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I'm honored to contribute some thoughts for the 125th anniversary of our university.

It all began with a vision of Dr. Hugh Wood and a small group of local people. I was born in Angola, and as a lifelong resident, I have watched it grow through the years.

It exists today because of teachers, staff, parents, and the community. The community has been very supportive, and raised \$35,000 to build the recitation building, now Shambaugh Hall, in 1907 to allow the school to continue after normal school requirements changed.

I am a 1948 graduate of the School of Business, and attended college under the G.I. Bill as a veteran of World War II. The school was not accredited then, which was necessary for it to receive financial aid from corporations and foundations for expansion. Tri-State achieved accreditation during the Richard Bateman administration in 1966, and under his leadership, the building of the Ford Library, Best Hall, Hershey Hall, Stewart Hall, the Park Street dormitories and Zollner Golf Course took place on campus.

With a school of engineering, school of business, and school of arts and sciences established, the trustees voted to change the name to Tri-State University in 1975.

I established a strong relationship with the university as Angola mayor from 1966-1975. In 1977, I joined the university as alumni director, and later became director of development. I retired in 1988, and was called back in 1994 to serve in community relations.

Due to the success of the *Vision for the Future* capital campaign, the growth of the university under the administration of Dr. Earl Brooks has been outstanding. Around \$65 million has been channeled into new housing, athletic buildings, a university center, and upgrades of the older buildings, as the campaign nears its \$90 million goal.

New undergraduate programs in music, entrepreneurship, tourism management and informatics join our first graduate-level programs in civil and mechanical engineering, business administration and criminal justice to provide more education choices than ever before. The establishment of a virtual campus will make our education available to the world through an online program.

The university is now Trine University, and I am proud of my lifelong association with it. I join a large community of supporters in celebrating the 125th anniversary of this grand institution.

John McBride, BSBA 1948
Director of Community Relations



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celebrating the past

Excellence through the ages. That's tradition at Trine University.

We could not have more pride in our past. Since our doors opened as Tri-State Normal College in 1884, we have provided career-centered, hands-on education through excellent instructors with a mission to help students.

Our early literary, business, and art departments embraced the needs of turn-of-the-century students in much the same manner as the university of today—by identifying professional niches and educating our graduates in those areas. That training meant highly-paid jobs, and our successful graduates have distinguished themselves across the past century as inventors, educators, and business and community leaders with world impact.

It means the same thing today. The world recognizes the value of Trine graduates. Ninety-four percent are placed in jobs or move on to graduate school within six months of graduation. Those placed in jobs start at salaries higher than the national average.

As we record 125 years in higher education, we celebrate our past. It's the foundation for our mission today—to prepare students to succeed, lead, and serve.

a promise is a promise

We made ours 125 years ago, when Tri-State Normal College opened its doors to students of “normal” occupations—engineering, teaching, accounting, business—professions geared toward the useful and practical.

Our promise? Come ahead, if you lack money, and you can work your way through school. We will provide you with an accelerated course of study to save you time and money. Our professors will lift you up through encouragement and one-on-one attention. We’ll help. President Sniff wrote personal letters to Steuben County students, inviting them to attend Tri-State, work hard, and become successful.

Those who claimed the promise became the first in their families with a college education. They set forth and prospered, not only becoming leaders in their communities, but household names for their inventions, discoveries, and service.

Our word is just as good today.

We still offer practical education, graduating some of the finest young engineers in the country. We’ve promised their hard work

will make them marketable, and they’ve exceeded our expectations. Their national design awards place their names among the best nation-wide.

But students in our other schools also excel and succeed. Our criminal justice, forensic science, sport management and education majors make their marks professionally before they graduate. Competitions, co-op education, internships, and classroom teaching place them in their careers work-ready, just like our students of 125 years ago.

That makes our students highly recruited, with 94 percent of them placed in jobs or moving on to graduate school within six months of graduation.

And we still make college affordable for dedicated students by providing over \$11 million annually in scholarships and need-based grants. We know our financial aid helps students, because U.S. News & World Report ranks our school among national colleges and universities whose students graduate with the least amount of debt.

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A Treasure Trove of History

How do you capture 125 years of discovery, enlightenment, struggle, advancement, personalities and ideals in a few mere words? It's impossible, but these photographs tell a wonderful story of Trine University's diverse history. Two histories, "From Carriage to Computer: The First 100 Years of Tri-State University" by Elizabeth Brown Orlosky and "History of Tri-State College" by Alice Parrott also provide vivid details of Trine's colorful and interesting past. For example, did you know...

- Tri-State Normal College had a law school in 1900, a pharmacy school in 1902 and offered oratory and elocution from 1906-1916?

- Tri-State played Notre Dame in basketball in 1911?
- Tri-State's mechanical engineers were called "oil cans"—and the electrical engineers "roughnecks"?
- Famous orator William Jennings Bryan delivered the speech "Fundamentals" in the church which is now Trine's T. Furth Center for Performing Arts in the early 1900s?
- Tri-State offered civilian pilot training at Tri-State Steuben County Municipal Airport in 1939?
- Spud Hall boarded students in the basement of the present-day C.W. Sponsel Administration Center through 1912?
- The early engineering societies performed elaborate Halloween spectacles and ceremonies that the community flocked to see?





Learning as a legacy

Three times is a charm for Kisner, Weis families

Sophomore design engineering technology major Adam Weis loves Trine University, and he has it on good authority that it's a great place to live, learn, and grow—both parents are Tri-State University grads, and his grandfather graduated from Tri-State College.

The shared Tri-State/Trine education legacy creates a special bond for the family, and prepared them well for successful lives, the two elder generations told Trine magazine this spring.

Gerald “Gerry” Kisner lived in Hudson, Mich., when he heard about an accelerated two-year degree program at Tri-State College. With two years of work and college under his belt, “I saw that I could

get straight through by working summers,” he said. He worked his plan, graduating with a mechanical engineering degree in 1964.

The degree led to 28 years in manufacturing with General Motors, in a variety of engineering jobs: tool and die, reliability, manufacturing, and research and development. He retired as an advanced manufacturing engineer.

TSC demanded much of its students, he said. “I enjoyed it very much, although it was very rigorous and you had to work. I took 20 hours a quarter. There were lots of kids in the same boat, and lots of guys on the G.I. Bill. They were serious students.”

He values his TSC education. “Tri-State engineers were in demand. You had no trouble getting a job. I’m well satisfied, and glad I went there. It was a good choice.”

When his daughter, Vicki, began college life at Eastern Michigan, he wanted her to transfer. “I didn’t like the school, and encouraged her to change. She looked at Tri-State, liked it, and changed. I felt she was safer in a small school atmosphere.”

For Vicki, the Tri-State match was a good one, for her education and her personal life. She became one of the early computer science students, and started dating her husband, Tom, another computer science student, during their senior years.

They recalled some Tri-State stories. “There were 10 computers in Best Hall, and that’s what we had to use. Before my freshman year they had key punch machines, so I was there for the first dummy terminal,” Tom said.

Tom belonged to Student Senate and Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Vicki participated in the fraternity’s Golden Hearts group as well as her own sorority. “I wish I had been there the full four years,” she said. “My grades were better, I had smaller classes, and I knew the pros and talked to them outside of class. I had better friendships. At Eastern, I knew my roommate and that’s all.”

They marvel at the changed campus. “The campus is beautiful. All the old buildings were falling apart,” Vicki said. “I hardly recognize it. The buildings, landscaping and apartments are beautiful.” For Tom, sports make the difference. “The big change from the ’80s to now is NCAA Division III football. All we had was basketball, track, volleyball, and intramurals.”

After completing the BSBA in systems in 1985, they both launched successful careers. Vicki worked 10 years full time and five contracting for companies like Honeywell. She now works for the local school system. Tom’s degree allowed him the flexibility to work in systems management for companies like DePuy, The Associates, and now Bayer in Mishawaka.

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Vicki Kisner Weis, BSBA 1985

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For son Adam, the choice was plain. “He looked at four, and said ‘I’m going to Angola.’ He didn’t need anyone to sell him on it,” Tom said. “I picked a small school for the same reasons.” His mother said attending a small school was important to her son. “He could have gone to Purdue, but felt he would excel here,” she said.

His parents’ connection and the school’s size and reputation factored into Adam’s college choice. “They told me Tri-State was a good, prestigious school. I was looking at engineering and a smaller school. I thought I would suffocate at a large school,” he said.

He hopes to channel a lifelong passion—water sports and boating—into a career, and Trine has one of the few programs to propel him there. “I want to be a boat designer. We have a lake cottage at Wawasee, and I grew up on the water. My design engineering technology major fits what I want to do, and there’s only one other university in the country offering my major,” he said.

As a member of this year’s nationally ranked wrestling team and Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, he embraces all aspects of Trine campus life. “I enjoy it very much. It’s a perfect school for me. My adviser, Ron Mercer, and professor Tom Trusty have been very good supporters,” he said.

Ideally, a cooperative study arrangement with a major boat manufacturer like Master Craft in Florida would lead to employment for Adam. “I want to work on getting a co-op position with one and move right into a job,” he said. He remains flexible and optimistic about his future. “I feel pretty confident I can get a job with this major, whether the initial goal happens or not.”

For now, he’s happy as a Trine student. “I think it’s great,” his grandfather said. “I like the specialized area he chose. He’ll do well. He loves the school. He stayed a few days after the semester ended because he didn’t want to come home just yet.”

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark grey blazer over a red collared shirt, is holding a large, clear glass globe with both hands. She is looking up at the globe with a focused expression. The background is a dramatic sky with blue and orange clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The globe shows a map of the world with grid lines.

embracing the future

Unlimited opportunities.

That's how we view the future as we embark on another quarter-century journey toward 150 years in higher education.

Success grounds our optimism and celebratory spirit. With our \$90 million *Vision for the Future* goal nearing reality, we view our revitalized campus, expanded academic programs, and established reputation for excellence as steps toward even larger goals.

We see global access to a Trine education through the Trine Virtual Campus. We see the renovated T. Furth Center for Performing Arts as a place of stunning beauty and a point of nexus for performances and education for our students and community. We see programs in the medical field, with a center for collaboration between medical services and providers and academic programs. We see expanded housing, classrooms, and dining facilities for our ever-burgeoning residential population, instead of on-campus enrollment. We see a museum for our General Hershey artifacts. We see an education center for student teachers, and renovation of the Ketner School of Business. We envision even greater athletic excellence and facilities.

We embrace Trine's future with such enthusiasm because we know quality.



world mosaic

Flags point to international future for Trine

Trine’s 55 University Center flags provide a brilliantly fluttering testament to the school’s history of racial diversity, and a vivid indicator of its expanding international program. Emblematic of all the countries whose citizens have sought education here, the colorful mosaic of color and culture will continue to expand.

As early as 1910-11, the names of international students appeared on the student rolls at Tri-State Normal College. That year, students from British Columbia, Cuba, the Philippines, Japan, Russia, and Panama joined those from 29 U.S. states at the Angola campus.

By 1915, Tri-State’s enrollment encompassed 37 states and 10 countries. At commencement in 1919, Tri-State students hailed from 17 countries, and the small college had more international students than any other school in Indiana and Ohio, except Ohio State.

In 1921, the enrollment of 25 Philippine Islands students led to the creation of the Filipino Club. By 1923, Tri-State boasted the most diversified attendance in the Midwest, with students from all but five United States and 17 countries—the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Panama, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Korea, India, Cuba,

Central America, Holland, Gibraltar, England, Brazil, Austria and Africa.

The university’s engagement of international students stretches to the present, and through the years, Tri-State international students have returned to their countries to accomplish great things. Among them is Ali Shuhaimy, who earned a civil engineering degree at Tri-State in 1980. He now serves as Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management at American University of Sharjah (AUS) in the United Arab Emirates. The stunningly beautiful

campus near Sharjah City encompasses 10 academic buildings, a library, a sports center, 10 student residential halls, and faculty housing. Many consider AUS the leading educational institution in the Gulf region.

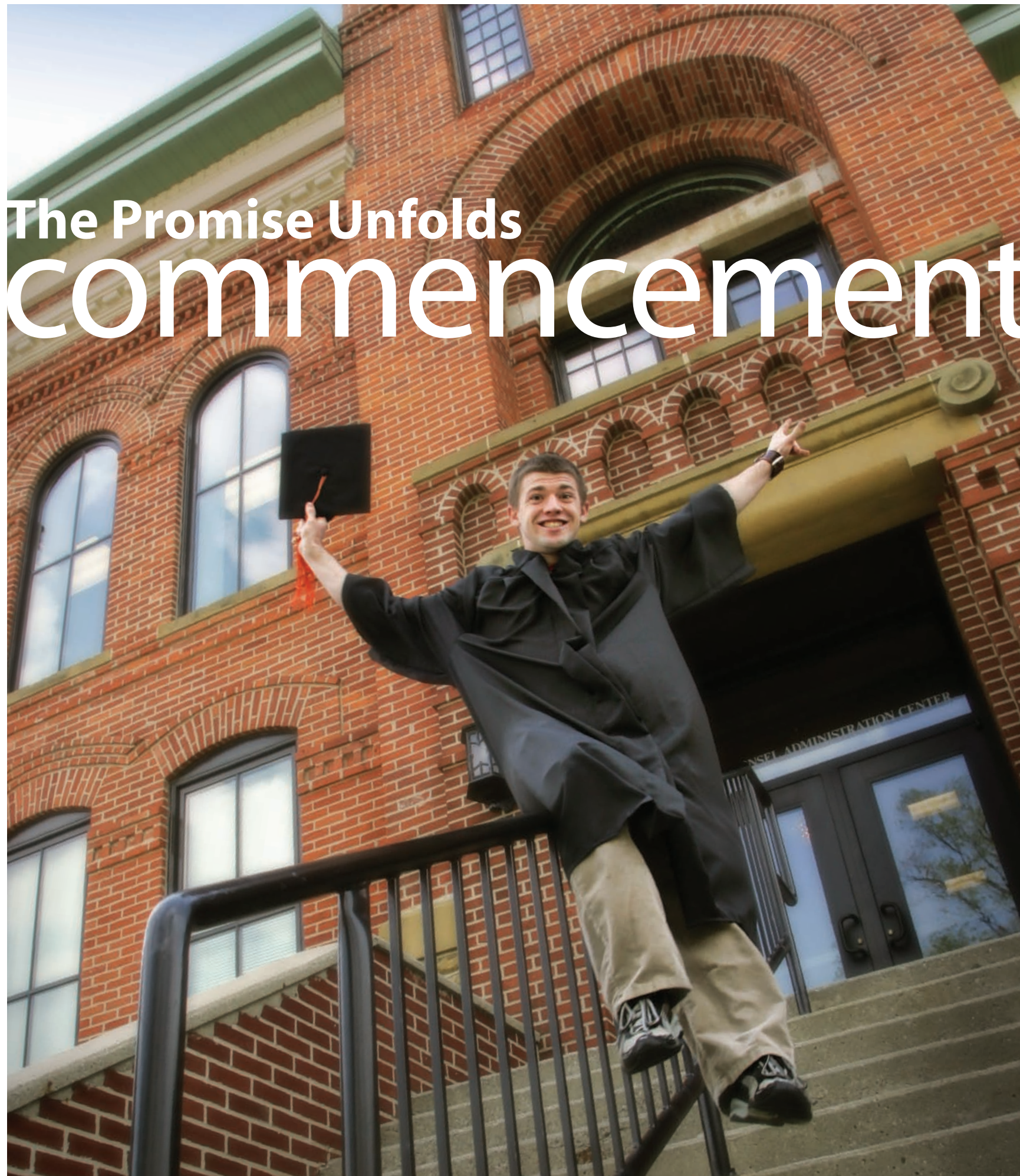
Trine will attract other promising students like Ali Shuhaimy with its broadening international program. An education exchange established with Hakuoh University in Tochigi Prefecture, Indiana’s Japanese sister-state, allows Trine and Hakuoh University professors and students to engage in one- or two-semester teaching and study exchanges. Last summer, a Tochigi Prefecture student studied while rooming with Trine students in the new apartments as an experiment with the student exchange, with very positive feedback. In the works are similar exchanges with Utsunomiya University in Tochigi Prefecture and Kanda University of International Studies in Chiba Prefecture. Tochigi Prefecture students seeking four-year degrees at Trine will receive \$10,000 annual scholarships.

In 2008, a group of 25 Arabic students traveled to Trine to study in the English as a Second Language Program in the summer before entering the engineering school that fall. Their retention rate has been excellent, due to the success of the ESL program and support services provided by Trine’s international student activities coordinator Mari Williams.

Williams’ Friendly Family Program provides a match between local families and international students for a shared culture exchange, as students take part in holidays and gatherings with their partner families. Williams also arranges group activities and outings for all international students, and organizes a colorful and engaging International Night that has become a community favorite. Her Coffee Hour provides a coffee house venue for the campus community to mingle with international students. A Conversational Partner program on campus gives international students an English-speaking partner to help refine English skills.

Building upon these successes, Trine will continue to reach out to students across the globe. Relationships with China are established and will continue in the Middle East, while possible South Korean and South American partnerships will also be explored.

The Promise Unfolds commencement



For 325 Trine University graduates, Saturday, May 9 became the first step in a new journey predicated by years of work, play, and social and intellectual development as Trine students. As they heard praise, advice, and exhortations from university leaders and guest speakers at the university's 124th commencement, they anticipated entering professional life equipped to succeed, lead, and serve, as their university promised.

After the ceremony, Trine students expressed optimism for the future. "I feel amazing," said Ivan Daniels, an elementary education graduate and Trine basketball player. "My dad's a teacher in Chicago, and I've always loved being around kids. Trine pretty well opened my eyes to different aspects of how to connect with students." He had a job interview lined up at home in a few days.

Trine basketball player Jordan Loveberry, BSBA, had some of the same emotions. "I feel great. I'm so excited. I had a great experience here," she said. Her first job interview was set for the following Monday.



The first class to earn Trine University diplomas experienced another first to go with the new name. Trine alumna Becky Torres sang the Trine alma mater, written by music director Mark Kays, publicly for the first time.

During his address, commencement speaker and Trine trustee Keith Busse, the founder of Fortune 500 company Steel Dynamics, praised the students for their hard work, particularly those who worked their way through school. "I cannot guarantee it, but I believe the sacrifice will be worth it," he told them. "Life shows us opportunities carved out of circumstances and leads us in places we never dreamed of."

In a brief address, Trine President Earl D. Brooks II stressed independence and responsibility. "Don't be afraid to stand alone," he said. "Take charge of yourself and build your own success. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you—it won't happen."

Trine graduates have a lot to build upon. Within three months of their May 2008 graduation, a combined 98 percent of reporting chemical, computer, electrical and mechanical engineers were engaged in major-related employment or graduate school. The other Trine graduates have a lot to build upon. Within six months of their May 2008 graduation, 94 percent were placed in jobs or enrolled in graduate school.





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Trine Virtual Campus providing global education

When Trine University President Earl D. Brooks II issued his challenge, the course was clear: “Provide world access to Trine University’s long tradition of quality education,” he told Trine education leaders. Since its founding in 1884, Trine University has been known for rigorous academic programs, exceptional faculty who bring on-the-job experience from their fields of expertise, and academic experiences that lead to real-world, skill-based knowledge for graduates. “The new Trine Virtual Campus (TVC) will be no different,” said TVC executive director David Wood.

Although online learning has been available for a number of years at Trine, it has primarily focused upon the adult student in northern Indiana. Now, like other top online initiatives such as Penn State’s World University, Trine will use multiple technologies to make some of its highly regarded graduate and undergraduate education programs available anytime, anywhere through the World Wide Web. The TVC will attract students from around the world and provide convenience for local students with job and athletic commitments.

In the next few months, Trine will roll out a new student and faculty TVC Web site. The Web site will include new resources, support tools, and access to Trine Online, which will be updated to provide students and faculty with extended weekday and weekend help desk support for the new learning management system. In addition, the TVC will offer over 50 new graduate and undergraduate courses. These additions will make it possible for students to complete online degrees such as the associate in business administration, the bachelor of applied management, the bachelor of business

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administration, and the master of science in criminal justice. Students can focus their studies on healthcare management, accounting, and other areas.

“The TVC will continue Trine’s tradition of providing a rigorous educational experience through the use of a quality standards program,” Wood said. The Quality Matters™ online course design rubric developed by Maryland Online and the U.S. Department of Education has been adapted for use in the TVC. In addition, like Trine’s traditional face-to-face classes, a student-faculty ratio of 15:1 will make one-on-one interaction with instructors a reality in the virtual world as well.

Trine is taking its highly valued education to the world through the Virtual Campus. It is an exciting opportunity for everyone.

Explore. Experience. Excel.



TVC Executive Director David Wood
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\$80,000 grant funding new camp

Trine University is one of 30 universities to receive an \$80,000 grant to host an ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp this year. The two-week residential camp will be July 12-24 for students entering grades 6-8. The camps are designed for traditionally under-represented middle school students across the country, and to promote exciting careers in science by providing a fun-filled setting in which they can gain a deeper understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Forty-eight students, equally represented by young men and women, will be chosen for the program, with no cost to their families.

Trine donates 325 Easter baskets

In a year of economic stress for Indiana families, the Trine University community filled a Trine bus with 325 Easter baskets for distribution to needy children through Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN), which serves 14 northeastern Indiana counties. Trine students gathered to fill the baskets with candy, small gifts and stuffed animals donated by the university and its community friends. Volunteers spread baskets, candy, gifts, and wrapping over Whitney Commons tables for assembly, and the bounty of goodies was driven to the SCAN office in Fort Wayne and given away on April 7.

Alum: Engineering, law good team

Don Gallo, BSCE 1974, returned to his alma mater to speak with Trine University engineering students Feb. 19. The students, two with environmental engineering minors and two with senior projects in environmental design, met with Gallo in the office of Dr. Allen Hersel, McKetta Department of Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering chair.

After Gallo earned his bachelor's in civil engineering from Tri-State College in 1974 and his master's in environmental engineering from the University of Akron in 1977, he completed a law degree in order to help clients gain approval for their building and development projects. The students heard Gallo detail some of his projects as an attorney in the environmental department for Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren in Wisconsin. A combined engineering and legal education opens up a unique employment niche, he told the students.



Alumnus Groeneweg one of 10 nationally

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has named Trine University graduate Ben Groeneweg a New Face of Civil Engineering, an award ASCE presents to only 10 civil engineers each year. The program recognizes young talent under the age of 30 by highlighting their contributions and impact on society.

Groeneweg is an engineer for Fort Wayne City Utilities, where he monitors sewer and water operations for Fort Wayne, Ind. Dr. Tim Tyler, chair of the Reiners Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, helped him find two summer internships with the city, which led to the full-time engineering position.

Trustees inducted

Two Trine University trustees were inducted into The Indiana Academy at its annual dinner and symposium on Monday, June 1 in Indianapolis. Dr. Ralph Trine, board secretary, and Dr. Keith Busse were among the honorees in this 39th year of academy induction. They were recognized by the Independent Colleges of Indiana for their lifetime of achievement and contributions to the cultural, scientific, literary, civic, religious, and educational development of Indiana.

Visit trine.edu/alumni_advancement for Class Notes and In Memoriam



Gala raises record funds

Donors attending the sixth annual Scholarship Gala in Ketner Sports Center Feb. 14 were all heart, contributing over \$104,000 in total support for Trine students, \$13,000 more than last year's \$91,000.

As part of the evening, Snow Lake resident George Dodd announced the creation of the future Ginger Dodd Endowed Memorial Scholarship, in honor of his late wife. Ginger Dodd served on the Scholarship Gala organizing committee for a number of years and was involved in various other community service projects, George Dodd said. The scholarship will aid a male or female student with a GPA of at least 3.0 or who ranks in the top quarter of the graduating class. The recipient will demonstrate strong leadership capabilities and commitment to and participation in community service.

Local and state officials joined community members in enjoyment of the black-and-white affair. Dinner by Trine's Bon Appétit, music by the Trine University Jazz Band, a wine tasting by Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano of Fort Wayne, and silent auctions for packages ranging from the spectacular to the quaint and charming were the evening's events.

For information on the \$2,000 annual renewable Legacy Award for those with an alumnus brother, sister, parent, or grandparent, e-mail admit@trine.edu or call 800.347.4878.





Trine’s Ben Christensen, left, enjoys dining in New York with his sister, Abbie, and Preston Bailey, an event planner for celebrities.

Christensen wins national contest

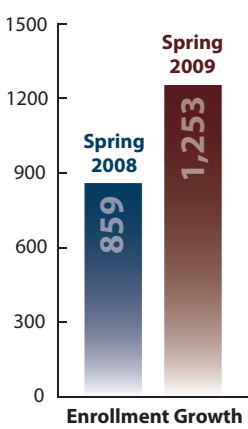
Trine University mechanical engineering major Benjamin Christensen won the national Uncle Ben’s Holiday Rice Recipe Contest in November. His Hawaiian fried rice dish earned him a three-day stay in a luxury New York City hotel over Christmas break.

After earning his ME degree at Trine, he hopes to enter the engineering field before completing a culinary arts degree with the aim of opening his own restaurant. “Engineering is creative like cooking, in that you imagine the result before you do it,” he said.

Spring student numbers highest in 37 years

Full-time students on Trine University’s main campus have increased by 11 percent over spring semester last year, contributing to the highest spring enrollment since 1972. The increase to 1,253 overall students corresponds with an increase in the resident student population—859 students, over 19 percent more residents than last spring.

Excitement about campus updates and beautification, a national spotlight on NCAA Division III sports, and new programs draw new students. A rewarding, enjoyable college experience retains more students than ever before to account in part for the enrollment growth, said Trine Vice President of Enrollment Management Scott Goplin.



Secretary of State attends accreditation celebration

Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita had some advice for Trine University business school students during a campus visit Feb. 27—stay focused, work hard, and be ready to expand your education to be successful in the 21st century.



Rokita traveled to Trine for a celebration marking the university’s Ketner School of Business accreditation by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). He spoke highly of Trine’s business students and programs during a speech in Fabiani Theatre, after enjoying lunch with Trine administrators and select business professors and students.

The accreditation certifies that Trine’s teaching and learning processes meet the rigorous educational standards established by the ACBSP. The ratification of accreditation covers a 10-year period, during which member universities must continually reaffirm quality through quality assurance reports.

Historic education program moves to Angola

Hoosier Boys State moved to Trine June 13-20, after 39 years at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. Six hundred delegates learned the functions of politics in a two-party election system during their stay.

The American Legion founded the Indiana program in 1937 to offer high school junior boys a hands-on experience in state and local government. The move to Trine provides greater safety and comfort for delegates, said Steven Bowman, Hoosier Boys State associate director.

JICI earns NCB Merit Award

Jim Ingledue Construction Inc. (JICI) of Angola has received a 2008 Merit Award in the National Commercial Builders Council’s Awards of Excellence program for the construction of Trine University’s University Center and Center for Technology and Online Resources.

The Awards of Excellence program recognizes achievements in the national commercial building industry for design (remodeling and new construction), market appeal, energy efficiency, challenges faced during building, and overall success of projects that are either built or renovated. Awards were for projects completed since Jan. 1, 2006. The National Commercial Builders Council is a sub-council of the National Association of Home Builders.

JICI earned the Merit Award for projects of 40,001-75,000 square feet in the category of institutional building. Other divisions included commercial, industrial, medical, mixed-use commercial/retail, recreational, retail, and green building.

Trine’s 73,000-square-foot University Center and Center for Technology and Online Resources, unveiled Homecoming weekend Oct. 4-6, 2007, immediately became the campus nerve center.



Ken Wilson, president of JICI, second from left, presents Trine University president Earl D. Brooks II with a Merit Award from the National Commercial Builders Council. The company earned the award for the building of the Trine University Center, in which the group stands. Bob Brady, JICI general superintendent, holds JICI’s Merit Award. At far left is Trine Senior Vice President Michael R. Bock. At right is JICI founder Jim Ingledue.

The center came about through a need for a state-of-the-art facility to serve students, faculty, administration, and the community, with a focus on collaboration and technology. It features an innovative “S”-shaped overall design, with floor-to-ceiling atriums which flood its vaulted mall area with light.

San Giacomo earns Mayor’s Arts & Humanities Award

The receipt of the 2009 Mayor’s Arts & Humanities Award March 18 in Wells Theater moved Trine Professor William San Giacomo to tears and to a verbal outpouring of his affection for the university and its students.

Since its inception 10 years ago, the award has been presented by Angola Mayor Dick Hickman to local individuals who have contributed to culture in the community for a significant period of time. The goal of the presentation—to surprise its recipient—was realized, as the stunned San Giacomo scanned the faces of his family, friends, and students gathered for the honor.

San Giacomo heads the golf management program in the Ketner School of Business and serves as head golf coach. Early in his university career, he wrote much of the curricula for Tri-State University’s emerging English and theater arts programs, founded the Drama Club, which still exists, and directed and acted in a number of productions over a 30-year period.



Trine University professor Bill San Giacomo, right, talks with Angola Mayor Richard Hickman, left, as professor Tom Tierney looks on at the Mayor’s Arts & Humanities Award ceremony.



Trine Issues Serious NCAA Challenge

Although Trine’s two-time MIAA softball champions narrowly missed a three-peat as conference champs, they nonetheless entered the NCAA post-season ranked No. 4 in the first round. The Thunder fell 1-0 on May 7 to Defiance in the first round at DePauw University. They then stood toe-to-toe with the one of the top programs in the country, only to fall 4-3 in an extra-innings loss to NCFA No. 4-ranked Ohio Northern. Trine ended its season 29-12.

Graduating seniors Kara Graham and Sallie Richardson earned All-Central Region honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The seniors were just a few of a number of post-season honors for Thunder softball players.

Graham (Climax, Mich./Climax-Scotts) was a first-team selection. The rightfielder batted .417 in 41 games, finishing with 10 home runs, 39 RBI, 11 stolen bases, 106 total bases and a slugging percentage of .763.

Richardson (Jackson, Mich./Napoleon) was a third-team selection.

The shortstop appeared in 40 games, scored 45 bases, 66 hits, stole 10 bases, hit three home runs and drove in 24 RBI. Graham and Richardson were also first-team All-MIAA selections.

Junior Sara Hivley (Kentland, Ind./South Newton); Senior Lauren Hudson, (Lafayette, Ind./Harrison); Senior Amber Matthews (Corunna, Mich./Corunna); Junior Alisha Raak (South Haven/South Haven); and Sophomore Katie Schiering (Mentor, Ohio/Mentor) were second-team All-MIAA selections.

All-MIAA team selections are based solely on MIAA contests. Hivley, a centerfielder, finished with a .423 batting average and plated six RBI. Schiering, a designated player, started in 14 conference games and batted .468, with 22 hits, three home runs and 11 RBI. Raak, a catcher, batted .405 and drove in 15 runs. Matthews, a pitcher, finished with a 12-6 record and a 2.30 ERA in 20 MIAA appearances. Hudson, a pitcher, finished 12-4 with a 2.96 ERA.



Spring Recap Smashing

- 2009 marked one of the most successful athletic campaigns in school history. For the second straight year, Trine softball earned an NCAA tournament berth, defeating three top-25 opponents, York, Ursinus and Adrian. Seven players were all-conference selections. Recent grads Sallie Richardson (Jackson, Mich./Napoleon) and Kara Graham (Climax, Mich./Climax-Scotts) were awarded all-region honors. The program continues to gain momentum as one of the strongest softball programs in Division III’s Central Division.
- Baseball finished 29-12 after suffering a pair of heart-breaking one-run losses to Defiance and fourth-ranked Ohio Northern in the first round. The Thunder also hosted their first MIAA conference tournament.
- The men’s and women’s lacrosse programs progressed in 2009, showing their competitiveness in their second season. The men finished 6-9 after early season struggles against established programs, including nationally-ranked Denison. Corey Childs (Savage, Minn./Prior Lake) was ninth in the nation, averaging 4.76 points (goals and assists) per game. The women finished 6-7 against NCAA opponents, and notched impressive wins over Butler and Carthage.
- Men’s tennis finished fifth overall in the MIAA and fifth in the conference tournament, finishing 8-11 overall. Junior Brett Becker (Cincinnati, Ohio/Turpin) was a first-time all-MIAA selection. The Thunder also won the Thunder doubles tournament in March. In women’s tennis, Amber Crosby (Holly, Mich./Holly) was awarded the Karen Canine Scholar Athletic Award.
- Two baseball players made the All-MIAA team. Pitcher Chad Nichter (New Haven, Ind./New Haven) and outfielder Chris Osborne (Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove) were second-team All-MIAA players.
- In track, Louis Posa (Tecumseh, Mich./Clinton) set a new school record in javelin at 59.20 meters, good enough for provisional entry into the NCAA Division III track and field championships.
- Kent Biller (Nappanee, Ind./Northwood) established himself as one of the fastest men in the MIAA. The freshman won the 200-meter dash at 22:13 seconds at the annual conference field day, earning All-MIAA track and field team honors.

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from the field

Trine scholar-athletes

Louis Posa, a math education major from Tecumseh, Mich., received the Robert L. Griems Award. A member of the wrestling and track teams, he set a school record in the javelin and was a two-time NCAA regional wrestling runner-up. A three-time National Wrestling Coaches Association Academic All-American, he captained the team for four years. He tutored for the Trine Learning Center and was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Sigma Chi and Chi Alpha Sigma.

Sallie Richardson, a math education major from Jackson, Mich., won the Cheryl L. Coons Award. She was a third-team all-region and three-time all-conference softball player and an all-MIAA volleyball player twice. She captained softball and volleyball and presided over the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She was a student ambassador, campus tour guide and member of the basketball game-day crew.

Thunder Nets Hall of Fame Coach

When Trine University went looking for a women’s soccer coach, it didn’t take long to connect with Hall of Fame coach Terry Stefankiewicz. Stefankiewicz respected the Thunder soccer tradition and reputation. Trine appreciated his 28 years coaching men’s and women’s soccer at the University of Saint Francis and Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW), and his connection to northeast Indiana amateur soccer.

“I love coaching at the collegiate level, and I want to help rebuild the program,” he said. “We used to play the Thunder. They’ve had some tremendous teams. The program needs some consistency, and I feel like I can bring stability and a new tradition of excellence to Thunder soccer.”

He is a 2004 Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame inductee. His 1999 IPFW men’s team was ranked No. 8 in the NCAA Division II poll, earning him a nomination for the National Soccer Coaches Association’s Division II coach of the year.



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