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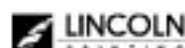
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Goal-oriented

Rely on mentors

Quick responses

Internships & co-ops

Career fairs

100%
of computer engineering, accounting, communication, marketing, sport management, biology, chemistry, math, social studies education and math education graduates found jobs or entered grad school

Networking

Social media

Leadership

Volunteering

Savvy meets Success

Trine students and graduates
are rising above the challenge
...and making it.

Targeting
employers


Well-rounded
resumé

As the job market continues to improve, Trine's graduates are accepting positions at companies around the globe. In addition to the efforts of faculty and staff, the office of career services sponsored multiple events this past year that facilitated networking opportunities for students, graduates, faculty and employers. Students also participated in resumé writing and interviewing workshops.

A growing number of companies in a variety of industries offered internships and co-ops to students. In addition to boosting their resumes, experts say these experiences make students more competitive in the marketplace. Some entrepreneurial students collaborated with area industry to solve problems and work on short-term projects.

"Relationships and networking are critical," said career services director Linda Bateman. "Alumni, faculty and staff use their personal networks to help students find jobs. Employers have continually visited campus, with many taking part in Trine's annual career fair which takes place early in the spring semester."

According to Bateman, career fair attendance was up by 20 percent this year, and Trine had to cap the number of employers that recruited at the event. Multiple companies conducted on-campus interviews, resulting in a flurry of end-of-semester hires, especially in the engineering and business programs.

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91%
of 2011 graduates were
employed or in graduate
school within six months
of graduation





FACULTY

REVEALED

By Lindsay Winslow Brown

Orville Wright once said, "If we all worked on the assumption that what is accepted as true is really true, there would be little hope of advance."

If we, as humans, observe the world around us, we tend to assume, which Webster says is to "take for granted or without proof." As a former journalist, it's in my nature to investigate observations in hopes of discovering truth. This means I talk to strangers, question out-of-place objects, take multiple routes to the same location and follow my emotions. So, when my editor approved an article featuring character profiles of professors on campus, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to get back to my reporting roots.

My mind immediately started racing. "What makes a professor want to be a professor? Why do they value seeing their students graduate and succeed? What makes them different? What were they like before they came to Trine?"

Before she changed her mind, I started scheduling interviews. After meeting so many interesting, talented people on campus, it was hard to decide who to feature. So, I started thinking about observations I'd made, the seemingly ordinary that triggered my curiosity. As their stories were revealed, I learned professors' identities aren't contained in labs and classrooms. Their histories, interests, goals and paths are each unique.

Now it's time to reveal them...and bring them to light.

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Darryl Webber

If something isn't broken...

It was the ugly, black coffee mug—and the fact that he clutched it in his right hand everywhere he went—that first caught my attention. His ties were pretty distracting, too.

One day, I sat in Dr. Darryl Webber's office (he's a mechanical engineering professor), preparing to interview him, and noticed the cup, again. Upon closer inspection, it was signed by multiple people—judging by the handwriting, engineers—with a white paint pen. Engineers don't put forth the effort to go to the craft aisle, purchase a paint pen and decorate a mug for just anyone. This guy must be special.

As I looked around the man's office, I noticed trinkets, junk, toys, pictures—some framed,

others stuck to the wall with tape—and books. "What's this for?" I asked him, as I picked up a broken hunk of metal from his cluttered desk.

As I examined the metal chunk, he eagerly pulled open a drawer filled with what he called "failures." He said students must understand a product's weaknesses to know how to make it strong. His prevailing philosophy is that if something isn't broken, you aren't trying hard enough.

Our interview was interrupted several times by students who just wanted to say, "Hello." My mind wandered back to times when he suited up like an astronaut to work in the foundry to help students with projects.

"You seem to have a good rapport with your students," I mentioned as I looked at the multiple accolades hanging on his wall—40 under 40, a Delta Chi Chapter Advisor of the Year Award and many more. "That must make you feel pretty good."

That was it: The turning point in the conversation. Every interview has one; you just have to wait for it, the moment someone finally gets real and a person starts sharing.

It turns out that he saw a plane in the clear Montana skies when he was about four years old. He wasn't interested in piloting it or skydiving. He wanted to know how the plane worked.

Fittingly, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology. Before graduation, he married Kathy. She provided much-needed support to the young Dr. Webber, as his mother was

losing her battle with cancer. After he earned his degree, he put his passions on hold to stay close to family. To make ends meet, he worked for UPS and had a job counting light bulbs.

After his mother passed away, he went to graduate school at Montana Tech. Then, he took a job in California destroying chemical weapons and dealing with radioactive waste. He sounded like a bit of a pyromaniac when talking about his love of fire. I may just have to invite myself to his house for the Fourth of July this year.

While on the West Coast, the Webbers welcomed their first child. They then went on to Missouri so he could pursue his doctorate at Missouri University of Science & Technology. There, the family welcomed their second child.

He then came to Trine, still in pursuit of his doctorate, and child No. 3 came along—three children and three states, whew.

He earned his doctorate in December 2011, a long journey worth the effort. I think all his students celebrated with him at his pizza party. I'm pretty sure he passed on the Solo cup and drank out of the mug there, too.

Love of literature...

Dr. Tom Tierney looks like a professor—from his sweater vest to his distinguished gray beard. If I were playing "name the profession" while people-watching at the airport, I would have pegged him a professor.

His office screams scholarly, erudite and other terms in the academic vernacular:



Majid Salim



Sarah Young



A lone antique chair is the only place to sit, as his office is stacked floor-to-ceiling with knowledge of the ages—everything from “Beowulf” to suggestive French art, although you’d never know it was inappropriate unless you lived circa 1752. So, for our interview, we met in Wells Gallery, a room that Dr. Tierney played a large role in embellishing, right down to the doorknobs.

I figured the easiest way to conduct this interview would be chronologically. That method is less painful than using an object or subject as a starting point. So, we started at the beginning.

The son of a teacher, Tierney developed a love of literature at a young age, with “Robin Hood” being his favorite book. I considered sharing that I was the 28th great-granddaughter of King John, who was the antagonist in the book, but I wanted to leave a good impression with Dr. Tierney.

He read “The Odyssey” in grade school and was well-versed in Poe. As he talked about “The Odyssey” he mentioned a former student borrowing a copy of the classic. That thrilled him, especially since the man wasn’t a humanities graduate.

The product of a Catholic education, Dr. Tierney knew his Latin, which worked to his advantage in high school and beyond. Dr. Tierney’s high school English teacher, Thomas Beaver, profoundly influenced his life, as did his graduate school major professor, Dr. Douglas White, who located many of the engravings in Wells Gallery and donated several splendid ones.

I was surprised to learn that Tierney changed undergraduate schools four times. Knowing the success Dr. Tierney later met with, I found myself comparing him to Winston Churchill, who failed sixth grade, and Thomas Edison, who was fired from two jobs for being unproductive.

Dr. Tierney worked summers in restaurants, and bottle and china factories. He pursued graduate studies at Loyola University in Chicago, while also working as a full-time copywriter for Montgomery Ward. One of his co-workers wrote “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” which started as a marketing ploy.

In 1968, after finishing his master’s degree, he was drafted into the military and stationed in Fort Myer, Va., on the edge of Arlington National Cemetery where he saw the funeral of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II, who died in a tragic plane crash in 1971. I would have never guessed he was in the military, but I’m glad to know he served our country.

He then returned to Chicago to pursue his doctorate. His dissertation was entitled, “Satires on Mankind: the Nature of the Beast.” His public talks still contain a bit of satire, “mostly” in good humor.

When you get to the heart of the matter, Tierney believes that literature is about life, no matter the subject matter. When he came to Trine in 1974, he filled his syllabi with

works that would leave a lasting impact on his students—mostly engineers—and, he hoped, “make readers out of them.”

One of the first pieces he assigns is “Those Winter Sundays” by Robert Hayden. In three stanzas the poem illustrates a son’s reflections on his father’s sacrifices that went unnoticed in his childhood, and it is too late to thank him. There is a good lesson here, as Tierney asks students to list the little things a parent or parents have done for them that they have never thanked them for. After the interview, I read the poem. Then, I called my parents and thanked them.

‘The noblest of professions...’

Dr. Haseeb Kazi was wearing his best Pakistani garb at Trine’s annual International Night (the university hosts this event each year, honoring all cultures represented on campus). His wife, Samreen, was by his side in a beautiful, shimmering, pink dress. She looked like a princess, and their three children like royalty.

Dr. Kazi shook my husband’s hand. He took the time to talk to us and introduce us to his lovely family.

“Connor, you are very good at math,” Dr. Kazi said as he knelt beside my five-year-old son during the event in the crowded mall area of
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Tim Tyler



Sean Carroll



Ira Jones



Christina Zumbrun



Brandi DePriest

the University Center. At first, my thought was, "How does he know what my son's strengths are?" Then, I realized he was instilling positive thoughts in Connor that he might remember in math class.

A few days before International Night, Dr. Kazi and I met in his office for the sole purpose of this article. He was prepared for the interview. If memory serves me well, I didn't even have to ask a question, he just started talking.

You might say Dr. Kazi was born to teach since he comes from a long line (4 generations) of educators. His father served as the administrator and principal of a high school, and his grandfather and great-grandfather were teachers. He knew at a young age that he would, one day, be in the classroom. When he finished his master's degree at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad in 1996, he began teaching. Not wanting to stagnate, he furthered his education in the United States, with the intention of returning to Pakistan. He was accepted to Southern Illinois University, Carbondale to study mathematics and to teach undergraduate math courses.

He thought I might find it interesting that while he was in his second year of a master's program at Southern Illinois University, his parents arranged his marriage. I'd heard of this, but not met people who let their parents arrange their marriage. His parents felt Samreen would be a good fit for Dr. Kazi. He added that they had a chance to stay in touch via phone and Internet for three to four months before they were married. She was (and still is) kind, smart and beautiful. After a family dinner and a couple of conversations, they were married.

Having four younger sisters, I wondered how much less drama there would have been in my life had my parents arranged our marriages.

After they were married, Samreen acquired all the necessary immigration documentation, joined Dr. Kazi at SIU and worked in a DNA sequencing facility. Today, she stays at home with their three adorable children. Dr. Kazi earned his doctorate in 2006 and was offered

multiple teaching positions, but he chose to come to Trine, where he quickly earned the respect of colleagues and students on campus. His personal goal is happiness, and he gets that from seeing his students succeed. He believes teaching to be the noblest of all professions, defining it as the sacred transfer of knowledge and wisdom to another. And his passion for teaching permeates into the local community. His growing math club sponsors a free Math Kids Night each year, for the sole purpose of encouraging young children to love mathematics.

"If I have something to give, I will," Dr. Kazi sincerely said. "Students are my products, and I want them to be the best they can possibly be. I target perfection—and tell my students to do the same—because they will end up at excellence."

Sister Pomeroy...

Professor Kathy Pomeroy is an example of why you should not make assumptions about people. I'm convinced that everyone has a story to share. It's just a matter of uncovering it. I thought Professor Pomeroy's story wouldn't be very intriguing. After all, how interesting could an elementary education professor be? Her story, however, might have been the most revealing of all.

Beneath her soft persona, she has quite a story and was refreshingly and surprisingly open about it. She had asked for some interview questions in advance so that she could be more prepared. She had a file folder with articles and pictures of her classes from years ago. Her smile hadn't changed a bit in 40 years.

When she gave me her life in a nutshell, my jaw nearly dropped. She started her adult life as a nun and went on to protest the Vietnam War. Among many other experiences, she backpacked through Europe, taught in seven states, lost her dad at a young age, gave a eulogy for a murdered student, got married, and adopted a son and gave birth to another.

Professor Pomeroy was born in Deer Lodge,



Mont. as the oldest of nine children. She was the daughter of a baker who became a door-to-door Bible salesman. At a young age, her family moved to Denver. She describes her childhood as "lovely and ideal." By age 2, she says, she decided to be a teacher.

She constantly "played school" with her siblings. As the oldest of six children, I could relate. I played so much school that my parents had a blackboard anchored to the bedroom wall of my childhood home. Judging from the results, Professor Pomeroy was a better teacher than me. All of her siblings went on to be successful—one became a teacher, one is the mayor of Amarillo, Texas, one is an oil and gas company owner, another writes for National Geographic, one is a speech therapist, another works for the NFL, one is the director of a homeless shelter and the last one, who has since passed away, managed a car dealership.

When she came of age, Professor Pomeroy decided to become a nun and study to be a teacher. The night she left for the convent, her father had a heart attack. He recovered, but a year later, he passed away. He was only 46 and left behind a loving wife with children ages 4 to 19. Kathy returned home and went to school at the nearby University of North Colorado. She worked as a resident assistant, served food in the cafeteria and even had a stint as the "Avon Lady" to get through school. While in college, she protested the Vietnam War.

"I figured the best way to bring my brother home was to march," said Professor Pomeroy, who added that her mother disagreed with her.

She graduated in 1970. After her first year of teaching, in 1971, she backpacked for a summer in Europe. The once-nun met her husband, Don, in 1972. After two weeks, they decided to get married. Seven months later two of her brothers escorted her down the aisle.

"When you know, you know," she said, adding she and Don, who also teaches at Trine, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this summer with another trip to Europe. The newlyweds moved to Texas, where they spent the next 23 years. They had many highs and lows, but said "our shared faith has been our stronghold." As she told stories of triumphs and struggles, I had to hold back tears, as I could relate to some of her experiences. After doctors told them they couldn't have children, they adopted a son, Jimmy. Twenty-two months later, they learned doctors were wrong, and Professor Pomeroy gave birth to a son, Matt.

Outside of her home, Professor Pomeroy worked as a teacher, instructing kindergartners to college students and everyone in between.

"To be a teacher, you can't just be a person who loves children, you must have content knowledge and be able to communicate it,"

Professor Pomeroy said, adding that her true passion was working with at-risk children.

Throughout her career, she made sure to give her students opportunities outside the classroom, so they could experience what was once unattainable or achievable. Her contributions to Trine will be remembered and her influence ongoing. Professor Pomeroy retired at the end of the 2011-12 school year.

Mirror, mirror...

Unassuming, dedicated and loyal are the first three words that come to mind after talking to and observing Professor Linda Conley.

I don't recall the first time I met her, but I distinctly remember the time she bent over backward to help me when I was locked out of a room in her building. She could have ignored me; instead she took the time to help me.

When we met for our interview, she was prepared, but also nervous. To put her at ease, I tried to treat our formal interview like a conversation between old friends.

We are both moms trying to balance family, work, education and home, so I figured we'd

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have a few things in common.

She grew up in Perrysburg, Ohio, as one of two children. Her dad worked for Spangler (the candy company) and her mother stayed home. It sounded a lot like Beaver Cleaver's childhood, without the obnoxious Eddie Haskell.

After graduating from high school, she went to college at Bowling Green State University, where she earned a business administration degree and her master's in organization development. While there, she developed an interest in human resources. Looking back, Professor Conley said she was very blessed to have parents who supported her through college.

After earning her degree, she went to work for James River (now Graphic Packaging) and ended up in human resources. She later took positions as a human resources manager for Guardian Automotive and Home Depot. Over time, her interests expanded and she eventually earned a Senior Professional in Human Resources certification. Then, she began teaching classes at Cazenovia College.

Our conversation then reached a lull, and she had to leave her office for a couple minutes, which gave me time to gather my thoughts. I looked around her office and took note

of colorful artwork with stick figures and hearts. (I later learned the picture depicted Professor Conley's family and was created by her daughter, Hannah). She brought her lunch to work, which told me she was a saver more than a spender. However, I was puzzled by the decorative white-framed mirror directly behind her desk.

My thoughts were interrupted when she returned to her office.

"What's with the mirror?" I asked, thinking that the mirror would give me more insight about her personality and character. "I haven't seen another person with a mirror in their office."

She smiled a little and then tried to name off other professors with mirrors.

"This is about you, Linda," I said. "Tell me about the mirror. I know it's not about vanity. You're not Snow White's stepmother."

She went on to say that she wants to model what she thinks her students should be when they enter the workforce.

It was all coming together. The mirror was symbolic of her deepest desire for her students—and her family.

"I want them to see in me what business professionals should be," Professor Conley

said, humbly adding that she "knows she still has work to do."

She then began to open up a little more. She said, in class, she uses real-life examples from her time as a human resources manager. She talks about her mistakes and what she learned from them. She talks about safety and shares stories about work-related injuries she saw first-hand.

Professor Conley has the same goal for her daughter, Hannah, as she does her students. I'm sure she looks in the mirror every morning before she heads to work or her many volunteer activities, hoping to set the best example for Hannah.

You can tell her daughter will be a leader. Professor Conley is a Junior Achievement volunteer at her daughter's school. She is a co-leader for a Girl Scout troop and coordinates Sunday school at her church.

None of this would be possible without the love and support of her family, she said, especially her husband, Gary. Her passion is teaching. Her desire is to lead by example.

A guide, not a parent...

I first saw Dr. Sean Carroll during an all-campus meeting. He was the first person with his hand in the air during a

question-and-answer period that seemingly everyone else didn't want to sit through. Initially, I was irritated because I was one of them, but then I stopped and listened. He demonstrated three things to me that day. First, that he cared. Second, that he was curious and wasn't afraid to ask questions. Third, it was obvious that other faculty and staff respected him because they listened attentively as he spoke.

He intrigued me. I'd see him in Whitney Commons having lunch with other professors—and not just other electrical engineers, but with the humanities professors or criminal justice professors. Though he seemed to be the center of attention at his cafeteria table, he also gave undivided attention to what others had to say.

I met Dr. Carroll when he gave the marketing team a tour of Fawick Hall, home of our engineering school. He was so excited about everything, even the old photos on the walls. At the end of the tour I almost wanted to be an engineer. I had to interview someone who was this engaging and convincing.

When I asked Dr. Carroll if he wanted to be a part of this article, he humbly agreed.

Dr. Carroll is in his late 40s and very slim, probably because he's a vegetarian and walks everywhere. Through the grapevine, I've heard that he's a very nice neighbor.

When our interview began, I brought up the subject of gardening. I love to garden, and I recalled a newspaper article about gardening featuring Dr. Carroll. After we

found common ground, he opened up a little more. At one time he was a trail guide for Tree Hill in Jacksonville, Fla. Here, he's involved with McClue Nature Reserve and ACRES Land Trust.

Dr. Carroll became a professor in electrical engineering, partly due to a computer glitch at IBM. Ironical, but true. His intention was to follow in his father's footsteps and work as an electrical engineer at IBM. That came to a halt when he received a letter in the mail from the company that said something along the lines of "We're so sorry you've declined our offer."

"I never declined," Dr. Carroll told me. At first, he was pretty devastated. A few days later, IBM apologized for the "computer error" and offered him the job. By the end of the emotional roller coaster ride, though, he decided not to take the job.

While working as a lab assistant at Vanderbilt University, one of Dr. Carroll's undergraduate circuit professors, whom he endearingly referred to as "Dr. J," encouraged him to think about graduate school. It's amazing how a few encouraging words can change your path—he headed to Princeton University to pursue a doctorate. After his graduation in 1990, at only 27 years of age, Dr. Carroll came to Tri-State University in 1990, and he's made Angola his home.


"This is one of the few dozen places in the country that values teaching. I like people, and I like teaching. I never wanted to write, no offense," Dr. Carroll told me with a smile.

"None taken," I replied.

It was clear that Dr. Carroll wanted to be seen as a guide—not a parent. He wants to teach students to put their whole hearts and souls into what they are doing. Being fully engaged, he said, requires full commitment, and excellence requires a full effort. He's not just full of hot air. When he's not in class, he's advising Phi Kappa Theta fraternity or brewing coffee at Cahoots Coffee Café in downtown Angola.

"I am constantly rewarded from seeing people prosper," he said. I was impressed. That's not something you hear people say; most people feel rewarded when they prosper. He believes in empowering his students and making himself available to help them.

In conclusion...

So, now that the interviews are over and I have finished my assignment, I'm ready to hear more stories. Write more stories. I am confident that I could have talked to any of our fine professors at Trine and revealed their interests and passions. I'm sure the ties that would bind their stories together are their commitment to students and giving them a quality education while showing they genuinely care. Who knows where the stories would go from here? ■ 



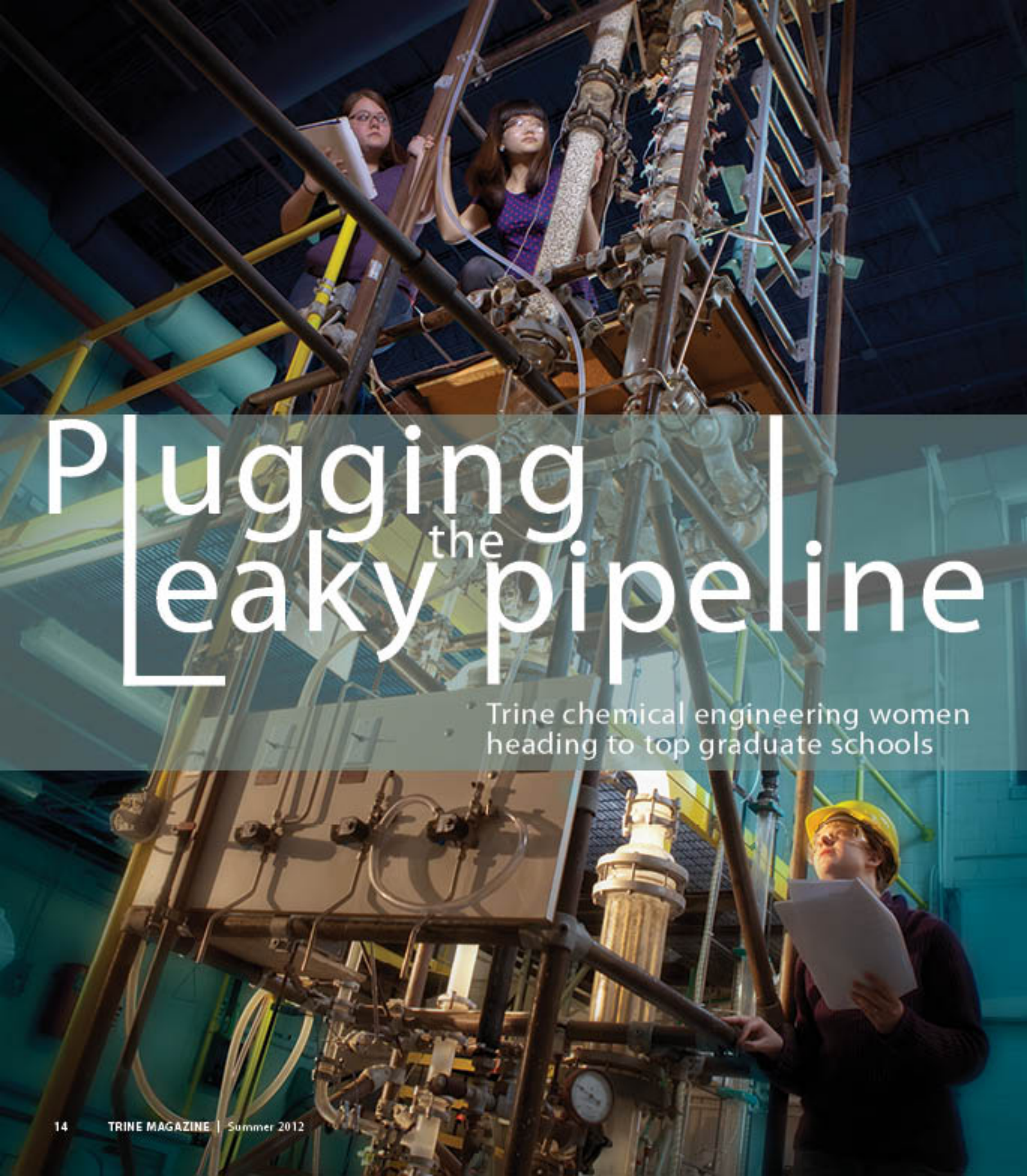
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Plugging the leaky pipeline

Trine chemical engineering women heading to top graduate schools

Combine exceptional students with one of the nation's arguably top chemical engineering programs, and you're bound to have a transformation that leaves students and an institution forever changed.

chemical reaction: a process that leads to the transformation of one set of chemical substances to another

Three Trine University female chemical engineering graduates are plugging the "leaky pipeline" leading to the higher levels of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. The "leaky pipeline" is the name given to the effect of women leaving academia (to pursue graduate degrees) after earning their bachelor's degrees.

Distinctly different, yet strikingly similar, Valerie Coulter, Lynn Secondo and Mengting Ma are heading to top graduate schools to pursue doctorates in chemical engineering, with goals of working in higher education. Each woman boasts a 3.94 grade-point average, excels in music, comes from a family that values education and is self-motivated.

the reagents: Valerie, Mengting and Lynn—substances or compounds added to a system in order to bring about a chemical reaction

After watching "Apollo 13" when she was only 5 years old, Valerie decided she wanted to be an engineer. She had no desire to be an astronaut; she wanted to be in NASA's control room. She excelled in math and science, and at the encouragement of her parents, an architect and a nurse, she headed to Trine.

"You have to study hard," Valerie said. "After you get through the general math and chemistry classes and master balances, materials and energy, you get to the designing phase, the process phase, and it's really interesting."

After entertaining full-ride graduate school offers from Yale, Virginia Tech and Stanford, she's decided on Yale. She's a versatile person. A Lebanon, Ind., native, Valerie has a black belt in karate and played piano for Trine's jazz band.

"The department at Trine is small and personal. You get to know the faculty and their teaching styles," Valerie said. "They really care about us, whether they're kicking our butts into gear or sitting with us while we cry in their office."

Mengting, a native of Kunming, China, began to learn English and to play the piano at just 4 years old. The daughter of a medical physics professor and a medical researcher, she was selected as a finalist for a Trine China Scholarship. Originally intending to study biology, she entered the chemical engineering program after experiencing a greater satisfaction of solving problems, thinking logically and conquering challenges. Already accepted to Michigan State University and Notre Dame, she's interested in environmental research, in hopes of helping with China's pollution problem.

"From your effort, whenever you do something, it's what you put into it," Mengting said. "You have to study very hard and be responsible."

Lynn, the daughter of a respiratory therapist and training and development specialist, says she came from an extremely supportive home. From an early age she was interested in dance—ballet, tap and jazz—and music. She served as the drum major for Trine's marching band. She plays the

piano, clarinet, bassoon and baritone. Always at the top of her high school class, she knew she wanted to be a part of a challenging, dynamic academic program.

"I was taught that if you set your mind to it, you can do whatever you want to do with life," Lynn said.

This past summer, she completed a research experience for undergraduates analyzing fuel cells at the University of South Carolina, one of her top graduate school picks. She's also been accepted to the University of Michigan. During her senior year, she worked with Trine faculty to set up and maintain a fuel cell testing station for future research.

"These women are bright graduates who will continue to excel. We are so proud of our chemical engineering students," said John Wagner, PhD, chair of the chemical engineering department. "We are thrilled to see a growing number of women in the program, this year making up about 20 percent of the graduating class. We will continue telling students about graduate school and showing others that Trine graduates are future leaders in the engineering field." ■



From left to right: Lynn Secondo, Mengting Ma, Valerie Coulter

Trine conquers...again.

Civil engineers rise to the top



Recent civil engineering graduates Melissa Terry of Wolcottville, Ind., and Adam Sitka of Houston, Pa., prepare to survey as part of a class project on campus. Prior to graduating *summa cum laude* in May, Terry accepted a job as a project manager for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Sitka graduated *cum laude* in May and will be working at Wessler Engineering in Greenwood, Ind.

Trine's civil engineering students earned two first-place awards and finished second place overall in the Great Lakes Region American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) Student Chapter Conference, beating every competing school from Indiana in April.

Civil and environmental engineering students from 18 schools—from Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois—traveled to Bradley University to compete in the annual conference. Last year, Trine students earned a respectable fifth-place overall award. Next year they hope to continue the upward trend and take first prize—on home turf, when Trine will host the ASCE conference for the first time in school history.

The Trine team led first-place finishes in both the environmental design contest and the geotechnical design contest. This was the second consecutive year Trine topped the environmental competition. Students Cody Watkins, Harrison King, Kayla Criswell, Jared Adams, Matthew Elmore and Rachel Wisman had the top design in the environmental contest.

Criswell, Kelly Canter, Wisman and Jared Stanek provided the winning design in the geotechnical contest.

"This is the highest Trine/Tri-State has ever finished at this event," said T.J. Murphy, Trine's ASCE advisor and civil engineering professor. "Our students represented themselves and this university in an excellent manner. They were excited to learn that they beat high-ranking private and Big Ten schools, too."

In addition to winning these two events, Trine students earned points in every event to earn the second-place trophy overall.

Murphy was also excited to share that Trine, for the first time, will host next year's ASCE conference April 18-20, 2013. Nearly 500 students, faculty and industry professionals from throughout the region will be involved in the event. To help make the 2013 conference possible, Trine students are seeking sponsors to provide financial support and volunteers to help judge competitions.

"This is an excellent opportunity for your company to showcase their commitment and support to the next generation of civil engineers and to market your company to a large number of future engineers," said Trine civil engineering major David Norris. He added that Trine may be one of the smallest private universities to host the competition. ■

For more information or to get involved, contact Murphy at murphyt@trine.edu.



LANDING THE DREAM JOB

They did it. They did what statistics said they would not accomplish.
These two stories just go to show that hard work and determination pay off in the end.
But this isn't the end. It's a new beginning. Let's meet two graduates whose careers are taking off.

Faculty and staff love to get e-mails and phone calls from graduates who landed their dream jobs or finally got the promotions they've been wanting. It makes those on campus feel as if they contributed to their success, whether it was in the classroom or in an office.

Heidi Haefner, a 2011 mechanical engineering graduate, says she couldn't be happier working as a designer for GE Aviation in Cincinnati, Ohio. She credits Trine's office of career services for helping her land her "dream job" in a field known for its low percentage of female workers.

Before graduating, career services connected Haefner with officials at Warsaw, Ind.,-based Zimmer, where she designed custom orthopedic instruments for two semesters. In addition, she served as a process engineering intern for a summer at Fort Wayne Metals, a recognized leader in the research, development and production of fine grade medical wire.



Heidi Haefner

"My experiences—at Trine and on the job—helped tremendously because they gave me an idea of how people are in the real world and what the real job is like," Haefner said. "I was already familiar with the Unigraphics software at GE because I used it in class. I didn't need additional training; I could start working on design projects right away."

Kyle Lynch, a 2011 finance graduate, is on the fast track to management at Owens Corning, a Fortune 500 company that leads major technological advances in glass fiber technology.

Lynch was selected to be part of a three-year rotational program. After working as a financial analyst at a Dallas-based insulation facility, he'll visit other plants around the globe and gain auditing experience.

When he learned he was going to interview with the company in early 2011, Lynch's professors helped him prepare. He was expected to examine a case study and present his findings to a panel.

"I went around to my professors and talked to them about the case study in advance. I sat down with three or four different professors," Lynch said. "Because they had academic and real-world experience, they could tell me what they thought about the questions...I know people say this all the time, but Trine being a small school and students having the opportunity to know their professors is a huge benefit."

Read more about your fellow alumni in our class notes section, beginning on page 33. Be sure to read how you can share your career news with the university. ■



Kyle Lynch

It's on.

Innovation like you've never seen it.
Education like you've never experienced it.



Trine University is investing \$8 million in a new initiative because school leaders are confident in its students, faculty, area businesses and creative individuals and their abilities to bring new ideas to market.

"When the light bulb comes on and a student, a faculty member, a business or an individual has an idea, we want to help them turn that idea into a reality," said Michael Bock, senior vice president. "That idea could be the beginning of a successful business that creates new jobs. When they have a problem or special needs, we want to assist them in resolving those issues as well."

The university has developed the Division of Innovation and Technology, an incubator for creativity, invention and design that leaders believe will improve education through experiential learning and foster economic development by supporting new and existing business.

This division will develop, implement and manage partnerships, external engagements, business plans, growth and sustainability. It will serve as a catalyst for the university to partner with the private and public sectors to launch ideas. The university will now assist in the development of ideas in an environment with expert advice close at hand, complemented by multiple resources.

Trine's initial work into creating this division is partly due to the forward thinking of alumnus and trustee Mitch Rhoads (BSBA '66), who suggested closer alignment of the Allen School of Engineering & Technology and the Ketner School of Business. Rhoads also provided financial support to develop new resources for the entrepreneur and as such, the new Rhoads Center for Entrepreneurship is named in his honor. The Rhoads Center will put new product and market resources to use across the region to expand business, create jobs and diversify the employment base.

The premise for the Technology Commercialization Lab (TCL)—in the Division of Innovation and Technology—is simple: as new ideas, products and technologies are presented, Trine students, faculty and other experts


will assist in the development of the ideas turning them into real products. The TCL also will assist existing business with research and development and other business and engineering needs.

Since January, the university has purchased or acquired over \$2.5 million in software and new equipment, including a 3-D plasma cutter and a Z Corp 650 Rapid Prototyping Printer for the TCL. Trine engineering school faculty already are using this equipment to assist area industry, as well as further engage students in project collaboration. Trine's cast metals program, which is among the very top undergraduate programs in North America, also will be expanded. A new plastics program will be created as a direct result of new partnerships recently formed with business and industry.

In addition, the university has launched its minor, major and master's degree in biomedical engineering, hired experienced faculty to grow the program and installed a motion capture camera, force plate and EMG system to analyze the dynamics of human movement. This equipment allows users to evaluate the interaction between materials and the human system, which, in turn, allows Trine to assist with research, product development, communication and job placement. Trine sees this as an excellent opportunity to expand the nationally recognized Allen School of Engineering & Technology to meet the needs of the ever-expanding orthopedic industry.

Angola Mayor Richard Hickman also recently endorsed the initiative after months of researching similar successful university-based programs around the country. He has taken the idea to city council, requesting members consider investing \$2 million in a formal partnership with the university for economic development, making the combined investment \$10 million.

Trine's initiative will challenge and prepare students, provide limitless opportunities for faculty and support rapidly expanding markets in communities worldwide. The possibilities are infinite.

Bring it on. ■ 



Former House Speaker visits campus, addresses graduates

"Life expects ordinary people to do extraordinary things," former U.S. Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert told nearly 500 graduates in his address at Trine University's 127th annual commencement ceremony May 5 in Hershey Hall. This was one of the largest graduating classes in the university's history.

Trine University president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., presented Hastert with a Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for his civic contributions as a legislator, coach and teacher.

With his roots in education, Hastert served as Speaker of the House from 1999 to 2007. He started his career in education, though, as a way to repay mentors, family and friends who helped him earn a college degree. For 16 years he taught government, economics and everything in between, as well as coaching football and wrestling. He also drove a school bus, which, he said, prepared him most for serving as a legislator.

"I had to keep that big yellow machine between the lanes," Hastert said. "It was bigger than almost anything else on the road. . . I had brake pedals and stop signs, but up in front of you was the most important tool you had, the mirror, which protected your back."

Hastert encouraged students to persevere and to not let others hold them back. He said purpose, passion, persistence and patience are the keys to success.

Following Hastert's encouraging speech, nearly 500 graduates received their diplomas.

Robert B. Stewart award recipient Valerie Coulter, who will begin pursuing a doctorate at Yale University, then shared final words with her classmates.

"This is a small school made up of people with big hearts. I challenge you to take this spirit of community and empathy into the world with you," Coulter said. "A little bit of care can do so much to prevent (the world from tearing apart). Our class could change the world just by listening, just by getting involved, just by showing we care."

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Jordan Bowers

Hometown: Bryan, Ohio

Degrees: Management and Golf Management

Destination: Parker Hannifin Corp.

Position: Marketing Specialist

It's no surprise that Jordan found a job before he even graduated. He did everything right. Jordan was active on campus. From serving as president of Circle K to playing on the golf team, he was just as busy outside the classroom as inside it. He took multiple internships, among them working as an events coordinator at Life Science Exhibits in Fort Wayne, Ind. He had the experience he needed to get the job he wanted.

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Jessica Dehning

Hometown: Wheatfield, Ind.
Degree: Computer Engineering
Destination: Rockwell Automation
Position: Field Service Engineer in Training

After four successful years at Trine, she's heading into the workforce, where she is sure to impact, not only her company, but other women in the engineering field. While on campus, she served as president and secretary of Society of Women Engineers. She gave back to her community, leading Trine's Relay for Life team. She also interned in systems engineering at General Dynamics in Fort Wayne, Ind.



Christina Riegel

Hometown: Clarkston, Mich.
Degree: Mathematics
Destination: Case Western University
Position: Student pursuing graduate degree

Although Christina's undergraduate days are behind her, she's heading to Case Western University to earn a Master of Science in Management-Operations Research and Supply Chain Management. While at Trine, she was active with Catholic organizations, including the Newman Catholic Fellowship. She also volunteered to be treasurer and student senate representative for BACCHUS.



Daniel Meyer

Hometown: New Haven, Ind.
Degree: Computer Engineering
Destination: Raytheon in Fort Wayne
Position: Hardware Engineer

Daniel has been on track since beginning his college career. He was named to the President's List every semester. He completed internships with Raytheon NCS and Continental Diamond Tool. He was active in the campus community, serving as president of Eta Kappa Nu and vice president of IEEE. He also was inducted into Tau Beta Pi and was active on the Student Advisory Board.

Lasting Legacies

Kobelak family celebrates three generations at Trine

When Steve Kobelak came to campus in the early 1950s in pursuit of a mechanical engineering degree, he had no idea that he was earning so much more than a degree. He started a legacy that would flourish for generations to come, as two of his sons and his granddaughter ventured down his educational path.

"My dad would be smiling now," Steve Kobelak said of his father who passed away from cancer in 1997. "He would be proud to know we're carrying on the family tradition."

After serving two years in the U.S. Army as part of the early occupation of Japan in the late 1940s, the elder Steve Kobelak returned home and saw an advertisement for Tri-State College in the back of Popular Mechanics magazine. Thanks to the GI Bill (legislation that provided college or vocational education for returning veterans), Steve could afford an education. After graduation, he went to work as a research and development

engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. His experiences at Tri-State resonated with two of his sons, Steve (BSME '87) and Mike (BSME '89), who followed in their father's footsteps and earned mechanical engineering degrees. Mike went to work at Wright-Patterson, but his brother had different plans. He took a job as a ground support equipment engineer for Morton-Thiokol at Kennedy Space Center in Florida for two years and watched four shuttle launches. Growing homesick for the Midwest, Steve and his wife, Kelly, ventured to Fremont, Ind., where he went to work as an estimating engineer for Autoform Tool and Manufacturing.

Now, Steve's daughter, Kendall, is pursuing an elementary education degree at Trine. She said her experiences at Trine couldn't have been better. She loves the personal attention she receives from professors and the flexibility of her schedule.

At first, Steve didn't think he could afford to send his daughter to Trine, but he learned about the Legacy Award. In addition, Kendall earned substantial academic scholarships, making her cost of education, she said, less than that of a public university.

"I can't say enough good things about Trine," Steve said. "The admissions department was so helpful in navigating us through the financial aid process. We look forward to Kendall's graduation, and, who knows, maybe a fourth-generation Kobelak will be here in years to come." ■

Legacy Awards are given to students who have direct relatives who graduated from Tri-State College, Tri-State University or Trine or have a current family member enrolled. Visit trine.edu or call (260) 665-4114 for more information.

Steve Kobelak, with
his daughter, Kendall



With hands folded, Gen. Lewis B. Hershey (second from right) watches as names are selected for the draft. The draft bowl, table and a few of the capsules are among his personal effects given to the university.

General Hershey

from country boy
to national leader

It has been nearly a century since the late Gen. Lewis B. Hershey was a student of this institution. Often described as an unassuming country boy, Hershey graduated from Tri-State College in 1914 and went on to become one of the 20th century's most powerful (and controversial) political figures, the head of the Selective Service System.

Trine's Hershey Hall is named in honor of "Mr. Selective Service," a nickname given to Hershey while he led an organization responsible for drafting America's men to war. His service continued throughout three wars, four decades and six presidents.

Many of his personal effects were given to the university, including photographs, keys to cities and letters to his wife, Ellen, whom he wed in Jacksonville, Miss., in November 1917. (Each letter began "Dear Wife"). The lovers kept their wedding a secret until June 1918.

Pictures from his childhood and life thereafter fill file folders and hang in cases. Tuberculosis claimed his mother's life when Hershey was only 4 years old, and a beloved aunt helped raise him.

According to records, Hershey grew up on a Steuben County farm, which is now part of Pokagon State Park and Interstate 69.

Hershey graduated from high school as valedictorian at just 16 years of age. Shortly thereafter, in June 1910, he and his father went to Tri-State to learn about enrolling him in a three-month teacher's program. After coming up with tuition (\$12-\$15), Hershey started classes a few days

later. He rented a room for \$1 per week from a family on West Park Street and paid \$3 for 21 meal tickets to Watson's Restaurant and made it last two weeks.

At the end of the summer, just shy of his 17th birthday, Hershey began teaching at the Dewey School in Jamestown. He earned \$2.25 per day, and he saved enough money to return to Tri-State as a full-time student in 1911. In addition to activities on campus, he assisted his father, the county sheriff, as a deputy.

After graduating in 1914, Hershey accepted a teacher/principal position at a high school in nearby Ellettsville, Ind. In 1916, Hershey, who was part of the Indiana National Guard, was called to the U.S./Mexico border when Pancho Villa and his men were making threats.

Upon returning home, he enrolled in a graduate program at Indiana University, but in 1917 the guard was activated and he was sent to France. He arrived in October, and by November, World War I had ended, and he never saw battle. Hershey volunteered to remain in France. He lived with a French family and helped with post-war efforts.

In 1919 he wrote his father, "It (compulsory service) seems to me the most democratic thing to do." Individuals "must be either made to serve the government or the government will be compelled to serve them."

He remained a recruiter and traveled the country, both teaching and taking military classes of all sorts. In the 1930s, he was named secretary and executive officer of the Joint Army and

Navy Selective Service Committee. By 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Hershey to lead the Selective Service. As he described it, Hershey said, "Our job is to sort 'em, and send 'em," an interesting comment considering one of his best childhood friends was killed in World War I.

The highly educated Hoosier had made his way to the top, making friends and enemies along the way. President Richard Nixon retired him from service in 1970. In his later years, he served Tri-State University as a trustee from 1950 until his death in 1977. He passed away at a motel near his family's farm land during commencement weekend 1977, when he returned to campus for a board of trustees meeting. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. ■





Bill San Giacomo



Mike McNamara



Bill Lipman



Kathy Pomeroy

William "Bill" R. San Giacomo

Professor William "Bill" R. San Giacomo has received the distinguished title of Professor Emeritus and is retiring after 46 years of service. Since coming to the university from New Jersey in 1966, he found not only a home, but a career that has allowed him to pursue his passions. He has held roles in arts and sciences, business and athletics and has consistently exhibited enthusiasm that has endeared him to students and faculty. He created the university's golf management program by combining the assets of the Zollner Golf Course and the Ketner School of Business. The program's retention rate and 100 percent placement rate are testaments to his extraordinary leadership. In his retirement, he plans to "keep it in the fairway."

Michael "Mike" J. McNamara

Michael J. McNamara is retiring and received special merit from the university. He worked over 30 years in media, before coming to Trine in 2007 to serve as chair and assistant professor in the department of English and communication. He restructured the communication department, introduced 12 new classes and was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award. He also advised The Triangle student newspaper, announced at sporting events and served as emcee at university events.

William "Bill" Lipman

Professor William Lipman received the distinguished title of Professor Emeritus at the annual faculty recognition breakfast on commencement weekend. Lipman, who previously spent 30 years in the business profession, is retiring as an assistant professor in the Ketner School of Business, where he has been since 1999. Lipman has been consistently ranked by students as one of the most highly valued instructors on campus. He served as an advisor and board member to a variety of organizations, including Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Trine Christian Campus Fellowship and Delta Mu Delta. He also received Excellence in Teaching Awards for Business in 2003 and 2008.

Kathy Pomeroy

Kathy Pomeroy is retiring after eight years of teaching in the Franks School of Education and nearly three decades of teaching in public schools in Texas, Colorado, California, Missouri and Indiana. She has received multiple teaching awards, including Trine's Gerald H. Moore Overall Excellence in Teaching Award. She has remained engaged with her students throughout her career and continues to serve as a mentor to former students. In her retirement she plans to explore the globe and other wonders of the world.



Excellence in Teaching Awards

Trine honored several faculty members with McKetta-Smith Excellence in Teaching Awards May 5 at the annual commencement breakfast. Standing, from left, are Gail Lugo, John H. Fiandt, Craig Laker, Pavan Karra, Ph.D., Thomas "Tom" DeAgostino and Linda Conley. In front, from left are A.J. Alnaser, Ph.D., Brett Batson, Ph.D., and TJ Murphy. Laker also received the Gerald H. Moore Overall Excellence in Teaching Award, which includes a cash stipend, development grant and plaque for the honor.



Jean Deller



David Wood



John Shannon



Robert Moreland

Deller to serve as assistant vice president for academics

Jean Deller, Ph.D., will now serve as the assistant vice president for academics at Trine University, officials announced this week.

Deller has been a member of the Trine University faculty and administrative staff since 1980. In her new role, she will oversee accreditation activities, lead assessment efforts and head grant initiatives when funding is received. This past year, Deller wrote a grant that awarded the university more than a quarter-million dollars from The Talent Initiative for project-based learning initiatives.

Wood promoted to assistant vice president

David Wood was promoted to assistant vice president for academic resources and planning. He has served as dean of the School of Professional Studies since 2009. Wood and his team opened five educational centers in 2011. He will continue to serve as the dean for the School of Professional Studies and will lead the Trine Virtual Campus, Middle College, community education programs, academic technology, help desk and the main campus bookstore.

Shannon promoted to vice president for academic affairs

John Shannon, Ph.D., was promoted to vice president for academic affairs. He has been at Trine since 2007, serving as dean of the Jannen School of Arts and Sciences. He has served as interim vice president for academic affairs since late 2011. Before coming to Trine, Shannon served as dean at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, Calif., where he led a staff of 130 faculty members and managed a multi-million dollar annual budget. He earned his doctorate in foreign and second language education from The Ohio State University.

Moreland joins administration

Attorney Robert Moreland joined the Trine University administration as vice president and general counsel in January.

Moreland is also a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels. He has worked extensively with the university for several years. He now will lead Trine's efforts in overseeing the human resources department and represent the university on a number of topics and issues relevant to the growth and progress of the institution.



Doreen McClelland



Gretchen M. Miller



Racheal Benner

Three individuals were promoted in administrative and alumni and development positions. **Doreen McClelland**, who has served as assistant to the president since 2004, will now serve as executive assistant to the president. **Gretchen M. Miller**, director of alumni relations and events, has been promoted to assistant to the president. She will handle donor and trustee communications, special project and event planning, and work with new and ongoing institutional initiatives. **Racheal Benner**, records and receipts assistant, has been promoted to director of alumni and donor relations and will handle alumni publications, social media and communication.

The Depot opening soon



Trine recently acquired the Lake Shore Depot, and now the Angola historical landmark is part of its thriving campus. The university is renovating the interior into a restaurant for the public and students alike. This summer, The Depot will open. Its menu will feature fresh and locally grown cuisine. So, next time you visit campus, be sure to stop in.

New forensic concentration added

Beginning this fall, the Trine University School of Professional Studies will offer a new, online forensic psychology concentration for students in the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program. Forensic psychology is the interaction of the practice or study of psychology and the law. The best example of this line of work can be seen on the CBS hit series, "Criminal Minds," which follows a team of profilers from the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit. Psychologists in this field work everywhere, from prisons, jails and rehabilitation centers to government agencies and universities.

NCATE accreditation

The Franks School of Education has received continuing accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education. As a result of garnering NCATE accreditation, Indiana Department of Education accreditation was awarded, as well.

The support of area schools and the dedication of talented teachers were critical pieces of the accreditation process. Without them, Trine education students would not have had vital classroom experiences needed to be successful in their careers.



Students earn third at ASEE contest

Trine University engineering students captured a third-place award at the 2012 American Society for Engineering Education's (ASEE) Illinois-Indiana Conference March 17 at Valparaiso University.

Junior design engineering technology majors Nick Cocanower and Daniel Grabill were honored for their united electrical engineering and design engineering technology packaging project. Combining two fields—design engineering technology and electrical engineering—they created specific packaging for intricate printed circuit boards that were equipped to sense temperature or force.

Trine assistant professors Vukica Jovanovic, Ph.D., and Andrea Mitofsky, Ph.D., worked in the fall of 2011 to collaborate their classroom efforts and assigned students interdisciplinary projects to simulate real-world experiences. In this case, aspiring design engineers, such as Cocanower and Grabill, worked with electrical engineering students to complete the project. Jovanovic and Mitofsky required students to communicate and create products within an allotted budget in a given timeframe.

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Darryl Webber

School receives software valued at \$1.6 million

Thanks to the efforts of Trine University professor Darryl Webber, Ph.D., the university's Allen School of Engineering and Technology was gifted dynamic software the company values at \$1.6 million.

Magmasoft, a software package used in more than 1,000 industrial plants around the globe, is now available in Trine classrooms. Magmasoft is advanced manufacturing software used in industry to simulate products, allowing engineers to save time when developing products.

Mechanical engineering and design engineering technology students will use the software to test hypotheses and then take

their research to the lab to prove and enhance results.

"This software not only supports Trine's cast metals programs, but opens the door for concurrent and collaborative engineering," Webber said.



Project Based Learning

It was standing-room only in Shambaugh Hall room 109 as Trine University unveiled its new, high-tech Project Based Learning Center for Excellence on April 24. The center was made possible thanks to a \$251,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through the Talent Initiative. University officials, along with Ryan Twiss and Leonard Helfrich of the Talent Initiative, unveiled a plaque naming the room.

The center features state-of-the-art video conferencing software, smart boards, digital projection units and furniture specifically designed for collaboration for methods students in the Franks School of Education and northeast Indiana teachers seeking to learn how to implement project-based learning into their classes.

"And this summer, training of practicing teachers will take place in this facility and the methodologies will appear in classrooms across the region to make our current high school students strong in 21st Century Skills and problem-solving capabilities," said Jean Deller, Ph.D., assistant vice president for academics, who played a significant role in acquiring the grant. "This facility will become a place where practicing teachers can be trained and can return for assistance and ideas."

In addition, the video conferencing element will enhance communications as Trine moves through a multitude of economic development and campus programming initiatives.



Initiative announced

Trine University will invest more than \$8 million in education and economic growth, officials announced in a press conference on May 4, and Angola Mayor Richard Hickman is proposing that the city allocate an additional \$2 million toward the initiative.

Brooks said he appreciates Hickman's "bold vision." He added that Trine is pursuing this economic development initiative so that "we [retain] some of the best and brightest talent here in our region versus exporting it outside the region, the state or to other parts of the country." *Read more about Trine's initiatives on page 18.*



For the second year, Trine University's Tau Alpha Omicron chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association captured national awards at the National ACJA Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 12-16. Participants included chapter advisor Craig Laker and students Julia Nell, Colin Arona, David Nichols, Preston Howard, Andrew Wilhelm, Katie Finch, Amiee Huston and Hailey Mabrey.



Gala passes million-dollar mark

Trine University passed the million-dollar mark on the evening of Feb. 11 at its ninth annual Black and White Scholarship Gala, which included dinner, entertainment and live and silent auctions.

"In the nine years of this event, we have received over \$1 million for student scholarships," said Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D. "Ninety-eight percent of our students receive some form of institutional scholarship or financial aid assistance that helps them pay for classes, textbooks, lab fees and more."

This year, friends and donors provided approximately a quarter-million dollars for student scholarships, officials reported. In addition to funds raised through auction sales and tickets, generous donors contributed by providing \$114,000 in sponsorships

for scholarships. Supporters also gave more than \$66,000 to the Books and Beyond Scholarship program.


Junior mechanical engineering major Brett Steineman of Huntington told the 330-person audience that when selecting a university, he was torn between Trine and another school. Steineman said he selected the other school as his first choice, but changed his decision to Trine because of the scholarship opportunities offered. Now, Steineman said, Trine would have been his first, and only, choice.

Next year's gala will be Saturday, Feb. 9. Those who are interested in attending, sponsoring the event, donating auction items or purchasing textbook scholarships should contact the alumni and development office at alumni@trine.edu or (260) 665-4114.



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University Center naming dedication

Trine University officials held a naming dedication for its award-winning University Center. It was named after 1977 alumnus and trustee Rick James and his wife, Vicki, a couple who have been instrumental in the school's advancements in the last decade. The building, which was constructed in 2007, will now be known as the Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center.

"Just as this building has become a central focal point of our transforming campus, Rick and Vicki have become a central part of the continued success of the vision of this premier institution," said Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., during the ceremony May 4.

James is the chairman and CEO for Metal Technologies, and Mrs. James is an active member of the Black and White Scholarship Gala committee.



Trine receives over \$3 million for Furth center

Since the beginning of the year, Trine has received more than \$3 million in new gifts and commitments for the restoration and renovation of the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts, which will create an artistic venue for students and northeast Indiana communities.

Tri-State College 1954 mechanical engineering graduate and board member Tomas Furth, the center's namesake, and Tri-State College 1966 accounting graduate Cliff Ryan and his wife, Sig, the namesakes of what will become Ryan Concert Hall, have given significant gifts in addition to their previous lead commitments. An anonymous donor also has given a generous new gift.

Trustees Ralph and Sheri Trine stepped forward to acquire the facility for the university, after school officials and trustees, along with local leaders, oversaw a comprehensive community assessment that confirmed the university should move forward to create and foster artistic growth in northeast Indiana.

Trine officials do not have an anticipated opening for Ryan Concert Hall, as additional funding is required to complete the entire project. To become an integral role in the renovation and restoration of this historic treasure, consider making a gift online at www.trine.edu/give or call (260) 665-4114. ■



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BASEBALL

The Thunder baseball squad had one of their best seasons in school history—their second winning season since joining the MIAA—finishing the regular season 25-18, qualifying for their first MIAA Conference Tournament.

After splitting their first three conference series, the Trine Thunder began to roll as they swept Olivet and Kalamazoo to clinch a spot in the MIAA tournament. Trine ended their regular season against their toughest opponent in the conference, Adrian, where they split the series, shutting out the Bulldogs twice for the first time since 1997.

At the conference tournament, Trine went 1-2, just missing out on the chance to earn the automatic bid to the regional tournament. The Thunder won their first postseason game in the NCAA with a 6-3 victory over Hope.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team finished with the most wins (10) and their first winning season since Trine became an NCAA school.

Trine was in the hunt for a conference tournament bid, down to the end of the season. They needed to win one of their final two matches, but were unable to secure a win over tough opponents.

Four individuals finished the season with winning records. Nick Inrie and David Murray led the Thunder with 16 singles wins, and Dan Desper and Zach Richardson also had winning records.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Thunder women's tennis team picked up their first conference win since 2008 and improved by three wins over last season. The women finished the season 6-12, marking the team's most wins in a season since 2007.

Jessica Huhnke was honored the week of April 1 as the MIAA Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the first time in her career. Huhnke, a sophomore from Newburgh, Ind., won 11 straight matches to start the season, before falling in a third set tie-breaker to Kalamazoo. She finished the season with an impressive 15-3 record at first singles.

MEN'S LACROSSE

After a tough road loss upon returning from spring break, Trine won four straight games, including their first two conference games of the season over Milwaukee School of Engineering and Concordia (Wisc.). The team also picked up conference wins over Albion and Hanover. Two tough losses late in the season eliminated the Thunder from the conference tournament.

Freshman Dalton Madsen was named the Midwest Lacrosse Conference Offensive Player of the Week for games played through March 18. Madsen tallied four goals and five assists.

This marked the final season for the men's team in the MLC, as the MIAA will begin sponsoring lacrosse in the 2012-13 academic year.

As a team, the Thunder rank 19th best in man-up offenses in the country. Senior Alex Gregg finished 25th in the nation in save percentage and 37th in saves per game.

Seniors Elaine Stahley, Andy Lauer and Eric Thompson leave Trine as the first, second and fourth all-time leading scorers in school history. Thompson, Stahley and Gregg, respectively, also leave as the top three players in groundballs.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Despite difficulties, the women's lacrosse team fought for a Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference tournament bid, down to the final game, but was unable to pick up a win over Concordia (Wisc.). This marked the final season for the women's team in the MWLC as the MIAA will begin sponsoring lacrosse in the 2012-13 academic year.

Trine's two wins came in a rout of Fontbonne 16-8 and Mount St. Joseph 11-10, on the road. Several injuries early in the season forced the team to compete a player down.

Seniors Shelly Raupp, Ashley Kocis and Emily Shreeve finished their careers at Trine as the second, third and fourth leading goal scorers in school history. Kocis also finished her career with the most assists, groundballs, caused turnovers and draw controls in team history. She also ranked 50th in the country in groundballs per game.



Trine hosts national NCAA women's golf championships

Golf enthusiasts and players from coast to coast traveled to Trine's beautiful Zollner Golf Course for the NCAA Division III Women's National Golf Championships. Methodist University won their 15th consecutive championship on May 11, as they held off a late charge from DePauw University. A field of 101 women—19 teams and six individuals—competed in the 72-hole stroke play event.

The Monarchs took the title with a four-day total of 1,242. The six-stroke margin of victory for Methodist was the lowest since 2004, when they won by just two strokes. Wisconsin-Eau Claire rounded out the top three, taking third by one stroke over Centre College.

Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Catherine Wagner won the individual title with championship total 302. Wagner was the only player in the field to card a round under-par, with a 71 on day number two. Wagner won the title by just one stroke over three other players in a tightly contested championship that came down to the final holes.

Zollner saw three holes-in-ones over the course of the tournament, each on a different day. Two occurred on hole six while the other came on hole 17. These were the first holes-in-one during championship play since 2009.

Thunder athletes 'reign' over conferences

It was a record-breaking season of firsts for Thunder athletics this spring, as an unprecedented 17 student-athletes were named All-Conference in baseball, softball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's tennis and track and field.

Junior Andi Gasco becomes the first player in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association to take home both the MIAA's Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year awards. Gasco, along with junior Sarah Belote and freshman Tori Cuevas, were named to the All-MIAA First Team. Gasco's sister, freshman Carly Searles, was named to the All-MIAA Second Team.

In addition to being named All-Conference, the quartet was named to the NFCA All-Region Central Team. Gasco earned First Team honors for the second straight year. Belote and Cuevas were named Second Team while Searles was Third Team. The foursome marks the first time in school history that more than two players have been honored in the same season, and the first time that four players have been honored from a single team out of the MIAA since 2005.

Gasco becomes the first Thunder player to be named to the NFCA All-Region First Team twice in her career. It also marks the second straight year and third time in the past four years that they have had multiple All-Region players.

For the first time in school history, three Trine track and field athletes were named All-MIAA, including junior Dustin Stutzman and freshman Tyler Bourdo. Freshman Trisha King is the first female Trine track athlete to be named All-MIAA.

Three baseball players were named All-MIAA, including senior Ryan Smith, who was named to the First Team for the third straight season. Senior Josh Rivera and junior Matt Zurbruggen made the All-MIAA Second Team.

For the second straight season, men's tennis player Dan Desper was named All-MIAA, earning second team honors. On the women's side, for the first time in school history, sophomore Jessica Huhnke was named All-MIAA First Team.

Before beginning MIAA play next season, the men's and women's lacrosse teams had multiple players named to All-Conference teams. On the women's side, seniors Shelly Raupp, Ashley Kocsis and Emily Shreere were named All-MWLC Second Team for the second straight season. On the men's team, seniors Chris Olney and Eric Thompson were named to the All-MLC Second Team.



Softball rocks NCAA Regional

The Thunder softball team had their best season in school history, as they not only advanced to the NCAA Regional finals for the first time, but were ranked as high as 13th by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The Thunder destroyed most of the offensive record book as they set 10 team records and 13 individual records this season including a new wins mark of 40.

Junior pitcher Andi Gasco threw her first career no-hitter against Defiance on March 28, in a 10-0 win. It was the Thunder's first no-hitter since 2010. Gasco also performed well

at the plate as at one point she collected nine straight hits, tying her for sixth all-time in Division III history. On April 25, the Thunder collected 16 runs in the first inning of their game against Kalamazoo, which tied for fifth in Division III history. In that inning, senior Kelly Tresick was just the third player ever in Division III to collect three hits in a single inning.

Trine hit the ball well all season as they ranked near the top of the nation in several offensive categories. The Thunder also led the MIAA in several categories including team batting average while setting a conference record for total bases in a season and tying the record for home runs. In addition, Gasco led the conference in batting average and ERA. Her sister, freshman Carly Searles tied a conference record for triples while ranking third in the country for most triples.

During the NCAA Regional Tournament at Alma College, the softball team also placed four players on the All-Tournament team as they advanced to the championship game. Freshman Leah Hall along with junior Sarah Belote, Gasco and Searles were honored. Gasco was named to the All-Tournament Team for the second straight season.



Trine and ShindigZ presents D1 soccer exhibition games

Trine women's head soccer coach Terry Stefankiewicz has secured four major Division I men's soccer programs to play exhibition games on Trine's soccer field Aug. 19.

Stefankiewicz, head of the nationally renowned ShindigZ National Soccer Festival in Fort Wayne, has confirmed that Duke University, Michigan State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Evansville will each play on Trine's campus.

Duke, who made the NCAA Tournament, will face Michigan State at 1 p.m. Wisconsin will face off against Evansville at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$5 to attend both games. Trine University students free with ID. This event is hosted by the Trine University women's soccer team.



Matt Land



Ryan Gould



Steve Mix



Shea Chambers

Land promoted to athletic director

Trine University head football coach Matt Land is now the university's athletic director. In his new role, he will continue to serve as head football coach.

Land has coached the Thunder for six seasons, leading the team to three Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships. In 2010, he was named d3football.com's North Region Football Coach of the Year. Eric Watt, a 2010 graduate, won the prestigious Gagliardi Trophy under Land's leadership. In addition to administrative and supervisory experience, Land has overseen and approved schedules and contracts for NCAA events, taken active roles in fundraising efforts, and administered fiscal operations, including budget development and approval.

A graduate of Fort Wayne Northrop High School, he earned his undergraduate degree at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and his master's degree from Walden University.

Gould to lead tennis teams

Ryan Gould is the new men's and women's tennis coach at Trine University, replacing Bill Maddock, who coached the teams and recruited for 14 seasons. Maddock continues to serve Trine as chair and assistant professor for the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science in the Ketner School of Business.

Gould has spent the past seven years as the head girls basketball coach at Snider High School in Fort Wayne. He also has previous experience coaching tennis on the collegiate level, serving as the head women's tennis coach at Grace College for two years.

He earned an elementary education degree from Grace College and is native of Bourbon, Ind.

Mix head coach of Lady Thunder

A retired NBA sports legend, successful entrepreneur, and television and radio commentator has taken the helm as Trine University's head women's basketball coach. Steve Mix will head to Trine after more than 25 years of coaching, scouting and broadcasting experience and 13 years of professional basketball experience. Mix was a forward with a 13-year career from 1969–1972 and from 1973–1983. He played for the Detroit Pistons, Philadelphia 76ers, Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers all of the NBA and the Denver Rockets of the ABA. He made it to the NBA Finals four times during his illustrious career.

Mix will cultivate high school coach relationships to maximize recruiting efforts and ensure the Lady Thunder continue to improve their game. This year the team started the season 6-0, their best start since 1996-97, when they also started the year 6-0.

Chambers named cheer/dance coach

Indiana Pacers Pacemate Shea Chambers will lead the cheerleading, dance and spirit teams. She was captain of a Division I college cheerleading squad at Bowling Green State University, before heading to the Pacers organization in 2009.

Chambers has served as an instructor for the University Cheerleading Association in Dayton, Ohio, where she was responsible for judging competitions, choreographing routines and planning camps. She garnered more leadership while creating choreography and coaching a high school dance team with Midwest Cheer Elite and Cheer Works Sparks. She plans to utilize these same high standards to lead her Trine teams to national success.

Chambers earned a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and is pursuing a master's degree in public relations at Ball State University. ■

class notes

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Share what is happening in your life with your fellow alumni. Class notes, including births, marriages, promotions, additional education, relocations, etc., can be submitted to Racheal Benner at benner@trine.edu.

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1940s

Raymond J. Wood, BSAE 1947, retired in 1984 from project management with Babcock & Wilcox Co. He and his wife, Marion, who were married in 1946, live in a retirement home and indicate that they've had a great life together.

Edwin Oxner, BSRE 1948, after 41 years, retired from Vishay-Siliconix at the age of 83. Edwin and his wife, Carol celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in January.

1950s

The Rev. Frederick W. Pyne, PhD, BSCE 1951, wrote "The Genealogical Register of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence" and "The War of the American Revolution: Day by Day." He occasionally teaches at Frederick Community College. He and his wife, Ann, reside in Adamstown, MD.

William G. Edwards, BSME 1956, is an active Rotarian in Marble Falls, Texas, serving as the international service chair. He helped build about 20 homes for Habitat for Humanity. Bill and his wife, Edra, have been married for over 53 years and have three married children and seven grandchildren.

George Galanek, BSRE 1956, recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He recently took trips to England, France and South Africa. He also re-connected with fellow

alums, Walter Cunningham, BSBA 1956, and Jesus F. Sandoval, BSRE 1956.

William E. Rosst, BSEE 1957, donated the Mayan room exhibit (April 2011) at the Hernando Historical Association Museum in Brooksville, Fla. Rosst retired in 1985 as electrical division vice president for AEGIS International in Washington, D.C., in 1985. He then consulted for S-Tech.

Harold "Jim" J. Buttery, BSEE 1958, was employed by Chrysler for 26 years after being part of programs in the space and missile arena. Jim and his wife, Mary, reside in Florida. Their granddaughter, Allie, is a sophomore and member of the women's golf team.

Gordon Pugh, BSEE 1959, celebrated his 80th birthday. He and wife, Doreen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past year. Gordon remains active in amateur radio at W2NH and is a hypoallergenic Siberian cat breeder.

1960s

Edward L. Stowe, BSEE 1960, has volunteered for Good News Garage (GNG) for 15 years. Recently, Ed picked up a donated yellow 1967 Mustang in Atlanta, Ga., and drove it to GNG in Burlington, Vt.

David Ransbury, BSCE 1961, returned to campus after 50 years to attend a Phi Kappa Theta reunion and homecoming in 2011. David enjoys retirement, wintering

in Florida and living in Ohio.

Herbert F. Rickert, BSBA 1962, has visited Trine three times since he retired in 1998. Herb shares: "I would absolutely encourage any alum, from any year, from any place, for any reason, to slip the traces and come on down to Angola. The campus is in a world unto itself and needs to be visited every little while. You can't just think about it; you gotta do it."

Gary Shear, BSBA 1963, since retirement from the Army and Ford Motor Company, enjoys traveling the United States and Canada in his fifth-wheel trailer, with his wife, Barbara. They have also traveled the Danube, Main, Rhine, and Mosel rivers.

Dennis Miner, BSChE 1964, retired in 2005 after years of engineering and sales work and serving in the U.S. Army. He works part-time on Smart Work Zone projects and runs a small business promoting alternative energy. Dennis enjoys spending time with his seven grandchildren and Corvette.

James R. Smith, BSME 1964, and his wife, Jeannie, have formed a couple of companies, including Boot Hill Hikers and Time Travelers. Boot Hill Hikers will publish coffee table books about their exploits exploring cemeteries.

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Ed Plander, BSChE 1965, retired from his manufacturing management position in February 2011. Ed and his wife reside in Lincoln, Neb.

Tom K. Stevens, BSCE 1965, retired as the director of the Hamilton County Highway Department after 13 years and 24 years with INDOT. Tom serves as a Hancock County, Ind., Commissioner. He and his wife of 46 years, Carole, have two children, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

William L. Fish, BSBA 1966, recently sold his businesses, Turf Service Equipment Sales and Repair, Pro Lawn Landscaping and Accent Lawn Manicure Service, in Fort Wayne, Ind. William still maintains his tax practice. He visits campus and TKE fraternity brothers each year.

Arthur L. Taylor, BSEE 1966, retired in 2004 from The Boeing Company as an electrical engineer after 32 years of credited service to the company, largely at Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Art is happily retired, living in Orlando, Fla., and writing a book, "Access to Space—Past, Present, and Future," about his Apollo experiences.

Laurence H. Keeler, BSME 1967, retired in 2002 and returned to Angola, Ind., after three years in special machines and 32 years working for tier-one suppliers to the automotive industry. Larry is now board president and construction manager for the local Habitat for Humanity. He serves as lab technician in Trine's chemical engineering department.

John Nigro, BSBA 1968, is the regional director of business development for PayServ Systems of Angola, Ind.

Al Murray, BSME 1969, retired in May 2011 from Johnson & Johnson. Al and his wife, Linda, enjoy traveling, including a visit to campus for Homecoming 2011.

1970s

Robert W. Conklin, BSCE 1970, retired in 2003 from the New York State Department of Transportation after 32½ years, the last

20 years as a state railroad safety engineer. Bob is active in the Boy Scouts, serving 38 years as Scoutmaster.

George Smith, BSEE 1970, retired in 2009 from Western Electric Co. (Bell system) for almost 40 years. Then he contracted for Alcatel-Lucent (formerly Western Electric Co.) until February 2011. He served 36 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve, three on active duty. He and his wife, Jane, enjoy traveling, gardening and spending time with their family.

Thomas G. Toth P.E., BSEE 1970, retired in 2011 after serving as an engineer for many years, most recently as head of electrical engineering for the Robert P. Madison International Company in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bill Boyer, BSCE 1971, ran the Walt Disney World Half Marathon on Jan. 17 with his granddaughter and daughter. Bill is an engineer for the city of Angola, Ind.

Daniel Marks, BSBA 1972, has worked as a residential/commercial Realtor for 16 years, after early retirement from a 23-year career as a city planner/GIS systems designer for Lakeland, Fla. Dan and his wife, Cindy, recently celebrated their 40th anniversary; they have two sons.

Stephen D. Pruss, BSME 1972, retired as an engineering group manager from General Motors Powertrain after almost 44 years. He serves on numerous boards, including Trine's Mechanical Engineering Cast Metals Industrial Advisory Board. Stephen and his wife, Mary, enjoy traveling the country, planning international travel and improving their golf games.

Robert M. Smith, BSME 1973, co-formed Engineered Automation Systems Inc., a consulting engineering company in 1982. It grew to 35 employees and was sold to TRC in 2001. He is still employed there, providing upper-level engineering management in the energy services field nationally. Robert has a sailboat and plays tennis at high levels (played at Tri-State for four years).

Hashem Anwar, BSEE 1974, has been teaching computer science and information systems for 25 years and is a professor at Northern Virginia Community College.

John D. Artz, BAASG 1974, is a project engineer at Advanced Manufacturing Technology, one of the largest plastic bottle conveyor companies in the world, in Colorado. He welcomed his first grandchild in December 2011.

Anthony L. Uremovich, BSCE 1974, will ride his bicycle from his Indianapolis home to Mackinac, Mich., this summer. Two weeks after returning, he will retire after 37½ years at INDOT.

Robert Trgovich, BSMGT 1976, was selected as clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. He is the seventh person to hold the position in the court's history.

Brian E. Hagerich, DBIA, BSCE 1977, is the associate/area manager for CDM Smith Inc. He and his family are relocating to the Washington D.C., area.

Lorella Rouster, BSBA 1978, an anti-trafficking trainer, frequently speaks on child trafficking and modern-day slavery. She celebrated 45 years of marriage to her husband, John, in April. They have four children and 15 grandchildren. She can be reached at Lorella@ecmafrica.org.

Scott Crabtree, BSPESR 1979, works for Glacial Energy, selling wholesale natural gas and electricity to commercial and industrial customers in deregulated utility states. Scott and his wife, Susan, will be married 30 years this summer.

1980s

Saleh A. Mubarak, Ph.D., BSCE 1981, is a professor and head of the civil engineering department at Qatar University. He finished the fourth edition of his book, "How to Estimate with Means Data and Cost Works."

Michael Brill, BSMGT 1982, is the vice president/general manager for Indiana, Illinois and Michigan for CenturyLink and



The Tri-State/Trine Alumni Men's Basketball game was held following the Thunder's victory on Jan. 28, 2012.

Participating in the game, from left, are Brandon O'Leary (BSSM 2005), John Moore (BSMK 2008), Donnie Danklefsen (BSSM 2003), John Taylor (BSMK 2005), Maurice Brookins (BSSM 2007), Ethan Ludquist (current), Tim Raftery (BACOM 2010), Ryan Kinzie (BSCRJ 2007), Zach Lear (BSHPRP) and Ivan Danzy (BSPEED 2009).

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Ron Commons, BSBA 1982, married Debbie Marchesi on Sept. 5, 2011, in Las Vegas. Since 2010, Ron has served as the quality manager at Hoosier Tank in South Bend, Ind. Ron is a licensed pilot and is a member of the Mishawaka Pilots Club.

Musa Mabrouk, BSCE 1983, is a project director for a 30 Billion SAR company in Saudi Arabia. He is married and has four children. Musa participated in the building of the largest water fountain in Dubai and was the project director for the tallest building in Qatar, at 438 meters.

John Piper, BSEE 1983, achieved an H-2 hang gliding pilot's rating.

Sandra M. Kiesel, BSChE 1985, resides in Lake Orion, Mich. She is principal and founder of Go Lean Inc. Sandy and her husband, Tom VanderLaan, are avid boaters and water skiers.

Mark H. Van Horn, PhD, BSEE 1986, is a research assistant professor in the Center for Biomedical Imaging at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Matt Simko, BSME 1987, is a district manager for Industrial Motor & Controls, which sells power transmission products and electric motors and recently expanded

to Indiana.

James Chesley, BSBA 1988, is owner/manager of WGLM-FM/AM M1063 in Greenville, Mich. Listen online at www.m1063.com.

Steven S. Selfert, BSEE 1988, became a Certified Information Systems Security Professional in 2009 and GIAC Certified Forensics Examiner in 2011. Steven has four children and is expecting his second grandchild this year.

Richard P. Franklin, BSENGED 1989, was recently elected vice president of the Community Foundation of Calhoun

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County, and is in his third year as superintendent of Athens Area Schools. Richard and his wife, Ayesha, reside in East Leroy, Mich., with their children Katherine, Zachary and Zara. Their oldest son, John, was accepted into the U.S. Army's training program for Special Forces (Green Berets).

1990s

Cheryl Trout Weepie, BSChE 1990, earned her 225-hour yoga teacher certification from The Yogalife Institute in Devon, Pa.

Theresa (Bollsh) Grossman, BSENGED 1992, earned a master's degree in teaching and curriculum with an emphasis on literacy and language instruction from Michigan State University. She has been accepted into the Educational Psychology/Educational Technology Program doctorate program at MSU and will begin her studies in June.

Jonathan Scott, BSChE 1994, plans to marry Miriam Weber June 17, 2012. Alumnus Scott May, BSCE 1994, will attend the wedding.

Karen Sobeske, BSELEM 1994, shares that her daughter Melanie Sobeske, BACOM 2011, is attending graduate school at Central Michigan University to become a speech pathologist.

Matthew Wayne Johnston D.O., BSPreMD 1999, is an orthopedic surgeon at Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Institute in Celebration, Fla.

2000s

Brandon Hoehn, BSCRJ 2002, and wife, Jessica, welcomed a baby girl, Amelia "Millie" Jean Hoehn, Dec. 30, 2011.

Brian LeSage, BSBA 2002, was recently promoted to Maintenance Manager of the 467/468 division of the U.S. Postal Service. His wife, Laurie LeSage, BSBA 2002, is currently Acting Postmaster of Pleasant Lake, Ind. They have three daughters and reside in Angola, Ind.

Karl Lockwood, BSCRJ 2003, and husband Matthew Clevengers, of Lizton, Ind., have a son, Carter, 2. She is a foreclosure paralegal for Aurora Bank FSB.

Kristen (Fadely) Lopshire, BSBA 2003, and husband Greg Lopshire, BSME 2004, have a son Evan, 2, and welcomed a second son, Grant, in December. Greg recently accepted a job at Rolls Royce in Indianapolis, Ind.

Michael Byron, BSME 2004, and wife Diana welcomed their first child, Clare Maureen Byron, on Jan. 1.

Connie Disbro, BSBA 2004, is a computer adjunct instructor at Ancilla College and was promoted to coordinator of testing, supplemental instruction, and ADA compliance in August 2011.

Kelth B. Hammonds, BAM 2004, is the building commissioner for the City of Plymouth, Ind.

Justin Hole, BSBIO 2004, is a biologist in the neuroscience division as a member of the neurodegenerative disease drug hunting team at Eli Lilly. Justin and his wife have a daughter, 7. They reside in Noblesville, Ind.

Mark Mason, BSBA 2004, was promoted to network engineer in the corporate operations group at Jack Henry & Associates. Mark, his wife, Sabrina, and their four children reside in Springfield, Mo., area.

Mitch Myers, BAM 2004, owner of Beaufort Inn, in Beaufort, S.C., completed the addition of a day spa and now offers a full-service restaurant, Southern Graces. Recently they hosted guests Gary Sinise and Vanna White.

Jonathan Walmer, BSBA 2004, and Amy (Norris) Walmer, BSBA 2005, welcomed a baby boy, Jaxon Bryce, on Feb. 2.

Stacey Coonrod-Isebarger, BSCRJ 2005, plans to earn a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from IPFW in June.

Nicole Muir-Kimmerly, BSCRJ 2005, earned her Juris Doctrate from Valparaiso University School of Law in 2007. She is an associate attorney at Hains Law Firm, LLP. She married John Kimmerly in 2009. Her brother, Nicholas Muir, is a current

student at Trine.

Jarrold Phillips, BSBA 2005, and his wife, Elizabeth (Leckrone) Phillips, attended 2004-2005, are expecting their third child in October. Jarrold joined the Indiana Army National Guard in November 2011. He will attend Army Basic Combat Training this summer and will begin Army Officer Candidate School in 2013. He is the sales manager at Jimelle Flooring in Auburn, Ind.

Kristen (Rink) Stofleth, BSED 2005, and Jason Stofleth BSChE '05, reside in Millersburg, Ind., with their two daughters, Jalyn and Kenzingten. Kristen is a second-grade teacher at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary School. Jason was recently promoted to a capital project manager at BFGoodrich Tire Manufacturing in Woodburn.

Christy (Lidecker) Trojanowski, BSED 2005, and husband Rich reside in Sugar Land, Texas. They are training to complete the National BP MS 150 Bike Ride from Houston to Austin (170 miles in two days) in April.

Kyle Squillace, BSME 2005, married Cassondra Hedges March 10 in Indianapolis, Ind., where the couple currently resides.

Paul Handke, BSChE 2006, earned his doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder in December 2011. He is a research scientist at Genomatica in San Diego, Calif.

Jim Hoffman, BSChE 2006, and his wife welcomed their first daughter, Delilah Rae, June 29, 2010, and their second daughter, Fiona Esther, on Dec. 9, 2011. Jim is an environmental engineer at Abbott Labs. They reside in Vicksburg, Mich.

Casey Pierce, BSEDET 2007, moved to China in June of 2011 to serve as the manager of supplier development for his company. Casey has assisted in creating an American football team, the Shanghai Warriors.

Melissa S. (Daeger) Ankney, BAM 2008, married Brent Ankney in Paulding, Ohio, Nov. 5, 2011.

Sabra Ann (VanAuken) Leighty, BAPSY 2008, earned her master's degree in psychology, specializing in criminology and justice studies in 2011. She lives in Garrett, Ind., with her two daughters and works at Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

Ryan Lineberry, BSBA 2008, was promoted into management with AT&T, a Fortune 15 company, in Tampa, Fla.

Ashley Williamson, BSCJ 2008, earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Louisville in May 2011.

David McDonald, BSBA 2008, received the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Rookie of the Year Award, the highest honor a new agent can receive.

Amanda (Heller) Day, BSBA 2009, was promoted to manager of marketing and communications for Michigan International Speedway.

2010s

Charlotte M. Applewhite, BAM 2010, is working to complete her master's degree from Colorado State University. Char and her husband celebrated 20 years of marriage, and her 46th birthday on May 22.

Jontelle Leyson, BSBA 2010, recently relocated to Seattle, Wash., to work as a talent sourcer for Rhapsody International.

Margie Neely, BSCRJ 2010, recently obtained her own security company, M & M Security, in South Bend, Ind.

Wesley Stinson, BSME 2010, is a project engineer for Deister Machine Company in Fort Wayne, Ind., and is heading a horizontal vibrating screen project.


Cheri Bovee, ABA 2011, received her second associate's degree in accounting in May. One of her daughter's, Clarissa, will attend Trine in the fall.

Thomas Laderach, BSME 2011, is a naval officer at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C.

Kathleen Schellinski, BSBA 2011, established a successful consulting firm

in South Bend, Ind., offering IT and marketing advice to local businesses. Kathleen and Matthew Spangler, BACOM '10, were married March 3 at the Corry Naval Station in Pensacola, Fla.

Alexander Simmons, BSCRJ 2011, is a patrolman with the Owensboro, Ky., Police Department

Jarrod M. Wilson, MSL 2011, completed an interview that was published in the "Psychology and your Life" textbook. He is a Right of Way Agent for American Electric Power ■ 

Save the Date

Aug. 3, 2012 – 22nd Annual Alumni & Friends Scholarship Golf Outing

Oct. 5 and 6, 2012 – Homecoming

Jan. 24, 2013 – Fifth Annual Florida Scholarship Golf Classic

Feb. 9, 2013 – 10th Annual Black & White Scholarship Gala

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1940s

J. Robert Ludwig, Garrett, IN, BSAE 1940, Jan. 14, 2012
Beamon J. Smith, Norwalk, CA, SEC 1940, March 11, 2012
Catherine M. Covell, Angola, IN, SEC 1941, March 12, 2012
Roland V. Phillips, Columbus, NC, BSAE 1941, Jan. 23, 2012
Franklin Forman, Rockford, IL, BSME 1946, March 15, 2012
George W. Harrison, Fairfield Glade, TN, BSEE 1946, Jan. 20, 2012
Richard S. Nourse, East Smithport, PA, BSEE 1947, Dec. 12, 2011
James Thomas, Holland, MI, BSME 1947, Feb. 27, 2012
William A. Hoyt, Quincy, IL, BSRE 1948, Feb. 7, 2012
Robert E. Rabston, Winchester, TN, BSCE 1948, Jan. 15, 2012
Martin W. Jones, Kingston, TN, BSRE 1949, Dec. 7, 2011
Richard Lewis, Black Creek, NY, BSRE 1949, Nov. 30, 2011
Charles M. Plank Jr., South Bend, IN, BSME 1949, Nov. 21, 2011

1950s

Nelson A. Crawford, West Lebanon, NH, BSRE 1950, Nov. 14, 2011
Paul P. Gwozdz, Denning, NJ, BSME 1950, Dec. 1, 2011
Donald R. McKee, Fort Wayne, IN, BSBA 1950, Nov. 29, 2011
Durward "Dean" Ritter, Largo, FL, BSADE 1950, Oct. 22, 2011
Harold V. Clark, Schenectady, NY BSCE 1953, Nov. 9, 2011
Kenneth H. Roberts, Naperville, IL, BSBA 1953, Dec. 14, 2011
Medford Pettit, Denning, NJ, BSCE 1954, Nov. 15, 2011
Myron K. Beechy, Southington, OH, BSAC 1954, Feb. 19, 2012

John J. Ingellis, Columbus, IN, BSME 1954, Jan. 8, 2012
Plummer A. Richardson, Louisburg, NC, BSBA 1954, Jan. 25, 2012
Robert A. Shinn Sr., New Castle, IN, BSME 1955, Feb. 10, 2012
Ralph G. Pecora, Erie, PA, BSME 1957, Feb. 9, 2012
Herman P. Smith, North Manchester, IN, BSME 1957, Nov. 24, 2011
Paul R. Stewart, North Charleston, SC, BAD 1957, Nov. 11, 2011
Judson W. Virden, Bellevue, WA, BSCE 1957, Dec. 4, 2011
James L. Lebo, Gulfport, MS, BSME 1958, Jan. 23, 2012
Darwin L. Thomas, Lansing, MI, DOT 1958, Feb. 27, 2012
Samuel J. Bormiso, Kirkwood, NY, BSRE 1959, Nov. 21, 2011

1960s

Jack R. Kiser, Fremont, OH, BSEE 1960, Dec. 31, 2011
William H. Johns, Van Wert, OH, BSME 1961, Feb. 26, 2012
Paul L. Myers, Hicksville, OH, BSME 1962, Feb. 5, 2012
Robert P. Kardohely, Canton, OH, Non-ENGR 1963, Feb. 19, 2012
Jerry F. James, North East, PA, BSCE 1965, Dec. 27, 2011
Lee Ward, Palmyra, NY, BSEE 1965, Nov. 1, 2011
Paul J. Welby, Muncie, IN, BSCE 1965, Jan. 20, 2012
Duane D. Herion, Coldwater, MI, BSCE 1966, Jan. 15, 2012
Merville C. Hilary, Bristol, IN, BSCE 1966, Dec. 21, 2011

1970s

Richard A. Lewis, Lewisburg, WV, ABA 1971, Nov. 1, 2011
David J. Ruppel, Defiance, OH, BSME 1979, March 17, 2012

TRINE REMEMBERS MARJORIE BOWSTROM



Trine University friend and supporter Marjorie E. Bowstrom passed away March 31 at the age of 93. From beginning as an executive secretary in 1955 to being named president in 1982, Mrs. Bowstrom climbed the career ladder and impressed leaders at Zollner Corp., a Fort Wayne manufacturing company founded by university supporter Fred Zollner, namesake of Trine's Zollner Golf Course and Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium.

She received the university's Woman of Distinction Award in 2007 for her faithful philanthropy and service to the university. Mrs. Bowstrom played a significant role in the establishment and perpetuation of the Zollner Foundation Scholarship and served on the university's board of trustees.

She also earned many regional and national honors, including recognition as one of the top female business executives in the country.

Photo Challenge

(1) It has lived on the Angola main campus since the early 1990s.

(2) It all began with a professor's vision for something "out-of-the-ordinary."

If you can guess what this image is or its location, you will receive a free Trine T-Shirt. Sorry, but bragging rights only if you guess both! Submit your answers by Aug. 1 to Racheal Benner, director of alumni and donor relations, at benner@trine.edu. Please include your shirt size and mailing address with your response.



Last Issue's photo:

This photograph of a stained glass window was taken on the second level of the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. This building was the former Angola Christian Church, directly north of the main campus. The center is currently under renovation and it will house the music and choir departments. It will also provide a tasteful and exciting venue for world-class performing arts, university and local music, drama, dance and celebratory events. The preservation and restoration of this outstanding facility will bring cultural enrichment opportunities to the students and the greater community.



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