Mark in 1970 and working there until 1990. Huston had many LSSU connections.

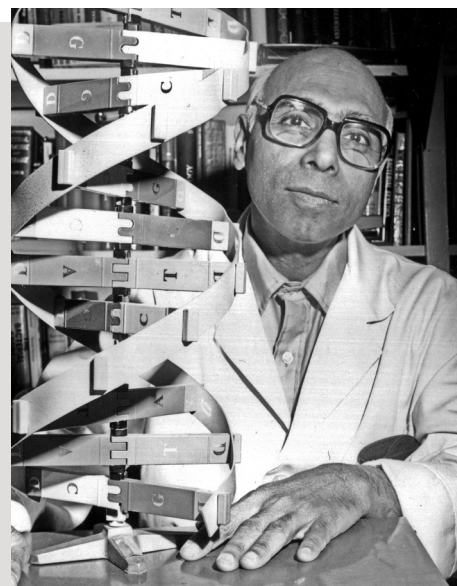
His daughter, Cindy, graduated from LSSC in 1975 and married Neil Gallaway '75. Two grandchildren, Cory '04 and Tim '12, graduated from LSSU, also. Bruce and his late wife, Marian, established the Bruce and Marian Huston Family Scholarship, benefitting students who are graduates of Johannesburg-Lewiston High School.

**Diana Marie (Thiedeman) Kavanagh '86, Avoca,** died Nov. 20, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Pete.

**William King Jr. '50, St. Ignace,** died April 26 at his home. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II before returning to Michigan to attend school at Sault Tech. He worked for the Michigan Highway Department - Roads and Bridges, retiring in 1990. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking and working with model railroads.

**Roger LaMothe '62, Jackson,** died March 3. He and his wife Esther traveled around the world for Lions Club meetings. He enjoyed photography, collecting stamps, clocks/watches, wine/scotch and more.

**James MacLaren '69, Sault Ste. Marie,** died April 25. Jim was housing director at LSSC before becoming sports director at WSOO in the late 1960s. He served as assistant parks and recreation director for Sault Ste. Marie and became the sports editor of Sault Ste. Marie's *The Evening News* in 1981. He was also editor of the Kinross Community Voice for several years. He was a life member of AMVETS.



### Purna Chandra

Retired LSSU microbiology professor Purna Chandra, 83, died at his home in Livonia on April 12.

A native of India and naturalized citizen of both the U.S. and Canada, Chandra started teaching at LSSU in 1967. He held bachelor of science and master's degrees in agriculture from India's Agra University, which he earned in 1949 and 1951 before receiving his doctoral degree in microbiology at Oregon State University in 1958.

Before coming to Sault Ste. Marie to teach at LSSU, he worked for the Canadian Dept. of Agriculture in Saskatchewan and taught at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. He taught in New Zealand and Australia through the years, and he capped his teaching career with a year in Zimbabwe teaching microbiology at National University of Science and Technology through a Fulbright Scholarship.

During his career, Chandra published more than two dozen research papers about his studies of soil around the world.

He is survived by his wife, Shashi, and a son, Neleen.

## Friends we'll miss



*Prof. William Dickinson with a crossbow that he constructed for use as a prop in history lectures.*

**William Dickinson**, 85, longtime professor of humanities and history at LSSU, died April 8.

Dickinson started at LSSU in 1966 as assistant director of Continuing Education, but within a year he accepted the teaching position that he would hold until his retirement nearly 30 years later.

A native of San Diego, Dickinson earned a bachelor's degree in education, with majors in education, history and English, as well as a master's degree in education from Montana State College, where he taught speech and English for four years before taking a position in administration as associate dean and assistant to the president. Immediately before coming to teach at LSSU, he worked as dean and professor of history at Cumberland College in Lebanon, Tenn.

Dickinson especially enjoyed military history and the history of the western U.S. and wrote several articles on these topics. He wrote about the history of Montana for the Great Falls Tribune.

He continued his interest in history throughout his career, contributing to articles and book chapters, and working with the Pickford Heritage Centennial Society in celebrating that community's centennial in 1976. An accomplished illustrator, his sketches were featured as supplements to his articles and his classroom lessons. He also contributed drawings to the former LSSU publication, *The Woods-Runner*.

Dickinson was a well-liked professor and was known for his daily walks through the Pickford community right up until his death.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served with the military police who occupied Japan after World War II and saw action in the Korean War as commander of the general's honor guard, Seventh Infantry Division. He earned a Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Service Medal with three campaign stars, a Combat Infantryman's Badge and a Purple Heart.

He and his wife, Marilyn, have four children.

**Lucinda (Hamel) Malkowski '95, Cedarville**, died Jan. 29 in Petoskey. Cindy raised her kids before returning to school to get her bachelor's degree in nursing. She loved to quilt, was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening.

**Mary Jo Murray '77, St. Paul, Minn.**, died March 1 from an accidental fall in her home. She received her BA in earth sciences from LSSC and law degree from University of Montana. She had an extensive law career in Minnesota and Illinois. She loved animals, ice skating and women's hockey, and was active in citizen environmental groups.

**James Nayback '72, Sault Ste. Marie**, died unexpectedly April 25. He earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and was business manager for Sault Area Schools for 27 years, retiring in 2005. He was active with the Central United Methodist Church and served on the board of directors of the Chippewa County Credit Union, many years as chair. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Michigan School Business Officials, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel and Rudyard Historical Society. He enjoyed camping, gardening, and playing cards.

**Thomas Newman '49, Arlington, Ohio**, died Jan. 18. A native of Harbor Springs, he attended the Sault Branch after serving in the U.S. Navy. He retired from Cadillac Motors in 1992 after 37 years as an interior design engineer. He enjoyed carving jewelry from stones, helping his daughters design and build stages for their dance studios, singing in community choirs and playing piano, organ and trumpet.

## Joined Hands

**Donald Arved Sedestrom '49, Livonia**, died at his home on March 22, his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a teacher and guidance counselor at Livonia schools, and a career counselor in private practice until he retired in 1994. The U.S. Army veteran served with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Berlin. Don was inducted into LSSU's Golden Graduate Society in 2000 and returned multiple times for graduation ceremonies. He also enjoyed attending Tigers games with LSSU groups.

**Marsha Jean Teysen '85, Sault Ste. Marie**, died June 15 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She worked for 20 years as assistant prosecuting attorney in Chippewa County and enjoyed gardening, golf, and visiting with friends.

**Forrest "Frosty" Wyrick '69, Deerfield Twp.**, died April 17. The U.S. Air Force veteran earned an associate's degree in mechanical drafting and was assistant director of student activities for Central Michigan University, retiring in 1996. He enjoyed bowling, playing guitar and banjo, and a good game of horseshoes.

**Chelsea (Lowes) Berg '06**, Hyattsville, Md., married Jason Berg, June 23, 2012 in Hubbard Lake, Mich.

**Joseph Betcher '09**, married Delgerjargal Sukhbaatar Sept. 15 at the First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach, Va. Joseph is pursuing a master's degree in aerospace engineering at Old Dominion University.

**Michelle (Owen) Boren '02, Valparaiso**, married Shawn Boren of Indiana in June 2012.

**Kristen (Spalding) '10** married **Jason Lorenz '08** on Sept. 18, 2010 in Arcadia, Mich.

**Roxanne (Huisman) Williams '08**, married Christopher Williams on June 16, 2012 in Middleville, Mich. Roxanne works for Environmental Chemical Corporation in western North Carolina as an environmental scientist, delineating and tracking contaminated groundwater plumes at former and current Air Force/Army bases on the East Coast.



**ARIZONA ALUMNI GATHERING** – When Karizma Vance '12 and Morris (Joe) Holcomb '11 were married in Phoenix on Jan. 3, a good number of their Laker friends made the trip out to help them celebrate. Surrounding the happy couple holding their Laker Log in this photo are Lakers Matthew Deere '11, Kyle Pert '10, Robert Goeschal '11, Ashley Andrews '13, Michael Schmitt '11, Tyler Swanson '10, Tyler McKim '11, Jeanette Friedrick '12, Tracy Merony '12, Angela Elyateem '09 and Laura Misiak '12. Karizma and Joe, both registered nurses who received bachelor's degrees in nursing at LSSU, are continuing their studies and working in Arizona. Karizma just started a master of science program in nursing at Grand Canyon University while working as an emergency room nurse. Joe is an ICU nurse at Mayo Clinic who just received his CCRN specialty credential and is applying to be enrolled in nurse anesthesia school, possibly back in Michigan, soon.

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# Buoys and Gulls

**Mike Budd '04, Crossett, Ark.,** and his wife, Aimee, welcomed a baby girl, Sophia Clare, on Sept. 8, 2011.

**Tom Hayes '01, Lowell,** and wife Rachel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Lillian Hayes, born March 14.

**Jason '08 and Kristen (Spalding) Lorenz '10, Grand Rapids,** are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Emmalyn Lou, born February 27.

**Cody '08 and Leslie (White) Maher '08, Rapid City, Mich.,** welcomed Elly Elizabeth on November 10, 2012.

**Brian '97 and Connie (Rodgers) Peterson '98, Norton Shores,** are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Emiya Kalise on Nov. 16, 2012. She joins brothers Aiden and Declan.

**Anthony '04 and Elizabeth (MacKinnon) Pink '04, Chesterfield,** are pleased to announce the birth of their twins. James Anthony and Lucille Catherine were born Dec. 28, 2012.

**Thomas Pietrykowski '01, Nederland, Colorado,** and his wife Heather are proud to announce the birth of their son, Reino Joseph Pietrykowski, on Feb. 5. Tom says everyone is happy and healthy.

**Jeremy '07 and Becky (Steffler) Ridky '08, Sterling Heights,** are proud to announce the birth of Ellie Jean Ridky on Sept. 28. Both Jeremy and Becky have bachelor's degrees in sports and recreation management. Becky's parents, **Don and Carol Steffler,** also attended LSSC.



Lauren Truckey

**Adam Truckey '06, Suttons Bay,** and wife Briana proudly announce the birth of Lauren, born June 23, 2012. Lauren comes from a fine lineage of Lakers, her grandparents are **John '80** and **Debra Truckey,** and she is wearing the "onesie" given to her by uncle **Tom '86** and aunt Jill (Truckey) Coates.

**Mark Palumbo '96, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.,** and wife Michelle are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Madden Frank on Mother's Day, May 12. Madden's dad and his uncle **Anthony '89** both played hockey for the Lakers.

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# 2013-2014 Calendar of Alumni Events

*These events are hosted by, sponsored or directly affiliated with LSSU and the LSSU Alumni Association*

## August

1	Lake State After Hours	4:30 p.m.	Karl's Cuisine
17	LSSU group outing with the Tigers	7:05 p.m.	Comerica Park
23	Lakerpalooza	2-5 p.m.	Student Activity Center
26	Welcome Back Ice Cream Social	11:30-1 p.m.	Campus Green

## September

5	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Tanglewood Marsh
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## October

3	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Buffalo Wild Wings
11	Laker Hockey vs. Robert Morris	7:30 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
12	Laker Tailgate Party	3 p.m.	LSSU Campus
12	Laker Hockey vs. Robert Morris	5 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena

## November

7	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	Soo Brewing Co.
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8-10	<b>Great Lake State Weekend</b>	<b>All weekend</b>	<b>LSSU Campus</b>
	<b>See page 13 for schedule of GLSW events or visit <a href="http://www.lssu.edu/glsw/">www.lssu.edu/glsw/</a></b>		

## December

5	Lake State After Hours	5 p.m.	TBD
7	Laker basketball vs. Hillsdale	1 & 3 p.m.	Cooper Gym
	Tailgate for alumni & fans	5 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	Laker hockey vs. Ferris State	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena

## 2014

## January

4	Laker basketball vs. Ashland	1 & 3 p.m.	Cooper Gym
	Tailgate for alumni & fans	5 p.m.	Lukenda Alumni House
	Laker hockey vs. Michigan Tech	7:05 p.m.	Taffy Abel Arena
12	Laker group outing at Greyhounds	7:05 p.m.	Essar Centre

## February

8	Laker softball spaghetti fund raiser	5-7 p.m.	Cooper Gym
	<i>with home-baked desserts from the Alumni Association!</i>		



Alumni Director  
Susan Fitzpatrick '87

**Lake State After Hours** is a gathering of Laker alumni, employees and friends on the first Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. at a variety of local establishments. Come join us!

**Laker Fridays** are every Friday - wear your blue and gold, wherever you are!

For information about these and other events, e-mail [alumnirelations@lssu.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@lssu.edu) or call 906-635-6219.

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