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# Daily Progress Philosophy Delivers... for 15 Years

By Jill S. Boggs  
Editor-in-chief

Earl Brooks declines attention for marking his 15th year as Trine University's 16th president. "The momentum of the past 15 years is due to many efforts by many people. It is not my success journey, it is that of many and we have progress that is yet to be accomplished ... progress on a daily basis," Brooks said.

A typical tenure is 7 years, down from 8.5 years in 2006, according to The American College President 2012 report by the American Council on Education (ACE). It's the latest version of the only study to provide an in-depth look at presidents from all sectors of American higher education. The Independent Colleges of Indiana 2014 study of Indiana's private universities and colleges mirrors ACE, showing university presidents average 7.7 years.

Brooks' tenure offers numerous days to witness daily progress at one of Indiana's fastest-growing private universities. The ability to award more than \$24 million annually in scholarships and aid proves it. Trine's 99.7 percent career placement rate proves it. Over \$155 million raised for physical plant growth in the past 10 years and a 55 percent increase in enrollment during the past year prove it, too.

"We have grown by 78 percent over the past five years in enrollment and we anticipate growing by another 45 percent to 50 percent over the next three years," Brooks said.

Today's university president profile differs from 10 years ago. Presidents must have an entrepreneurial spirit; be adept at operating as a business without losing focus of student success; be socially responsible in managing student debt; and play a significant role in career placement to provide a high return on investment. "Higher education is being held more accountable and rightly so. At Trine, we look at ourselves daily to measure closely how we operate financially in both terms of cost and quality of academics, learning experiences and outcomes to give the highest return on a student's college investment," he explained.

Brooks has this foresight. A self-described "person with an aggressive energetic nature and a calculated risk-taker," he has the ability to know and understand each part of the university operating platform.

Financial sustainment is a priority in any industry. Without it, operations could be jeopardized, hampering optimum service to customers, or students in Trine's case. Today's president must see the big picture with an understanding of what he interprets in that image and how he responds. The leader must have the ability to be at ease with a high level of active fundraising. The \$155 million raised in the past decade has been calculated and intentional including a successful \$90 million campaign. Now, Trine is in a robustly paced \$75 million campaign. Fundraising for improvements, growth in endowment and the lessening of debt is not accomplished on the backs of

students. "Knowing your organization inside and out in order to sell its attributes, enjoyment of building and sustaining donor relationships, and a committed daily focus makes for a successful fundraising combination in any organization," Brooks said. "Success in fundraising over the past 10 years has been driven by an excellent fundraising team and fueled by generous and well-informed folks committed to Trine's mission of student success."

In the past decade, campus improvements and initiatives have been numerous, including housing, laboratories and buildings. Highlights include:

- Health Sciences Education Center in Fort Wayne, home of the new School of Health Sciences
- T. Furth Center for Performing Arts
- Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering
- New College of Engineering and Business
- Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center, expansion of Whitney Commons dining hall
- Larry and Judy Reiners Residence Hall, opening this fall
- Renovation of Ford Hall, home of the Ketner School of Business, opening this fall

When asked why people embrace and advance Trine's mission, Brooks responded, "people believe in it because they know what it is capable of. I believe there is nothing we can't do if we put and keep our heads and hearts in our daily efforts to progress toward perfection. We must never lose our focus that everything we do is about our students."

Trine proves daily progress yields daily successes that add up over time. Such success delivers on the mission of Trine and the president who fosters a culture where each action focuses on a holistic approach to prepare students to succeed, lead and serve. ■



*Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president, in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts after an \$8.3 million renovation of a historic church. Inset photo is from summer 2011 during renovation.*



# Obstacles no match for Alic

A strong desire to overcome obstacles teamed with a natural tenacity helped Mersiha Alic flee with her family from civil unrest and thrive in a new country. Along the way, she endured harsh conditions, was denied basic necessities and faced the fear of not knowing what could happen, including death.

Alic was a child when she, her mother, brother, sister, paternal grandparents, aunt, uncle and cousin were captured during civil violence that escalated in June 1992 after Bosnia declared independence from Yugoslavia.

“One day your life is wonderful... the perfect childhood, a normal life and the next day all of it is gone,” Alic said. She didn’t know whether she would live or die, or that it would be the beginning of a life-changing odyssey.

Her vivid memories and lessons learned have not faded. Though most anyone who hears Alic’s story would label her a survivor, she is quick to say she’s not special, that others could do the same. Alic uses her experience to rally students in Trine’s School of Professional Studies, of which she is dean. Her strength and resolve are apparent as she encourages and guides students to their goals, implements programs and directs a versatile staff to recruit and advise hundreds of successful adult learners.

A closer examination of her past reveals why Alic does not seem to get overwhelmed or dismayed by any challenge.

## The difficulty begins

She and her family were living in Skelani, a town in Bosnia-Herzegovina near the Serbian border. Her father had served in the military and as a police reservist, roles he thought would make him a wanted man and endanger his family. He had a plan to take his family to safety; her mother demurred because of the peril.

“He put us in our (paternal) grandparents’ basement and disappeared,” Alic said. He declined to tell his family where he was

going, thinking they would be safer by not knowing. They didn’t realize they would never see him again.



On May 8, 1992, she and her family were captured after her grandfather was snatched. “How they got to us was they threatened us. They yelled that they had my grandfather and would hurt him if we didn’t come out,” she said.

They were marched to a warehouse packed with people, including her grandfather. “It was kind of bittersweet; we were alive and reunited,” she said. “A soldier came in and asked for my dad. They kept coming in and asking all of us where he was and what we knew. After four hours of interrogation, a soldier came in and said what they’re going to do is send the women and children to Serbia and the men would be killed.”

After good-byes to their uncle and grandfather, Alic and the others were sent to a refugee camp in Leskovac, Serbia. Four or five days later, her younger sister came inside from playing and told her mother to go outside to see the uncle. Thinking he was dead, the child was not initially believed.

“I will never forget that moment,” Alic said. “My uncle said he’ll be back in that spot at

night to get us out of there. At 10 or 11, we snuck out through the gates and my uncle was waiting.” In darkness, they crept to a train station to escape to Macedonia. Her uncle secured tickets and documents; he instructed them to pretend they were asleep if they were stopped. They succeeded.

## Dreaming of a brighter day

Though their capture brought hardship, the family was not defeated. They capitalized on what they could, looking to a better day.

“I plan like I’m going to live 100 years but I try to live my life like today is my last one,” she said. “I accept life and every day as it is and move on.”

She looks back, but refuses to dwell on the past; she’s resolved to keep moving forward.

She honed such determination at an early age. After two years without schooling, Alic was allowed to attend school in Germany. The language posed a barrier, but not for long. She mastered the German language and earned good grades. She also speaks fluent Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and English, and has studied French, Russian and Spanish. Her parents valued education and instilled in Alic the fondness for learning she harbors today.

The happiness of returning to school was tempered by the loss of her father. By the time they made it to Germany, they had not communicated with him for a couple of years. She spoke with him by phone on her birthday in 1995. Less than a week later, he was among 8,000 Bosnians massacred in Srebrenica.

The family faced the tragedy, yet forged ahead. By fall 1998, she had earned a full scholarship to study in the United States. Tested and placed as a senior despite completing the ninth grade, Alic earned a high school diploma in May 1999.

She returned to Germany and faced deportation to Bosnia. The war had ended in 1995, she was an legal adult after her 18th birthday in July.

## A new path

While in the U.S., Alic formed lasting relationships; she went back to Michigan for college. For two years, she studied in Ann Arbor before transferring to Fort Wayne in 2002 to join family friends of Bosnian descent.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in business in 2005.

Alic finished college while raising her son born earlier in 2005. The happiness of being a mother helped as she coped with the news in 2007 that her father’s remains were recovered from a mass grave.

Again, Alic tapped that inner strength to focus on her baby and studies. She earned her master’s degree in business in 2008 and became a U.S. citizen that spring.

“I’m still like that today,” she said of her desire to remain focused. “If you want to change something, give it a try. What do you have to lose?”

She’s proud that each year of their lives, her 10-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter have traveled to Europe to visit her family. It’s another example of her goal-reaching ability.

“We all get frustrated... with a lot of issues, but what is a huge deal for a lot of people is not a big deal to me after the war,” she said. Keeping all in perspective is something she shares with adult learners in Trine’s School of Professional Studies.

“When I look at my life, my capabilities, I have a passion because I was given that opportunity,” Alic said. “I never lived on campus. I had to work two jobs to pay for living and school expenses and trips to see my family. There were no scholarships; nothing to allow me to be a traditional student, but it did force me to grow up faster.

“All that experience helps me relate to the adult student. It allows me to provide that opportunity for them that I received when I got here to study.” And, she’s not finished studying as she plans to soon begin pursuing a doctorate degree.

“I’m an educator and I love learning. I don’t want to stop that.” ■



*Grave markers of Mersiha Alic’s father, uncle and cousin at the Srebrenica-Potočari Memorial and Cemetery for the Victims of the 1995 Genocide*



## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

**May 8, 1992** – First day of war in Skelani, family captured, held four hours before women and children transported to Bajina Basta, Serbia.

**Mid-May 1992** – Uncle led family from Leskovac, Serbia refugee camp to Macedonia.

**May 1992** – Family at refugee camp “Bunec” in Macedonia. Adults and older children work on farms for food, clothes and hygiene supplies.

**December 1992** – From Gostivar, Macedonia mother talked to father in Srebrenica, Bosnia.

**May 1993** – Planned to join her mother’s brother in Sweden. After arriving, Alics were escorted to a ship. Deportation occurred because Macedonia was recognized as an independent country the night they arrived in Sweden. The Alics couldn’t prove Bosnian ethnicity and could not stay. Alics sold tickets for return to Macedonia, bought tickets for Warsaw, Poland. They were sent to a refugee camp in Southern Poland.

**December 1993** – Alics focused on Germany; uncle in Sweden sent money.

**Dec. 29, 1993** – Family made it to Frankfurt am Oder border. They sat outside three hours before walkable route to city found. They entered Berlin at 10 a.m. Dec. 30, hours after they were to meet others at 5 p.m. the day before. They stayed with a relative until getting refugee status and benefits.

**Fall 1994** – German language skills were strong enough that Alic could enroll in classes.

**July 4, 1995** – Talked with her father on her birthday. Less than a week later, he was among more than 8,000 massacred in Srebrenica.

**Fall 1998** – Received full scholarship to study in the U.S. Though she had only completed the ninth grade, she was placed as a senior in the U.S.

**Spring 1999** – Earned high school diploma in South Lyon, 15 miles northwest of Ann Arbor, Mich. She returned to Germany after graduating, turned 18 that summer. As a legal adult, she would be sent back to Bosnia because the war had ended in 1995. Her family could remain.

**May 2000** – Returned to the U.S. for college, studied two years at Washtenaw Community College.

**April 2002** – Moved to Fort Wayne, where she had family friends who are Bosnians.

**Spring 2005** – Earned undergraduate degree in business; had a baby boy before she completed degree.

**Fall 2007** – Received news from Bosnian Federal Commission of Missing Persons that her father’s remains were recovered from a mass grave.

**Spring 2008** – Earned master’s in business administration, accepted first position in higher education; became a U.S. citizen.

**November 2008** – Gave birth to baby girl.

**July 2009** – Her father, uncle, cousin and other relatives were given a proper burial.

**January 2010** – Joined Trine University.

*Hill overlooking Mersiha Alic’s town of Skelani, Bosnia-Herzegovina, with her elementary school in the center.*



# TRINE CREATES COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS

Allen School of Engineering & Technology,  
Ketner School of Business comprise new college

As the worlds of business leaders and professional engineers grow more intertwined, Trine gives a nod to that collaborative spirit with the new College of Engineering and Business.

Longtime faculty member A. Allen Hersel, Ph.D., leads the effort as dean of the new college. Hersel was also recently promoted to vice president for academic affairs.

The new organizational structure aims to develop engineering and business skills for students who will be responsible for innovative solutions and results in the 21st century. The schools remain partners with Innovation One, Trine's incubator for creativity, invention and design, to provide experiential learning and collaboration with business and industry professionals.

"The strong reputation of the engineering programs of the Allen School of Engineering & Technology will complement the strengths of the Ketner School of Business to enhance learning. The success of each school is what yields such a winning combination," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. "Factor in Innovation One and students have opportunities to work in laboratories and engage with manufacturers, businesses and corporations to enhance what they have learned in the classroom. The new structure packages all of these benefits for students under one umbrella."

Sean Carroll, Ph.D., was named associate dean of the college on June 1. Carroll will focus on college vision and accreditation. He continues to serve as chair of the electrical and computer engineer department.

Tim Tyler, Ph.D., became associate dean of the Allen School on June 1. His responsibilities include student recruitment and school leadership.

This fall, the Ketner School will return to Ford Hall, which is currently being renovated. ■

# HOLTZ KICKS OFF SERIES

*Coach shares life lessons*



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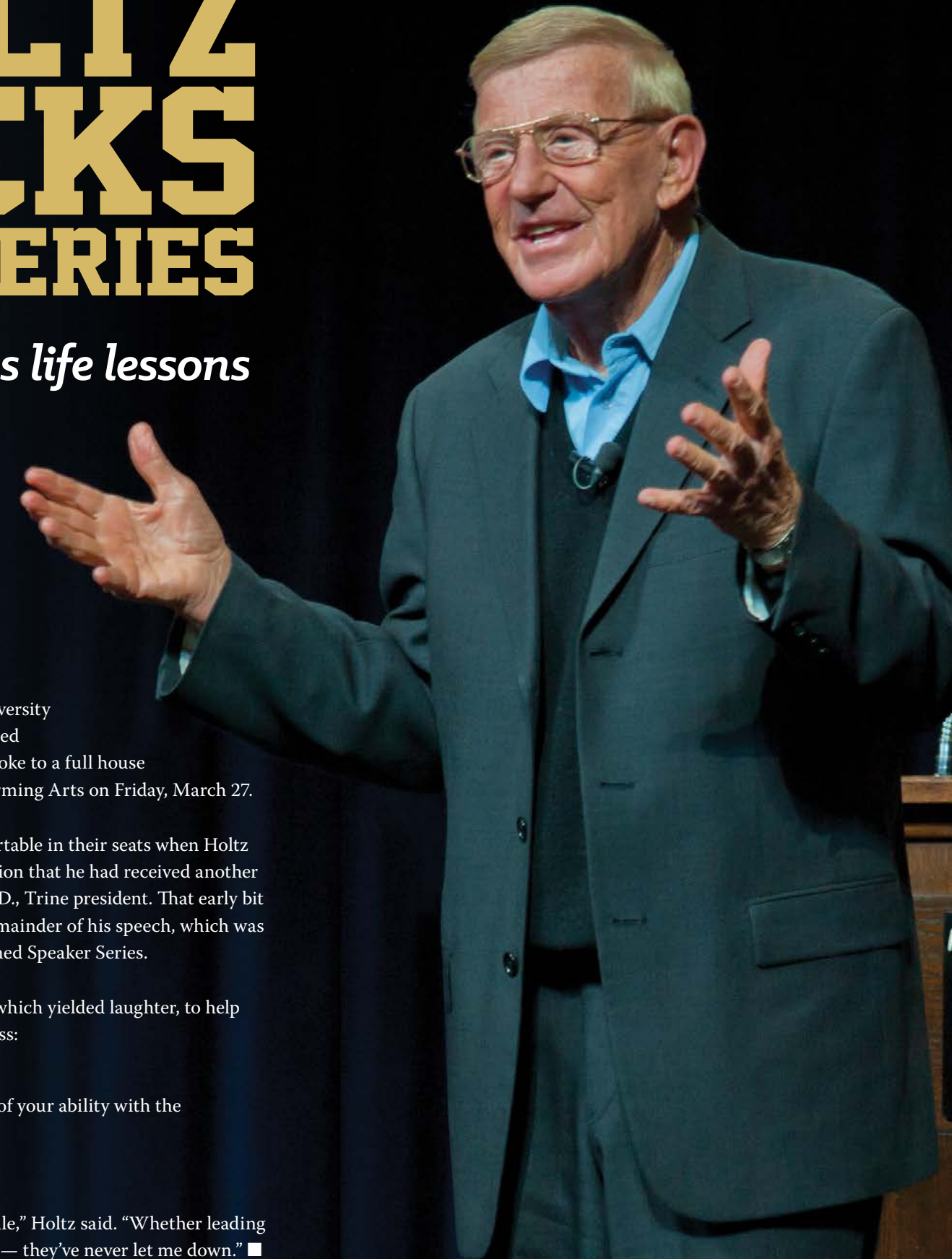
Legendary coach and Trine University trustee Lou Holtz quickly grabbed everyone's attention when he spoke to a full house at the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts on Friday, March 27.

People had barely gotten comfortable in their seats when Holtz commented on a long introduction that he had received another time from Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. That early bit of humor set the tone for the remainder of his speech, which was presented by Trine's Distinguished Speaker Series.

Holtz used anecdotes, many of which yielded laughter, to help explain his three rules for success:

- Do the right thing
- Do everything to the best of your ability with the time allotted
- Show people you care

"I have never needed a fourth rule," Holtz said. "Whether leading a football team or your own life — they've never let me down." ■





# Health care gets Trine touch

## Health science programs meet growing industry demand

By Max Baumgartner, Ph.D., P.T.  
Dean, School of Health Sciences

Have you experienced the Trine difference in a health-care setting? You likely will if you haven't already because more Trine University graduates with caring hearts, skilled hands and competent minds will be employed in health care.

Graduates of Trine's exercise science program have been touching lives through careers in physical therapy, athletic training, sports performance, coaching and fitness. You might see our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students learning alongside expert clinicians in Fort Wayne hospitals and clinics.

By creating the School of Health Sciences in January 2013, Trine strengthened its commitment to the provision of professionally focused and formative learning opportunities in critically important health-science fields. Demand is skyrocketing for health-care professionals prepared to meet the challenges of our changing health-care system.

During the past two years, our school has made great strides toward serving the health and wellness needs of our communities while experiencing impressive growth and

development. The Bachelor of Science in exercise science degree program, in which students are taught how to improve patients' mobility, nutrition, physical activity and health, has flourished under the leadership of Catherine Swick, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Exercise Science.

Enrollment increased 170 percent between 2012 and 2014. Many of these students say they chose Trine because they value opportunities for hands-on learning, global health experiences and top quality internships. Demand has grown for the 3+3 DPT plan of study. It allows qualified applicants to complete the Bachelor of Science in exercise science and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in six years rather than the usual seven.

The DPT program, Trine's first doctoral program, welcomed its inaugural class of 32 students in August. These students, from as far as Texas, Iowa and Kansas, represent the top 15 percent of more than 200 qualified applicants. They will become leaders in the physical therapy profession and health-care communities. By fall 2016, a total of 96 students are expected in the DPT program.

We are grateful for everyone at Trine who enabled us to gather outstanding faculty

members, create a first-class curriculum and build state-of-the-art facilities to meet accreditation standards. We are also grateful to the Lutheran Health Network and Parkview Health, who welcome Trine students into their hospitals and clinics, enabling them to learn how licensed physical therapists solve real-world clinical challenges.

A key aspect of our school's mission is to enable graduates to make a positive impact on the health and wellness of their communities. With that in mind, we view the shortage of physician services as an important area to address. For this reason, Trine is developing a Masters of Physician Assistant Studies program to be offered in Fort Wayne, adjacent to the DPT program, beginning in January 2017.

Future opportunities for meeting our mission will be found in strengthening programs and program development. Underway is preliminary exploration of degree programs, such as a Master in Speech and Language pathology and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Someday, you might benefit from Trine University graduates with caring hearts, skilled hands and competent minds. ■

# Scholarship Gala sets fundraising record

## Annual event also celebrates university family

By Catherine E. Porter  
Marketing and communication major '16

A record-breaking \$535,000 was raised for scholarship funding at Trine University's 12th annual Scholarship Gala.

Lush, towering red bouquets sat atop black and white columns, leading the way down a



red-carpeted path. On stage, the Trine University jazz band entertained guests as they sat among friends and enjoyed a candle-lit meal.

Held on Valentine's Day, this event not only raised funds for students but also celebrated some of the most cherished loved ones in most lives—family.

"When I think of Trine University, I immediately think of the Trine community as my family,"



said featured speaker Britney Browning, a senior design engineering technology student. "My Trine family and I are so thankful for your generosity that allows us to be the best and one step ahead of other university graduates."

It was through the generous donations of this family that Kai Sasan, junior criminal justice and informatics student, was able to attend Trine. "To think a total stranger was willing to give and do something to help me is beyond my belief," Sasan said.



Sasan is a recipient of a Books and Beyond Scholarship, valued at \$500 to be used for textbooks, computers, school and lab supplies, and meals.

Auctioneer Sen. Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn) opened the live auction portion of the evening by offering guests the opportunity to fund one of these scholarships. As in years past, Trine alumnus and trustee Dr. Rick L. James and his wife, Dr. Vicki L. James, offered a matching grant which was exceeded for the Books and Beyond program.

In addition to participating in the live auction, guests placed bids on silent auction items such as artwork, a one-year membership to the YMCA, jewelry, handbags or a selection of signed sports memorabilia. Guests could also enjoy wine-tasting provided by Hall's Catering Service.

Bon Appetit Management Co., the food service provider at Trine, served a gourmet meal. Retired communication professor Mike McNamara was the master of ceremonies at this event, held in the

Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics, Inc. Athletic and Recreation Center.

At the end of the night, the Trine community involved in the gala succeeded in surpassing the \$500,000 goal, setting a record for fundraising at a single event.

"I trust they will never forget the kindness of the donors who supported them," James P. Fabiani, Trine University trustee, said of the students who will be able to afford an outstanding education thanks to the generous donors. ■



*The 13th annual  
Scholarship Gala is  
scheduled for Feb. 13, 2016.*





# Housekeeper brings spotlight to Trine

*Sherry Albright wins national Cintas Janitor of the Year contest*

Sherry Albright is known for bringing a smile and positive demeanor to Trine each day. Now, she’s known for bringing a national title and loads of attention to Trine University.

On May 6, with her husband and two sons in the audience, Albright was visibly surprised when she learned she was the 2015 Cintas Janitor of the Year.

“I feel like Cinderella at the ball,” Albright says of all the attention she received during and after the competition. Leah Helmick, housekeeping/training manager, nominated Albright for the award.

More than 150 visitors and Trine University community members saw Albright moved to tears along with her familiar smile when it was announced she was the winner. At the same time, a banner unfurled from Ryan Skywalk read “Sherry Albright 2015 Cintas Janitor of the Year.”

Storm, Trine’s mascot, led the audience in applause and hugged her.

Richard Hickman, Angola mayor, quickly congratulated Albright. Hickman noted that Albright is a true asset to the community, along with Pokagon State Park and Trine University, and gave her proclamation to recognize her as the honorary citizen of the day in Angola.

Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., told the audience Albright is an ambassador for the university and he has challenged others to follow her lead. “She will not let you have a bad day,” he said.

Before the announcement, a parade from Hershey Hall to the Ryan Skywalk passed by visitors along Thunder Drive. Angola City Police escorted the parade that featured Trine’s cheerleaders, Campus Operations, housekeeping staff, Albright and Storm. Trine’s Jazz Combo performed throughout the event.

Albright was presented with a promotional large check for \$2,500 and a crystal trophy from Cintas. Trine also received a ceremonial check for \$2,500 worth of supplies from Cintas and a crystal trophy. ■



# Campus bids farewell to president’s assistant

“Her loyalty, respect and commitment will be greatly missed by all – but especially by me,” Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president, said of Dareen McClelland, his executive assistant who retired June 3.

“Dareen exemplifies the ideal team member, supporting team decisions and being open minded to new developments,” Brooks said when presenting her with the President’s Award for Excellence in Staff Performance for 2014-15. “She is a reliable problem solver and greatly supports the mission and vision of the university.”

She had served in the president’s office since 2004. She spent two and a half years in the Office of Admission before joining the president’s office.

McClelland is known for her friendly, professional demeanor and ability to provide assistance for most any request. Her last day was observed with a celebration for her retirement and birthday.

When asked about her plans, McClelland said she plans to “connect more with family — we have three grandchildren to spend time with — and I hope to get more into my new stained glass hobby.” She and her husband, Mike, are also building a home in Angola.

Her hobby stems from countless hours transforming stained glass from the former Angola Christian Church, now the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts, to unique creations connecting yesterday to the future with proceeds benefitting the Furth Center. ■

# Dean receives emeritus status

*Sharma led Allen School of Engineering & Technology*

VK Sharma is trading the rigors of deanship for the new adventures that await with retirement.

Sharma brought to the Allen School of Engineering & Technology his 35 years of professional engineering experience honed at Navistar Truck and Engine Corp. Under Sharma’s leadership from August 2009 to May 2015, the Allen School steeled its status as one of the top engineering schools in the nation.

With Sharma at the helm, the school continuously upgraded curriculum and laboratories and introduced majors and minors. Also during his tenure, the school has been graduating more female engineers, reflecting the national average. He also served as the dean of Ketner School of Business from January 2008 to May 2010.

“Watching students’ progress from freshmen to professional engineers has been very rewarding,” he said. “My passion for engineering and Trine will always be strong. I’m eager to see how the Allen School and students will continue to grow and change.”

He plans to spend more time with his family, improve his golf game and read. Travel is also on his list as he and his wife, Dr. Ursa Sharma, plan to visit Scotland and Ireland.

Sharma was honored with a reception May 1 and was granted emeritus status during the 2015 commencement breakfast May 9.

Sharma also plans to continue teaching a class or two at Trine for the fall 2015 semester, allowing everyone a little more time to adapt to his departure and wish him well. Best wishes to VK for health and happiness as he enjoys his retirement. ■

# Schoenefeld retires

Steven A. Schonefeld, associate professor of mathematics, retired this spring after 37 years of teaching at Tri–State/Trine University.

Schonefeld earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1969, and began full–time teaching at Florida State University at Tallahassee and taught there through 1974. He then returned to his roots, managing his family farm in Indiana, and began teaching at Tri-State in fall 1978. He was given the rank of emeritus on May 9. He will be missed at Trine. ■

– Lauren Keyser, psychology and communication major ’15



# Hersel to lead academic affairs

A longtime engineering professor at Trine University is leading the Office of Academic Affairs and the new College of Engineering and Business.

A. Allen Hersel, Ph.D., began his newest role June 1. As the vice president of academic affairs, Hersel focuses on providing leadership and vision to continue the tradition of a quality educational experience for all Trine students. He will also continue to serve as dean of Trine’s new College of Engineering and Business. In January, the college was established and Hersel was named dean.

“Allen’s experience as an educator and leader will be valuable,” Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president, said. “He will carry on our tradition of rigorous academics and quality programs designed to prepare students for today’s demanding careers. He has also continually demonstrated the best of classroom instruction and practices to help ensure student success.”

In 2006 and 2011, Allen was recognized with McKetta-Smith Excellence in Teaching Awards. He also earned the Moore Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011.

“It’s an honor to lead such a talented and diverse academic team at Trine,” Hersel said. “I look forward to working with faculty who are so dedicated to student success.”

Hersel came to Trine in 2003 when he joined the faculty of the McKetta Department of Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering in the Allen School of Engineering & Technology. He served as McKetta Department chair from 2006 to 2009 and has been on Trine’s Academic Council since 2014. He earned a doctorate from Yale University, a Master of Science from University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Science from University of Missouri-Rolla.

Hersel replaces John Shannon, Ph.D., who accepted the position of vice president for academic affairs at Indiana Tech. ■





# Experience Trine for yourself



## Student finds playful side in rapid prototyping lab

### Whitham designs, prints customized toy record

By Catherine E. Porter  
marketing and communication '16

Junior chemical engineering major Raleigh Whitham has been putting his skills to use in an innovative and interesting way.

Last fall semester, Whitham began designing a customized record that could be played on a 1979 Fisher-Price record player. Inspired by a YouTube video detailing a similar project, he worked on it on and off, designing and printing two different models.

"I just have an interest in 3D printing and wanted to see if I could make use of the fantastic rapid prototyping lab we have here at Trine," said Whitham, of LaFontaine, Ind.

The device Whitham printed works by aligning

raised tabs on a plastic record to corresponding gears on the underside of the record player arm. These gears then pluck the pins of a music box within the player, creating one of about 22 different musical notes.

The pitch of the musical note produced depends on the raised tab's distance from the center of the record. Each of the notes the player can produce is located on a different concentric circle on the record.

To create a song, Whitham said "the timing and pitch of each note played is determined by the distance of the tab from the center and the angle of rotation from the starting point, sort of like a set of polar coordinates."

Whitham began his project by reverse engineering one of the records that originally

came with the toy. He took its measurements and created a model of a blank record in the computer program AutoCAD. After some trial and error, he chose an arrangement of the song "Redwing" that would work within the pitch constraints of the record player.

Using Microsoft Excel, Whitham calculated the track and angle where each tab should be located, then placed these tabs in his AutoCAD file. The final step in his project involved checking for errors, and finally, printing the record in the rapid prototyping lab.

Whitham was recently able to pick up the final product from the lab. "This record works as I expected, and it seems like everything went flawlessly with the second print," he said. ■



## Alum Pays It Forward, introduces friend to Trine

### Campus visit convinced student to attend

By Catherine E. Porter  
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Thanks to Trine University's Pay It Forward program, alumni looking for a way to stay involved with their alma mater can leave a lasting legacy.

Jim Bullard, P.E., is one alumnus who passed his experience on to the next generation of students. A 1972 Tri-State computer engineering graduate, Bullard referred Garrett Benedict to Trine.

"Garrett is family, or might as well be. I knew he was a very intelligent and good kid and knew of his interest in science and engineering," Bullard said. "I thought that Trine and Garrett would be an excellent match."

Benedict, a computer engineering major involved in cross country and track, said he didn't know about Trine until Bullard recommended it. He credits Bullard's referral as a major reason behind his decision to enroll at Trine. Benedict, from Greenfield, Ind., just completed his sophomore year.

"He took me on a visit and I have loved it ever since," Benedict said. "The small class sizes and the fact that I was treated as an individual and not just a number made Trine my first choice."

For more information on the Pay It Forward program or to refer a student, visit [trine.edu/payitforward](http://trine.edu/payitforward). ■

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### NOTICE OF HLC VISIT

Trine University is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Trine will host a visit Sept. 14 and 15, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Trine University has been accredited by the HLC since 1966. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments:

Third Party Comment on Trine University  
The Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's website at [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org).

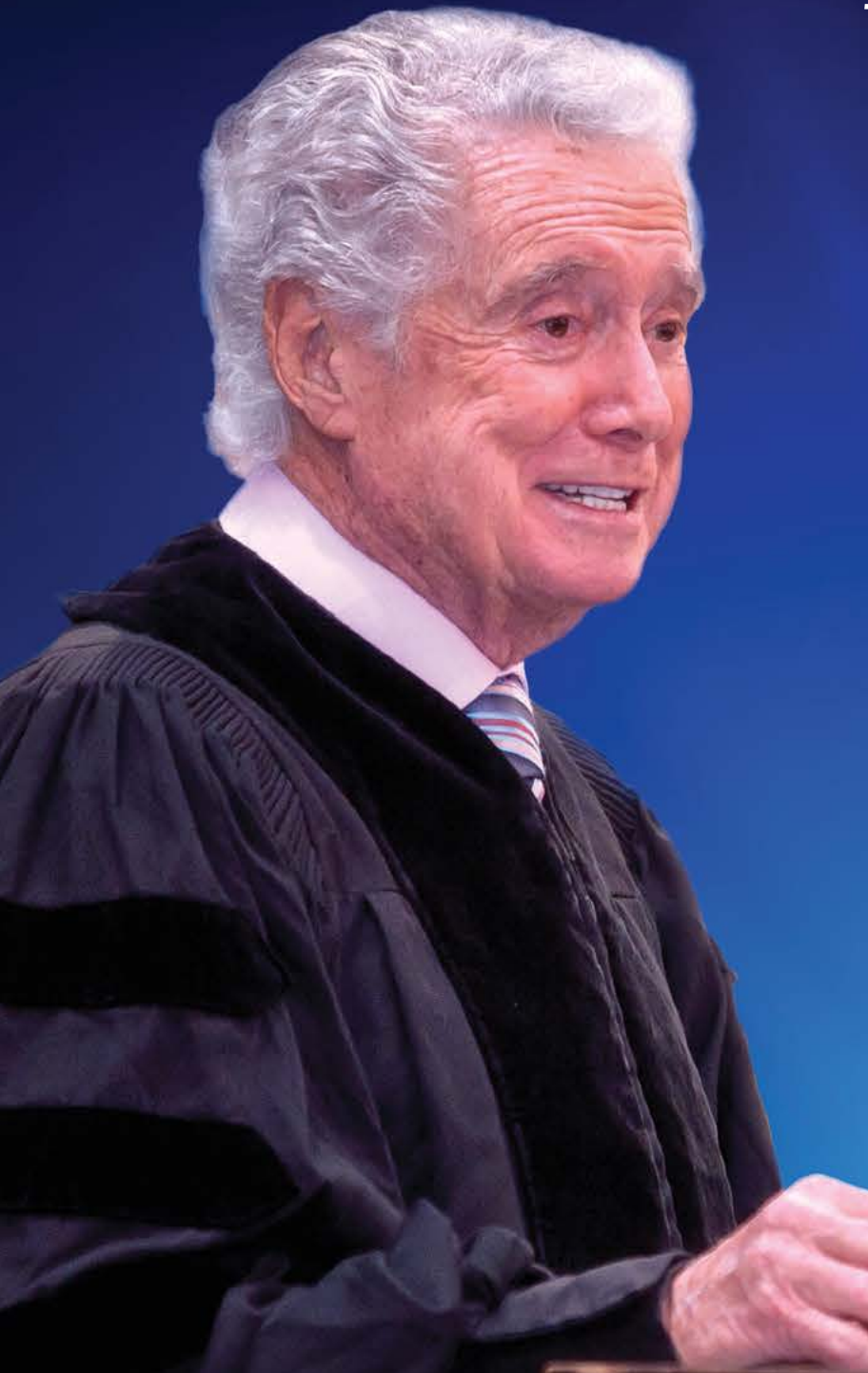
Comments may address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by Aug. 15, 2015.



# TRINE CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT

## Icon Regis Philbin gives advice, Kenny Rogers thrills audience during grad weekend



Trine University celebrated its 130th commencement in star-studded fashion with Regis Philbin and Kenny Rogers.

Country star Rogers kicked off the festive weekend when he mesmerized a sold-out crowd during a Friday night concert May 8. Rogers' good friend Philbin joined Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., in welcoming the award-winning singer to the stage.

Philbin's appearance during the concert was but a teaser because he was on campus to deliver the commencement address the next morning.

"Make perfection your goal. It will always bring you that much closer to truly succeeding," Philbin told graduates.

More than 400 of the 500-plus candidates for graduation participated in the commencement ceremony that took place in the Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics, Inc. Athletic and Recreation Center. President Brooks presided over the ceremony while Trine's ROTC Color Guard led the procession, which included members of the Trine administration and Board of Trustees, guest speaker Philbin, graduates and faculty members.



*Celebrating the success of graduation*

Philbin encouraged the graduates to not be afraid of failure or be deterred by setbacks. "That was me and it shouldn't be any of you," he said. "You can go from job to job and maybe from city to city. Don't be afraid that it's not going to work out for you."

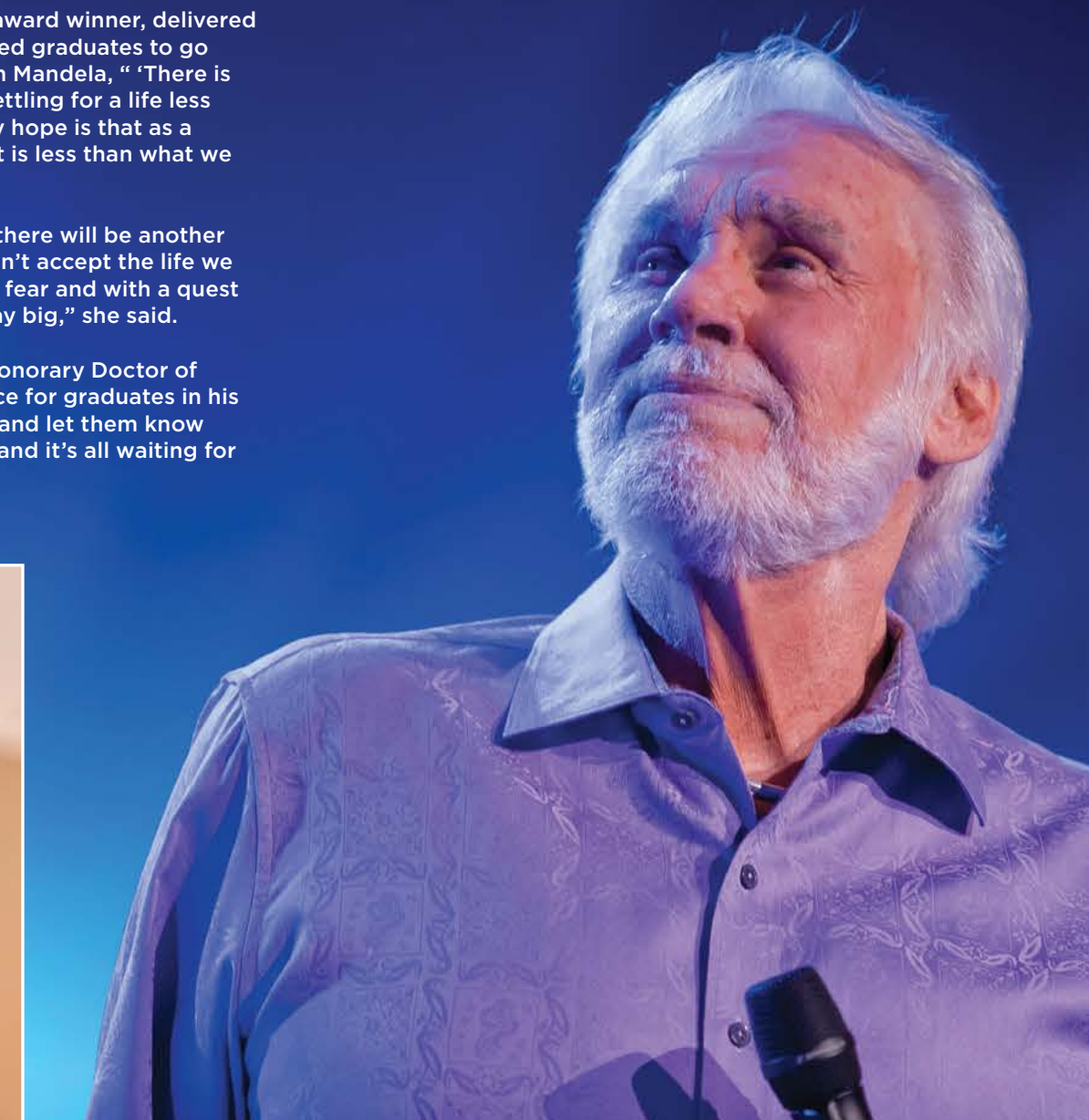
Erin J. Lewis, the 2015 Robert B. Stewart award winner, delivered the senior address. Like Philbin, she pressed graduates to go beyond the status quo. She quoted Nelson Mandela, "There is no passion to be found playing small; in settling for a life less than the one you are capable of living." My hope is that as a class, we will be unsatisfied with a life that is less than what we are capable of living.

"There won't always be a safe choice but there will be another choice to stretch our limits," she said. "Don't accept the life we are given, but challenge it. ... Live without fear and with a quest for life. "Congratulations class of 2015, play big," she said.

Philbin, who was also presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, summed up advice for graduates in his closing, "Let people see what you can do and let them know what you want to do. It's all ahead of you and it's all waiting for you. Go get it and good luck." ■



*Erin Lewis delivers the senior address*



*Kenny Rogers sings in Ryan Concert Hall, T. Furth Center for Performing Arts*

*Regis Philbin addresses the 2015 Trine grads*



# recognitions

Strong supporters of Trine are honored



*Tomas Furth and his wife Ema*



*Vicki L. James with president Earl D. Brooks*

**T**rine University bestowed its top awards on two of its strongest supporters.

The Pillar of Success award was presented to Tomas Furth, a trustee and alumnus who earned two degrees from Tri-State College, now Trine. Furth, for whom the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts is named, has long supported the annual and athletic funds and campus development. In addition, in 1992 he established the Tomas Furth Scholarship Fund for Trine mechanical and chemical engineering students.

"Dr. Tomas Furth can be described in many ways. He is dedicated, passionate and loyal. His generosity has been a positive influence and impacted the lives of many, including faculty, staff and students here at Trine University," Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president, said when presenting Furth with the award in October.

Since 1997, the Pillar award has honored individuals who provide vital support through their commitment, loyalty and dedication.

The Woman of Distinction Award was given to Dr. Vicki L. James, longtime Trine supporter and wife of board chair Dr. Rick L. James, who is also a Tri-State alum. Mrs. James was described as a "thoughtful, compassionate and inspirational" person who "inspires others to give."

"She puts her heart into whatever she does and makes a lasting impact on those around her, helping to improve the lives and standard of living in our communities and helping those in need to become more successful," Brooks said.

Since 2006, the Woman of Distinction Award has recognized the powerful contributions of women in the areas of philanthropy, business and education. It is presented annually to honor Marjorie Bowstrom, a Tri-State University trustee, Zollner Corp. retired board president and chief executive officer, and Zollner Foundation director. ■

## Alum's estate gift will bring new wing to Best Hall *Dr. James Rinker designates \$1.5 million for Trine*



"Watch the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." That's what an alumnus heard from his Scottish grandmother when he was growing up in Kentucky and it's what he credits for enabling him to make a generous \$1.5 million estate gift to Trine University.

"That worked for me because it made me keep my positive goals and priorities in line," said Dr. James R. Rinker, known by many as Dr. Jim.

The retired Binghamton, N.Y., doctor has designated his gift for health sciences and it will be used to add a wing to Best Hall of Science. Plans are in place for the wing that will be named the Dr. James Ross Rinker Memorial Foundation Center for the Sciences, in honor of him and his family.

"Such generous support for our health sciences programs is gratifying," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. "The estate gift from Dr. Rinker truly shows how much he values Trine and the academic programs we offer."

"We're very excited about our commitment to the science center," Dr. Rinker said of the donation from his Rinker-Ross Memorial Foundation. "We determined that a private university such as Trine could use our funds and the foundation is dedicated to Trine. I know that the funds will be well spent for capital needs at Trine University."

Dr. Rinker describes his planned giving to Trine as "a commitment of dedication" because Tri-State, now Trine, helped launch his career. "I am very comforted by the fact that I know the funds will ultimately create an endowment in support of capital needs for these medical programs at Trine," said Dr. Rinker, who has created nine charitable gift annuities with Trine.

Rinker, a 1958 business administration graduate of Tri-State College, has fond memories of his college experience, professors and becoming a part of the Angola community.

Though it's been years since Dr. Rinker earned his degree in Angola, he remains grateful for the advice of his professors. In turn, he shares wisdom with today's students, "My advice is to set positive values, goals and priorities early in life and it will enhance your opportunities for success." ■



*Rendering of Best Hall with the Dr. James Ross Rinker Memorial Foundation Center for the Sciences wing*



# Grad's bequest benefits engineering program

## Endowment supports equipment needs

A 1970 mechanical engineering graduate has made a bequest to Trine University to set up an endowment in the Allen School of Engineering & Technology.

Norman G. Smith, of Swayzee, Ind., said he and his wife, Cheryl, decided to make a \$300,000 estate gift based on his meaningful experience at Tri-State, now Trine.

"We decided to give an estate gift to establish the Norman and Cheryl Smith endowment to support equipment needs for mechanical engineering," he said.

His generous estate gift will help ensure that Trine students have the most current and beneficial equipment with which to learn and gain experience. To leave a bequest for Trine University, contact the Office of Alumni and Development at **260.665.4114** or **alumni@trine.edu**. ■

## Groundbreaking celebrates residence hall construction

Trine University celebrated the groundbreaking for the Larry and Judy Reiners Residence Hall, which is scheduled to be completed in fall 2015.

Enrollment growth brings the need for a new residence hall and "we are here to recognize those who have helped that happen," Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president, said before recognizing Larry Reiners, a Trine University trustee and alumnus, and his wife, Judy. The Oct. 3 celebration was during homecoming weekend.

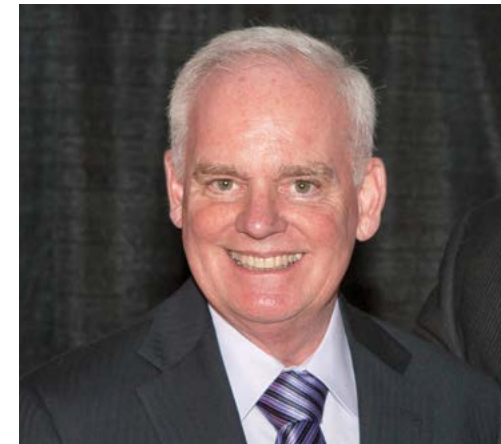
The 170-bed, apartment-style residence hall will feature two-bedroom units with private baths, air conditioning and a common living space and kitchen.

The Reiners Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is also named in their honor. ■



Larry Reiners speaks during the Larry and Judy Reiners Residence Hall groundbreaking ceremony.

# University honors alumni with annual awards



Trine University thanked and honored generous supporters and alumni with a variety of awards. The awards were presented during homecoming festivities in October 2014.

**Brian W. Ness**, a 1980 civil engineering graduate, earned the Outstanding Achievement Alumnus Award, an honor given each year to an alum who has attained a high level of achievement in his or her profession, is well thought of in his or her community and who upholds the ideals of Trine University.

A lifelong transportation professional, Ness became director of the Idaho Transportation Department in 2010. He is responsible for an annual budget of more than \$500 million and provides leadership to more than 1,700 employees.

In just four years as director, Ness presided over one of the most dramatic turnarounds of organizational culture in Idaho state government history. This turnaround now serves as a nationwide model and initiated Ness's recognition as a national leader in organizational change.



Former Alumni Association president **Michael P. Darch** earned the Distinguished Service Alumnus Award, which honors an alum for 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.

Darch graduated from Tri-State College in 1967 with a degree in business administration then began a 32-year career with NCR. He served the company domestically and internationally.

While serving in different managing roles internationally, Darch returned to campus frequently. He and his wife, Donna, were dedicated supporters of the Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium renovation and continue to support Trine University in a variety of ways. Darch is an active member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and is one of six fraternity brothers who built the house in 2009. A member of Skull and Bones, a leadership society, Darch helps coordinate the Skull and Bones reunion at each homecoming.



**Sarah L. Brown**, a 1998 business administration major, is Trine's Distinguished Young Alumna. This award is presented to an alumnus or alumna who is 40 or younger who has performed outstanding service to society in his or her profession, personal achievement or community; 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.

Brown is the director of annual giving & foundation relations in the Office of Alumni and Development, raising funds for scholarships and campus projects. In March, Brown was the recipient of the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Leader of the Year Under 40 award. Brown was named a member of the Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly's 40 under 40 in 2013. She is also a member of the Trine University Athletic Hall of Fame for women's golf and serves on the boards of Junior Achievement, the Young Professional Network and the Steuben County Humane Society.

Brown enjoys reconnecting alumni to their alma mater.

## ALUMNI CUP

The Alumni Association Board of Directors created the Alumni Cup in an effort to encourage alumni participation at homecoming. To qualify, alumni were required to register for homecoming with the Office of Alumni and Development.

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity won for having the most alumni in attendance at the Touchstone and Homecoming Celebration Dinner in October. Other organizations represented were Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Phi Delta and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

If your organization is interested in participating in the next Alumni Cup, begin making plans now for Homecoming 2015 set for Oct. 9-10.



# IN MEMORIAM (current as of March 27, 2015)

## 1930s

Grenfall T. Kline, Marysville, Calif., BSEE 1935, June 24, 2014  
Almeda M. Yorke, St. John, Ind., SEC 1935, Oct. 22, 2014  
Robert L. Gray, Leesburg, Fla., BSME 1936, Jan. 21, 2015  
Helen T. Gillespie, Coldwater, Mich., SEC 1936, July 2, 2014  
Rolland E. Gerrard, Matthews, N.C., BSCE 1937, Jan. 24, 2015  
Edward Williamson, Angola, Ind., BSBA 1938, Sept. 22, 2014  
Glen E. Bates Jr., Big Flats, N.Y., BSME 1938, Dec. 25, 2014  
Howard C. Daudet, Glendale, Ariz., BSME 1939, Sept. 23, 2014  
Robert R. Greene, Indianapolis, BSME 1939, Nov. 20, 2014

## 1940s

Richard B. Bowers, San Bruno, Calif., BSBA 1940, Sept. 17, 2014  
Frederick J. Baker, Fort Wayne, Ind., BSRE 1940, Sept. 17, 2014  
Edward J. Smith, Gary, Ind., BSAE 1941, July 14, 2014  
Robert M. Ferry, Granbury, Texas, BSCH 1941, July 4, 2014  
E. Kenneth Jung, Orlando, Fla., BSCH 1941, Aug. 20, 2014  
John H. Kirkman, Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., BSME 1941 Feb. 22, 2014  
Alice K. Collier, Sarasota, Fla., SEC 1941, Aug. 28, 2014  
Grant T. Clark, South Bend, Ind., BSEE 1942, Jan. 15, 2015  
Zale Miller, Brownsburg, Ind., SRV 1942, June 13, 2013  
James E. Deaver, Show Low, Ariz., BSAE 1943, Jan. 1, 2013  
Ralph E. Darling, San Antonio, Texas, BSAE 1943, June 25, 2014  
Norman O. White, St. Claire Shores, Mich., BSME 1943, Dec. 10, 2014  
Gordon H. Fries, Lancaster, Pa., BSAE 1944, Sept. 4, 2014  
Jake Williams, Cordele, Ga., CE 1944, Sept. 3, 2014  
Solomon Farbman, Dunwoody, Ga., SAEERON 1944, Jan. 1, 2013  
Robert W. Herr, Fort Wayne, Ind., BSAE 1945, Oct. 11, 2014  
Dewitt K. McNagny, Long Beach, Calif., BSAERON 1946, July 19, 2014  
Harold M. Berebitsky, Mishawaka, Ind., BSME 1946, July 13, 2014  
Luvern E. Wood, Sun City, Ariz., BSAC 1947, Jan. 14, 2015  
Clair L. Over, Barberton, Ohio, BSAE 1947, Oct. 18, 2014  
Paul Zanotto, New Kensington, Pa., BSAE 1948, March 15, 2015  
Marion L. Rotramel, Effingham, Ill., BSCE 1948, Aug. 31, 2014  
David Eddy, Richardson, Texas, BSEE 1948, March 20, 2014  
Nicholas D. McKay Sr., Phoenix, BSEE 1948, Nov. 15, 2014  
Robert Metke, Longview, Wash., BSME 1948, Oct. 24, 2014  
William J. Ingham, Elgin, Ill., BSME 1948, Feb. 5, 2015  
Eugene G. Meyer, Yorktown, Ind., BSEE 1949, Oct. 3, 2014  
Vincent Sacco, Brooklyn, N.Y., BSRE 1949, Nov. 9, 2014  
Elbert C. Harmon, Grapevine, Texas, BSRE/BSEE 1948, Nov. 30, 2014  
Malcom "Mal" A. Kaser, Tampa, Fla., ABA 1949, Dec. 6, 2014  
Howard F. DeLong Jr., Chillicothe, Ohio, ME 1949, Feb. 8, 2015

## 1950s

Herb DeLucenay, Plano, Texas, BSAC 1950, Oct. 18, 2014  
Harkey E. Fortier, Fort Myers Beach, Fla., BSAE 1950, Sept. 6, 2014  
Albert R. Petrocy, Monroe, Ohio, BSCE 1950, Nov. 6, 2014

George Matsumura, Centennial, Colo., BSCE 1950, Dec. 9, 2014  
Robert E. Clemensen, Las Vegas, BSENGR 1950, Nov. 4, 2014  
Sydney E. Hagerty, Union, Mich., BSME 1950, Jan. 28, 2014  
John S. Bradin, Huntington, Ind., BSRE 1950, April 23, 2012  
Harold D. Wintheiser, Englewood, Colo., BSRE 1950, March 14, 2014  
Kenneth A. Green, Salem, Mass., BSRE 1950, Sept. 7, 2014  
James W. Cauller, Christiana, Pa., EE 1950, Sept. 7, 2014  
Robert F. Schleicher, Los Lunas, N.M., BSBA 1951, July 16, 2014  
Donald R. Page, Monroe Falls, Ohio, BSBAAC 1951, Nov. 4, 2014  
James A. Parker, Sand Springs, Okla., BSCE 1951, Sept. 17, 2014  
Herbert C. Johnson, Boynton Beach, Fla., BSCE 1951, Jan. 24, 2015  
John C. Persing, Akron, Ohio, BSCE 1951, March 1, 2015  
John C. Wooden, Paoli, Pa., BSME 1951, Sept. 12, 2014  
Val Pirc, Orange, Conn., BSME 1951, Oct. 14, 2014  
Arthur G. Dullinger Jr., Lynn, Mass., BSRE 1951, Oct. 30, 2014  
Ladislaus Kibiloski, Chester, Va., ChE 1951, Jan. 18, 2015  
Harland G. Grim, Springfield, Ill., EE 1951, Dec. 8, 2014  
Raymond Horace Pearson, Richardson, Texas, RE 1951, Nov. 18, 2014  
Stephen Montagnola, Moriah, N.Y., SRV 1951, June 11, 2014  
Chester "Chet" "Pat" Ritterskamp, Noblesville, Ind., BSEE 1952, Dec. 1, 2014  
John E. Nye, Pensacola Fla., BSEE 1952, Feb. 1, 2015  
Henry G. Nold Jr., Naples, Fla., BSENGR 1952, June 2, 2014  
Benedict F. Vitale, Auburn, N.Y., BSME 1952, Aug. 13, 2014  
Kenneth L. Lindquist, Olympia, Wash., BSME 1952, Dec. 19, 2014  
Joseph C. Toman III, Hamilton, Ohio, BSAERON 1954, Dec. 21, 2014  
Frederick H. Scheimann, Simpsonville, S.C., BSBA 1954, Feb. 23, 2012  
Earl Jackson, Marina Del Rey, Calif., BSME 1954, April 6, 2014  
John C. Craig, Noblesville, Ind., BSME 1954, Oct. 7, 2014  
Harold J. Reed, Riverview, Fla., BSBA 1955, July 23, 2014  
Henry J. Scaperoth, Worthington, Ohio, CE 1955, April 12, 2014  
Proctor A. Sherwin, Georgetown, Texas, BSBA 1956, Aug. 4, 2014  
Joseph J. Neton, Appleton, Wis., BSCH 1956, Sept. 16, 2014  
Walter J. Miller, Lake Placid, Fla., BSCE 1955, Oct. 8, 2013  
Harry D. King, Sewickley, Pa., BSME 1955, July 10, 2014  
James M. Galimberti, Fort Mill, S.C., BSME 1956, Jan. 1, 2015  
John James O'Husky, Alpine, Calif., BSAERON 1957, Oct. 7, 2014  
Thomas L. Peacock, Burlington, Ill., BSCE 1957, Jan. 12, 2015  
Virgil K. Tarnow, Rockford, Ill., BSEE 1957, July 29, 2014  
Robert Davidson, Altamonte Springs, Fla., BSEE 1957, Dec. 5, 2014  
Ralph J. Hobart, Leesburg, Fla., BSEE 1957, Feb. 14, 2015  
Bobby Brownlee, Elba, Ala., BSME 1957, Aug. 20, 2014  
Charles E. Norman Jr., Yelm, Wash., BSME 1957, Sept. 5, 2014  
James V. O'Connell, St. Augustine, Fla., BSRE 1957, Nov. 21, 2014  
Jack N. Fletcher, Huntsville, Ala., BSAE 1958, Aug. 12, 2014  
Jose Ruiz, Herrin, Ill., BSCE 1958, Sept. 15, 2014  
Henry R. Zeinstra, Grand Rapids, Mich., BSEE 1958, Aug. 20, 2014  
William "Bill" G. Thomas, Bethel Park, Pa., BSEE 1958, Nov. 1, 2014  
John P. Hill Jr., Fayetteville, N.C., BSEE 1958, Nov. 2, 2014

Amos McKimson, Troy, Mich., BSEE 1958, Nov. 10, 2014  
Carl Deposito, Long Island, N.Y., BSEE 1958, Dec. 28, 2015  
Eugene "Gene" Hanselman, East Rochester, N.Y., BSME 1958, Feb. 8, 2014  
Bernard Capone, Dunnellon, Fla., BSME 1958, July 21, 2014  
Ronald T. Bartrom, Merrillville, Ind., BSCE 1959, Aug. 9, 2014  
James Walbron, Cave Creek, Ariz., BSEE 1959, April 6, 2014  
Earl E. Manwell, Kalamazoo, Mich., BSME 1959, June 29, 2014

## 1960s

Wayne E. Turley, Paris, Ill., BSCE 1960, Jan. 3, 2015  
David A. Bast, Loudon, N.H., BSDDT 1960, Jan. 4, 2014  
Ronald B. Tunncliffe, La Marque, Texas, BSEE 1960, Feb. 13, 2015  
James H. Green, Canton, Ohio, BSME 1960, Jan. 12, 2015  
Ben H. Mott, Welsh, La., BSAC 1961, Aug. 18, 2014  
Hugh G. Babcock, Hudson, Ind., BSBA 1961, Nov. 27, 2014  
Milton "Joe" Hersey, Pleasant Lake, Ind., BSBA 1961, Jan. 8, 2015  
Pascal C. DiMagno, Martinsburg, W. Va., BSCE 1961, July 26, 2014  
John J. Misiolek Jr., York, Pa., BSME 1961, April 24, 2014  
L. Michael Glossinger, Danville, Ill., BSME 1961, Aug. 10, 2014  
James R. Myers, Lima, Ohio, BSCE 1962, July 25, 2014  
Richard Maxwell Ditmars, Auburn, Ind., BSCE 1962, Nov. 9, 2014  
Joseph D. Blackmer, Atlanta, Mich., BSEE 1962, Dec. 25, 2014  
Charles R. Biter, Garrettsville, Ohio, BSBA 1964, June 22, 2014  
James R. Smith, Bremen, Ind., BSME 1964, Feb. 26, 2015  
Robert J. Dymak, Mishawaka, Ind., BSBA 1966, Oct. 22, 2014  
Malcolm D. Green, Galena, Ohio, BSEE 1966, July 28, 2014  
Bruce J. Turner, Wadsworth, Ohio, BSME 1966, Nov. 23, 2014  
Paul Plekan, Buffalo, N.Y., BSBA 1968, April 27, 2013  
Douglas E. Thompson, Ontonagon, Mich., BSBA 1968, Sept. 13, 2014  
Mark Mueller, Ferrysburg, Mich., BSBA 1969, Oct. 23, 2014

## 1970s

Don Cerrato, Bethlehem, Pa., BSBA 1970, Sept. 14, 2014  
Joseph E. Goldthwaite, Sheffield, Pa., BSBA 1970, Dec. 22, 2014  
David E. Ballinger, Angola, Ind., BSBA 1970, Jan. 26, 2015  
William A. Sharpsteen, Clearwater, Fla., BSEE 1971, July 14, 2014  
Richard C. Gens, Orland, Ind., BSBA 1972, May 10, 2014  
Richard A. Yeoman Jr., Greenwood, Ind., BSME 1972, Sept. 14, 2014

## 1980s

William Forshey, Fleming, Ohio, BSCE 1984, July 28, 2014  
Virginia Rhodes, Lexington, Ky., SCI 1986, Aug. 6, 2014

## 1990s

Maryann K. Berry, New Haven, Ind., ACRJ 1992, March 4, 2015

## 2000s

Shannon N. Squire, Churubusco, Ind., BAMGT 2006, July 15, 2014



Photograph by Scott Gibson

## IN MEMORIAM

# Generosity of 1931 alum Sponsel leaves indelible mark on campus

## Former trustee was second oldest alumnus

From farm boy to inventor to entrepreneur, Clifford W. Sponsel enjoyed a full and adventurous life and was dedicated to helping others and Trine University.

Dr. Sponsel, second oldest living alumnus of Trine University, died Dec. 29, 2014 in California. He was born July 27, 1910.

Dr. Sponsel, 104, graduated from Tri-State College in 1931 with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1999, received the Distinguished Service Award in 1977; the Pillar of Success Award, Trine's highest honor, in 2007; and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Engineering in 1985. For his 100th birthday on July 27, 2010, the university observed Dr. Clifford W. Sponsel Day on campus.

"We are saddened by the loss of Cliff and are grateful for the friendship and support provided by Cliff and his wife, Juliette," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. "Cliff's dedication and generosity to Trine is evident on our campus and will benefit future generations, too."

Trine's C.W. Sponsel Administration Building, for which Dr. Sponsel donated \$1 million, is named in his honor. Also bearing his name are Sponsel Towers in Fawick Hall and Sponsel Library in the Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center. In October 2012, Trine dedicated the mural "Giving Back: From Birth through Education to the End of Life," which reflects Sponsel's life. The mural was designed by his wife. He was also responsible for the renovation of the bookstore space in the former Ford Library.

- Lauren Keyser, psychology and communication '15

## Lecturer shared political experiences

### Students say Helmke was 'supportive, interested'

The Trine University community mourned the loss of a beloved professor, colleague and friend in November.

Mark Helmke, 62, died Nov. 1, 2014, at his home.

Craig Laker, dean of the Jannen School of Arts and Sciences, said that Helmke "provided an in-depth view and perspective of national and international relations from first-hand experiences which were incredibly valuable to our students and fellow faculty."

"Professor Helmke was very different from other professors because of his unique background and experiences," said junior social studies education major Tyler Marx. "[He] was very supportive and interested in his students and was very interested to hear our opinions on topics."

Student, family friend and neighbor James Clary said he used his lifetime of political work to benefit his teaching.

"I will always remember the experiences he had in his political career that he shared," Clary, a senior social studies education major, said. "It was a life-changing experience itself to simply listen to his stories from his life."

Helmke was a longtime aide to former Sen. Richard Lugar and had begun his career as a journalist at the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette.

- Catherine E. Porter, marketing and communication '16



## Retired professor Fiandt taught 20 years at Trine

### Government, political science, history were favorite topics

Trine lost a longtime professor and friend with the March 26, 2015 passing of John H. Fiandt.

Mr. Fiandt taught for Tri-State/Trine for 20 years, retiring in 2014. His classes focused on government and American politics. In addition, he led students individually in readings in American history and in world history. After Mark Helmke's unexpected death

in fall 2014, Mr. Fiandt taught Mr. Helmke's class on political geography. Mr. Fiandt had taught at Angola High School before joining Trine.

Fiandt graduated from Angola High School in 1958, received his bachelor's degree from Ball State University and his master's degree from the University of Notre Dame. He will be remembered fondly by many students.



IN MEMORIAM



Alum McBride was strong ambassador

His work as historian also remembered

A champion and longtime ambassador of Tri-State and Trine passed away in November.

John McBride, 89, died Nov. 11, 2014, after having a stroke a couple days earlier. For years, John served as director of the Office of Alumni & Development and will be long remembered for his work as Trine’s historian.

Mr. McBride was a friend, alumnus, retired employee and faithful supporter. He retired from Trine University in fall 2010 after 27 years of service. In 1997, he was bestowed with Trine’s highest honor, the Pillar of Success award for his commitment, loyalty and dedication to the university.

John graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He was presented an honorary doctorate in business in 2005. While at the university, he had also served as advisor for Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

“Our hearts are with John’s wife, Virginia, and family as we recognize the enormous loss they have suffered,” Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president, said at the time of the passing. “The Trine University family is also feeling the void left by John, a perennial cheerleader and ambassador for this university.”

- Lauren Keyser, psychology and communication '15

Trine University mourns passing of former adjunct professor



A former adjunct professor at Trine has died and his family has started a scholarship in his name.

Theodore “Ted” J. Lantz died March 24, 2015, in Rochester, Mich. He was an adjunct professor at Trine, where he taught economics from an engineering perspective for a decade. Prior to his time at Trine, Mr. Lantz spent 37 years as a mechanical engineer for General Electric. After his retirement, he worked as a mechanical and manufacturing engineering consultant.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Ted and Nancy Lantz Engineering Scholarship at Trine University. To contribute, contact the Office of Alumni & Development at 260.665.4114 or alumni@trine.edu.

- Catherine E. Porter, marketing and communication '16

Alum dedicated life to community involvement

Memorial scholarship honors Ballinger



Photograph by Eyster Photo and Graphics, Bill Eyster

An alumnus and former employee died in late January after a battle with cancer.

David Edwin “Bal” Ballinger, 67, of Angola, died Jan. 26, 2014, at his home. He was a 1970 graduate of Tri-State College, majoring in management. He served as vice president of Institutional Advancement and vice president of Financial and Fiscal Affairs with Tri-State University from 1992 to 2002.

He went on to serve as vice president of business development with Wells Fargo Bank until 2005. In 2014, he retired after nine years as senior vice president-branch administration with Farmers State Bank.

His family has created the David Ballinger Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor his memory. Those who wish to contribute may contact the Office of Alumni & Development at 260.665.4114 or alumni@trine.edu.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Ellen M. (Pike) Ballinger of Angola; one daughter, Jessica L. Ballinger of Angola, and two grandchildren.

Longtime coach focuses on Thunder athletic programs

Abbs promoted to head coach of football

Trine University has promoted a longtime coach to direct its growing athletics program. As part of the restructuring, a seasoned assistant coach will take the helm of Thunder football.

Matt Land, who has served as head football coach since 2006 and athletic director since 2012, has accepted the new role of assistant vice president for athletics, effective immediately. In this new administrative role, Land teams with other campus officers to coordinate all facets of the athletics program. These collaborative efforts include recruitment and retention of student-athletes, fundraising, program development and day-to-day leadership for athletics.

Troy Abbs, who has served as assistant coach/defensive coordinator under Land, has been named head coach of the football team.

“Matt has done an excellent job serving in both roles and now he will be able to focus strictly on an administrative role as he oversees the athletics program,” said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. “Troy has been a part of the program for years. He will ensure a smooth transition and maintain the quality of Trine football.

“As we grow, we want to be sure we provide support and quality facilities to offer our student-athletes the best experience academically and athletically,” Brooks said. ■



New head coach Troy Abbs

eye on the storm



New assistant vice president for athletics Matt Land



# EXCELLING ON *and* OFF THE FIELD

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**T**wo Trine student-athletes have been recognized for their work on the field and in the classroom.

Aaron Wolf became the first Trine football Academic All-American® since the school joined NCAA Division III in 2004.

Wolf was one of three members of the Academic All-America® teams that boasts a perfect 4.0 grade point average. An accounting major, Wolf has been a member of the MIAA Honor Roll three times and is working toward earning that distinction a fourth time. The senior finished seventh in the MIAA with 6.5 sacks, a mark that ranks seventh in a single-season in team history. Wolf recorded 55 tackles, including 8.5 for loss. He also forced a fumble, picked up a fumble recovery, notched a pass break-up and blocked an extra-point.

Taylor Rabel earned recognition on the 2014 Capital One Academic All-District® women's volleyball team. Rabel was named a second-team honoree in District 7, which includes schools in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Rabel excelled in the classroom with a 3.81 GPA in mechanical engineering. The junior has been recognized on the MIAA Honor Roll each year she has been eligible. She averaged 3.58 kills per set as the top attacker on a team that had its best season as a member of NCAA Division III. ■



## season recaps



### men's basketball

Paced by three All-MIAA performers, the men's basketball team earned its best season as a member of NCAA Division III. The Thunder finished 17-9 overall and finished second in the MIAA to earn the team's first-ever home game in the conference tournament. Junior Jared Holmquist and sophomore Will Dixon earned First-Team All-MIAA honors, while senior Tyler Good was named to the second-team.

### women's basketball

The women's basketball team enjoyed a resurgent season under first-year head coach Ryan Gould. The Thunder finished 15-10, earning its highest win total since 2002-03. The nine-win improvement from last season was the best one-year jump in wins in 20 years. The team tied for fourth in the MIAA. Junior guard Whitney Shaffer was named to the All-MIAA Second Team.

### men's cross country

The men's cross country team had its best season since 2007 in placing fourth in the MIAA. The Thunder was recognized for efforts in the classroom, receiving Team All-Academic distinction from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Adam Schaaf was a First-Team All-MIAA performer and earned All-Academic honors from the USTFCCCA.

### women's cross country

The women's cross country team wrapped up the season with a seventh-place finish in the MIAA. The Thunder earned one of the best GPAs in the nation and earned Team All-Academic honors from the USTFCCCA.

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## VIDEO LIVE-STREAMING

Trine Thunder athletics has added video live-streaming for select sports.

Fans will be able to view live video for home events in Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium and Hershey Hall, including football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball. Video streaming is combined with live audio from WEAX radio and play-by-play announcer Aaron Coyle when available. Select other sports will be live-streamed as scheduling permits.

Viewers will have the option to tune in to live video embedded in a live stats scoreboard page. Fans can tune in to video broadcasts by accessing a team's schedule page on [trinethunder.com](http://trinethunder.com) and clicking the video or live stats link for a particular event.

Trine guard Taylor Cole





# season recaps

## football

Led by nine all-conference performers, the football team tied for second with Albion. The Thunder finished the season 6-4, including a 4-2 mark in conference play. Senior defensive lineman Aaron Wolf was named the first Academic All-American in Trine football history. Quarterback Taylor Masiewicz was named MIAA Offensive MVP to headline the team's all-conference honors. Defensive end Ryan Hogan was named D3Football.com Third-Team All-Region after becoming the school's all-time leader in sacks.

## men's golf

The men's golf team won four MIAA Jamborees on its way to a second-place finish in the league. Cody Knapp earned First-Team All-MIAA honors, while Corey Bremigan and Connor Dwyer each earned second-team honors. Brandon Snell was honored with the MIAA Sportsmanship Award.

## women's golf

The women's golf team placed fourth in the MIAA to earn the chance to compete for an automatic-qualifying berth in the NCAA Championships this spring. Amy Worthington earned First-Team All-MIAA honors and won individual medalist honors in a Jamboree, while Julia DeBelly was named second-team all-conference.

## men's soccer

The men's soccer team wrapped up the 2014 campaign with an eighth-place finish in the conference. Senior goalkeeper Chris Stewart concluded his career as Trine's leader in saves in the Division III era.

## women's soccer

For the second consecutive year, a young team was competitive in most contests but finished ninth in the conference. Junior goalkeeper Skyler Reed and senior defender Trisha King each earned All-MIAA Second Team honors.

## men's track and field

For the second consecutive indoor season, Tyler Bourdo earned All-America honors in the 400-meter dash. The senior placed seventh in the nation at the NCAA Division III National Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C.

## women's track and field

Kara Eck and Trisha King's performances gave the Thunder women two national qualifiers. Eck earned the first All-America honor of her career, placing sixth in the nation in the weight throw. King fell just short of All-American honors in the 800-meter run, but ended up placing ninth in the nation.

## wrestling

Thunder wrestlers Mack Green and Brandon Preston each earned return trips to the National Championships. Green won the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional heavyweight title and was ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation in his weight class. Preston fought off injuries to earn his third consecutive appearance in the national meet.

## volleyball

The volleyball team had its best season as a member of Division III, finishing 24-6 and in third place in the MIAA. Setter Carly Searles was named First-Team All-MIAA, while freshman libero Mikayla Carpenter earned second team honors. Taylor Rabel received accolades for her performance on the court and in the classroom with Academic All-District honors from Capital One.



Trine wide receiver  
Anthony Yoder

# SEARLES REWRITES RECORD BOOKS

Trine's Carly Searles has rewritten the Trine softball record books and set several national records in her senior season.

Searles set the all-time NCAA Division III record for career hits as Trine won the MIAA Tournament Championship game against Alma. The senior led off the game with a home run to tie the all-time mark and later added a single through the middle for her 300th-career hit. Searles is the only player in Division III history with 300-career hits. She broke a 20-year old record in the process of setting the new mark.

Searles became the all-time leader in triples and runs scored in NCAA Division III history. Searles notched 48 career triples and threatened the all-time NCAA mark for all divisions, which is 51. Searles' assault on the all-time triples mark earned her recognition on the ESPNW page of ESPN.com.

Searles also entered the NCAA record books earlier this year with a streak of 16 hits in 16-consecutive at-bats. The streak fell just one short of the NCAA record and is the second-longest such streak in collegiate softball history. The feat earned Searles recognition as the Louisville Slugger/NECA Division III National Hitter of the Week.



The three-time All-American won her second-career MIAA batting title, leading the conference with a .608 batting average in conference play. Searles became the conference's all-time leader in career hits, batting average and triples in league play.

Over the course of her four-year career at Trine, Searles set program-best marks for batting average, on-base percentage, hits, triples, stolen bases, total bases, runs scored and games started. She also ranks in the top 10 in team history in home runs, RBIs, doubles and walks.

In addition to her prowess on the softball diamond, Searles was also a standout volleyball player during her time at Trine. She earned two all-conference honors and reached the 2,000-assist and 1,000-dig plateaus during her volleyball career.

Searles also received the 2015 Shari Coons Award that recognizes a female athlete who demonstrates scholarship, leadership and citizenship. ■





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## Thunder continues MIAA reign

The Trine softball team capped off another successful season that saw the team advance to the NCAA Regionals for the eighth consecutive year.

The Thunder won its fourth consecutive MIAA Championship during the regular season and followed that up with its third-straight MIAA Tournament title. Trine was ranked as high as fifth in the nation during the regular season. The team earned a trip to the Greencastle Regional, where the Thunder won two games before being eliminated in the championship round. Trine concluded the season with a 39-5 record.

Trine's senior class of Carly Searles, Bree Fuller, Leah Hall, Jamie Schnarr, Amy Newell and Rachel Harris concluded their careers as the team's first graduating class to win a conference championship all four years. The senior class accumulated a record of 160-26 over the course of its Trine playing careers.

This year's team set school records for the best batting average, most doubles and most stolen bases in a season.

The Thunder produced six National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region performers and had eight players honored on the All-MIAA teams. Searles was named MIAA

Most Valuable Position Player, while Justine Robles earned MIAA Most Valuable Pitcher honors.

Included among the team's feats was a dramatic, comeback victory in the MIAA Tournament championship. Trine rallied back from three runs down with two outs in the seventh inning to force extra innings and went on to win the title in eight innings.

The team celebrated the opening of SportONE/Parkview Softball Field with an 18-1 record on the home diamond, which included clinching the MIAA Tournament title in front of the home fans. ■



## Donors serve ace with new Ryan Tennis Center

Generous donors are serving up a new tennis facility with more courts and a plaza.

Construction of the Ryan Tennis Center began in May. The center is named for lead donors Cliff Ryan, a Trine University trustee and 1966 alumnus, and his wife, Sig. The facility will feature two new tennis courts, bringing the total to six courts, along with seating and a plaza area to allow for tournament officiating.

"Thanks to dedicated alumni and friends, such as the Ryans, Trine is able to update its athletic facilities for our competitive tennis teams and all students," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. "This project is one part of the more than \$155 million that Trine has raised and invested in the campus in the past 10 years."

Trine plans to dedicate Ryan Tennis Center during homecoming weekend, Oct. 9-10. ■



## Employee remembered as friend, champion



### Les Gowthrop enjoyed Thunder athletics

The campus community lost an advocate, friend and employee with the death of Leslie A. Gowthrop.

Mr. Gowthrop, 64, worked in the maintenance department from October 1997 to September 2013 and then began driving for the athletic teams. He greatly enjoyed watching sports, especially the softball team. Outside of Trine, he was a member of the Angola Christian Church and former superintendent for the Steuben County 4-H Rabbit Barn. He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31, and enjoyed drawing, painting and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He was surrounded by his family when he died April 10, 2015, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. He was born Dec. 29, 1950, in Steuben County.

Campus minister Travis Wilhelm led a tree dedication ceremony in memory of Les Gowthrop on April 17. Trine students, athletes and friends shared memories and offered condolences. The ceremony took place near Fabiani Hall and Platt Hall along Thunder Drive.

His presence and passion will be greatly missed by his Trine University family. ■

— Lauren Keyser, psychology and communication '15





# 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., may be submitted to Racheal Benner at [bennerr@trine.edu](mailto:bennerr@trine.edu).

Join Trine's alumni Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/354857265034/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/354857265034/)

### 1940s

**Ora Clark Jr., 1948 AE**, will soon celebrate his 90th birthday and the birth of his 15th grandchild. He currently devotes time to family genealogy research. He would love to hear from classmates and can be reached through email at [baror98@gmail.com](mailto:baror98@gmail.com).

### 1950s

**Norman S. Craven, 1951 AE**, was a member of Sigma Mu Sigma fraternity, pin number 576, while at Tri-State. He retired from Boeing in 1998. His wife, Jacqueline, who was a registered nurse, passed away in 2000. He then moved to the Cascade Mountains of Washington and enjoys hiking and skiing. He is an active pilot, flight instructor and member of The United Flying Octogenarians (UFOs).

**Meredith W. Fry, PE, 1952 CE**, received an MA degree in economics from Ball State in 1985 and has enjoyed hosting international students and traveling abroad with his wife. In 1971 the Institute of Traffic Engineers conducted a Study Mission to Munich, Berlin, Moscow, Paris and London and Meredith was a member of the group. After his wife passed away in 2013, he took a trip to meet Japanese students in Tokyo.

**Elbert (Bert) Bennett, 1958 CE**, has been retired for more than 20 years from ODOT of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He and his wife reside near their two daughters and four grandsons. He would enjoy connecting with former classmates through email at [ejbsilver6@gmail.com](mailto:ejbsilver6@gmail.com).

**Richard Wantshouse, 1959 EE**, and wife Ruth recently celebrated 62 years of marriage. Richard retired from project management with IBM in 1989. They enjoy experiencing the success of their son, Mark, and daughters, Donna and Denise, along with their six grandchildren.

### 1960s

**Gary Green, 1962 AE**, and his wife Bonnie have enjoyed traveling to visit former classmates and vacationing with their children and grandchildren. He would like to connect with friends and classmates. He can be contacted by phone at 281.479.733 or 281.515.7916 and by email at [garygreen2@comcast.net](mailto:garygreen2@comcast.net).

**Michael McGraw, 1964 BAD**, retired from R.R. Donnelley in 2002 after 37 years and moved with his wife Linda to Virginia Beach, Va., in 2003. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2014 by traveling to Rome and Florence. They enjoy being involved in church and community activities and spending time with their grandchildren.

**Dennis Miner, 1964 ChE**, greatly enjoyed the 50th class reunion during Homecoming 2014 and reconnecting with former roommate **John McIlvoy, 1964 EE**.

**Bob Clendening, 1968 AERON**, retired from GE Aircraft Engine Division after 35 years in 2004. He enjoys spending his retirement in Wakefield, Mass. and Scottsdale, Ariz.

### 1970s

**Jim Highfield, 1970 BSME**, has been appointed district deputy for the Knights of Columbus for Three Rivers, Centerville, White Pigeon, Sturgis, Bronson, and Coldwater, Mich., and oversees more than 600 members and families.

**Linda Piersimoni, 1979 SEC**, was promoted to manager of enrollment operations at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

**Helene Walther, 1979 BSEE**, was promoted to channel sales manager within Analog Devices of St. Paul, Minn.

### 1980s

**Reni Abraham, 1983 ChE**, completed a doctorate degree in education in May 2013 at the age of 51.

**Timothy D. Crall, 1984 BSCE**, has been promoted to president of Entellus, Inc. Tim joined Entellus in 2003 and has served as the firm's senior vice president and principal for development services, survey and construction administration. Entellus, Inc., is a full-service civil engineering firm specializing in public works and private development projects throughout Arizona.

### 1990s

**Teresa Knight, 1991 ABA, 1998 BSMGT**, is an admission coordinator at Trine University. After working 17 years at Cooper Standard Automotive, "I've now returned to the admission office which feels like I've returned home," she said.

### 1990s

**Danielle Bash, 1998 BSMGT**, completed her Dhaka, Bangladesh assignment with the United States Agency for International Development in August 2014. She then began a four-year assignment to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She is a foreign service officer working in the Office of Financial Management.

### 2000s

**Dawnn (Pool) Ripberger, 2003 BAMGT**, was surprised by a marriage proposal after the Charlie Daniels concert in October 2014. Michael Ripberger proposed to Dawnn while in Ryan Concert Hall, immediately after the performance. Michael made the proposal unique by popping the question on a screen-printed shirt that was hidden by another shirt.



They married Nov. 15, 2014, and make their home in Liberty. Dawnn is a marketing and program associate at the Innovation Center, Richmond.

**Elizabeth (Beard) Garr, 2004 BSME**, was presented with the Citizen Engineer award



from the Fort Wayne Engineers Club (FWEC) by Jake Dinius of the Northeast

Indiana DiscoverE Committee during the annual Engineers Week Banquet held at Indiana Tech.

**Vince Barletto, 2004 EE**, and his wife Tara welcomed a baby girl, Ruby Marie Barletto, on Aug. 13, 2014. Ruby spent four weeks in the hospital and is now healthy and getting bigger each day.

**Jeremy Troutman, 2008 DDT, and wife Rachel, 2009 COM**, welcomed a son,



Braxton Clay Troutman on Oct. 24, 2014.

**Mathew Iacobelli, 2009 MGT**, and wife Tania recently welcomed their first child,



Milania Mirella Iacobelli. Mathew was also promoted to production manager at Sun-Brite Foods Inc.

**Kenneth P. Wilson Sr., 2009 MK**, and wife Ashley welcomed a son, Kenneth P. Wilson Jr., on Nov. 25, 2014.

## class notes

### 2010s

**Travis Crowe, 2010 DET**, married Kathleen Crowe on Aug. 17, 2013.

**Gregory Janisse, 2010 BAGS**, married **Ashley (Runyon) Janisse, 2011 CRJ**, in September 2014.

**Chase Coffield, 2011 BSBA**, recently celebrated one year as account executive for Pro Med Urgent Care and has been residing in Austin, Texas for four years.

**Derrick Nixon, 2011 SMGT, and Megan (Ziele) Nixon, 2011 CE**, were married June 14, 2014, in Noblesville, Ind. after meeting their freshman year. They celebrated



with many Tri-State/Trine friends. Derrick is working for Walgreens and Megan is working for Weihe Engineers in Indianapolis.

**Emily Chancellor, 2012 ENG, 2003 COM, 1998 AENG**, married Gerald P. Heimann on Feb. 23, 2015.

**Derek Bycraft, 2013 SMGT**, completed his MA in sport management at the University of Michigan in April.

**Zach Dean, 2013 CE, and Emily Sidwell, 2013 ChE**, were married Oct. 18, 2014.

**Brittany Minnich, 2014 ChE**, works at Resolution Labs in Fort Wayne as a field service engineer. She enjoys coaching cheerleading for girls in sixth through eighth grades. On May 2, 2015, she married Kyle Zembala.

**Jacob Williams, 2014 CE**, plans to marry Cortney Watson on June 27, 2015.



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