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1. TO MAKE A COMPLETE CHANGE OR REFORM
2. TO COMPLETE A CYCLE OF TRANSITION



It is easy to only look at headlines and not see the accomplishments that occur every day in our towns and neighborhoods. Trine University is no exception. Every year new freshmen travel to Angola, Ind., from all over the world to learn, grow and become the leaders of their generation. Students arrive and graduate every year with little or no fanfare. We must look past the headlines and see the achievements of Trine University and the impact this fine educational institution has on the community and students.

Northeast Indiana has found a worldwide ambassador in Trine University. Walking the Halls of Congress I am honored to find people who know of Angola, many due to their association with Trine. They talk easily of a pleasant and welcoming community and the first rate reputation of the university. Students from around the world are not only educated in the classroom but also learn about the community and its caring nature. In the coming years this will become even more common with the enrollment growth and increased number of graduates.

Trine graduates are proud of their alma mater and always talk of the expansion of the campus, the student body and the programs, both athletic and academic. Trine continues to reinvent itself for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, holding a special place in a region that boasts of some of the best schools in the nation. The future of northeast Indiana is directly connected to education, and Trine is helping to lead the way.

My hope is that Trine University is able to build upon the accomplishments of the last decade and continue to grow and improve.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marlin A. Stutzman'.

Marlin A. Stutzman, U.S. Representative, R-Ind.

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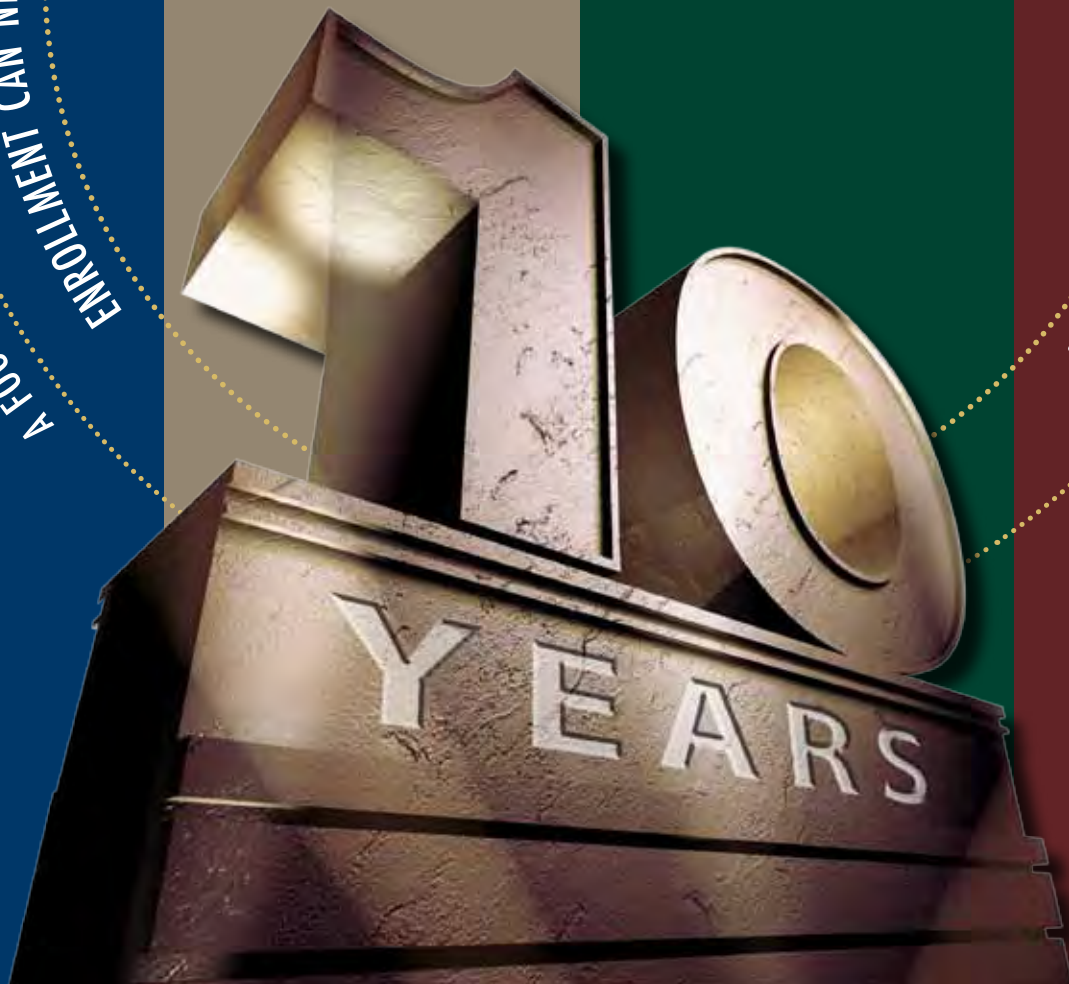
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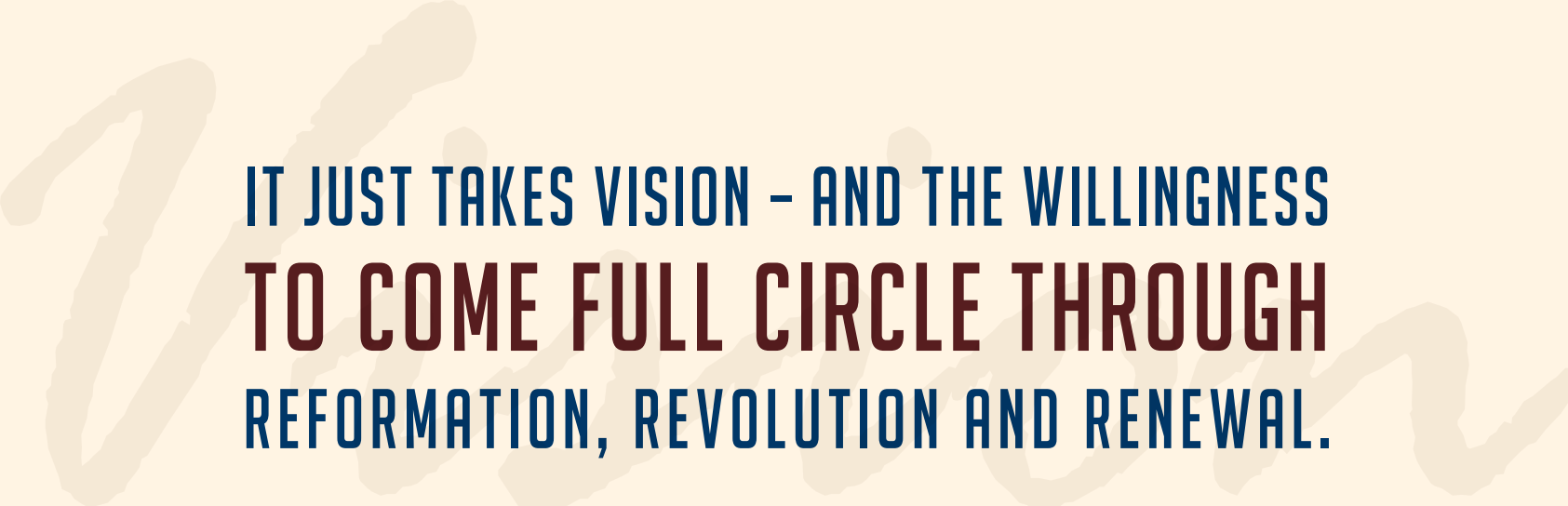
# A Lot Can Change In

A FOOTPATH CAN BECOME THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE THROUGH A \$20 MILLION BUILDING. SCHOOL SPIRIT CAN FILL AN EMPTY STADIUM. A DRIVEN INSTITUTION CAN RAISE \$90 MILLION IN LESS THAN A DECADE. ENROLLMENT CAN NEARLY DOUBLE. BUDGETS CAN BE BALANCED. A SCHOOL CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS THE FASTEST-GROWING PRIVATE INSTITUTION IN INDIANA.





# IT JUST TAKES VISION – AND THE WILLINGNESS TO COME FULL CIRCLE THROUGH REFORMATION, REVOLUTION AND RENEWAL.



by LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN

**“When I came here, I saw a tired campus,** but what I saw had more opportunities than challenges,” said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., president of Trine University. During his interview with the board of trustees in 2000, Brooks presented a 15-point plan to improve the campus and the community.

People caught the vision for change, and together they began to build a community. Construction did not start with bricks and mortar, but with the people coming together. In less than 10 years, each point of the plan was met with greater success than ever thought could be achieved.

A decade ago, the university was largely a commuter campus. Students mostly lived at home or rented apartments. Today, the students are now required to live on campus – and can reside in new, resort-quality apartments, villas or Greek housing. The university experienced a 126 percent increase in the number of residential students. The on-campus living requirement fulfilled the goal of bringing people together. Now, parking lots don’t sit empty on weekends. Students are staying on campus, watching sporting events, asking family to come visit, organizing philanthropic initiatives and participating in and leading multiple student-focused activities.

Developments on campus weren’t limited to new housing. From an impressive, one-of-a-kind University Center, a multi-sport athletic stadium, a new, indoor recreation center and totally renovated historic buildings, the campus has come full circle. It would be easy to think that the university simply “built” and students “came.” After all, enrollment has increased 43 percent. In just the last five years, student retention has increased 15 percent.

But that’s not what happened. The university’s progress cannot be summed up in a line — “build it and they will come.” Trine’s transformation wasn’t about lofty aspirations, but rather practical, common-sense business moves with the entire university working as one.

University trustees decided to aggressively pursue changes on campus, but the changes couldn’t begin without support from faculty, staff, alumni, friends and area businesses and organizations. Before 10 years ago, a good fundraising year garnered upwards of \$200,000. Today, the university raises that amount and more for scholarships alone at its annual Black and White Scholarship Gala. In the past decade, donors have given — on average — \$10 million per year. As a result, in 2009, the university completed its \$90 million Vision for the Future capital campaign.

The university invested \$75 million in facility improvements. Some of the first dollars were spent renovating and later building an addition on Forman Hall, which now houses business, registrar and admission offices. The building also features a welcome center, where visitors and guests are greeted by a relaxing, beautifully decorated waiting area. The building also includes Centennial Station, a cafe where students, employees and guests can grab quick cups of coffee or enjoy satisfying meals.

Many alumni have fond memories of Stewart Hall — a place that some called home and where others shared meals. The building was razed in 2009 and was replaced by the one-of-a-kind University Center, which stands on the old intramural fields. Now, students can take in shows and watch comedians and other performers in Fabiani Theatre and enjoy fine cuisine in Whitney Commons. The building created a place for students, faculty and staff to socialize. It also houses a mailroom, bookstore, library, digital classroom, technology center, WEAX radio station, Hornbacher Fitness Center and more.

Sniff Hall received recognition for the Best Historic Restoration in Masonry Construction magazine in 2005 when it was revolutionized into the C.W. Sponsel Administration Center. The handsome, stately red brick building, which was erected in 1887, had fallen into

disrepair. The interior was completely gutted and rebuilt. (Some alumni shared stories of breaking into the building and climbing over construction equipment on the building's dirt floors.) Today, the building has become the symbol of Trine University, not only because of its historical significance, but because of one alumnus willing to save it (*see story on page 12*). Just north of the building, workers replaced a simple drive with a beautifully landscaped and lighted University Boulevard, complete with curved, red brick signs welcoming visitors to campus. The boulevard gradually elevates as it approaches the administration building. Planners wanted to give visitors the feeling that they were headed someplace special – a college on a hill.

The physical transformation of campus could not be ignored. Nor could the fact that the institution had evolved into a national — not just regional — attraction for students. In 2008, after researching how to continue to extend the university's reaches, the board of trustees voted to change the university's name from Tri-State University to Trine University. Studies showed that the university lacked identity, as there were 38 different tri-state regions across the country. People also assumed that Tri-State University was a public school because state was in the name. As a result, students seeking a private education were missing out on the

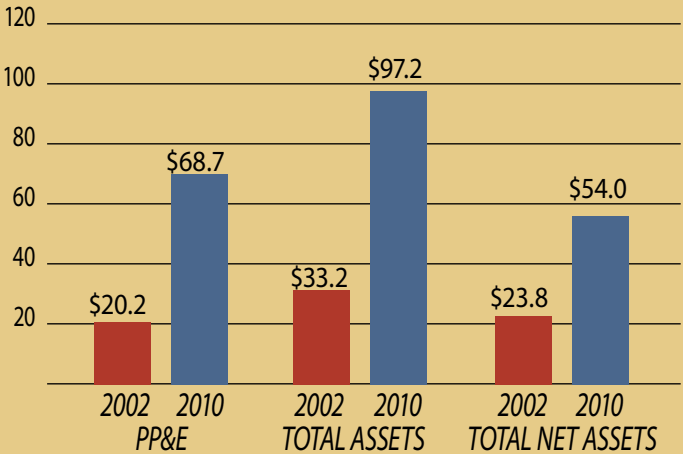
opportunity to receive a hands-on, rigorous education at the university, which has been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as being one of the top private schools in the Midwest for eight consecutive years.

"We're coming full circle. We've moved from good to great. I want to move from great to outstanding," Brooks said. "I am not astonished at our progress. I see where we yet can go. Our goal is to be the best mid-sized private university in the Midwest."

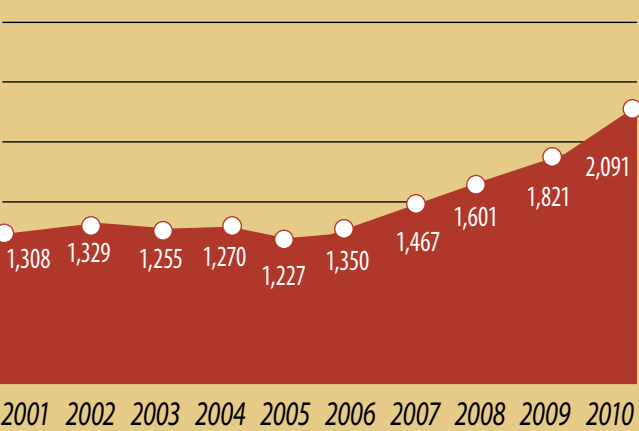
### FINANCIALS

Trine University has made tremendous financial strides in the last decade, thanks to people working together as a team for a common goal, student enrollment and retention increases, the cultivation of new donors and the growth of the board of trustees to include area businessmen and women (in addition to alumni). The university's endowment has doubled and its assets have tripled. In spite of economic downturns in the last 10 years, the university has managed to maintain a balanced budget for nine consecutive years. Not only have employee layoffs been avoided, but Trine has grown to be one of the largest employers in Steuben County. Experts estimate that the university has an astounding \$60 million per year direct economic impact on Steuben County.

**BALANCE SHEET IN MILLIONS**



**ENROLLMENT OVER 10 YEARS**







# AGENT-*of*- CHANGE

A leader with a talent for vision? *Yes.*

An action-oriented individual? *Yes.*

A president who is passionate about his work? *Yes.*

An agent of change? *Absolutely.*

by Jill Boggs

**I**t is not surprising that Earl D. Brooks II was referred to as a change agent in multiple conversations during the compilation of this magazine. It is also not surprising as to why this reference was made. Trine University has been completely transformed in the last decade. One common reason surfaced: the president of Trine University. Join me in a conversation with the man who has a view from the top.

**JILL:** Anyone who has had the pleasure of talking with you recognizes you are most likely from the south. Tell me about where you are from.

**DR. BROOKS:** I was raised on the family farm in a small community of 4,000 called Harrogate, Tenn.

**JILL:** Tell me about your education.

**DR. BROOKS:** I graduated from a small high school where my graduating class was the largest in school history with 100. I went on to the University of Tennessee and obtained an undergraduate degree in animal science, a master's degree in management and a Ph.D. in animal nutrition.

**JILL:** I am curious about your previous work experience.

**DR. BROOKS:** I was the manager of the animal research station at the University of Tennessee. After I finished my master's degree, I began teaching at Lincoln Memorial University in 1980. I taught for three years before starting on my doctorate. After I obtained my Ph.D., I became an academic department chair, then a school dean and eventually became the vice president of academic affairs before moving into other administrative roles.

**JILL:** What attracted you to the presidency position?

**DR. BROOKS:** After leaving Tennessee, I went to Wesley College in Delaware where I served as executive vice president and chief operating officer. I was responsible for all university operations and reported to the president. After three years, I knew I wanted to pursue a presidency. A friend that owns a search firm called one day out of the blue and said there was a presidential opening at a university in Indiana that might be a good fit.

**JILL:** What happened next?

**DR. BROOKS:** I applied. Then, I received a call to interview at a location near the Fort Wayne airport in January of 2000. I flew in for a one day interview and was one out of six candidates being considered. I was then invited to visit campus twice, once with my wife, Melanie. At the January 2000 board meeting the trustees approved my hire. I started on June 1.

**JILL:** Why Trine University?

**DR. BROOKS:** I saw a campus that had made great strides and was full of potential. I saw

only opportunities. I saw an institution with a rich history and solid foundation. I wanted to contribute to its growth for the next 100 years.

**JILL:** What do you feel made you qualified for a presidency position?

**DR. BROOKS:** My background and proven results in overseeing strategic planning, enrollment programs and fundraising. I am proud of the fact that I get the big picture and am capable of putting that into a realistic vision and plan.

**JILL:** I believe when you arrived at Tri-State you were named the youngest university president in the state of Indiana. True?

**DR. BROOKS:** Yes. I was fortunate enough to have received administrative experience early in my career. I became a dean at the age of 28 and a vice president at the age of 30. By the time the Tri-State presidency came along, I had 15 years of various administrative experiences that prepared me well. The timing of those experiences positioned me for the presidency at age 44.

**JILL:** I hear that you won some national awards as chief development officer in regard to fundraising.

**DR. BROOKS:** Oh yeah? Who told you that? *(smiling, laughing)*

**JILL:** I can't reveal my sources.

**DR. BROOKS:** I can respect that. Yes, we won two CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) awards giving recognition to successful fundraising programs.

**JILL:** Care to share more?

**DR. BROOKS:** No need to, lots of people deserve credit for that success.

**JILL:** What attracted Melanie and you to the Angola community?

**DR. BROOKS:** Melanie and I liked the size of Angola. Coming from a rural community we could identify with it. We liked its Midwest conservative values, its safe community and its excellent school system for our daughter, Megan.

**JILL:** When you first visited the campus during your interview process were you thinking about changes in general terms or more specific?

**DR. BROOKS:** On my second campus visit, before I was offered the position, I actually

made specific notes on a little piece of paper on changes I would make if I were president. I discussed these items during the course of my interview process. I immediately worked to adopt all 15 things once I was selected for the position.

**JILL:** What was some of the content in those notes?

**DR. BROOKS:** Oh, campus planning and assessment – a five-year rolling plan, a capital campaign, a larger focus and improved efforts in enrollment management, an organized marketing initiative, exploration of off campus education opportunities, the addition of graduate programs, NCAA membership, physical plant upgrades, accreditations, expansion of services, facilities, and activities for students, strengthening and improving our partnerships with the City of Angola and other county and northeast Indiana communities and exploration of avenues and options for reducing our indebtedness.

**JILL:** Tell me about a few of the larger accomplishments and how they have impacted the institution.

**DR. BROOKS:** My vision in 2000 was to launch a \$50 million capital campaign. Over the last seven years we completed a very successful campaign of \$90 million. We have been blessed with over 1,100 new and very generous donors. This allowed us to more than double the institution's endowment. The goal now is to totally retire the previous borrowing of \$13 million against the endowment and to at least double it again to \$50 million. The endowment debt is now down to \$6 million. The campaign success set the institution on its feet. We took a worn out campus and modernized it. We have further developed and expanded our academic and athletic programs. These things all add up to an exceptional experience and an enhanced quality of education received at Trine.

**JILL:** It is now 10 years later. Does it surprise you that you accomplished all 15 items?

**DR. BROOKS:** What surprises me is how fast we got there, not that we got there.

**JILL:** Are we "there" yet?

**DR. BROOKS:** No. You never "arrive." When you are satisfied and complacent you are in reverse. Am I shocked at what we have accomplished? No, because I know we can do so much more.





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*TRINE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT EARL D. BROOKS II, PH.D., SITS IN THE SOON-TO-BE RYAN CONCERT HALL IN THE T. FURTH CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS, WHICH WAS THE FORMER SITE OF THE ANGOLA CHRISTIAN CHURCH. SEE ARTIST'S RENDERINGS OF THE CENTER ON PAGES 22-23.*

**JILL:** What do you think contributed to the success of these opportunities in the last 10 years?

**DR. BROOKS:** The lifeblood of the institution.

**JILL:** Which is?

**DR. BROOKS:** Trustees, employees, alumni, friends of the institution and students.

**JILL:** What are Trine's main attributes?

**DR. BROOKS:** The quality of our people. The quality of the education we deliver. The quality of opportunities going forward.

**JILL:** What does this university mean to the local community?

umbrella. That name is and will remain a significant part of our history. The name has nothing to do with the quality education and the high standards of learning expected from this institution. The institution that granted those well deserved degrees has not changed.

**JILL:** What is it you like most about your job?

**DR. BROOKS:** Knowing that we can make a significant difference in the lives of our young people. We know when they leave here they are well prepared for opportunities just like all the students before them for the last 127 years. In the end we know we have contributed to that in a meaningful way.

**JILL:** What is the role of Melanie, as the university's first lady?

**DR. BROOKS:** It goes beyond being a spouse and friend; she is also a confidant and advisor. Someone I rely upon heavily. Someone who has to sacrifice a great deal because she does not mind letting me do what I love to do. She has a significant role in building relationships with donors, alumni and trustees.

**JILL:** Melanie, it is an unpaid job, one that is almost expected, and it is obvious you enjoy it very much.

**MELANIE:** I enjoy it, yes, and I am proud of my role and of supporting Earl in his. I give advice,

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**DR. BROOKS:** Beyond the \$60 million annual economic impact, we have 415 employees. In 2000 there were less than 250. Our operating budget has grown from \$22 million to \$36 million this year. We have made \$75 million in capital improvements on campus. We graduate 350-400 students each year. If the community is doing well, then we are doing well, and vice versa.

**JILL:** Please share your thoughts on name change and where we are today.

**DR. BROOKS:** From a business sense, it is the single best thing that ever happened to this institution. We were locked into a geographically sounding name with no mention to a specific area or region. In addition, multiple businesses in the area also had “tri-state” in their name. The name gave the impression we were a state funded school. We had grown out of a small regional focus for the recruitment of students. We now have students from 30 states and 10 countries. Let me please add — I have tremendous respect for those that graduated under the Tri-State University

**JILL:** How does Trine stack up in way of scholarships for students?

**DR. BROOKS:** For the last eight consecutive years Trine has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top five schools in the Midwest whose graduates graduate with the least amount of debt. We have worked hard and grown over the last 10 years into awarding over \$19 million a year in merit and need based scholarships.

**JILL:** What is your vision for the next decade as you see it now?

**DR. BROOKS:** You will see a different type of change in the next 10 years. We will be focusing on accommodating our rapid growth. We will have fewer capital improvements and more emphasis on growing our endowment. As you know, we have been cited as the fastest growing private university in Indiana by the Independent Colleges of Indiana organization. We need to continue to provide a positive experience for our students and that will mean qualitative changes of a different variety.

encouragement and support because I know it is important to his position.

**JILL:** Tell me what you feel is involved in your role as the president's wife?

**MELANIE:** I assist in cultivating relationships and event planning. Through these relationships I have benefited greatly as many are close friends to Earl and me.

**JILL:** Melanie, you are at the helm of a very successful scholarship event. I would like to know more about it.

**MELANIE:** The Black and White Scholarship Gala just completed its eighth year. The first year we raised \$50,000. This past February, we raised \$265,000. To date it has generated close to \$1 million. I fully expect to surpass \$1 million next year due to generous donors of all kinds. The event is held every year around Valentine's Day and 100 percent of proceeds go to Trine University student scholarships. I am very proud of the small planning committee and all they do to make this event successful for our students.





EARL BROOKS AND HIS WIFE, MELANIE, ENJOY AN AFTER LUNCH CONVERSATION WITH STUDENTS IN WHITNEY COMMONS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER.

**JILL:** I see Dr. Brooks and you at numerous student events on campus. How do you do it?

**MELANIE:** We wish we could do more. It is not a job for us. We enjoy supporting the students by attending their events, eating in Whitney Commons with them...any way we can. Earl and I think it is important to be engaged, and it is important for students to know we support them.

**JILL:** What interests do you both have outside of your university roles?

**DR. BROOKS:** I enjoy down time with no agenda or schedule. I like spending my time with my family, reading and watching sports. I also really like to walk.

**MELANIE:** We both love watching basketball – any kind of basketball. We enjoy cooking and going out on the lake. Earl and I spend as much time as possible with our daughter who is a senior in college. We have two Maltese dogs that we enjoy – Puddles, who weighs only 2.8 pounds and Pixie, who weighs 6 pounds. They simply love Earl.

**JILL:** Dr. Brooks, did you know that many of us refer to you, out of respect mind you, as "Dr. B" and/or "the Chief"?

**DR. BROOKS:** Yes, I know. That is fine.

**JILL:** So, Dr. B, why is it that just about every time we interact you make me laugh? Like the time I walked outside by your office window and you knocked, I looked and no one was there, you knocked again, again I looked no one was there, then a third knock and I look seeing you ducking away from the window. Did you not realize how cold it was outside for me?

**DR. BROOKS:** Oh yes, I realized. I got a big kick out of it, too, by the way as you probably noticed. I don't know. You just have to laugh. You have to work hard but it is important to have fun too. And most of all we need to laugh at ourselves.

**MELANIE:** I like his sense of humor. We have a lot of fun. *(smiling)*

**JILL:** Melanie, can you please sum up Dr. Brooks in a couple of words?

**MELANIE:** Action. Determined. Big-hearted.

**JILL:** Dr. Brooks, what is your philosophy on change?

**DR. BROOKS:** Every business has a consumer. Trine's consumers are its students. Consumers change over time, as they adjust to the world around them – and so must the businesses that serve them. Higher education must be run and operated like a business, without sacrificing or compromising the quality of the educational experience.

**JILL:** Dr. Brooks, what do you think of your new title, "agent of change," as it pertains to the university and its transformation over the last 10 years?

**DR. BROOKS:** Well, that is nice, but I wasn't the one doing all the work. I had the vision, the trustees supported the vision and the campus community pulled everything off. Without a collective effort we would not be where we are today. I am just the one who is in the fortunate position of serving as president of Trine University. I am thankful, honored and humbled every day for that opportunity and for the passion that so many people bestow on this great institution.









# 10 YEARS OF CHANGE *IT.* *and we've still got*

by Lindsay Winslow Brown

People say Trine University has *it*. But what exactly is *it*?

*It* is not

**NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

**BUILDINGS**

**WINNING ATHLETIC TEAMS**

**ACCREDITATIONS**

**RESORT-QUALITY HOUSING**

**AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

**STUDENT PROGRAMS**

**ENROLLMENT INCREASES**

**TRADITION**

Those things are important. But that's what they are — things. We wouldn't have those things without *it*. *It* is character. *It* is people. *It* is community. So, let's talk about *it*.

**FIRST, WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD CHARACTER.**

The foundation and character of this institution was set by its second president, Mr. Littleton Sniff, who started within a year of the school's opening in 1885. Mr. Sniff was born with very little and went on to achieve a great deal. As a child he worked to support his family, as his mother was an invalid and his father lost his eyesight.

The history books say Mr. Sniff marked the university with his own character — sharing a love of learning, mastery of persuasion, knowledge of laws and their uses, tenacious energy, tenderness and accuracy in judging.

His character has influenced generations of people. He understood students' needs because he had been in their shoes. Mr. Sniff was living proof that anyone could make it if they worked hard and were of good character.

A student recently told me that he had to manage his time carefully. In addition to being a full-time student, he also worked full time. That wasn't the first or last time I heard such a story from a student.

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While donning a suit and placing bids at a university fundraiser, an alumnus said he worked in the cafeteria and as a waiter to put himself through school.

Trine's campus has a very unique feel. While many of today's colleges are known for their partying, sports, research, etc., Trine is known for its old-school Sniff characteristics and for emphasizing the fact that students are the primary focus.

### **SECONDLY, PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS MATTERED.**

In preparing for this story, I interviewed, eavesdropped on and chatted with everybody —students, employees, retirees, locals, alumni, a waitress and even a checkout lady to understand the feeling Trine gives them. The vast majority first talked about people at Trine who impacted them.

While talking about changes on campus in the last 10 years, an alumnus said, "It's not the school I went to. My dorm is gone. My fraternity house is gone. The name has changed. The people are definitely the same, though. It's still very nice, and I get that same welcoming feeling. I love the changes."

Golf coach and professor Bill San Giacomo is the longest-serving faculty member on campus, having been here 45 years.

"The character of this institution has not changed," Coach San Giacomo said, adding that students — except for their clothing — are still the same.

He teaches students not only golf management lessons, but helps them to love learning and to pursue their dreams. It's not because he has to. He — like other faculty and staff — recognize that when students struggle outside the classroom, they often struggle in the classroom.

One dining hall employee makes a point of meeting 10 new students every day and remembering their names. In his 1936 book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," Dale Carnegie wrote, "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language." To students who are dealing with all of life's transitions, it probably brightens their day to know they are remembered.

Some people show they care in other ways, without recognition or accolades. One alumnus approached the university and offered to assist students in need. Almost immediately, he was paired with a student as a mentor. He bought the student some Trine gear and later sent the student spending money.

Other people impact others without even realizing it. A few staff members were driving on Darling Street one afternoon when a volleyball rolled in the middle of the road. The driver stopped the car, and a student who lived in one of the fraternities went after the ball. Thinking the staff members were visiting campus he smiled, waved and said, "I hope you enjoyed your visit."







### **LASTLY, COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT.**

A community can be a place or a group of people connected by common characteristics. When you're part of Trine, you're connected to a 126-year tradition of education, people who make a lasting impact and old-school characteristics, all in a charming corner of the world.

Today people on campus are involved in numerous activities that have evolved to meet students' needs. When students laugh together at a comedian's show, eat lunch together or volunteer at a local nonprofit, they are building relationships, which, in turn, strengthen communities. When employees work together for the common good of students, the institution and each other, the community continues to thrive.

Alumni return to campus to support students today. Some give of their time; others give of their money. Regardless, they have the same goal — to continue to build the Trine community.

These community traditions date back to Trine's beginnings when local leaders fronted \$2,000 each so that a local school — Tri-State Normal College — could train teachers to educate the area's growing population. As time progressed, the school altered its focus to meet new demands, and its leaders remained agents of change. As a result, the school tripled its enrollment in a matter of a few years, and the community grew.

Through the years, the institution has faced ups and downs, but the character of the people held the community together and kept it moving forward. This has never been more evident than in the last 10 years.

Perhaps no one understands community more than our oldest alumnus, Clifford Sponsel, who will celebrate his 101st birthday in July. Sponsel spearheaded the effort to revive Sniff Hall, the second oldest building on campus. Sniff Hall is now housed in the C.W. Sponsel Administration Center. Sponsel understood the value of the building as a symbol of tradition and also the lasting impact of the building's original namesake.

Several years ago, trustees discussed razing the building. Sponsel — a person who came from a background like that of Sniff — worked to see the building not only survive, but thrive, as he saw it as a symbol of the institution that laid the foundation for his success.

Saving this building was about preserving *it* — the character instilled in future generations, the thousands of people who walked these halls and the sense of connection through the building of community.



With all the changes in the last decade, some very important traits remain the same. Trine graduates continue to meet with remarkable success in industry, commerce, education and public service. Many founded their own companies or have come to lead others. In all of its locations and online, the people who comprise Trine University's educational community are reflections of those who founded this great institution. Trine faculty and staff strive to mentor each student, seeking excellence in themselves and their eager learners.

Millions of dollars have been raised to bolster existing programs and launch many exciting new initiatives. This funding has enabled the hiring of individuals with key expertise and the acquisition of classroom and laboratory technology to keep Trine University learning resources on the cutting edge. Key bequests have endowed professorships and departments, initiated facility renovations, and sponsored student travel to regional and national competitions.

Trine University entered this past decade as an institution accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), delivering only baccalaureate and associate degree programs, with two educational resource centers and one additional educational site. The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology ([www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org)) also accredited longstanding programs in mechanical, electrical, civil and chemical engineering.

Now, 10 years later, Trine University offers four graduate degrees. In addition to a Master of Science in Engineering Technology, Trine delivers a Master of Engineering degree, with majors in biomedical, civil and mechanical engineering; the Master of Science with a major in Criminal Justice; and the Master of Science in Leadership with multiple concentrations. These new programs enable the university to bring advanced offerings to a multitude of potential post-baccalaureate learners. Moreover, specific programs and educational units are now accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education ([www.ncate.org](http://www.ncate.org)) and the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs ([www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org)). In addition, cast metals — think metallurgy — offerings and facilities are certified and routinely recognized among the top five in the nation by the Foundry Education Foundation.

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# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT 2001-2010

by David Finley, Ph.D.







What's more, this past decade saw the launch of Trine Middle College, providing dual-credit classes for high-achieving high school students prepared to start college early. Over 125 students now participate each semester. External funding also enabled the development of a new honors program for gifted students. They must complete honors coursework, defined extracurricular experiences, and a capstone project to graduate with this designation. This program has grown to over 100 participants.

Music also has become a significant aspect of campus culture in the past decade. In addition to coursework comprising a new music minor, Trine students can now participate in marching band, pep band, jazz band, wind ensemble, drum line, chamber orchestra and several choral ensembles.

Seeking to bolster diversity and expose domestic students to the cultures of the world, Trine's English as a Second Language program was restarted after a hiatus of 12 years. Likewise, J-1 visa authorization has been obtained to host temporary students and faculty from abroad.

To expand its educational footprint, the Trine School of Professional Studies (SPS) now boasts ten educational centers. In addition to Angola, centers are found in Fort Wayne at two locations, Mishawaka, Schererville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Logansport, Howe and Warsaw. While select classes have been offered online throughout the decade, the launch of the Trine Virtual Campus in 2010 enabled the delivery of degree programs to learners around the world. Trine University recently received HLC ([www.higherlearningcommission.org](http://www.higherlearningcommission.org)), approval to offer an array of SPS and graduate programs online.

With a history rich in high standards, quality of academics and outstanding faculty, graduates of this institution feel the ripple effect from progression and perseverance over the years. In turn, the employers that hire Trine's graduates know at any time they can go full circle back to the educational quality they have come to expect from Trine University as a standard to measure their staffing success.



# KNOWLEDGE. SERVICE. PERFORMANCE.

FOR THE  
LOVE OF  
THE GAME

by JEFF POSENDEK

Trine University transitioned from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III in 2007. The NCAA's Division III fundamental values of academic success, athletic ability and campus and community involvement, have also been at the forefront of Thunder athletics as its core values. The NCAA Division III is known for its "pure" competition.

The transition has led to Trine's expansion of new programs, including field hockey, wrestling and lacrosse. Thunder teams also are now highly competitive contenders in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), the oldest collegiate conference in the country. With NCAA and MIAA affiliation, Trine University athletics is extremely solid.

The number of Trine student-athletes continues to grow. Now, 600 student-athletes compete in 22 varsity programs. This amazing growth is due to increased fan and student spirit, new and improved facilities, meeting students' demands for challenging academics, a vigorous residential life program and the opportunity to compete in the largest division of NCAA sports. The affiliation also assists in providing an exceptional experience for Trine's outstanding student-athletes.

Football, softball and wrestling teams have made their way into NCAA post-season championship play. Trine has hosted several tournaments, including NCAA first round championships and regional contests. The 2012 NCAA Division III women's golf championship will be played at Trine University's Zollner Golf Course.

Thunder fans crowded into the new Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium this past fall to watch Trine's undefeated football team. In 2010, the NCAA ranked Trine University 10th nationally out of 234 Division III schools for overall game attendance.

Students provide determination. Coaches instill lifelong lessons. Professors challenge in the classroom. The community benefits.

For the love of the game ... and more.





↙ CAMPUS A DECADE AGO





## LOOKING BACK



- A.** Trine Welcome Center, renovation in 2000
- B.** Best Hall, lab renovations in 2000; HVAC replacement in 2004
- C.** Witmer Clubhouse, dining room addition in 2002
- D.** Forman Hall addition and Centennial Station, added in 2002
- E.** Trine Guest Cottage, renovation in 2004
- F.** University Boulevard, constructed in 2004
- G.** Trine Villas, constructed in 2005
- H.** Ingledue Villas, constructed in 2006
- I.** Ketner Sports Center, constructed in 2006
- J.** University Center, constructed in 2007
- K.** Sniff Hall/C.W. Sponsel Administration Center, renovated in 2007
- L.** Widmann Hall Apartments, constructed in 2008
- M.** Moss Street Apartments, constructed in 2008
- N.** University Center Apartments, constructed in 2008
- O.** Thunder Sports Park, opened in 2008
- P.** Moyer Apartments, constructed in 2009
- Q.** Bukoff Apartments, constructed in 2009
- R.** Seculoff Apartments, constructed in 2009
- S.** Wilson Apartments, constructed in 2009
- T.** Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium, constructed in 2010
- U.** Jannen Field Grandstand/Press Box, opened in 2010
- V.** Steel Dynamics Inc./Keith E. Busse Athletic and Recreation Center, constructed in 2010
- W.** T. Furth Center for Performing Arts (not pictured)
- X.** Ryan Skywalk (in progress)





# LOOKING FORWARD

Even after a decade of change, Trine University still has many academic, facility and program goals for the future. The administration and board of trustees are well underway with the planning stages of the new Invest in Excellence capital campaign, which will focus on the institution's endowment and the Trine Fund.

The construction of the Ryan Skywalk (A), which will link Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium with the University Center, started in May and is expected to be completed by August.

Ford Hall (B) will soon be renovated to house the Ketner School of Business. The Jim and Joan Bock Biomedical Center (C) will soon be constructed in the former aero building. The T. Furth Center for Performing Arts (D) also will experience some renovations in the near future.






# FULL CIRCLE

TO MAKE A COMPLETE  
CHANGE OR REFORM







*“I love this organization and the people that I work with and work for. The Pacers are on the up, which is even better.”*

*Amber Matthews – Sport Management, 2009*





# AlumniY *over the* Years

*Alumni are pursuing dreams and impacting lives — from the financial sector and remote areas of Africa to schools and the arenas of some of America's top sporting teams.*

**Kelly (Gruner) Gorbett, Ph.D., 2001  
Psychology, Criminal Justice**

Kelly Gorbett's professors instilled in her a passion for psychology and helping others.

"Tri-State gave me a solid foundation that helped me stay in school to get my Ph.D.," Gorbett said. "I love what I do. Tri-State created enthusiasm for me and gave me a willingness and drive to continue on."

After graduating, Gorbett earned a doctorate in psychology and went to work as a school psychologist in Tampa, Fla. She then took jobs as a school psychologist in Fayette County Public Schools in Lexington, Ky., and an adjunct professor for the University of Kentucky.

She married Greg Gorbett ('03), and they have a son, Matthew, 3.

**Jeremy Allen, 2002  
Golf Management**

After playing on the golf team and earning a degree at Tri-State, Jeremy Allen worked toward his goal of becoming a head golf professional.

Since he graduated, he has worked at golf courses all over the country as an assistant professional. After years of hard work Allen was named head golf professional at a brand new Fuzzy Zeller signature community in Lancaster, S.C. He enjoyed that job for quite some time before returning to Indiana to be close to family. He is now heading the Golf Week Amateur Tour in Indianapolis and is organizing 10 tournaments this year.

"I achieved being a head golf pro before I was 30 years old. I moved around. I took chances. I was fortunate enough to work for some really great people that helped me along the way," Allen said. "Now, I'm starting new ventures closer to home."

**Scott Hartman, 2004  
Finance**

Scott Hartman followed his brother, Eric, to Tri-State and then decided to follow the banking tradition his grandfather started.

"I'm 29 years old, but have 10 years of banking experience because I started out as a teller. I moved my way up to an assistant manager by my senior year of college, working 50 hours a week and carrying 15 credit hours," Hartman said.

After working at a small bank in Florida and for Key Bank for five years, he is now an investment executive for Lake City Bank in Elkhart, covering 13 branches. He also serves as a Goshen Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

"Tri-State gave me a world-class education and set me up to succeed in my career," Hartman said.

He is married to Megan (Holt '03), and they have three boys, Hayden, 4, Griffin, 2, and Rowen, almost a year.

**James Gentile, 2006  
Computer Engineering**

James Gentile's contributions to a research project could help reduce the number of deaths caused by

malaria in Africa. Gentile is a doctoral candidate at the University of Notre Dame and develops computational models that simulate the effects of various interventions on mosquito populations. These simulations give insight to other researchers also fighting malaria.

"Trine impacted me tremendously," Gentile said. "My professors challenged me to continue my education, and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship gave me a deep sense of social responsibility. My research is very challenging and has such promising potential."

After his work is completed at Notre Dame, he plans to continue using computation to investigate global health problems with places such as the Centers for Disease Control or the World Health Organization.

**Zack Witte, 2007  
Chemical Engineering**

After working as sales engineer, Zack Witte decided to pursue his "long-burning desire to go to medical school."

Witte is now a student at the Indiana University School of Medicine, and surprisingly, some of his curriculum is similar to the engineering courses he took at TSU.

"The same equations work for blood vessels as they do for a pipe," said Witte, who added that he is considering becoming an orthopedic surgeon. Witte tore the ACL in both his knees when he played soccer

at Tri-State. He was amazed at how the orthopedic surgeon was able to "fix him" so quickly and positively impact his life.

"Many of the procedures orthopedic doctors perform have an immediate impact on patients," Witte said.

He is married to Angela, who is the current reigning Mrs. Indiana 2011.

**Amber Matthews, 2009  
Sport Management**

Amber Matthews credits her professors for going the extra mile to help her get an internship with Pacers Sports and Entertainment. Her internship turned into a job, and she has since been promoted to a service executive.

"I love this organization and the people that I work with and work for. The Pacers are on the up, which is even better," said Matthews, who said she attends every Pacers game, helps plan an annual NBA draft party and organizes events for season ticket holders.

Matthews said she learned valuable time-management skills as a full-time student and softball pitcher. Thanks to her coach, she learned how valuable community service is in her professional life. A cancer survivor, Matthews volunteers with the American Cancer Society in Indianapolis and sees the difference she's helping to make in her community.





Kristina Johnson



Gretchen M. Miller



## Johnson to Serve as Director of Development

Kristina Johnson will now serve as the university's director of development. She has worked as a Trine adjunct professor of business and communication for six years. Previously she served as the school's director of conferences and events. She earned her undergraduate degree in communication from Concordia University in Mequon, Wis., and a Master's of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2004.

## Miller joins alumni staff

Gretchen M. Miller is the university's new director of alumni relations and events. A native of Crown Point, Ind., Miller has over eight years of special event planning and project implementation experience. She graduated from Hillsdale College in 2003, with a bachelor's degree in marketing and business management.

## Gala Gifts

Alumni and friends helped raise more than a quarter-million dollars – exceeding last year's numbers by nearly \$100,000 – at Trine University's eighth annual Black and White Scholarship Gala in February.

As if a six-figure increase in giving isn't remarkable enough, the university – with the leadership of the Metal Technologies Foundation – received 69 textbook scholarships, valued at \$500 each, from donors.

The Metal Technologies Foundation generously

offered a \$25,000 challenge grant to match, dollar-for-dollar, up to 50 textbook scholarships valued at \$500 each. Metal Technologies chief executive officer Rick James and his wife, Vicki, spearheaded the initiative.

In the eight years of this event, the university has raised more than \$825,000 for student scholarships. Over 95 percent of Trine's students receive some form of institutional scholarship or financial aid assistance.

"We broke so many records this year," said Trine University president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D.

"In addition to our textbook scholarship success, we had raised \$15,000 more in sponsorships and received more auction items than ever before. We are looking forward to next year's event and can't wait to see the new level of generosity on our student's behalf."

Next year's gala will be Saturday, Feb. 11. Those who are interested in attending, sponsoring the event, donating auction items or purchasing textbook scholarships for next year's event should contact the alumni and development office at (260) 665-4114.



# Leaving a Legacy

by Kent Stucky, J.D.

*The word legacy refers to a gift by will or something handed down. The idea of legacy fits with ways that alumni and friends of Trine University provide for students to prepare to succeed, lead and serve. However, words like bequest, devise, endowment, estate gift, charitable remainder and future interest can start to sound confusing. Fortunately, although there are many ways to provide a legacy for Trine University, they all start with one simple thing: A decision to hand down something of value, whether it's money, property or investments, to help future students. Alumni and development staff can help anyone implement this decision. Those who include Trine in their estate plans or planned gifts will be inducted into Trine's Legacy Society.*

*For information, please call 260.665.4114.*



## Giving Back

Tri-State University alumnus Jason Stechschulte is giving back to the school that, he said, gave him a chance.

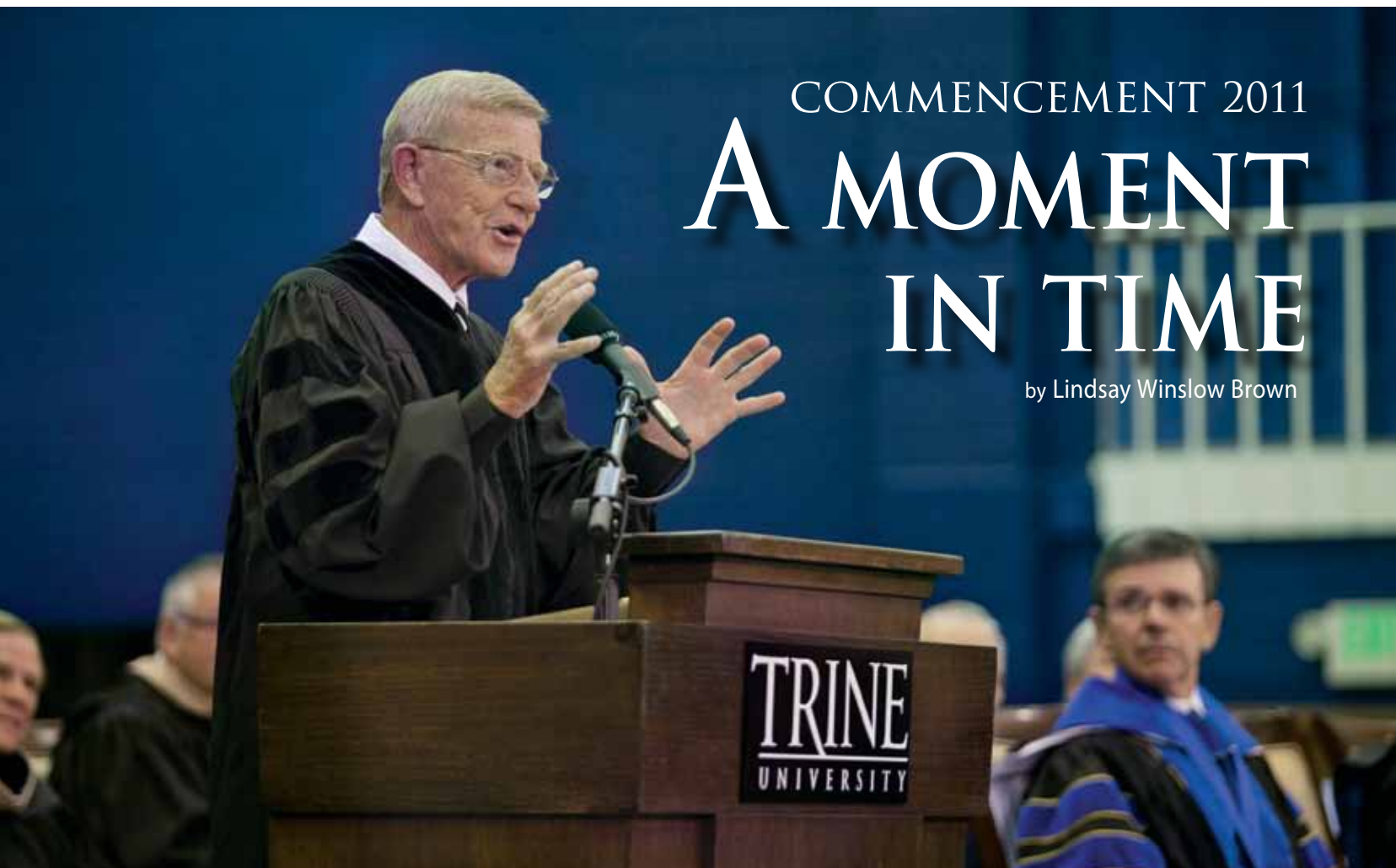
After graduating from Tri-State University in 2003 with a civil engineering degree, Stechschulte went to work for Marathon Oil Corp. in Findlay, Ohio. He quickly advanced his career and now works for the Marathon Pipe Line division as an operations center supervisor, overseeing the daily operations of 6,000 miles of pipeline. In 2009, he was part of a team that completed a \$3.2 billion refinery expansion in Louisiana.

"Trine University puts out a good product — graduates — and does a lot for the community. Trine is a solid investment and I want to be a part of that," Stechschulte said. "Because of Trine, I have been successful and I want to help others be successful."

The two-time All-American football player and honor student recently made a significant investment in the university through the purchase of seats in the Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium. He also financially supported construction of the Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Inc. Athletic and Recreation Center.

"I've always been involved in sports. I felt like this university gave me a great opportunity to pursue a quality education, while continuing to play football," Stechschulte said. "Improving facilities and taking an interest in student-athletes — especially at a Division III school — helps to set the tone."

Stechschulte and his wife, Megan, have three children, Madilyn, 5, Adrian, 4, and Camden, 1.



COMMENCEMENT 2011

# A MOMENT IN TIME

by Lindsay Winslow Brown

“IF YOU  
WANT TO BE  
HAPPY FOR  
A LIFETIME,  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
IN OTHER  
PEOPLES’  
LIVES.”

—Coach Lou Holtz

The arrival of a single moment only comes with time. Time to realize. To change. To overcome. To succeed. To make it happen.

The clock’s hands tick to the rhythm of life’s experiences. As one memory passes, a new moment commences.

Nearly 400 degree candidates — with unique dreams and circumstances — shared a moment at Trine’s 126th commencement May 7 in Hershey Hall.

“Perhaps the greatest celebration is that you have arrived at this moment,” Trine president

Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., told graduates. “For some of you it has been a bumpy path to travel. But you have persevered and now sit at a major new beginning. There is freshness to new beginnings. I hope you hold onto the spirit of this day and will remember this day and this university as you travel your new path.”

After welcoming people to the celebration, Brooks bestowed an honorary doctorate in public service to commencement speaker Lou Holtz, a Hall of Fame football coach and ESPN analyst.



Graduates, family and friends were then treated to the quick wit and candor of Coach Holtz, who intermingled personal anecdotes with moral guidance. His humble address rarely touted his successes as a collegiate football coach and New York Times bestselling author. His sincere, pleasant demeanor seemed to have a calming effect on the crowded gymnasium.

"I've been 21, you've never been 74," he said, adding that life taught him many lessons in his time as a student, coach, father and husband.

"If you want to be happy for a lifetime, make a difference in other peoples' lives," Holtz said. He then gave three rules: 1. Do right; avoid wrong. 2. Do everything to the very best of your ability. 3. Show people you care.

As he bid the audience adieu, he received a standing ovation. Then, Trine graduate and Robert B. Stewart Award recipient Christopher Armstrong left his classmates with an inspiring message, with "a little help from (his) friends," the Beatles.

"So, 'the long and winding road.' Some are frightened by it. Some are excited by it, and some haven't had time yet to think about it," Armstrong said. "Whatever your thoughts may be, just know 'we all want to change the world.'"

As Armstrong ended his address he added, "I see today as yet another stepping stone for each of us as we continue along our very own, unique 'long and winding roads.'"

Following commencement, graduates bid farewell to college friends, joined family and shared success stories and plans for the future.

### ***Family Time***

School of Professional Studies (SPS) student Pam King proudly turned her tassel to a new





future at commencement, alongside her daughter, Sarah King, who will earn bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and psychology. Sarah started as a main campus student, and then due to special circumstances, transferred into SPS. They smiled and held back tears as they shared stories of carpooling to campus together and working in retail.

Their roads have been filled with heartache. Pam started business classes at Trine near the time her husband, Jeff, passed away three years ago. She said she needed more education to advance her career and support her children.

When asked who came to cheer them on during commencement, Pam King first pointed to her late husband's parents and then to her children.

"They've always been supportive," she said, adding that she's anxious to head down the new road she forged at Trine.



### *Triple Time*

Kostandina "Deena" Panagopolous has been busy as a full-time single mom, employee and student in SPS for the past four years.

Even though she was juggling three huge commitments, Panagopolous graduated magna cum laude with a management degree. She started her higher education endeavors at Ivy Tech and later took advantage of Trine's discount tuition program for Ivy Tech students with a grade-point average of at least 3.5. She felt it was important for her to set an example for her children.

### *Game Time*

Soccer player and elementary education major Jessica Walker is planning to

coach junior varsity basketball and find a teaching job in coming months. She said her professors made her want to be a teacher.

"They got us out of the classroom and gave us opportunities to learn in unique ways," Walker said.

Her boyfriend, Brandon Killingbeck, graduated and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in sport management. He interned with the National Soccer Festival as a student last year, and he's hoping that experience will boost his resume.

*It's time to make it happen.*



# Adventures Abroad

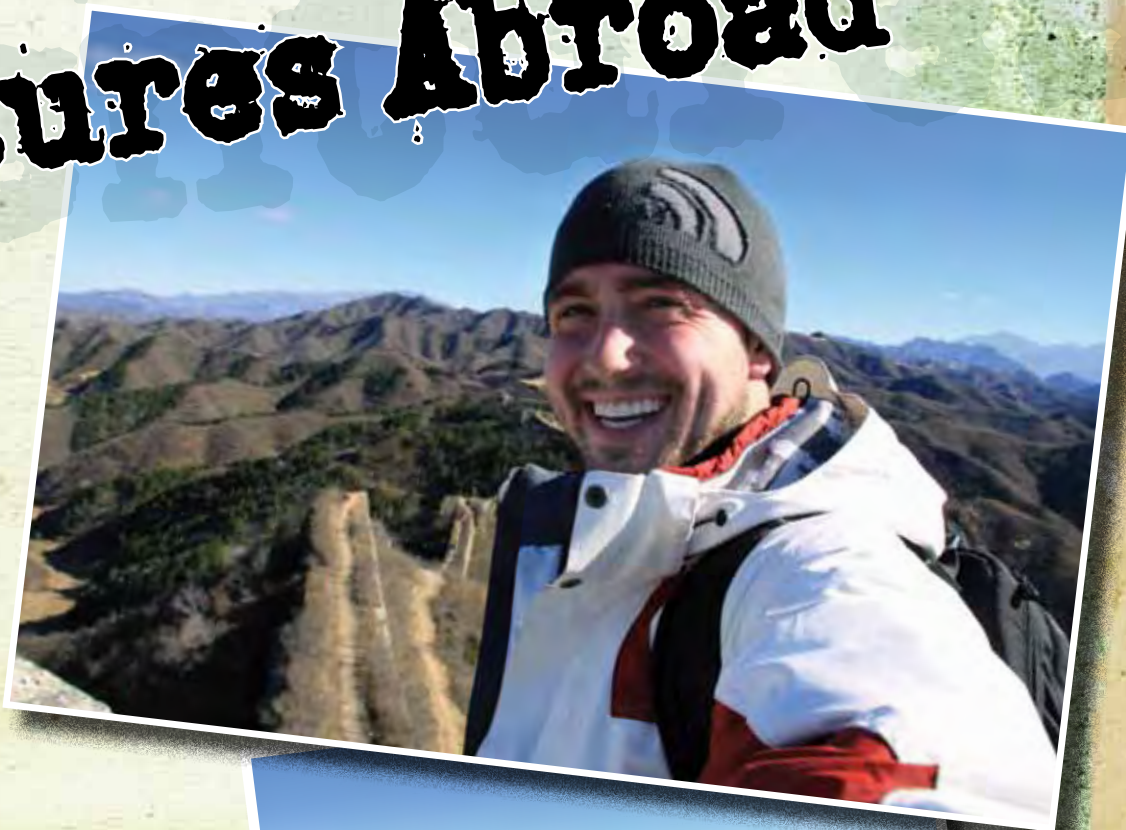
He hiked remote areas of the Great Wall, snacked on scorpions and was the only American living in his high-rise apartment building. Those are just a few of the experiences Trine University senior Chase Coffield of Bluffton, Ind., had while interning with Univertical in Suzhou, China, in the fall of 2010.

Coffield, a marketing major, was responsible for redesigning a website for Univertical's Chinese market. He also helped establish prospective client companies in the southeast Asian and Indian markets.

Coffield applied for the internship after Univertical visited Trine's main campus last year for a "lunch and learn" session sponsored by Trine's career services office. He believes part of the reason he was selected for the internship was because of his previous international experiences. Through Trine and International Studies Abroad, Coffield took advantage of an opportunity to study in Meknès, Morocco, in 2009 and took classes on gender studies, French, history of Morocco and Arab media. In June 2010, he traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras for two weeks and taught English, math and social studies to children at a local school.

"You learn so much about yourself in a brand new culture. It's as if you create a level of confidence and awareness that's incomparable and unable to be taught in school. You put things in perspective on a global scale. My experiences have put me way ahead in the job market."

When not using public transportation Coffield used a bicycle to get around Suzhou, which is known as "Venice of the East" because of its beautiful gardens, unique architecture and its canals throughout the city. He celebrated Thanksgiving with an American co-worker's family and 25 other international expatriates. He became



Scorpions on a stick is just one of many culinary specialties Chase Coffield tasted in China.

friends with the cooks at a local noodle shop who ended up teaching him first hand how to make noodles.

He got to share his experiences with Scott Goplin, Trine's vice president for enrollment management, and David Finley, Ph.D., the vice president for academic affairs, when they visited Suzhou in the fall of 2010.

"At Trine, we prepare our students to compete in their careers in a global economic environment," Finley said. "We want to continue to increase opportunities for our students and graduates, and as result, we will implement a second-language requirement next year."





## Literacy opens world of possibilities

Trine University education professor Sally Simpson, Ph.D., had the chance to make her childhood dream of traveling to South Africa a reality. When she was in the first grade, her parents gave her a book, “Children of Foreign Lands,” and ever since she’s wanted to visit the country.

Simpson was one of 57 people from across the nation invited by the People to People Ambassadors Delegation to attend the Language and Literacy Education Delegation to the Republic of South Africa in Capetown, South Africa, in August. The South African government — to counter the effects of colonialism and Apartheid — recognizes 11 provincial languages so that people better understand their own history and culture. This creates a challenge for South African teachers to promote literacy and multilingualism simultaneously because children are expected to know their mother tongue and an international language, such as English, and most teachers are teaching students a language that is not their own.

While visiting Beacon View Primary School, Simpson saw the literacy dilemma first-hand. Simpson hopes to continue collaborating with a primary teacher.



## Rough & Rugged

Trine University senior mechanical engineering students Ryan Weldon, Skip Patteuw, Michael Abbott and Christopher Peters of Greenfield, drove away with third prize at the Institute for Affordable Transportation’s Basic Utility Vehicle (BUV) Competition in Zionsville, Ind., April 15 and 16. The students were mentored by Brett Baston, Ph.D. Professor Pavan Karra accompanied the students to the competition. Trine’s team also won first prize in the sled pull competition and second place in the endurance test.

## On the mark

Trine University’s Tau Alpha Omicron chapter of the ACJA won national awards at a conference in Tennessee March 20-25. In front, from left, are David Nichols, advisor Craig Laker and Alex Simmons. In back, from left, are Andrew Wilhelm, Dustin Eggert, Andrew Behnfeldt, Amy Van Bonn, Andrew Ross and Vincent Keesler.



## ASCE success

Trine’s American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) chapter, under the direction of TJ Murphy, was named one of the top five teams and was awarded \$500 April 2 at the ASCE Great Lakes Region Student Conference at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Students Melissa Terry, Travis McDaniel and Megan McElroy, under the direction of Will Lindquist, Ph.D., earned first place for their design of and presentation in pervious pavement. Students Ben Lauletta, Robert Demyon and Curtis Holcom took second place in a surveying competition. Trine competed against 18 universities from Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.



## 'Grace'ful Growth

Beginning in fall 2011, Grace College and Trine University agreed to offer engineering degrees on the Grace campus in Warsaw, Ind. In addition to other programming, Trine will offer a Bachelor of Engineering with concentrations in mechanical, civil and biomedical engineering, a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology, a Master of Science in Leadership, and an online master's degree in engineering.

## ASEE awards Trine's Trusty

Trine University design engineering technology professor and chair Tom Trusty received the Outstanding Campus Representative Award for the Illinois-Indiana Section of the American Society for Engineering Educators (ASEE) in April at the organization's annual conference at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Mich. Trusty came to Trine in 2007 and has been a campus liaison since 2009.



## White promoted to vice president

Randy White was promoted to vice president for student life at Trine in January. White has served as dean of student life and

dean of students since 2005. In his new role, White oversees residence life, campus safety, counseling, student activities, mail services, food service and health and wellness.



## Trine receives \$251K grant

Trine University received a \$251,000 grant — the largest of any northeast Indiana college — from the Talent Initiative to create and staff a Center for Excellence in Project Based Learning in the Franks School of Education. Trine collaborated with local schools to apply for the grant in 2010, with the goal of creating a center for students and current teachers to receive project-based learning training.

## Global Learning

Thanks to Shaziman Abu-Mansor, a 1988 civil engineering graduate, Trine University students are connecting with students at the Razak School of Engineering and Advanced Technology at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM). Abu-Mansor serves as the Minister of Works in Malaysia. Due to his educational ties with UTM, Trine officials were able to arrange a videoconference between Trine and UTM students in March. Officials hope the relationship continues to grow and expand into a study-abroad partnership.

## Theresa Wagler joins board of trustees



Trine has welcomed a new board member, Theresa Wagler, who earned a bachelor's degree from Taylor University, to its board of trustees. She has worked at Steel Dynamics Inc. for more than a decade and now serves as the company's executive vice president and chief financial officer.



## Lawrence Lee joins board of trustees

Trine has welcomed a new board member, Lawrence Lee of Fort Wayne, to its board of trustees. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he has been the president and owner of Leepoxy Plastics Inc. since 1970. His philanthropic endeavors and civic involvement stretches from northeast Indiana to countries around the globe.

## Excellence in Teaching Awards

Several Trine faculty members received McKetta-Smith Excellence in Teaching Awards May 7 at the annual commencement breakfast. Standing, from left, are Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Darryl Webber, Will Lindquist, Ph.D., Stephen Carr, Ph.D., John Milliken, J.D., Anthony Layson, Ph.D., and Allen Hersel, Ph.D. Seated, from left, are Karen Hamilton, Ph.D., Sherry Shipley, Ph.D., and Sarah Young. Hersel also received the Gerald H. Moore Overall Excellence in Teaching Award, which includes a cash stipend, development grant and plaque for the honor.





## BASKETBALL

Trine sophomores Ian Jackson (Indianapolis, Ind./Perry Meridian) and Scott Rogers (Waterford, Mich./Kettering) were named to All-MIAA team. Jackson averaged 18.3 points per game in 26 appearances in 2010-11. He shot 43 percent (182-of-425) from the field, 37 percent (42-of-113) of his three-point attempts and 62 percent (71-of-115) at the free-throw line.

Rogers made his second-straight All-MIAA team selection and appeared in 26 games and averaged 13.4 points per game. He also connected on nearly 50 percent (133-of-268) of his field goals. He also hit 37 percent (42-of-113) of his three-point shots and 74 percent (65-of-88) at the line.

## SOFTBALL

The Thunder finished the 2011 season 30-13, 10-6 MIAA and made their fourth NCAA appearance. In the MIAA tournament, Trine upset No. 11 Alma twice to claim the MIAA title. In the NCAA tournament, the Thunder went 3-2 and just missed playing for the regional championship.

Senior Tara Sipperley (Newaygo, Mich./Newaygo/Muskegon CC), sophomore Andi Gasco (Levering, Mich./Petoskey) and junior Kelly Tresick (Clinton, Township, Mich./L'Anse Creuse) earned first-team All-MIAA honors. Sophomore catcher Sarah Belote (Bronson, Mich./Bronson) and first-baseman Lauren Harris (Uniontown, Ohio/Hoover) were second-team selections.

## MEN'S TENNIS

Trine men's tennis finished 2011, 10-10 with Dan Desper (Kendallville, Ind./East Noble) earning first-team All-MIAA honors.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis is looking toward its 2012 season, after finishing 3-15, dropping several hotly contested, close matches.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

After several stellar invitational swings this season, Katlyn Pero (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) helped Trine earn fourth overall in spring MIAA events, just 21 strokes out of third place behind Hope.

## MEN'S GOLF

The Thunder won the 36-hole Spring Arbor Invitational, finished second at the A.C. Eddy Invitational and came in fourth at both Bill Gettig Invitational and Calvin College's Knight Invitational. Graham Bennett (Charlotte, N.C./Mallard Creek) and Max Niehans (Nashville, Ind./Brown County) were second at the Spring Arbor Invitational, shooting 149.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

Men's lacrosse finished the season 10-4, 4-4 in the Midwest Lacrosse Conference and were ranked in six Top 25 categories, including points allowed (sixth, 5.64) and scoring margin (ninth, 7.43). Trine

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## MILLER TO LEAD BASKETBALL ➡

Brooks Miller took the helm of the men's basketball program this spring, after more than 11 years of collegiate basketball experience. He served as an assistant under several head coaches who garnered five national titles. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Hillsdale College and a master's degree in exercise sport science from Texas Tech University.

Miller's basketball career started as a player at the University of Toledo and later at Hillsdale. He was team captain, Academic All-Conference, team defensive player of the year and a two-time NCAA Division II National Tournament participant.



## TRINE CHEERLEADERS WIN FIRST NATIONAL AWARD ➡

In their first national competition, Trine University cheerleaders captured third runner-up at the Cheer Ltd Nationals at CANAM Myrtle Beach, S.C., in March.

In addition, Trine cheerleaders also won the CANAM Crazies/Sportsmanship Award, which celebrates the best fans and sportsmanship in cheerleading.

"These awards speak so highly of our cheerleaders," said Trine coach Kasey Jones. "They worked so hard and gave a great performance. Even more important, they treated everyone with respect and worked together as a team."



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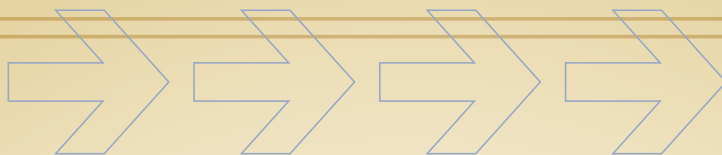


Standing, from left, are Trine University President Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., the new men's basketball coach Brooks Miller and athletic director Jeff Posendek.



Standing in back, from left, are Samantha Hunter, Bryan Chuprinko, Zac Cunningham, Samuel Montes, Coty Crawford, Matt Dent, Tony Laing, Mike Connors, Jay Carey, Kevin Jones, Brittany Minnich and coach Kasey Jones. Kneeling in front, from left, are Jordan Zienta, Bizz Fisher, Kelsey Bartrom, Kaylee Ozug, Calyn Rowley, Brittany Slone and Kylene Coate.





goaltender Alex Gregg (Zionsville, Ind./Zionsville) was seventh in goals allowed (6.05). Blaine Stahley (Grand Rapids, Mich./East Grand Rapids) was named a second-team All-Conference midfielder. Midfielder Eric Thompson (Cumberland, Maine/Greely School), defenseman Tom Hopkins (Chicago, Ill./St. Rita) and long-stick midfielder Sam Swerdlow (LSM, Murrysburg, Pa./Franklin Regional) were Honorable Mention All-Conference.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Four Trine players were named All-Conference selections as voted by the Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference Head Coaches. Kayla Grieser (Mentor, Ohio/Mentor) was a first-team All MWLC selection at midfielder. Ashley Kocsis (Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson) and Shelly Raupp (Vernon Hills, Ill./Vernon Hills) were second-team all-conference midfielders. Emily Shreeve (Manchester, Md./North Carroll) earned second-team honors at attack. The Thunder finished the season 7-6, 5-2 in the MWLC. They clinched a third-seed in the conference post-season tournament bowing out in a 15-5 loss to Carthage in the semi-final.

## TRACK

Jared Miller (Bremen, Ind./Bremen) and Nate Konzen (Toledo, Ohio/Toledo Christian) took first-place awards in individual events at the Defiance College Yellow Jacket Invitational. Miller won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.36 seconds. Konzen won the

800-meter run. At the All-American Invitational at Adrian College, Dustin Stutzman (Topeka, Ind./Westview) earned second place in men's shot put and Michael Hammond (Decatur, Ind./Bellmont) placed second in the 5000-meter run.



## WRESTLING

### Callahan Inducted into Fremont Wall of Fame

Trine Wrestling coach Dan Callahan was inducted into the Fremont High School Athletic Wall of Fame in February.

The designation honors Callahan for his career as a wrestling (1992-2001) and football (1995-2002) coach for Fremont High School.

### Larson takes third, named All-American

Elias Larson (Orland Park, Ill./Marion Catholic) went 4-1 at the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championship to finish third in the nation in the 157-pound weight class. Larson was also named an All-American, the first wrestler in program history to earn the distinction. Larson and teammate Jason Alber (Manchester, Mich./Manchester) were also named National Wrestling Coaches Association's Scholar All-Americans. Teammate Alex Fleet (Lowell, Mich./Lowell) went 0-2 in the tournament, including a loss to the top-seeded wrestler in 197-pound class to end his career.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The Trine athletic department annually awards male and female graduating senior athletes for their outstanding athleticism, scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship and character.

Exercise science major Tori Bluhm (Monroe, Ind./Adams Central) earned the Cheryl Coons Award. She collected numerous awards as a volleyball player and was a two-year captain. In softball, she was a three-year starter and part of four consecutive MIAA tournament qualifying teams. In 2010, she was named to the All-Midwest Regional Team. She had the reputation of being a very tough "out" with her triple threat ability to hit, slap and bunt. Off the field, she volunteered at RISE Inc. and assisted people with special needs.

Finance major and quarterback Eric Watt (Kentland, Ind./South Newton) earned the Robert Greim Award. He graduated in January with a 3.61 grade-point average. During his four-year career, he was named an All-American and received Division III football's most coveted award, the Gagliardi Trophy, which is the Division III equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. He also won the MIAA's most valuable player twice and was a seven-time conference player of the week. Watt volunteered in local reading programs and assisted in projects at Pokagon State Park.





# IN MEMORIAM (current as of April 15, 2011)

## 1920s

Wallace F. Benson, Indianapolis, Ind., 1921  
George G. Anderson, Munster, Ind., BSCE 1922, Oct. 17, 2007

## 1930s

Leonard A. Wood, Thunder Bay, Ontario, BSCE 1930  
Herbert Cave, Jamestown, N.Y., BSME 1936, Feb. 10, 2011

## 1940s

Joseph M. Regan, Hanover, Pa., BSCE 1940, Dec. 31, 2010  
Raymond C. Boyd, Sebring, Fla., 1940, Nov. 29, 2010  
James D. White, South Padre Isle, Texas, BSAE 1940, Feb. 7, 2011  
Ernest F. Douglas, Whitby, Ontario, BSCE 1940  
Donald E. Conrard, Bellevue, Wash., BS 1941, Oct. 14, 2009  
Thadeus Giezma, Whitinsville, Mass., 1941  
Phillip W. Secrist, Oakwood, Ga., BSEE 1941, Jan. 20, 2011  
Conrad O. Carpio, Pittsburg, Calif., 1941, July 1, 1982  
June E. Graves, Kendallville, Ind., 1941, Oct. 21, 2002  
George E. Berberich, Clarence, N.Y., BSEE 1942, Jan. 6, 2011  
Andrew T. Donaldson, Dayton, Ohio, BSAE 1942, Oct. 17, 2010  
Jack S. Robert, Oklahoma City, Okla., BSME 1943, Feb. 18, 2011  
David C. Hall, Santa Maria, Calif., CHE 1943, May 19, 2010  
Vangel A. Christoff, Jackson, Mich., BSME 1946, Dec. 3, 2010  
Richard C. Boucher, Bryan, Ohio, BSME 1946, Dec. 7, 2011  
D. James Rudack, Fountain Hills, Ariz., BSCE 1946, Feb. 16, 2011  
Edwin L. Tearney, Reading, Mich., BSCE 1946, April 7, 2011  
Barbara Dospoy, Granger, Ind., 1946  
Jack W. Goodwin, Port Angeles, Wash., BSEE 1947, Aug. 10, 2010  
Carl W. Henderson, Vicksburg, Mich., BSME 1947, July 25, 2010  
Daniel S. Hammond, Frazer, Pa., BSCE 1947  
Theodor C. Bauck, Seminole, Fla., BSME 1947, Sept. 17, 2009  
Robert D. Brown, Berryton, Kan., BSCE 1948, Jan. 16, 2011  
Ervin A. Krenn, Vicksburg, Mich., BS 1948, March 14, 2011  
Paul E. Brewer Jr., Fort Worth, Texas, BS 1948  
William C. Norton, Jackson, Mich., BSME 1948, March 14, 2011  
Max L. Erwin, West Union, S.C., 1948, Dec. 26, 2007  
Fred I. Guendel, Lake City, Fla., 1948, June 21, 2008  
William C. Norton, Jackson, Mich., BSME 1948, March 14, 2011  
Ray W. Larkins Sr., Corona, Calif., BSCE 1949, June 1, 2010  
David R. McCutchan, Angola, Ind., BS 1949, Jan. 8, 2011  
Paul B. Vernon, Marysville, Wash., BSCE 1949, Dec. 30, 2010  
Ronald H. Rose, Angola, Ind., BS 1949, Dec. 4, 2010  
Robert J. Ramp, Tampa, Fla., BS 1949, Feb. 22, 2011  
Glenn S. Harris Sr., Decatur, Ill., BSCE 1949, March 23, 2011  
Charles C. Richardson, Sault Saint Marie, Mich., BS 1949, March 29, 2010  
Charles A. Bonner Jr., Carlisle, Pa., BSME 1949, Feb. 1, 2011  
Walter H. Noble, Saginaw, Mich., BSME 1949, Dec. 27, 2010

## 1950s

Robert E. Wands, Jackson Springs, N.C., BSCE 1950, Aug. 21, 2008  
Karl H. Meyer, Kinnelon, N.J., 1950, Dec. 19, 2010  
Joseph G. Pirrung, Fort Wayne, Ind., BSME 1950, Feb. 8, 2011  
Manley C. Knutson, Ottawa, Ill., BSCE 1950, Dec. 4, 2010  
Kenneth D. Kirkman, Warwick, R.I., BSME 1950, March 23, 2011  
John C. Leidy, Milford, Conn., BSME 1951, Nov. 15, 2010  
Loran S. Hickman Jr., Fishers, Ind., BSCE 1951, Feb. 20, 2011  
Robert A. MacLeod, Corapolis, Pa., BSCE 1951, Feb. 17, 2011  
Roland W. Jellison, Richmond, Ind., BSEE 1951, Dec. 29, 2010  
Richard E. Parlow, Fort Wayne, Ind., BS 1951, Jan. 5, 2011  
Jerald F. Hughes, Deerfield Beach, Fla., BSCE 1952, Feb. 15, 2011  
Lee R. Minin, Solomons, Md., BS 1952, Nov. 29, 2010  
Charles R. Brodowski, Norriston, Pa., BSEE 1952, Dec. 10, 2008

John A. Stewart, Fenton, Mich., BS 1952  
Jack I. Wilson, Swartz Creek, Mich., BS 1953, Jan. 5, 2011  
Augusta G. Coffey, Shelbyville, Ind., BSME 1953, May 19, 2010  
Edward G. Kyle, Port Orange, Fla., BSCE 1955, Feb. 20, 2011  
Kenneth R. Skinner, Lakeland, Fla., BS 1955, Dec. 18, 2010  
Roy J. Austill, Woodland Park, Colo., BS 1955, Jan. 17, 2011  
Robert D. Goodfellow Jr., Bedford, Pa., BSME 1956, Nov. 26, 2010  
John W. Woodlief, Bowling Green, Ky., BSEE 1956, Feb. 25, 2011  
Fred Kanaan, Boonville, Mo., BSCE 1956, Jan. 1, 2011  
Gordon C. Leathers, Mattawan, Mich., BSCE 1956  
Donald R. Ferguson, Oakmount, Pa., BSBA 1957, Dec. 16, 2010  
Stephen D. Hirkala, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, BSME 1957, Dec. 15, 2010  
Wesley D. Wilson, Irving, Texas, BSCE 1957, April 2, 2011  
Pryor McGinnis Jr., Greenville, S.C., BS 1957, Feb. 22, 2011  
John F. Mahony, Milwaukee, Wis., BSCE 1957  
Robert E. Smeenge, Rolling Meadows, Ill., BSEE 1957, June 22, 2010  
Charles E. Parker, Salt Lake City, Utah, BSME 1958, Dec. 31, 2010  
Howard T. Gardner, Indianapolis, Ind., BSME 1958  
Philip E. Lange, BSEE, 1958  
Richard L. Petersen, Flower Mound, Texas, BSBA 1958, Dec. 1, 2010  
Thomas E. Williams Jr., Frederick, Md., BSCE 1958, March 26, 2011  
David A. Landau, Indianapolis, Ind., BS 1959, Feb. 15, 2011  
Robert J. Lanz, Sylvania, Ohio, BSME 1959, Jan. 15, 2011  
John D. Baird, North Royalton, Ohio, BSME 1959  
Paul J. Holba, Downers Grove, Ill., BSCE 1959, May 15, 2007  
Thayne K. Garberick, Granger, Ind., BSME 1959, April 14, 2010

## 1960s

Clark L. Human, Clermont, Fla., BSEE 1961, Feb. 5, 2011  
Ronald K. Brown, Butler, Ind., BSCE 1962, Jan. 20, 2011  
James D. Mitchell, Cleveland, Ohio, BSBA 1963, Dec. 13, 2010  
William D. Martin, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, BSCE 1963, July 21, 2010  
Stanley D. Skiko, South Fork, Pa., 1963  
James S. Rowlands (Brief) III, Ocala, Fla., BSME 1964, March 1, 2011  
Paul L. Kintner, Oroville, Calif., BSCE 1964, Aug. 1, 2010  
Edmond V. Lavens, Fremont, Ind., BSCE 1964, Feb. 21, 2011  
Randall P. Swanson, Mebane, N.C., BSEE 1964  
Frederick C. Raaflaub, Fairport, N.Y., BSME 1964, Dec. 17, 2010  
Eldon E. Kruse, Tulsa, Okla., BS 1964, March 19, 2011  
David J. Knorr, Huntington, N.Y., BSEE 1965, Dec. 15, 2009  
Phillip M. Hopkins Sr., Galveston, Texas, BSEE 1965, Feb. 26, 2011  
Steven G. Swift, Farmland, Ind., BSBA 1966  
William A. Wright Jr., Fairfax Station, Va., BSEE 1967, Sept. 12, 2010  
James N. Biracree, Rochester, N.H., BSBA 1967, March 16, 2011  
Theodore C. Kayser, Middletown, Conn., BS 1967  
Donald J. Ball, Quincy, Mich., 1967  
Richard M. Norris, Hinesburg, Vt., BSEE 1969

## 1970s

John M. Johnson, Chula Vista, Calif., BSBA 1970, Aug. 27, 2010  
Michael R. O'Connor, Bloomington, Ind., BSBA 1970, March 24, 2011  
John W. Kennedy, Huntington, Ind., 1971, March 25, 2011  
Robert J. Graham, Chardon, Ohio, 1973, Nov. 30, 2010  
Douglas J. Barton, Angola, Ind., BS 1973, Jan. 25, 2011  
Donald G. Lane, Tuckhannock, Pa., 1974  
Nancy Leach, Highland, Mich., 1976, Dec. 22, 2010

## 1980s

Anthony Garrison, Seymour, Ind., BSEE 1980, Feb. 12, 2011  
Donald L. Moore, Tonawanda, N.Y., BSME 1981  
Thomas M. Ross, Lansing, Mich., BSME 1987, Aug. 9, 2009

## 1990s

Brian S. Todd, Palatine, Ill., BS 1996

## Friends of the University

Eugene F. Guillian, Defiance, Ohio, March 1, 2010  
Melvan Novak, Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 18, 2010  
Robert Emmert, Lithopolis, Ohio, NON, Jan. 1, 2007  
Allen R. Jackson, Portland, Ind., Jan. 20, 2011  
Nancy C. Lantz, Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 2, 2010  
E. Robert Bruce, Walerstown, Conn.  
Rosella Richardson, Delta, Ohio  
Henry T. Lyons, Feb. 23, 2011  
Charles R. Miller, Feb. 10, 2011  
Jolene A. Kresge, Bradford, Pa., March 12, 2011  
James H. Bowers, Fremont, Ind., Jan. 1, 2007  
Rolland D. Hardesty, La Porte, Ind., March 26, 2011  
Kenneth E. Thompson, Indianapolis, Ind., March 25, 2011  
Brian L. Jones, Angola, Ind., Feb. 16, 2011  
John S. Pyzowski, Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1, 2003

## TRINE REMEMBERS DEDICATED FRIENDS



**Loene M. Kiser Gettig**

Loene M. Kiser Gettig was born Nov. 12, 1927, and passed away Feb. 5, 2011. Mrs. Gettig and her husband, Dr. William "Bill" Gettig, dedicated supporters of Trine University for many years, established the Gettig Scholarship Endowment Fund. The couple met on campus when Bill was earning his bachelor's degree after he returned from serving in World War II. They wed June 2, 1948. She had been a vice president and chief financial officer of Gettig Technologies, Inc. in Spring Mills, Pa., since 1952.

**Helen Elisabeth "Pinky" Smith McKetta**



Helen Elisabeth "Pinky" Smith McKetta was born Feb. 28, 1920, and passed away Feb. 4, 2011. Mrs. McKetta and her husband, Dr. John J. McKetta Jr., have been dedicated supporters of Trine University since John graduated with a degree in chemical engineering from the school in 1937. The couple married October 17, 1943. Mrs. McKetta was lavish with her volunteer work. Governor Clements named Pinky the outstanding volunteer for the State of Texas, and Congressman Lloyd Doggett presented the award.



# PHOTO CHALLENGE

*This is one element of an object inside a building on the Angola main campus. If you can guess **what** this is, you will receive a free Trine T-Shirt. In addition, if you can guess **where** the object is located on campus, you also will receive a Trine pen as a bonus. Submit your answers by Aug. 1 to Gretchen Miller, director of alumni relations and events, at [millerg@trine.edu](mailto:millerg@trine.edu). Please include your shirt size and mailing address with your response.*

Over 100 people identified the inside of the tile silo on the university's Zollner Golf Course. According to a local newspaper article, the silo once stood on a farm belonging to Lewis and Rose Carver. The silo so stubbornly resisted pulling down that university officials allowed it to stand when the golf course opened on a windy day in 1971. Teresa Steward, the daughter of a Tri-State alumnus and mother of a recent Trine graduate, wrote that she remembers the Carvers, their three-legged border collie and the old silo that she played in as a little girl.

*Last issue's photo:*





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