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## Greetings to each of you:

Trine's not waiting for the arrival of spring to bring more change and growth to our beautiful, thriving campus. With funding in hand, in late February we began the \$6 million renovation of the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. That's just a bit of the excitement building on campus — all of it is thanks to you, our alumni, friends and supporters.

As an alumnus of this great institution, I have a immense sense of pride in Trine's rich history and promising future. Trine has a sound tradition of high standards and a practice of embracing change for sustainability. Important elements of this fine tradition are the strong supporters and alumni who pay it forward again and again. We continue to raise the bar to be the gold standard for higher education and our proud supporters are right there to help.

As chairman of the board of trustees, I am honored to be a part of its successes. Success in leadership, record enrollment, our status as the fastest-growing private university in Indiana, the addition of dynamic and world-relevant programs of study, high graduate placement rates, millions of dollars raised and awarded annually in scholarships, new and improved facilities for our students, and growing Trine's endowment.

I speak for my fellow trustees as I try to articulate the respect and gratitude all of us here at Trine University have for such a generous and compassionate roster of involved alumni and friends of the university. These individuals make it possible to keep moving forward; never content to just sit back even as we continue to accomplish so much.

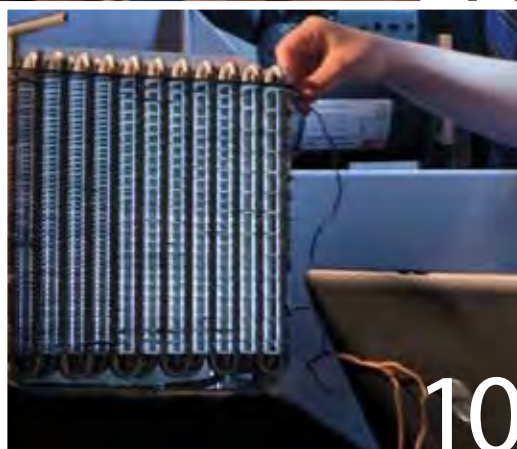
Thank you on behalf of the trustees, administration, faculty and staff for believing in Trine's mission. It is a special place that has provided opportunities and memories for many of us. Thanks, too, for recognizing we don't have to wait for a special time or season to help Trine advance its mission. Now is our time to do what we can to assist students in achieving the American dream, give them opportunities and create new memories for generations to come. Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick L. James".

*Rick L. James  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
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A view of the ornate ice sculpture at the Tenth Annual Black and White Scholarship Gala on Feb. 9, 2013.

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# A conversation with “the Chief”

*Complacency is not in Trine’s vocabulary*

By Jill Boggs

*I have had the privilege of talking with Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., president of Trine University — fondly referred to as “the chief” — on many occasions during my exciting career here at Trine University. Each time, I am in learning mode, with an astounding heightened awareness of the numerous reasons that lead to the dynamic energy that comes with his leadership.*

*In my last interview with Dr. Brooks, we talked about change and his drive to incorporate it into every aspect of operating a sound, premier college campus. In this particular interview, we are discussing a variety of topics.*

*Things are happening to say the least. Basically, it never stops. Here at Trine, we continuously strive to improve the educational experience. We are committed to building a strong institution that will continue to make us proud for decades.*







**JILL:** Thank you, Dr. Brooks, for taking time to talk with me.

**DR. BROOKS:** You're welcome, Jill. I'm always glad to talk with you about Trine.

**JILL:** I would like to start by talking about Trine's enrollment.

**DR. BROOKS:** This is the third consecutive year of record enrollment. What is so exciting is we continue to trend well above the norm given the current economic climate. We are not just par or average, but we are significantly above the average.

**JILL:** Can you expand upon what we have done to create the growth?

**DR. BROOKS:** I think the reason behind our success of our preparedness prior to the decline of the economy. We got a lot done, as you know, that we may not have been able to accomplish if our timing was different. We were aggressive with our new and improved facility plan. It has paid off. By providing enhanced services, programs, amenities and buildings when we did, we improved the quality of education as a result. We became more attractive to our customers for many reasons.

**JILL:** So, we became more positioned in the marketplace of higher education?

**DR. BROOKS:** Exactly. We were well positioned and prepared going into the economic downturn. In addition, continuing to realize the momentum of those changes along with the name change has helped us to thrive.

**JILL:** Facility upgrades and investment in capital as well as timing helps attract students?

**DR. BROOKS:** Yes. In our case that is true. We have grown from 450 students in residence halls to 1,100. Our capacity prior to expansion was 550. We doubled our capacity. And, as a result, we have nearly reached the 1,100 capacity.

**JILL:** Hasn't the value of a college degree gotten a bum rap lately as it relates to "affordability"?

**DR. BROOKS:** I think so. There is a trend in messaging with the public that questions the value of a higher education. Look at the multiplier effect over the career or the life of the earnings. I still think a college education is a good, sound investment.

**JILL:** I would imagine every university measures its return on investment somewhat the same. But I think we have more to offer than the competition as it relates to the value of earning a Trine degree. Tell me about ROI when it comes

to a college education.

**DR. BROOKS:** For us, if you think about it, receiving a recognized, quality education with excellent and challenging learning and work-ready experiences, a 9 out of 10 chance of getting a job with a Trine degree — it all adds up. The average debt load for a four-year degree from Trine is \$25,000. We are recognized for graduates who graduate with the least amount of debt in the Midwest. We have marketable degrees in engineering, business, education and criminal justice with very specific job-preparedness skills. Many of our graduates with a degree in engineering have a starting salary of \$60,000-plus a year because of their investment. Or, you can be a teacher, or have a good career in finance, marketing — whatever it is — with a below-average debt load. While the broader public messages are six-figure debt loads giving a college education an expensive image, the institutions that really work to manage an affordable investment for students are being overlooked. This is where we are good and well prepared.

**JILL:** You mentioned Trine students having a 90 percent chance of getting a job after graduation. What more can you tell me about those numbers?

**DR. BROOKS:** We continue to boast a job placement rate higher than 90 percent for recent graduates, vastly higher than the national average of 63.6 percent. Of the students who graduated from December 2011 to August 2012, 92 percent were employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation. The Franks School of Education was at 100 percent, engineering is at 95 percent overall, with design engineering technology at 100 percent and civil engineering at 97 percent. Trine's placement rates are a testament to many things, from how we prepare our students for the workplace to the students themselves for being successful at obtaining their goals.

**JILL:** We have regular meetings on campus discussing plans, protocol and action to retain students. It is meticulous in nature as we all want to see students succeed from when they first set foot on campus to watching them graduate. What can you tell me about the nature of "retention" as it pertains to higher education?

**DR. BROOKS:** Retention is key. We have had some really good success. We went through a five-year period where our retention improved about 15 percent. But we have flatlined and leveled off so again we have to come up with a good strategic plan to address retention. Students leave for a wide variety of reasons. Some we cannot control, but

certainly some we can. Retention is more than just thinking of the student as a customer. There is also a human caring component as there is a very human element to everything we do. We are committed to helping students who are having difficulty whether in the classroom or in their personal life. We need to listen and make changes where we can. There are multiple ways that we reach out. We have an obligation to see our admitted students through.

**JILL:** With very strategic efforts to recruit and retain students, what stress has our growth put on our infrastructure?

**DR. BROOKS:** First, we have planned our capacity well. Getting the residential aspect in place, which we have, was a big component of that plan. We have a small margin to grow by residentially. I think we will reach that within the next year or two. Second, we are getting very close to reaching classroom and laboratory capacity as well. This is very critical and you really can't go beyond allowed numbers in those spaces, because then you begin to affect the academic experience.

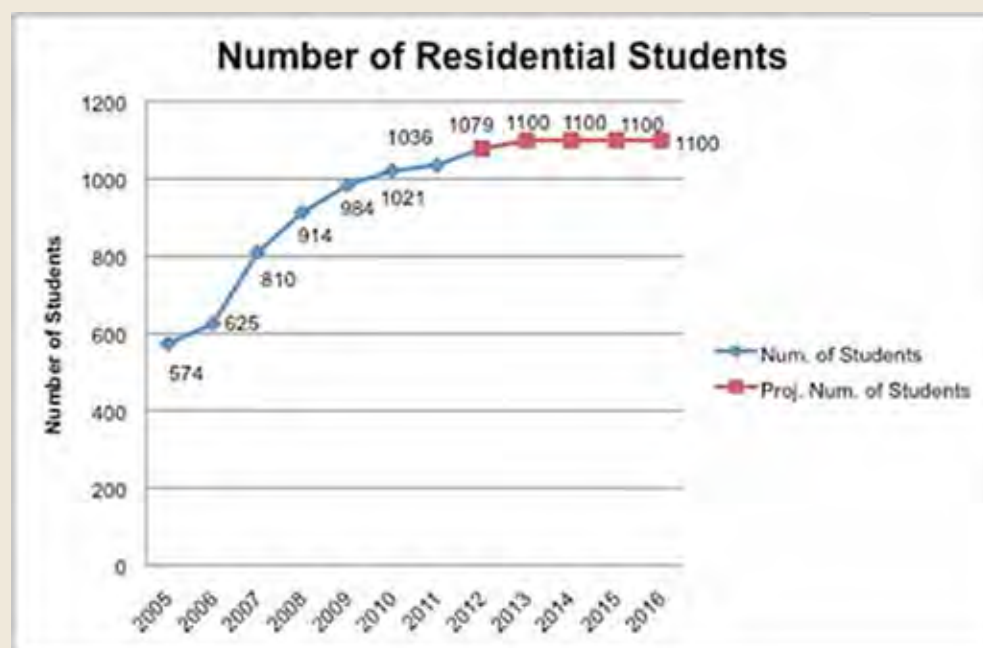
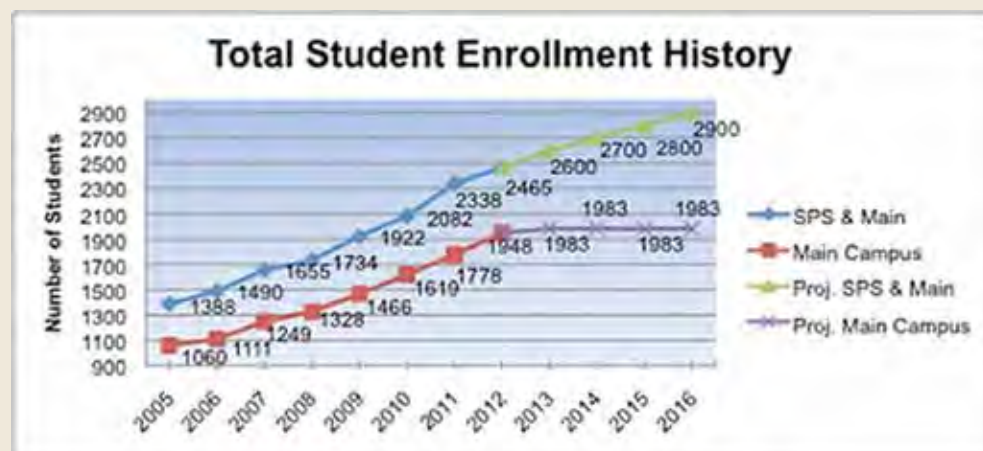
**JILL:** What is our ideal size?

**DR. BROOKS:** We can't really grow further on main campus without another significant capital investment to build new classrooms and labs. So institutionally, we have to decide what is the right size. We have determined that we are at the right size with the exception of the few beds we can still fill.

**JILL:** Are there ways to grow outside of the Angola main campus?

**DR. BROOKS:** Always. We have external growth opportunities in our School of Professional Studies, Trine's Virtual Campus for online studies, our new doctoral physical therapy program and Trine University in Peoria, Ariz.

**JILL:** Speaking of the School of Professional Studies, or as we refer to it, SPS, please tell me how the school that supports our adult and online studies is doing.



**DR. BROOKS:** The future of SPS is very bright. We have a great growth opportunity in Avon, which serves the Indianapolis market. Logansport is certainly on its feet. Fort Wayne serves nearly 200 students. We are very sound and everyone works very hard for our adult students.

**JILL:** Talk to me about the significance of Trine's accelerated-degree paths.

**DR. BROOKS:** We want to be sensitive and caring in demonstrating to prospective students that obtaining a degree can be done in four years or less if they are committed.

**JILL:** Trine offers a three-year program, correct?

**DR. BROOKS:** We do. There are

campaign. That campaign will be called "Invest in Excellence". It could possibly have capital components to it. However, the major piece of this campaign will be endowment. We have done a great deal of investing in capital, but now we need to focus on endowment for the long-term financial security of the institution. We need to continue to focus on annual fund for operations.

**JILL:** So, you might look yet at some new facilities in this next campaign?

**DR. BROOKS:** Yes, possibly. It might have some capital components to it that go beyond the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts and the new Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering. We are

way. We are growing each year in the number of students pursuing a degree in business and we need to adapt the technology and space to meet the demand. The Rhoads Entrepreneurship Center is part of the business school and it will work in tandem with Innovation One. The greatest opportunity for growth is the Ketner School of Business.

**JILL:** What about Hershey Hall and Best Hall?

**DR. BROOKS:** They will be in the later stages of the next campaign.

**JILL:** You mentioned Innovation One. This issue of the magazine offers more information about the impact of the program in another article, but I want you to share your vision on this dynamic

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opportunities where a student can graduate in three years depending on the student and their desires. So, based on the student's ability to take summer classes, dual credits or enroll in middle college as a high school student to start earning credits, they can graduate in less than four years. The drive behind the three-year program is affordability. It gives that option for the serious, financially minded student desiring a challenge.

**JILL:** Let me go in a different direction now. Are universities ever not in a state of fundraising?

**DR. BROOKS:** Rarely are institutions not in a campaign. Fundraising is an integral day-to-day, constant operation of an institution. We are in the planning stages now of the silent phase of a new

looking to give major face-lifts to Ford Hall, which houses the Ketner School of Business, Hershey Hall where athletics is housed, and eventually to Best Hall, which houses the Jannen School of Arts & Sciences.

**JILL:** I heard word of a possible new recreation facility. Is there any truth to that?

**DR. BROOKS:** We are at the very early stages of exploring the idea of an additional student recreational facility.

**JILL:** You mention a few projects involving Ketner, Hershey Hall and Best Hall. Any that you care to expand upon?

**DR. BROOKS:** Ford Hall and the Ketner School of Business is probably the next big major capital project now that the Bock Center and Furth are well under

new program and how it relates to the new Bock Center.

**DR. BROOKS:** It is a very important facility for the Allen School of Engineering & Technology as it is a significant contribution to further equip and expand the school's laboratory space, but it is also important because it will house Trine's Innovation One program. Innovation One is designed to further provide our students with exceptional real-world experience in the business and engineering fields of study while at the same time serve businesses and manufacturing companies in the region. We involve students along the way in every stage.

**JILL:** The benefit for students, and the companies that hire our students, seem huge in regard to outcomes of this program.





Trine University, Peoria, Ariz.

**DR. BROOKS:** If you think we are producing outstanding, quality students now, think of what they can contribute in their careers right out of college with Innovation One as part of their education. Innovation One is also a tremendous opportunity for us and the community. Our main goal is to help support and build economic development regionally.

**JILL:** Are programs like Innovation One a common practice in higher education?

**DR. BROOKS:** It has not been. I think higher education is being more and more challenged to respond to changing times. The idea of a “traditional” means of obtaining an education is long gone. Trine is well positioned to respond because we have very strong schools of engineering and business.

**JILL:** Trine is extremely ingenious when looking at additional revenue streams for sustainability. True?

**DR. BROOKS:** We do not focus


on new initiatives as a means for “sustainability” per say, but more as a “growth mechanism”. We adapt well to the changes that higher education is going through and how we can better serve our mission to educate. It is about looking at other revenue sources, but it is mostly looking at how we adapt in meaningful ways to meet higher education challenges and the needs of the market in today’s world.

**JILL:** Before we conclude, I want to ask you about Trine in Peoria, Ariz. What can you tell me?

**DR. BROOKS:** Peoria is an exciting, vibrant community. When we were asked to bring Trine to that region, we jumped at the chance. Trine will serve both the traditional student and adult student in Peoria in several areas of study. The location there, however, will not be considered an “education center” serving just the adult student like our other locations external to

main campus. This location is referred to as Trine University, Peoria, Ariz. We couldn’t be more thrilled than to partner with all the great folks there. What a pleasure getting to know all involved. This partnership is very beneficial for us and for them, for many reasons.

**JILL:** It is time to conclude. I always like to end without a question and more of an opportunity for an open comment. What would you like to leave us with, Dr. Brooks?

**DR. BROOKS:** We have become a very strong organization with documentation proving a high return on a student’s investment. We all work very hard to constantly look at ways to improve the learning and campus life experience. We strive to award a large amount of financial assistance and see our students through to graduation. And...“complacency” is not in our vocabulary. ■ 



# CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION

## Trine makes progress on projects

Winter has brought snow, ice and plenty of cold weather to Trine's campus, but it hasn't slowed the progress of campus renovations.



### ◀ Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering

Construction crews have slogged through all kinds of weather to push forward on the construction of the Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering. Behind an area secured by a chain link fence, steel is going up and the building is taking shape and on schedule for a fall 2013 opening.

The Bock Center will house a variety of labs for engineering programs, including a bigger and better cast metals lab. Other planned labs are for biomedical engineering, bio materials, biomechanics, plastics, mechanical and electrical, scanning electron microscope, materials characterization and student venture.



### ◀ T. Furth Center for Performing Arts

Renovation inspired by the Musikverein concert hall in Vienna is under way on the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts and is expected to be completed in December 2013.

The brick building that was the Angola Christian Church for a century will feature the 750-seat Ryan Concert Hall with gold detailing, a restored ceiling dome, marble statues, paintings, ornate chandeliers and three balconies, and the addition of stained glass windows.

An addition to the north and west sides will result in the main entrance being moved to the north side, and classroom and backstage space to the west side.



### ◀ Shambaugh Hall

Shambaugh Hall is being topped with a green metal roof that gives the brick building a more unified look with other campus structures.





# A winning combination

## Venture supports businesses while students gain experience

**A**n engineering student needs a project for her master thesis. A company needs to conduct a study in order to better serve its customers. Trine's Innovation One is off the ground and needs projects.

Innovation One (i1) provides an additional avenue to give students real-life experience while fostering economic growth by supporting businesses as an incubator for creativity, invention and design.

In this case, Erin Gonnerman, a graduate mechanical engineering student, is performing a heat transfer study for Burr Oak Tool in Sturgis, Mich., and i1, led by director Tom DeAgostino, brought the two together and provides support.

DeAgostino is located in Fawick Hall until the fall completion of the Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering, which will house i1 along with a myriad of labs.

"We have the intellect to do the research, but not the manpower," said Brian McConnell, Burr Oak president and a 1985 graduate of Tri-State who majored in mechanical engineering. The company designs and manufactures customized production machinery for the air conditioning and refrigeration industry.

As an alumnus, McConnell said he was aware of i1, thus this

is his company's third project. Burr Oak contracted with i1 for reverse engineering and an inspection project in June and August, respectively.

"I'm comfortable working with Innovation One," McConnell said. "Going forward, we will probably have more practical projects. We might ask the team there to help build something, a concept, with our help."

Burr Oak's projects are among the first for i1.

"We've completed about 20 projects successfully with different businesses and public sector entities in just the first six months," DeAgostino said. "Approximately seven to 10 students have been involved, and not just engineering students."

Gonnerman's project allows Burr Oak to switch gears and be more responsive to customers, McConnell said.

"It's a research project in regard to looking at the physics of the mechanical bond of finned and tube heat exchangers. We're going to do some tests and experimentation to see if we can do something different; it's more for a better understanding of what's required," McConnell said. "We make the machines that make these coils and the industry is looking to us for solutions so any additional knowledge



we can obtain is beneficial.”

While the project will yield helpful information for Burr Oak, it benefits Gonnerman with knowledge and experience.

“I’m working in a professional environment, and learning a lot about communication. I’m learning that projects might not go as planned; to be flexible, to have a plan,” she said. “I’m testing the efficiency of different heating coils for them so they have a better understanding of how the heat transfer works in their coils.”

Gonnerman works with a project manager from Burr Oak, with DeAgostino and with James “Jamie” Canino, Ph.D., a professor in the Wade Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering who serves as a project advisor.

What’s unusual about the arrangement is that through Burr Oak’s

“To me, a measure of success will be that every student has an opportunity for an internship through Innovation One,” DeAgostino said. “Innovation One has the potential to involve students from each of Trine’s schools because of the many services it offers, from engineering services to market research to business planning.” For a complete list of services and resources, visit [www.innovation1.org](http://www.innovation1.org).

“Working with Tom through Innovation One has been beneficial for both of us since it allows Erin and me to focus on the technical detail without having to worry about the project management issues. It has been a positive experience and I hope that more students will be able to work on industry-sponsored projects in the future,” Canino said.

Any company, private or public, can contract for services with i1 or become a partner, as some regional companies have done.



contract with i1, Gonnerman and Canino each receive a stipend.

“Working with Innovation One and Burr Oak has provided Erin the opportunity to work on a real-world project. Often, students do not fully appreciate how their coursework is applicable to solving actual engineering problems,” Canino said. “The ability to link classroom (theoretical) work with a practical application helps to cement the concepts she learned in class as well as provide a better solution to the problem.”

That’s an experience that DeAgostino envisions for each of Trine’s students.

“It’s an exciting collaboration and if you want to be involved, now is the time to get on board,” DeAgostino said. “A partnership secures your spot with Innovation One and guarantees access to our expertise and university resources.” ■

### These partnerships have been established:

**Rieke Packaging**, headquartered in Auburn, Ind., has provided financial support for curriculum development and laboratory equipment.

**Metal Technologies Inc.**, has provided financial support for curriculum development and for cast metals laboratory equipment.

**Fifth Third Bank** has provided funding for entrepreneurial support.

**Cole Foundation** has provided financial support for laboratory equipment.

To learn more about partnerships, or establish a contract with i1, contact Michael Bock at [bockm@trine.edu](mailto:bockm@trine.edu) or 260.665.4102.



# Trine makes history new school, first-ever doctorate

Trine University is making history and headlines with three additions — a new school, doctoral program and dean — all wrapped by physical therapy.

The School of Health Sciences, Trine's sixth school, will offer the university's first-ever doctoral program, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (P.T.) program. The first cohort of 30 P.T. students will begin classes in fall 2014. Other health care-related programming is being considered.

"It's exciting and historic to add the School of Health Sciences," said John Shannon, Ph.D., vice president of Academic Affairs. "We're pleased to add this school and program to prepare students so they can fill a growing need for physical therapists in the region and nation." Max Baumgartner, P.T., Ph.D., of Perrysburg, Ohio, will lead the school and program.\*

## Program highlights

Trine students could earn a P.T. doctorate in six years with a 3+3 program. The program for which Trine is seeking accreditation will enable students to enter the doctorate program after three years of undergraduate work. After completing the first year in the P.T. program, students will earn a BS degree in exercise science or biology. Students would continue for two more years to earn a P.T. doctorate. Students who complete a bachelor degree elsewhere and are accepted into Trine's program will need a total of seven years to complete a doctorate.

The program, in partnership with Fort Wayne's Parkview and Lutheran hospitals, will be on Parkview's Randallia campus. The site will have a biomechanics and movement sciences lab, classrooms and offices.

Trine is seeking status as "candidate for accreditation" from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy

Education and from the Higher Learning Commission. Trine plans to accept applications in fall 2013; classes are projected to begin in fall 2014. ■

\*For more information about Baumgartner, please see page 21.

*Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone, 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.*

*Trine University is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. The program will submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.*



# SCHOLARSHIP makes a difference

Jessica Van Tilburg spent her high school days in the shadows, trying not to be noticed. Now, the senior accounting major has overcome obstacles and stepped into view while at Trine.

Van Tilburg, the first in her family to go to college, is on track to graduate in May, but that didn't seem so certain her freshman year, especially when she was living in her car. She had been living in Angola with her father and found she liked it better on campus than at home, she said. Next thing, she was living in her car — and she didn't see anything unusual about it.

"First one person knew, and then everyone did. Fifteen friends pointed out that it was wrong," she said. "Friends made me realize this was not normal, and that I didn't have to do it.

"I was very reserved in high school and that did me no good. The greatest lesson I've learned at Trine is to speak up, be willing to admit when you can't do everything yourself. There are people here to help you," she said. Accepting help moved her from her car to staying with friends.

In addition to finding wonderful friends at Trine, Van Tilburg said she has been rewarded with great professors. "All the professors here are so willing to help you in any way they can, they are very friendly." Helpful teachers might be the one area that seems familiar because it was a high school accounting teacher who told Van Tilburg that she could study accounting at Trine.

When she counts her blessings, she also credits Student Success & Retention and the Books and Beyond Scholarship program with helping to improve her situation.

Deborah McHenry, executive director of Student Success & Retention, responded to Tilburg's request for assistance by helping her get into student housing and secure a Books and Beyond Scholarship.

Each year, thousands of dollars are raised by the scholarship program. Alumnus and trustee Rick L. James with his wife, Vicki, and the MTI

Foundation again offered a matching grant for the program. They matched up to \$35,000 and the University exceeded the goal.

Books and Beyond Scholarships are given to deserving students who may use the grants to purchase books, computers, school and lab supplies and meals.

While Van Tilburg said she's not certain where she'll end up, she has no doubt about two matters: she will pay it forward and she'll accept a job close enough to Trine to be there for her younger brother, Shaun, a sophomore mechanical engineering major.

"One thing is for sure, I'm donating back to the Books and Beyond Scholarship. I won't be making enough to get my name posted, but every little bit makes a difference."

She also offers a message for those who have given to Books and Beyond. "Thank you. It sounds simple but it is heartfelt. We need those types of generous people who are willing to help other people out."

For more information about the Books and Beyond Scholarship program, please contact the Office of Alumni & Development at 260.665.4114 or [alumni@trine.edu](mailto:alumni@trine.edu). ■



# TENTH ANNUAL BLACK AND

Trine set two records when it hosted the 10th annual Black and White Scholarship Gala in February: it raised more than \$300,000 for scholarships and had the highest-ever attendance with 365 guests. The annual event is Trine's premier fundraiser for scholarships and has garnered a total of more than \$1 million for scholarships.

"That record means over \$300,000 goes directly to our students," said Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D. "Ninety-eight percent of Trine students receive some form of institutional scholarship or financial aid, and funds raised at the gala will go a long way toward helping students."

Trine's Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Athletic and Recreation Center disguised its everyday look under a cascade of tulle and miniature white lights and a perimeter of black, satiny

curtains. The venue provided ample space for four groups of items for a silent auction, nearly 40 tables for guests, multiple stations for wine tasting and a stage area for Trine's Jazz Band, under the direction of Christopher Lizak.

Guests imbibed in wine samples from Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, Fort Wayne, and enjoyed appetizers prepared by Bon Appetit Management Co.

Mike McNamara, master of ceremonies and retired communication professor, welcomed everyone. Alexandria Adair Ziaya, a sophomore civil engineering major from Lincoln, Mich., shared highlights of her experience at Trine and thanked donors for making it possible for her to be a part of the Trine community.





# WHITE Scholarship Gala

"In our community, I have something to learn from everyone as well as something to offer to everyone," said Ziaya, who labels herself a social butterfly. "I would not be able to benefit from and contribute to our community without the help of your generous donations. I am so thankful to be a student at Trine University.


"You are all the beginning of a never-ending cycle," Ziaya told donors. "A person who receives also gives back. So, with these donations tonight, you are helping students succeed for generations to come."

Ziaya's words appeared to energize and excite the donors before Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) kicked off the live auction with Books and Beyond Scholarships that students with financial need may use for textbooks, computers, school

and lab supplies and meals. During the evening, the live auction featured vacations, luxury jewelry and more. Before dinner and between courses, guests continued to place bids in the silent auction that featured more than 200 items ranging from getaways to antique pieces to designer bags.

"This was certainly a record-setting event and I'm looking forward to what we'll accomplish next year," Brooks said. "I've learned to never underestimate the power of Trine's supporters and friends."

Next year the event is scheduled for Feb. 8.

Anyone who would like to sponsor or attend the 2014 Scholarship Gala should contact Gretchen M. Miller at 260.665.4312 or [millerg@trine.edu](mailto:millerg@trine.edu). ■ 



# RIGOROUS PROGRAM appreciated



**“B**ehind every great man there’s a great woman.”

A Tri-State College alum doesn’t claim he’s great, but he does credit his wife with getting him to Tri-State.

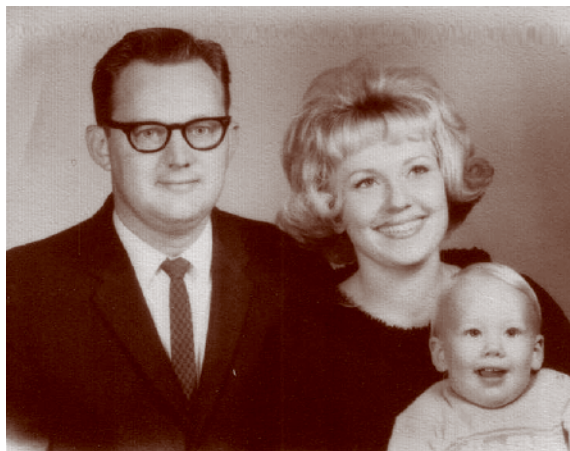
“My wife is a graduate of Michigan State and she talked me into going back to get my degree,” said Richard “Dick” Kocerha, a 1969 graduate with a major in business. “Her family is from Defiance, Ohio, and was very familiar with Tri-State, so that was one of the schools that I considered.”

After three years of military service, he studied aircraft navigation and meteorology. With flight dispatch and pilot’s licenses, Kocerha went to work for Pan American where he met a stewardess named Becky, the woman he would marry.

“I went to school on the G.I. Bill and got a part-time job at Angola Wireworks. Then I got a great job at the Angola post office where I sorted mail and delivered packages. I worked before and after school, which supplemented financial needs for my wife and me,” he said.

Work and family life did not appear to interfere with his studies. Kocerha came to Tri-State in June 1966 and graduated three years later with a 3.92 GPA, ranking him No. 1 or 2 in his class. A member of the business honor society, he won a Wall Street Journal award for maintaining the highest GPA in finance courses. His desk holds the award.

During a phone conversation, one senses a smile and detects pride in his voice as he recalls his time at Tri-State and Angola. A New Jersey native, Kocerha said he and his wife enjoyed the area, especially time at Pokagon State Park. Their eldest child, Rick, was born in Angola.



They have two other children, Robert and Jannet, and three grandchildren.

Kocerha remembers the curriculum as rigorous and informative, and said it has served him well. “I thought the courses and instructors were outstanding,” he said. “In comparison, my brother graduated from Rutgers in business and his course curriculum didn’t compare to what I went through. Every one of my business instructors had business experience. Corporate law was taught by a local lawyer who was general counsel for the city; the guy who taught accounting worked for CPA firms.”

Then, as now, graduates were work ready. “After Tri-State, I joined Alcoa (Aluminum Company of America) in Lafayette, Ind., as a business analyst. I went from that assignment to become president of one of the groups in Alcoa,” Kocerha said. At Alcoa, he worked as general manager in corporate planning and human resources, and spent time helping to run a sales district. He spent 3½ years in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as an executive director running Brazilian operations. He retired from Alcoa in 1995, and joined Leach Holding Corp., Connecticut.

He served as Leach’s chief executive officer/president for several years, serving on its board until retiring in 2005.

Jacksonville, Fla., residents since 1996, he and his wife are avid golfers and have enjoyed boating for 40 years. While they are involved in various organizations, most of their time and energy is focused on their grandchildren.

“In spite of all the successes I’ve had, and I’ve been very fortunate, my wife and I often talk about our three years in Angola,” he said. A sole regret might be that he never returned to campus.

“I really haven’t visited, and that’s a tragedy,” he said. “I don’t think I’ve been back there ever. First of all, a good part of the year it’s cold,” he said, laughing.

While he avoids the Midwest weather, he hasn’t been separated from Trine. He and his wife recently gave a gift designated for a smart digital classroom for the Ketner School of Business. He just might make it back to campus to see that classroom, and to check out Zollner Golf Course. ■



## Pillar of Success award ►

Alumnus Rick L. James, chairman of Trine's board of trustees, received the university's highest honor during the 17th annual Touchstone Donor Recognition in October.

James was given the Pillar of Success award that recognizes individuals for their achievements and accomplishments, leadership, service, philanthropy, and commitment to their community, their profession and to Trine University.

A 1977 business administration graduate, James has served as chairman and CEO of Metal Technologies for the past 13 years. Metal Technologies employs many Trine graduates and offers internships to Trine students. Rick was president and chief executive for Auburn Foundry for nine years, and served the company in various other positions for 12 years.

He also received the Trine University 2012 Distinguished Service Award, which is given each year to an alumnus or alumnae who has performed outstanding service to society in his or her profession, personal achievement or community; and who has manifest interest in Trine University and has supported it by contributions of time, talent and money; by recruitment of students; or by placement of graduates.



## ◀ Woman of Distinction

Alumnae Jorja J. Allen was named Trine's Woman of Distinction for 2012. The award recognizes women for their service, innovation and leadership.

Allen, a 1978 alumnae with a degree in business administration, lives in Westfield, Ohio, and spends part of the year in Centennial, Wyo. She received the award in October.

She is the former president of Phoenix Distributing and the former corporate secretary for Vikimatic's board of directors. She has also worked as a retail manager with Quarker Square in Akron, Ohio, and was part of the internal sales staff of World Tableware Co.

In the mid-1990s, she and her husband, Jerry Allen, a Tri-State 1978 mechanical engineering graduate, made the largest single cash contribution toward a building project in the university's history and the Allen School of Engineering & Technology was named in their honor. She and her husband also support academics and athletics at Trine.

She received the Distinguished Service Award in May 1995. Jorja and Jerry Allen were awarded honorary doctorate degrees in business administration and mechanical engineering, respectively, in 1998.

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## Mural honors 1931 engineering alumnus' life and his wife

"Giving Back: From Birth through Education to the End of Life" reflects the life of Dr. Clifford W. Sponsel, a 1931 graduate of Tri-State College who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. Sponsel, who celebrated his 102 birthday in July, is credited with inventing the first in-car thermostat when he was employed by General Motors. The thermostat was sold to every car maker except Ford.

Consisting of 480 6-by-6-inch tiles, the artwork was designed by Sponsel's wife, Dr. Juliette-Cummins Sponsel, in the traditional seventh-century Spanish Cuerda Secca style.

The approximately 8-by-15-foot mural in the Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center highlights the Sponsels' passions, philanthropic efforts, endless devotion to volunteerism and their story.

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From left to right: Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., standing, Ethylwynn McElroy and Michael Bock, senior vice president.

## 1930 graduate is oldest alumnae

Trine's expansion to Arizona has led the university to reconnect with its oldest alumnae, Ethylwynn (Carpenter) McElroy, a 1930 graduate of the then named School of Commerce.

Mrs. McElroy, who will turn 103 on June 1, would enjoy hearing from friends and fellow alumni. Cards and birthday greetings may be sent to 18224 North 168th Ave., Surprise, AZ 85374.

Mrs. McElroy, who worked as a bookkeeper for Angola Lumber, has a second connection to Trine because her husband, the late Ralph "Mac" McElroy, was a former maintenance employee at Trine.

In late February, she reminisced with Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., and Michael Bock, senior vice president.

University friend Steve Fibley and his wife, Sue Belle, of Sun City, Ariz., helped Trine reconnect with Mrs. McElroy. ■



# class notes

## keep connected with alumni and friends

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 [bennerr@trine.edu](mailto:bennerr@trine.edu).

In Memoriam can be found online at [trine.edu/magazine](http://trine.edu/magazine), by sending an email to [alumni@trine.edu](mailto:alumni@trine.edu) or by calling 260.665.4114.

Join Trine's alumni Facebook group!

### 1940s

**Samuel H. Borman, BSRE 1948**, retired in 1998, and has been enjoying retirement by playing golf and dancing. He is pretty good on the dance floor with the cha-cha, rumba, fox trot, waltz, and swing.

### 1960s

**Ron Poggemoeller, BSME 1961**, retired Aug. 15, 2012.

**Arthur Joseph Smith, BSEE 1963**, spent his entire career working for McDonnell Aircraft. He is now enjoying retirement with his wife of 46 years and his two children and four grandchildren.

**Norman Culp, BSEE 1965**, retired from Texas Instruments after serving as CTO of the World Wide Wireless Power Management Group in Bangalore, India. Since his retirement, he has been consulting for companies in Israel, Italy and Taiwan.

**Don (Marti) Martin, BSEE 1968**, retired in June 2011 after 39 years of service with The Okonite. He is enjoying his retirement in Cape Coral, Fla.

**Robert G. Clendening, BSAE 1968**, retired in 2004 after 35 years with General Electric's Aircraft Engine Group in Lynn, Mass. His last position was a helicopter engine program manager in the Military Engine Department. He is now splitting his time between Boston in the summer and Scottsdale, Ariz., in the winter. He and his wife, Donna, recently celebrated their 40th anniversary and their first grandchild.

**David Lathrop, BSCE 1969**, recently retired after 40½ years of working for the Vermont Agency of Transportation. He is enjoying retirement by playing golf and spending time with family. He and his wife also enjoy traveling out West to visit their son in New Mexico.

### 1970s

**David Dorpfeld, BSBA 1970**, serves as the county historian in Greene County, N.Y.

**Jim Scottie, BSCE 1970**, was recently named a new member of the National Academy of Construction. He serves as the senior vice president and chief procurement officer for Fluor Corp., and is the first procurement executive in the industry to be inducted.

**Ginter Bansen, BSBAD 1971**, retired from coaching the Watervliet Grace Christian varsity soccer team. He was inducted to its Hall of Fame with a record of 229 wins, 105 losses and 24 ties.

**Chester Armellino, BSEE 1972**, retired in 2001 from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory after 21 years of service. A professor at DeVry University, he enjoys spending time with his 8-year-old granddaughter and Jack Russell terrier, Kody.

**Barry Burke, BSCE 1972**, is employed by IDE and serves as the city engineer for Union, Ky.

**Tom Fowler, BSEE 1979**, and wife Beth celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary

in 2012. Their daughter, Sarah, is a freshman studying mechanical engineering at Trine.

### 1980s

**Bruce Gosling, CPA/ABV, CVA, BSBA 1980**, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Century Bank & Trust Co. in Coldwater, Mich.

**Daniel Salmons, BSChE 1984**, recently returned to the U.S. after living six years in China, serving as managing director for Delphi's Electronics Controls Business Unit, Asia. He retired from Delphi on Jan. 1, 2013.

### 1990s

**Nancy Kozanecki, BSChE 1990**, co-founded nonprofit organizations HIKE for Mental Health and Pet Hub Animal Rescue. She is working with Scientific Design as a field engineer, where her primary responsibility is starting up greenfield and retrofitted chemical facilities throughout the world.

**Valerie-Minnix Pompa, BSChE 1990**, was recently promoted to vice president and manufacturing manager for Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi, Texas, complex.

**William G. Weber II, BSME 1992**, married Katie Miller-Hinxman on July 21, 2012. They reside in Reno, Nev.

**Jonathan Scott, BSChE 1994**, married Miriam Weber on June 17, 2012.

**Douglas F. Babington, BSPHED 1995**, recently became engaged to Jennifer

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Conklin. The two are set to marry this summer in Napa, Calif., and will reside in San Diego.

**Danielle Bash, BSMGT 1998**, joined the United States Agency for International Development in May 2012. She is a foreign service officer working in the office of financial management. Her first overseas assignment is Dhaka, Bangladesh; she will depart for Bangladesh this summer.

## 2000s

**Jennifer DuCharme-Rubenstein, BSMKT 2000**, gave birth to Mara Ellis Rubenstein on Nov. 22, 2012, in Indianapolis. Mara weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

**Chris Dick, BSCE 2001**, completed his MBA from Taylor University

**Ben Aling, BSME 2002**, works in the oil and gas industry with Halliburton in Malaysia. He and his wife are expecting their second child, a daughter, who will join their son at home.

**Roman Underwood, BSME 2002**, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base in June 2012 and received an MS in Flight Test Engineering. He tests the future development of the C-130, C-17, KC-135 and KC-46.

**Jack Hayden, BSAM 2002**, and his wife, Constance, welcomed their ninth grandchild, Kyle Blake Sweezy, on Nov. 1, 2011. He weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces.

**Steven Buell, BSME 2004**, was recently promoted to associate manager at Stryker. He and his wife are also celebrating the birth of their first child, a boy, born in July 2012.

**Elizabeth (Baumbaugh) Bowers, BSSM 2004**, welcomed twins Brayden Edward and Landon Alan. The twins join big brothers Brent, 7, and Lincon, 3, at home.

**Mitchell Myers, BSAM 2004**, and wife Julie recently relocated to Titusville, Pa. Before leaving the Beaufort Inn in South Carolina, they were awarded the Certificate of Excellence from recognized travel website Trip Advisor.

**Joel Draper, BSME 2006**, and his wife Rachel welcomed son Sullivan Joel Draper on June 2, 2012. He joins big sister Mylin at home. Joel works as a product engineer at Franklin Electric in Bluffton.

**Holly Kimball, BSELED 2007**, was named teacher of the year 2012-13 at the North Carolina elementary school where she teaches second grade. This is the first year she was eligible for the award

**Ashley Weyenberg, BSCRJ 2007**, graduated from law school in 2010 and passed the Ohio bar exam. She then completed her LL.M. in taxation and received a certificate in estate planning from Georgetown University Law School. She is employed by Ernst & Young, working in the national tax department in Washington, D.C., in the individual global tax planning group.

**Justin Savage, BSME 2007**, and wife Rachel welcomed their first child, a son, Maximus, on Dec. 5, 2012.

**Meagan Matthews, BSMGT 2007**, recently relocated from Minneapolis to Tulsa, Okla. She is employed by the Bank of Oklahoma Mortgage, and is helping to develop a vendor management program.

**Stephanie (Keister) Dowe, BAENG 2008**, married Justin Dowe on Oct. 6, 2012. The reception was held at Witmer Clubhouse at Zollner Golf Course. The couple met at Zollner Golf Course while working together one summer.

**Whitney Doyle, BACOM 2008**, was recently promoted to director of marketing for Westside Village Health Center, a Life Care Centers of America facility in Indianapolis.

**Brian Grimm, BSME 2008, and wife Cheyenne (Cook), BSCRJ 2006**, welcomed their daughter Gemma on May 18, 2012. She joins 4-year-old brother Killian at home.

**Josh Anderson, BSCE 2008**, is employed by ATC Associates in Highland, Ind.

**Jake Wilson, BSENMGT 2009**, and Leslie Schudel, 2008 BSMGT, wed Aug. 18, 2012, at the Potawatomi Inn, Angola.

**Amanda (Heller) Day, BSMKT 2009**, earned her MBA, and graduated from Spring Arbor University on Nov. 17, 2012.

**Travis Foster, BSCRJ 2009**, married Lindsay Smart, BSCRJ 2012, under the lights, on the 50-yard line at Zollner Stadium on Oct. 20, 2012.

## 2010s

**Ryan Heath, BSEE 2010**, married Megan Belfield in Richmond, Va., on Nov. 10, 2012.

**Nick Gartska, BSMAED 2010**, and Alishia Raak, BSAC BSFIN 2010, were married June 23, 2012. Nick is a math teacher at LaPorte High School. Alishia earned her CPA in summer 2012 and works as an auditor for Crowe Horwath in South Bend.

**Tim Raftery, BACOM 2010**, and Sallie Richardson, BSMAED 2009, were married in summer 2012.

**Jeremy Howard, BSELED 2011**, married Erica Truex on Oct. 27, 2012. Fellow alumni and Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers Dustin Minard, Matt Curry, Adam Sherwood and Nathaniel Fitzsimmons served in the wedding party.

**Kevin Kinzer, BSCRJ 2010**, recently earned his Security+ certificate.

**Ferron Quiggle, BSCRJ 2011**, was recently promoted to CDS rehabilitation coordinator at The Otis R. Bowen Center in Warsaw.

**Sarah (Darling) DeMott, BACOM 2011**, married Jacob DeMott on Sept. 29, 2012. She is an account coordinator for Asher Agency in Fort Wayne, Ind. The couple reside in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Ashley Runyon, BSCRJ 2011**, became a presentencing probation officer in Hamilton County.

**Alyssa Smith, BSCRJ BSPSY 2012**, was hired shortly after graduation by the Northeastern Center in LaGrange, as a case facilitator. ■





Craig Laker



Karen Hamilton



Julie Howenstine



Max Baumgartner

## Laker named new dean of Jannen School of Arts & Sciences

Craig Laker was named dean of the Jannen School of Arts & Sciences on Dec. 11. He had served as interim dean since June 1.

Laker joined Trine in 1999 as an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, Psychology and Social Sciences and became chairman of the department in 2002. He earned three degrees from Indiana University, Bloomington: a bachelor's degree in public affairs in 1987, a master's degree in personnel management and labor relations in 1989 and a master's degree in criminal justice in 1992.

Laker has also taught at Concordia University, University of Cincinnati and Indiana University.

He has coached the handgun competition and crime scene teams of Trine's chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association to several regional and national titles. In October, the team set a regional conference record with 54 awards. In 2008, Laker earned ACJA's Jim Hooker Outstanding Adviser Award.

## Hamilton promoted to dean of Franks School of Education

Karen Hamilton, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Franks School of Education, was promoted on March 1 to dean of the school. She had been interim dean since January.

Hamilton joined the Trine staff in 2007 as an assistant professor in the Franks School. In February 2011, she was promoted to associate professor. She earned a bachelor's degree and doctorate from the University of Toledo (Ohio) and a master's degree from Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

She began her career as a high school English teacher and has taught students from middle school age through college graduates. For several years, she worked in Toledo, Ohio, area schools. For 13 years, Hamilton was employed by the University of Toledo in its Student Services Center of the College of Education and Allied Professions.

## Howenstine earns doctorate in higher education

Julie Howenstine, an assistant professor of marketing at Trine since 2005, successfully defended her dissertation and on Jan. 15 earned a doctorate in higher education with a marketing minor from the University of Toledo (Ohio).

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oakland University (Michigan) in 1991 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Saint Thomas (Minnesota) in 2002.

During her years at Trine, her professional contributions have been an integral part of the classroom experience she provides to students. She prides herself on helping her students develop necessary skills to take into their careers.

## Baumgartner to lead new School of Health Sciences

Max Baumgartner, P.T., Ph.D., is dean of the new School of Health Sciences and director of Trine's new Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Baumgartner has a Doctorate of Philosophy degree and education specialist certification, both in computing technology in education, from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He holds a Master of Science in physical therapy from the University of Saint Augustine (Fla.), and a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy and a Bachelor of Arts in biology, both from the University of Toledo (Ohio). He completed a fellowship at the University of Saint Augustine, Institute of Physical Therapy.

He comes to Trine from the University of Toledo, where he was an assistant professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

He was chairman of the physical therapy assistant program at Owens Community College (Ohio); and was an assistant professor at the University of Findlay (Ohio), and the University of Saint Augustine.

## Trine first to offer hybrid delivery method for Fieldbus

Trine University — one of two FOUNDATION-certified training institutions in the country — is the first to offer the Certified Professional course using classroom and hands-on lab training with online lectures and tests.

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For details, visit [www.trine.edu/fieldbus](http://www.trine.edu/fieldbus).




Kristophor Bex and Dane Miller, Remnant Trust president and board member, respectively, and Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president.

## Remnant Trust to loan works this fall

More than 50 manuscripts, first-edition books and early works on the topics of human dignity and individual liberty from The Remnant Trust will be on loan to Trine this fall.

These rare finds — including “Fables of Aesop” by Aesop published in 1692 and “The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection” by Charles Darwin published in 1883 — will be available for students and visitors to view and to read.

The trust’s mission is to elevate public understanding of liberty and human dignity, raise consciousness of the documents that shaped America and lift the spirits of each generation to think the grandest thoughts. 

## Mascot helps S.P.E.A.K. win contest

A photograph of Storm's effort to recycle was a fan favorite on Facebook and Trine University's mascot then won a drawing to get recycling bins for the campus.

On Dec. 3, S.P.E.A.K. for the Earth learned it won the Mascot Match-up contest through Busch Systems, a Barrie, Ontario, developer and maker of new molded recycling, waste and compost containers. The group's recycling chair, Dakota

Bagwell, submitted the photo of Storm putting paper into a recycling bin. On Facebook, people could vote for their favorite picture, and after the deadline, the three most popular mascots were entered into a drawing and Storm won for S.P.E.A.K. (Students Promoting Environmental Awareness & Knowledge). S.P.E.A.K. selected \$5,000 worth of recycling bins that will be delivered to the university this semester.



## Marketing staff earn international recognition

Julie Hoy and Dean Orewiler, Trine University Department of Brand & Integrated Marketing employees, received international awards in June from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Julie Hoy, senior creative media specialist, received the Gold Excellence in Design award for an invitation she created for an admission event. Dean Orewiler, creative digital multimedia specialist, received the Bronze Photographer of the Year award.

Hoy came to Trine in 2007 from Ball State University, where she was employed for 15 years in publications and marketing. She creates artistic concepts and graphic elements for Trine communications and marketing. She earned a bachelor of fine arts in visual communications at Ball State.

Orewiler has worked at Trine since 2009 and has a background in commercial art and photojournalism. He earned a photojournalism degree from Ball State University.

He has worked as a photojournalist for more than 25 years. In 2012, Trine University president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., presented Orewiler with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service.

## Alumnus Warren gains PGA membership

Trine University's Zollner Golf Course now boasts two professionals with PGA certification.

Noah Warren, Zollner assistant golf professional, gained Class A membership with the Professional Golfers' Association of America after four years of work. A former PGA apprentice, Warren has been at Zollner for 5½ years.

Warren earned a bachelor's degree from Tri-State University (now Trine) in golf management in 2007. He played on the university's varsity golf team for four years.

Jenny Lymangood, director of golf at Zollner, has been a PGA member since 2005. ■



# MANAGER SCORES with his team

A member of Trine's men's basketball team isn't burning the nets, but he definitely scores with his teammates.

Angola resident Drew Hemlock has served as manager for five years, securing a spot on the team and in the hearts of many players.

"Drew brings great energy and passion," said Brooks Miller, head coach. "When you're around people like that, it's really contagious. Drew loves the university and our guys."

"I'm the manager and water boy," Hemlock said. He sums up getting to know and travel with the team as "pretty good."

Like teammates, he juggles a job and activities. He's employed at Caruso's Italian and American Restaurant in Angola, is a guard/forward on a Special Olympics basketball team and participates in the Challenger basketball league.

The love, respect and caring Hemlock brings is bounced back by teammates. "This group is selfless," Miller said. "They spend a lot of time with the Challenger league, and they do it because they love Drew." Hemlock's parents, Jim and Pat Hemlock of Angola, started the league for individuals with disabilities.

Various teammates, led by senior guard/forward Scott Rogers of Waterford, Mich., help the Challenger league.

"Drew's a big fan and we became friends," Rogers said. "When we found out about the Challenger league, we started going. We have a lot of fun and four or five of us go every week; I try to go every time."

"The Challenger league is a great outreach and way to give back," said Neil Smith, a senior forward from Martinsville. "I've known Drew since '08. He comes to every one of our games and supports us, so we like to support him."

Trine players said they get a good feeling from helping the league. "It's real cool to see the kids' reaction when they get to score," said Ian Jackson, a senior guard from Indianapolis. "We pick up the smaller ones



From left, Scott Rogers, Drew Hemlock, Neil Smith and Ian Jackson.

so they can dunk, too, because they like to see us dunk. They get a real kick out of that," Jackson said.

"It's a great experience and we get to know a lot of people," Smith said. "It's the type of experience that can be a boost when job-seeking, too. You're out in the community, you're helping and you're giving back."

Rogers, an exercise science major, uses basketball drills and weight training to help Hemlock improve his strength and mobility.

Each player enjoys a direct benefit of knowing Hemlock: getting to know his parents, too. The Hemlocks host the team for dinner once a year.

Jackson, Smith and Rogers are all scheduled to graduate this spring, and they know they aren't the only players who will get to know Hemlock.

"The best part is the whole experience; year after year seeing Drew. He's so excited and happy to be a part of our team," Jackson said. "And, it will carry on to the next guys coming in as freshmen."

All three said they plan to stay in touch, and are sure Hemlock will, too.

They also agree that helping with Challenger has been a positive experience.

"Just go volunteer, it's a blast," Rogers said. "It's not just basketball; all those kids are having the time of their lives, you can't help but smile." ■



## FOOTBALL

After a rocky start, the Thunder football team closed the season on a three-game winning streak to finish 7-3. It was the sixth straight winning season as the team finished second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a 5-1 record. The squad also won its sixth straight season opener, defeating Manchester. The Thunder's home win over Taylor made head coach Matt Land the winningest coach in school history.

Junior Louis Danesi was twice named MIAA Defensive Player of the Week while joining fellow juniors Caleb Nitz and Blæk Combs, who also were honored. The Thunder also had Myron Puryear II and fellow senior JaVontae Hence along with junior Tyler Keck honored as Special Teams Players of the Week. Nitz, Combs and junior Nick Muir were honored by D3football.com as members of its Team of the Week.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Thunder volleyball squad began with one of the best starts in school history as it went 12-2, including starting conference play at 5-0. The women would finish their third season under head coach Jamie Wozniak with an 18-12 overall record and finished fourth in the conference to qualify for the MIAA Tournament. Senior Betsy Irwin earned an MIAA Position Player of the Week honor while junior Darcy Crabtree was honored by the MIAA as the Specialty Player of the Week.

## MEN'S SOCCER

Trine's men's soccer finished its first season under head coach Trevor Ferrell with an 8-10-1 record and a fifth-place finish in the MIAA, just missing a spot in the conference tournament. Seven of its 10 losses came by just one goal. The squad also won three straight games near the end of the season, defeating Adrian, Albion and Alma in a double-overtime thriller. Chris Holcom was named the MIAA Offensive Player of the Week while sophomore Chris Stewart was honored as the Defensive Player of the Week. Stewart ended the season ranked 30th in Division III in total saves.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team started the season with a win for the first time since 2005 when it defeated Manchester 2-1 in double-overtime at the Olivet Comet Cup Tournament. The woman earned three ties on the season and dropped several close matches, including an overtime game to Kalamazoo and loses to Hope, Olivet and defending conference champion Alma. Freshman goalie Sloan Davis finished the year ranked 22nd in Division III in total saves and 31st in minutes played. Davis put up two big games in goal for the Thunder, making 16 saves against Hope and 15 against Adrian.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Trine's men's and women's cross country teams faced tough competition, competing against several Division I and II teams at the Indiana Intercollegiate race and the Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational. At the MIAA Jamboree, the men's team finished sixth while the women were seventh. The Thunder closed out the conference season again finishing sixth (men) and seventh (women) at the MIAA Championship. In the final meet, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Great Lakes Regionals, the men's squad came in 26th while the women turned in their best performance ever at the meet, finishing 18th.

## MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team wrapped up its fall season finishing fourth, qualifying for the three-round spring automatic qualifier tournament. Senior Pat Wolcott won the first jamboree of the season at Kalamazoo. Junior Nolan Eli tied for the lowest round of the season in the conference with a 69 at the fifth jamboree on Trine's home course. The team picked up three wins, taking the title at the Speiss Invitational and the fifth MIAA Jamboree at the Zollner Golf Course, as well as tying for first place during the initial Jamboree of the year.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

The women duffers started the season by hosting the Trine Kick-Off Classic, finishing third. Freshman Amy Worthington won the medalist honors while playing in her first collegiate tournament. The squad followed that performance by winning the Speiss Memorial Tournament where Worthington again took medalist honors. In conference play, the Thunder finished fifth at Olivet followed by three seventh-place finishes. The women wrapped up the season at the MIAA Fall championship, placing sixth at the two-day event.

## MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team wrapped up its first fall season since joining the MIAA with a 0-4 record. The squad faced several tough NAIA schools, including Indiana Wesleyan, an undefeated team. Trine's team ended with its closest match of the season, falling to Marian, 6-3. Freshman Caleb Knust went 2-2 at the No. 1 singles position. Two-time All-MIAA senior Dan Desper also went 2-2 at third singles.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis squad had a fantastic fall season as it went 2-1 in dual matches. The women defeated Summit City rival Indiana Tech, 7-2, and Goshen, 7-2. Junior Jessica Huhnke finished 2-1 at the top singles spot while fellow junior Lauren Schlueter and sophomore Erin Kwaske also finished 2-1. At the MIAA Flighted Tournament, freshman Alex Mack took second in the C Division consolation bracket with a 2-2 record.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Thunder men's basketball team had its first back-to-back winning seasons since the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons. The Thunder also finished third for the second straight season, but fell to second-seeded Hope in the first round of the MIAA Tournament. Trine was led by a pair of seniors in Ian Jackson and Scott Rogers. Jackson, who led the conference in scoring, was named the MIAA MVP and a member of the All-MIAA First Team, while Rogers was named to the All-MIAA Second Team.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In the first season under former NBA All-Star Steve Mix, the Trine women's basketball team secured its first winning season since 2002-03. The Thunder qualified as the No. 4 seed in the four-team MIAA Tournament, but fell to 3rd-ranked Calvin. For the first time since joining the MIAA, the women's basketball team placed two players on the All-MIAA list. Senior Sydney Spragg earned first team honors, the first player since the 2008-09 season to do so. Spragg was second in the conference. Joining Spragg was fellow senior Megan Loveberry who was named to the All-MIAA Second Team.



## National Honors

After earning All-MIAA First Team honors, men's soccer player Andre Hilson was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Central Region Third Team. It marked the third consecutive year the Thunder have had a player named All-Region.

Four Trine University football players earned D3football.com All-North Region honors led by MIAA Offensive Player of the Year JaVontae Hence. Trine had more players earn D3 honors than the other six MIAA schools combined. Hence was the only MIAA offensive player to be named to the second team as the senior earned honors as a returner. Earning third team honors were kicker Tyler Keck, guard Andrew Webster and two-time honoree cornerback Myron Puryear II. Puryear was named to the second team in 2011.

The football team closed out its post-season honors as Beyond Sports Network named Hence and Keck NCAA Division III All-Americans. Hence was the only player from the MIAA to be named to the second team as he earned honors for his performances as a receiver and a returner while Keck earned third team honors.

## MIAA Honors

Nineteen Thunder student-athletes earned All-MIAA honors for the fall season.

The men's golf team had three honorees, the most of any school in the conference. Senior Pat Wolcott along with juniors Graham Bennett and Nolan Eli were honored based on their average score in the eight jamborees. Wolcott was the first Trine player since Terence Clingaman in 2010 to be named All-MIAA First Team and 10th overall. Wolcott finished third overall in the conference leaderboard, while Eli and Bennett earned All-MIAA Second Team honors by finishing ninth and tied for 10th, respectively, in the conference. It marked the fourth time in school history that at least three Trine golfers have been named All-MIAA, the others came in 2004-2006. Trine has now had an All-MIAA player each season since joining the MIAA in 2004.

For the second straight season, the Trine volleyball team had two players named All-MIAA as senior Betsy Irwin and sophomore Carly Searles were honored. Irwin was named to the All-MIAA First Team for the third straight season, Searles was named to the All-MIAA Second Team after showing she can be an all-around threat, finishing the year with 20 double-doubles and two triple-doubles.



## Trine student-athletes give back to community

By Jillian Craig, Trine junior communication major and member of softball team

Student-athletes from Trine University, Angola High School, players from the NBA's Developmental League Fort Wayne Mad Ants and exhibitionists from the Angola Martial Arts school came together to give back to their community for the "All Stars" event promoting the Hendry Park Book Fair this fall at Hendry Park Elementary School.

The event was coordinated by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of Hendry Park. All 420 students enrolled at the school in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents were invited to the event.

"The kids were looking forward to this all day," fourth-grade teacher Tracey Floto said. "It's great that this is tied in with reading to show school is still important. Seeing the student-athletes interacting with the kids . . . it was like it took them back to when they were in elementary school."

Each athlete attended the event wearing his or her team uniform. The athletes signed autographs and demonstrated an athletic skill used in their sport.

"It was awesome to see the smiles on the kids' faces as they were interacting with us," said Lauren Harris, a senior elementary education major and member of Trine's softball team. "We all really enjoyed talking and socializing with the kids."

The special evening was just one way that Trine's student-athletes continue to make positive statements in the Angola community.

"I think anytime an athlete at any level can have a positive impact on their community it's a great thing. Athletes never understand the impact they can have on a child until they are older and see it from another perspective," said Don Danklefsen, Trine's head softball coach.

For the first time since joining the conference, the men's soccer team had a player named All-MIAA First Team in consecutive years. Senior Andre Hilson was named to the first team while freshman J.J. Murray was named to the second team. Hilson's nine goals in conference play tied him with two others for the MIAA lead, along with sharing the conference lead with four game-winning goals. Murray was one of only two freshmen named to either the first or second team and is the first Trine player to earn All-MIAA honors in his first season.

The football squad's 12 All-Conference honors included wide receiver/return specialist Hence being named

the Offensive Most Valuable Player and wide receiver Mario Brown being named the Pete Schmidt Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

Hence was also honored as an All-MIAA First Team selection as a both a wide receiver and return specialist, joining quarterback Ryan Hargraves, tackle Taylor Sprague, guard Webster, defensive end Louis Danesi, linebacker Caleb Nitz, cornerback Puryear and kicker Keck. The nine first team honors were three more than anyone other school.

Named to the All-MIAA Second Team were tackle Kenny Kill, and safeties Blak Combs and Tyler Guzy.



Jackson



Rogers

## Jackson is MIAA's MVP for basketball and Rogers named to All-MIAA Second Team


Senior Ian Jackson was named Trine's first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Most Valuable Player. Jackson led the All-Great Lakes Region First Team, while senior Scott Rogers earned second team honors.

Jackson and Rogers helped the Thunder to its first back-to-back winning seasons since the 1999-00 and 2000-01 seasons. In MIAA tournament action, Trine fell to Hope College, 76-63, on Feb. 21. The squad ends the season with a 14-12 record.

Jackson led the MIAA with 21 points per game in league play. He is the first Thunder player to earn the top honor since Trine joined the conference in 2004. He was also selected to the All-MIAA First Team for the third straight year. In addition, Jackson ended the regular season ranked 21st in Division III in points per game. This season against Olivet on Feb. 9, Jackson scored a career-high 44 points, which is tied for seventh-most this season in Division III.

Jackson has been named Trine's first-ever D3Hoops.com All-Great Lakes Region honoree, earning First Team Recognition. He has also been selected to participate in the 2013 Reese's NCAA Division III College All-Star Game at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Va.

Rogers is Trine's first four-time All-MIAA honoree after being named to the first team a season ago and the second team during his freshman and sophomore seasons. Rogers ranked in the top 10 in six other statistical categories.



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## Athletic records set

The fall season was one for the record books as eight career records were set on the football field and on the volleyball court. A total of five different athletes set career marks for the Thunder.

In volleyball, the senior duo of Betsy Irwin and Sarah Radekin set career marks in kills and assists. Irwin set the all-time Trine kills record against Albion on Oct. 6, breaking Sallie Richardson's career mark of 1,395 (2005-2008). Radekin set the career assists record during the team's first tournament, surpassing Rainbow Bednarski (2,946; 2003-2006).

In football, senior JaVontae Hence set the all-time receptions record on Sept. 15 at Concordia (Wisc.) when he caught his 151st pass to eclipse Le'Once Belton (1996-1999) before finishing the season with 194. Also during that game, junior punter Nick Muir set a school record when he boomed an 81-yard punt during the fourth quarter from the Trine 19-yard line. Muir also set the single-game record for punting average.

Hence and Myron Puryear II tied the school record for career kickoff returned for a touchdown (two) and Hence also set career marks for reception yards (2,528). Also setting career marks was quarterback Ryan Hargraves who finished his Trine career with a pass efficiency rating of 147.1 and yards per pass average of 8.1.

Coach Matt Land set the all-time coaching victories mark against Taylor with his 49th career win. Also during the Taylor game, Hence set single-game marks for longest punt return and most punt return yards. Hence would also set a single-game record for all-purpose yards against Hope.

Against Albion, Puryear set a school record for longest fumble return for a touchdown, going 79 yards.

Hargraves and Hence connected on a 93-yard touchdown pass against Hope which not only set a school record, but tied an MIAA record set in 2009. ■



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– **Hu Weikart ME '56**

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