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Excited Trine University students and fans of Thunder hockey twirl their rally rings, given to the first 1,000 fans who attended, at Trine's inaugural men's NCAA Division III hockey game on Oct. 27 in the Thunder Ice Arena. Trine scored the opening goal against the University of Wisconsin-Stout before falling 2-1 to the Blue Devils.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This is truly a remarkable time in the history of Trine University.

During Homecoming, we had the privilege of dedicating the new Thunder Ice Arena, a beautiful facility that will serve as the home of Trine's men's and women's hockey teams as well as a variety of youth hockey and community skating programs. In January, the MTI Center began hosting MIAA conference basketball games, in addition to bowling and esports, in one of the finest small college arenas in the nation.

This fall, we will open a new residence hall to accommodate continued record growth in our student body. As you will read in this issue, Trine not only welcomed the largest freshman class in its history this fall, but a class that showed significant improvement academically over the previous year.

While we celebrate this unprecedented growth, it will never come at the expense of the elements that make a Trine education special. We remain committed to providing a career-focused education through personal attention from expert, caring faculty, preparing graduates to succeed, lead and serve.

You can see this reflected in the stories of our campus community. A group from Trine's chapter of Engineers Without Borders traveled to Ecuador in September to help design a solution for a remote village struggling to get clean water. At Homecoming, we recognized several alumni for their distinguished service to the university and their communities. Our football team played in the NCAA Division III national tournament after an undefeated regular season. Several Trine faculty and staff received special recognition this past fall for their work.

As always, I encourage you to visit [trine.edu](http://trine.edu) for the latest Trine University updates. There are many exciting happenings these days at Trine, and we are always glad to share them with you!

Sincerely,



Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D.  
Trine University President



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# Faculty, staff honored for excellence

Trine University faculty and staff received a number of different awards for their work during the fall semester.

Four Trine University faculty members were honorees for the 2017 Education Awards, presented by Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly. The awards recognize outstanding teachers in northeast Indiana who engage and inspire their students individually and as a group encouraging lifelong learning.

Trine University had the most awards of the local universities that had faculty named.

John Milliken, J.D., professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, Psychology and Social Services and assistant vice president for academic services, was named the winner of the IPFW Leadership Award for Higher Education.

James Canino, Ph.D., associate professor in the Wade Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, was named the winner of the IPFW Emerging Star Award.

Mark Kays, director of instrumental music, was named Music Teacher of the Year.

Bill Maddock, associate professor in the Ketner School of Business, was honored for Teaching Excellence in Sports.

Two Trine University faculty members were honored by Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly with 2017 Healthcare Awards during a ceremony on Oct. 26.

Max Baumgartner, P.T., Ph.D., dean of the Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences, received the Advancement in Healthcare award.

Dawn LaBarbera, Ph.D., PA-C, DFAAPA, director of Trine University's emerging Master of Physician Assistant Studies program, was recognized as the Physician Assistant of the Year.

The awards recognize individuals and organizations making significant contributions to the quality of health care in northeast Indiana. The honorees — 13 in all — were selected by a panel of judges from nominations submitted online.

LaBarbera also received the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science annual College of Health Professions Distinguished Alumnus Award on Sept. 9. The award was given as part of the fifth annual RFU Fest, held at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel in Chicago. LaBarbera is only the fourth recipient of the award.

She earned a Master of Science in physician assistant studies from Rosalind Franklin University, then called Finch University, in

1994, earning the university's Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. The Distinguished Alumnus Award recognized her work in the early growth and development of RFU's physician assistant program, her clinical practice, her work in the development of the Fort Wayne Area Interprofessional Education Consortium, her advocacy for the physician assistant profession and her work as a presenter, lecturer and expert in curriculum development.

Trine also earned a Business Excellence Award from Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly, which Business Weekly says honors the very best in northeast Indiana business.

The university was recognized in the Best Use of Instagram category. Debbie Richard, director of digital marketing for Trine, oversees the university's Instagram account and accepted the award at a ceremony on Nov. 2. ■



James Canino, Ph.D.



Mark Kays



Bill Maddock



John Milliken, J.D.



Max Baumgartner, P.T., Ph.D.



Dawn LaBarbera, Ph.D., PA-C, DFAAPA



Debbie Richard



## Student voting earns national recognition

The first ALL IN Challenge Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C., saw Trine University honored with a Best in Class Award for having the most improved student voting rate within the four-year, small, private institution category. Trine's effort was led by Gretchen M. Miller, assistant to the president and chief of staff.

Trine also earned a Bronze Seal for achieving a student voting rate between 50 and 59 percent.

The ceremony, held Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Knight Conference Center at the Newseum, recognized colleges and universities committed to increasing college student voting rates. ■



## ACJA chapter wins 22 regional awards

Trine University's Tau Alpha Omicron (TAO) chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA—Lambda Alpha Epsilon) won 22 of 89 possible awards at the organization's regional conference in October.

The Trine chapter hosted the conference Oct. 13-14 in Auburn. Students, alumni and faculty competed against five other chapters/colleges from throughout the Midwest in four categories: written examinations, handgun competition, crime scene investigation and physical agility. ■



## Chem-E Car team 6th at international competition

A team of Trine University chemical engineering students placed sixth at an international competition to build a car that starts and stops using only chemical reactions.

Forty-one colleges from around the world participated in the 19th Annual Chem-E-Car Competition, held the weekend of Oct. 28 in conjunction with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) annual meeting in Minneapolis.

Trine's team — consisting of Jedidiah Bowen, a senior from Hamilton, Indiana; Daniel Barzycki, a senior from Hebron, Indiana; Roger Chase, a junior from Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Ryan Kosek, a junior from South Bend, Indiana — qualified for the national competition after placing at regional competition in Chicago in the spring. ■



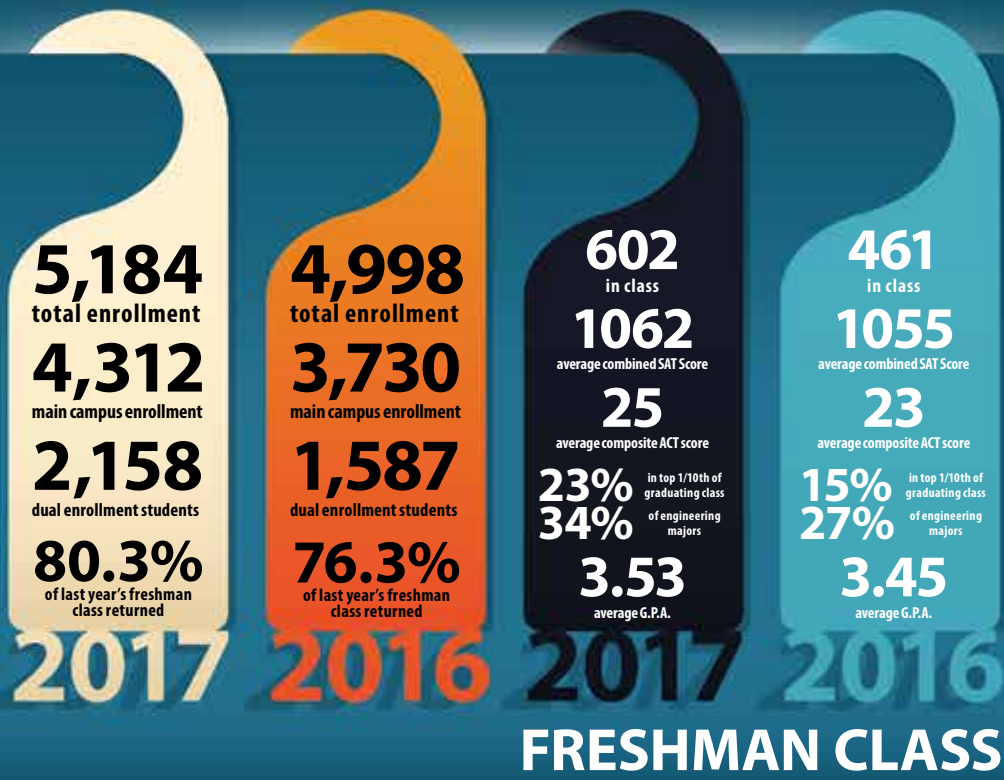
## Trine continues to shine in the news

In addition to the awards Trine University and its faculty, staff and students have received, the university has gained attention from news media for, among other things, the Swim Reaction Lights, Hall of Innovation, Thunder Ice Arena and another year of record enrollment. To see the latest being reported about Trine, go to [trine.edu/news](http://trine.edu/news) and click "Trine in the News." ■



# Fall 2017 enrollment by the numbers

Trine University once again experienced a record year of fall enrollment, according to final headcount figures released in September. Included in those numbers were the university's largest freshman class ever, which showed gains academically over the freshman class in the fall of 2016. ■



## New residence hall under construction

The Trine University Board of Trustees has approved a more-than-170-bed residence hall to be located next to the Larry and Judy Reiners Residence Hall. The decision was made in order to meet increased housing needs on campus brought about by Trine's significant growth. On Aug. 11, trustees approved the expansion along with an expansion of the food service kitchen area as well as the construction of a new bookstore. The residence hall is under construction and will cost \$6.5 million. It is expected to open in August 2018. The move is part of an overall strategy to support the growing student population on Trine University's main campus, which is experiencing its fourth straight year of record enrollment. "Our number one priority is to continuously improve the student experience at Trine University, and this addition will help us more comfortably house our growing residential student body," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. "We also have brought more faculty on board, restructured and expanded parking on campus, expanded our health center, and are looking to expand our dining options, among other initiatives." ■

# Ecuadorian village gets help from Trine engineers

With only a simple system of pipes and tanks, the people of Comuna Guangaje in Ecuador often struggle to get clean water. Members of the Trine University Engineers Without Borders (EWB) chapter traveled to the village in September to help work on a better solution.

The group — consisting of Rebecca Plantz, a senior from Dewitt, Michigan, majoring in civil engineering; Brad Whitehead, a senior from Elkhart, Indiana, majoring in civil engineering; Eric Romanowski, a junior from Columbia City, Indiana, majoring in mechanical engineering; and Tim Tyler, Ph.D., dean of the Allen School of Engineering and Technology — worked with members from the Indianapolis Professional Chapter of EWB to conduct an initial assessment in the village, located about three hours south of Quito.

"The community consists of about 400 indigenous people who are mostly poor farmers," said Tyler. "They had a simple water system installed about 10 years ago that consisted of a pipe network and some tanks that connect existing springs to the people's homes. The water is not treated and flows only by gravity to their homes. Unfortunately, some of the springs run dry at times and the system is not very efficient, so they frequently have to carry water from a distance."

After the community applied for help from EWB, the organization's national review board approved the project. EWB awarded it to the Indianapolis Chapter, which invited Trine's student chapter to be a partner.

The group left for Ecuador on Sept. 17 and stayed for two days in Quito to get used to the altitude, then drove to Comuna Guangaje, where they stayed four days.

Romanowski said the group received a heroes' welcome when they arrived in the village.

"The entire community ran out of their village with flowers, traditional festival costumes and hugs to greet us," he said.

The group stayed in the local community building, sleeping in sleeping bags and eating food cooked by community members.

While there, the team split up, with some members surveying existing springs and



Members of Trine University's Engineers Without Borders (EWB) chapter sit with people from Comuna Guangaje in Ecuador. Pictured are: front row, left, Rebecca Plantz; third from left, Tim Tyler, Ph.D.; third from right, Eric Romanowski; and right, Brad Whitehead.

structures using GPS equipment and others interviewing residents about their water usage — with questions translated from English to Spanish to Quichua. The team also tested water for coliform bacteria, and located new sources of water and tested those.

"It is surprising how much you can learn from being a stranger in someone's world," said Plantz. "It gives you a different perspective on the everyday things you take for granted or things you miss because of what you have."

Whitehead said that in addition to giving him a perspective on life in another country, the experience helped him develop teamwork and problem-solving skills.

"Spending a week in a remote location with the same group of people working toward the same goal is a fantastic way to develop personal skills," he said. "Everyone is relying on each other to fulfill their responsibilities."

Favorite memories for Romanowski include playing soccer with the younger boys and large groups from the village coming to watch the team do its work. He also said

he will remember the difficulty breathing, harsh weather and rough environment of the area.

"All of these stick in my mind, which not only makes me happy that I was able to experience it for myself, but also able to help those who truly need and deserve it," he said.

The next phase of the project is for Trine engineering students to work with the Indianapolis Chapter to design several alternatives for a new system and select one that meets all the needs of the community — Plantz and Whitehead will be part of a group working on this phase for their senior design project. Once the final design is approved, another team will go to Ecuador to assist with construction.

"Some of us who went on this trip will return, but other students will get to the opportunity to go as well," said Tyler.

The construction trip is planned for fall 2018. In the meantime, the group will focus on raising funds to buy the materials needed to construct the new water system. Those interested in contributing to the project can email [trine.ewb@live.com](mailto:trine.ewb@live.com). ■



# ALL WORK AND ALL PLAY

## CGPS student helps build family business

It takes a lot of hard work for people to have fun.

For Natalie Rouch, helping people have fun has included working on a business degree at Trine University's Centreville, Michigan, Education Center through the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Rouch's husband Ben and his brother Jamey are owners of Rouch World, which opened in the spring of 2017 near Sturgis, Michigan. Rouch World features a 90-acre area for off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiasts – owners of ATVs, motorcycles, trucks, jeeps and anything else they want to bring – to take their vehicles up hills, through mud and tunnels, and even up rock and tire climbs.

The park also includes an event center that hosts weddings, corporate retreats and similar events.

Besides moving dirt and placing rocks and tires to create the recreation areas, duties like record-keeping and marketing need to happen for Rouch World to serve the 150 to 200 ORV aficionados who visit each weekend. That's where Natalie comes in, providing secretarial and marketing functions.

"Right now, my main role is establishing a customer database in our point of sale system for Rouch Off-Road, which is part of Rouch World, and sharing managerial financing responsibilities with my husband," she said. "I'm also marketing our business through social media and managing our official websites (rouchworld.com and rouchoff-road.com)."

Rouch World got its start about 15 years ago when Ben and Jamey opened up 50 acres of land they owned for family and friends to enjoy.

"As it grew over the years, we realized there was a demand for an ATV playground, especially since the closest one is about two hours away," Natalie said. "At that point, we decided to open Rouch World."

The brothers purchased the 300 acres where Rouch World is currently located in 2015, and in the spring of 2016, Natalie started working on her Bachelor of Science in business administration degree at Trine.

"I realized I needed additional education in order to fully understand how to successfully manage a business," she said.

Trine's advantages included offering an accredited program that Natalie could complete online — an important factor for the mom of two young children. Trine also allowed her to transfer the credits from an associate's degree she had earned at Southwestern Michigan College in 2007.

"It met everything I was looking for and needed," she said.

At her current part-time rate, Natalie plans to finish her degree in about two years and then start the MBA program at Trine. Rouch World will be growing in the meantime – the family plans to add camping in the summer of 2018 and hopes to eventually add cabins and kayaking as well as vehicle rental for those who want to go off-roading but don't have their own ORV.

"Our hope and goal for this business is to grow and hopefully acquire more land for expansion. Once we start adding more to the business we're going to be taking on more help, so understanding the human resource aspects behind that as well as bookkeeping will be helpful," she said. "There's still a lot I am learning and will need to learn as we continue to operate and see more people."

Her coursework at Trine has already proven beneficial as she has marketed the business, worked to develop business plans and filed documents to help Rouch World get established.

"Just understanding how to communicate with people here and the general public has been huge," she said. "Right now, I'm taking a Designing Operations class that has been giving me insights for developing a smoother operation."

In the meantime, Rouch World continues to add new off-road trails and challenges and tries to improve its offerings through customer feedback.

"There is something new each time you come out," she said. ■



Natalie Rouch, top left, is pursuing her business degree at Trine University to help operate Rouch World off-road park in Michigan, co-owned by her husband Ben, top right. The Rouches are parents to Parker, bottom left, and Lana.



# Overcoming early shyness, Zhang named Homecoming Queen



Serena Zhang walks onto the field during halftime ceremonies at the 2017 Trine Homecoming game.

By Mariah Rodriguez  
Civil Engineering '21

Leaving your home country to attend a university far from any family or comfort you may know could be terrifying for anyone. However, for Serena (Yuhan) Zhang, leaving for Trine University wasn't the first step. At age 13, Serena moved from China to Atlanta, Georgia, to live with a host family and begin her American education.

"I wanted the opportunities that an American education provided, such as the ability to take part in extracurricular activities," she said. "Education in China is very focused on academics and performance on exams, so students often don't have time for much other than studying."

In the United States, Serena transitioned from solely studying the technical aspects of the English language in class to utilizing it every day. She also adjusted to the cultural differences; she said the U.S. is more "easy-going" and offers more opportunities to young people than China.

After finishing high school, Serena decided she wanted to continue her education at a school she felt had a safe campus. Her host family's dad, Scott Kellogg, BSCE 1993, suggested Serena take a look at Trine. Trine's Allen School of Engineering attracted Serena, who is majoring in electrical engineering, and following a visit to campus, Serena decided Trine was right for her.

Serena said she felt a bit intimidated when she arrived at Trine because in bigger cities, no one really stops to acknowledge each other; the university is a much more open and welcoming environment than anywhere she'd ever been.

"I wish I opened up more the first semester of freshman year," Serena admitted, "I was a little scared in the beginning because I didn't know anybody."

"I feel like people here are really nice and maybe because it's small you start to recognize everyone around you."

Serena's involvement in different organizations helped her make friends. Despite her shy start at Trine, Serena is now involved with many different organizations including the school's dance team, the Multicultural Student Organization (MSO), the Society of Women in Engineering, Study Abroad, as well as Gamma Phi Epsilon sorority.

In addition, she learned to open up more through her involvement with MSO, where she met many different people from around the world with similar stories and situations to hers.

Being an international student helps Serena feel she has many different groups of people that she can relate to, from students in MSO and her Chinese friends, to her fellow classmates and sorority sisters.

In September, Serena was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Homecoming pep rally. She said she was shocked and wasn't expecting the win at all, but it made her feel she has a lot of friends at Trine.

When she graduates in 2019, Serena hopes to work as an entry-level electrical engineer while she continues to go to school for her MBA. Eventually, she hopes to go into business and start a career in international trading that will allow her to travel between China and the United States. ■

# EVERYDAY ITEMS AMONG TRINE ALUMNI INVENTIONS

By Mariah Rodriguez  
Civil Engineering '21

While most people don't often stop to think about the inventor of the golf ball they're playing with or the seatbelt they're wearing, it may surprise them to know the inventors of these and many other everyday items hail from Trine University.

The university has launched the careers of more than 200 patent-holding alumni since the start of its School of Engineering in 1902. The success of Trine's alumni in their respective fields inspired the opening in 2016 of the Hall of Innovation, which includes plaques recognizing each of the alumni and listing their nearly 1,000 patents, inside the Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering.

"We had known for a while that there were a number of influential alumni who had patents and had invented things throughout their career," said Jason Blume BSME 2004,

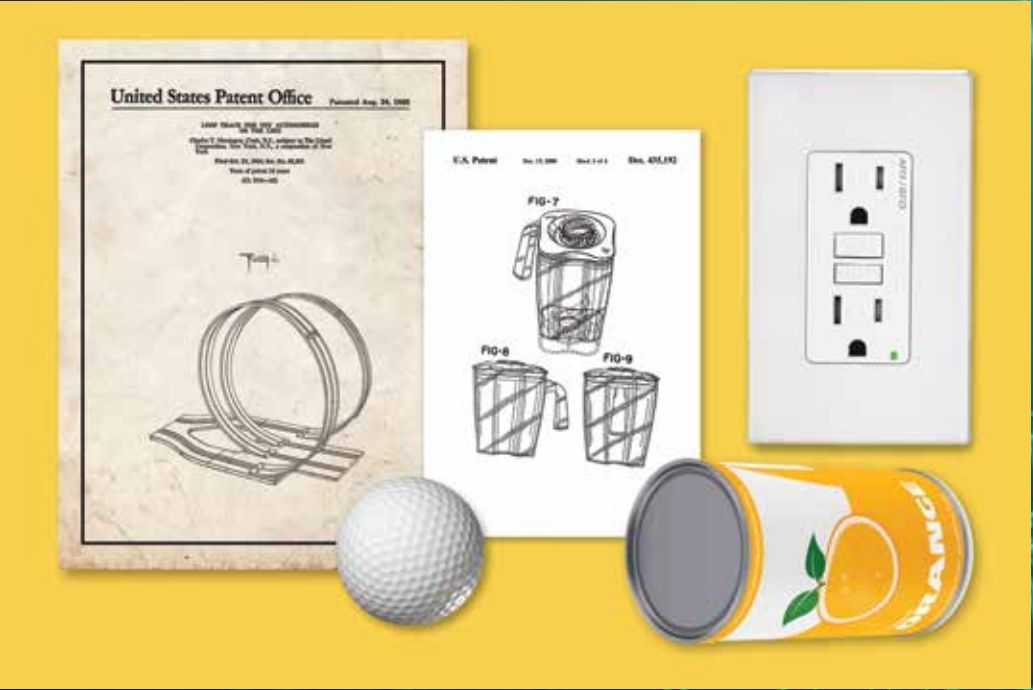
executive director of Innovation One at Trine. "We opened up a search and started talking to people and that's really how it got started."

Among the alumni represented in the Hall:

- Trine University's namesake, Ralph Trine BSME 1961, holds nine patents in material handling.
- Jerry Allen, BSME 1975, the namesake for the Allen School of Engineering and Technology, holds 20 patents in the communication and fiber optic technology industry.
- Robert Jannen, BSChE 1950, known for the Jannen School of Arts and Sciences, holds multiple patents in soil improvements and fertilizer tanks.
- Edward Slomski, BSChE 1961, worked for the American Can Company and invented the can with the pull-top lid most commonly featured on frozen orange juice concentrate.

- Robert Molitor, BSChE 1942, worked for Spalding Athletics and invented the modern-day golf ball along with the rubberized leather used on basketballs and footballs.
- Ray Ellis, BSME 1921, held many early patents for automobile radios, including the first car stereo instrument panel, the first dashboard with a radio in it. In addition to stereos, Ellis made advancements in car antennas and improved the way cars eventually received radio signals.
- Robert Dietz, BSEE 1952, invented the ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), a wall outlet with a reset button that reduces the risk of electrocution. Dietz also invented the modern-day circuit breaker, which makes it possible to reset circuits in the event of a system overload.
- Brian Kleckler, BSME 1986, holds a patent for the blender jar and lid.
- Richard Frantom, BSME 1956, is responsible for modern advancements in the seatbelt.
- Charles Montagna, BSME 1949, created the loop track for toy automobiles.

The Hall of Innovation continues to expand as the university is made aware of more alumni patent-holders. If you hold a patent you would like included in the hall, contact Blume at [blumej@trine.edu](mailto:blumej@trine.edu). ■







## Holtz urges trust, commitment and love at packed event

With a packed Ryan Concert Hall overflowing into the foyer of the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts, former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz urged those attending Trine University's Distinguished Speaker Series to build trust, commitment and love as they lead others.

Holtz, the namesake for Trine's Master of Science in leadership degree program, spoke Oct. 16 in the second fall installment of the series.

In a presentation frequently punctuated with humor — he quipped that he gave his wife an unlimited budget to build a new house, “and she exceeded it” — stories from his life and football coaching career, and even one magic trick, Holtz told Trine students and members of the community that vision is essential to leadership.

“Everything starts with a vision: Where do you want to go?” he said. “Then you have to have a plan to get there. You lead by example and you hold people accountable for the choices they make.”

Holtz shared what he called three rules for self-image, parenting and leadership in any

setting. The first, he said, is “Do what’s right and not what’s wrong.”

“There’s never a right time to do the wrong thing, and there’s a never a wrong time to do the right thing,” he said.

The second is to do everything to the very best of your ability.

“Not everybody can be All-American,” he said. “Not everybody can be All-Conference. Not everybody can be first team. Everybody can be the best you’re capable of being.”

The third, he said, is to show people you care.

“You can find 100 things to dislike about everybody,” he said. “You can find 100 things to like about them also, if you get to know them.”

Related to these three rules, Holtz said, are three questions everybody asks: Can I trust you? Are you committed to excellence? Do you care about me?

Holtz said there is a statue of him on the Notre Dame campus with three words on its base: “trust, commitment and love. That’s our foundation. And in leadership, that’s all you do.”

Following a question-and-answer time with the audience, Holtz offered a concluding piece of advice for happiness.

“If you want to be happy for an hour, eat a steak,” he said. “If you want to be happy for a day, play golf. If you want to be happy for a week, go on a cruise. If you want to be happy for a month, but a new car. If you want to be happy for a year, win the lottery. If you want to be happy for a lifetime, make sure people would miss you if you didn’t show up. The only people we miss are those who add value to other people’s lives.”

Trine University Board of Trustees chair Dr. Rick L. James and Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., closed the program by recognizing Holtz with emeritus trustee status. Holtz had served on the board since 2011.

“Coach Holtz, thank you for your dedication, your commitment and your love of Trine University. God bless you,” James said. ■

## General Michael Repass reflects on 9/11

In a poignant and often emotional presentation, retired Major General Michael S. Repass reminded the Trine University community of the human toll of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and reflected on how the nation has changed since then.

Held in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts on the 16th anniversary of the attacks, the opening session of the university’s Distinguished Speaker Series was a remembrance of those who lost their lives that day.

Following the presentation of colors by the Trine University Air Force ROTC and the singing of the National Anthem by the University Choir, Repass, who spent more than 30 years as a Special Forces officer in the Army, shared facts about the 9/11 attacks as well as his recollection of the day.

In reflecting on how his life has changed since 9/11, Repass said, “I’ve built clinics and dropped bombs. I’ve saved hostages and I’ve killed very bad people. I’ve walked in silent awe among casual heroes. ... I saw pure evil and unquenchable hatred in those who wished to kill us and their own citizens who didn’t think or act or worship like them.”

Choking back tears, he continued, “I’ve lost friends and subordinates. I’ve buried 25 soldiers across the United States. Each one of those ceremonies tore a piece from my soul that will never be quite healed.”

He closed by challenging students to “make a difference out there, not only to yourself but to those you love, your family, your friends and to your community. I wish you Godspeed and good luck out there. It’s great to be in America. God bless our nation, those who protect us and our way of life.” ■



## Former lieutenant governor shares leadership tips at Trine

Praising the cooperation that exists between her institution and Trine University, Ivy Tech Community College President Sue Ellspermann, Ph.D., shared leadership advice with students and the community during the third fall installment of Trine University’s Distinguished Speaker Series.

Speaking on the topic of “Leadership in the New Millennium” on Oct. 30 in Ryan Concert Hall of T. Furth Center for Performing Arts, the former lieutenant governor noted that, “Ivy Tech and this institution have a great tradition.”

Ellspermann began by sharing the leadership qualities she learned working in her father’s jewelry store while growing up in Ferdinand, Indiana. She said her father taught her to treat every customer with respect and empowered her and her sisters to perform tasks like bookkeeping, tracking hours worked and taking out their own pay, and operating the store while their parents were gone.

Later, at Frito-Lay, she learned what she called “intrepreneurialism” — being



entrepreneurial, inside the organization. As an example, she talked about the company’s successful effort to trim \$500 million in production costs over five years through process improvements, in order to offset inflation.

“It wasn’t just the executive office. It was engaging all of our employees in finding

change: at the shop floor level, at the engineering level, at the sales level, at the warehouse level and every level in between,” she said.

She closed her prepared remarks by saying, “Leadership in the new millennium will require even more integrity, servant leadership, empowerment with accountability, shared vision and the development of a culture of innovation, continuous improvement, diversity and inclusion. Leaders will need to remain adaptable and students of change.” ■



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Class of 2017 sees 99% percent employed

Six months after graduation, 99.0 percent of the Trine University Class of 2017 is employed or in graduate school, with an increasing number working in Indiana and the Great Lakes Region.

According to statistics compiled by the university’s Employment Resource Center, Trine also saw continued growth in the number of graduates obtaining jobs related to their field of study.

This marks the fourth year in a row the university’s graduates have achieved an employment rate of 98.8 percent or above.

Trine saw significant increases in the number of its graduates employed in Indiana and in the Great Lakes Region, which includes Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Trine’s Class of 2017 had 86.3 percent employed in the Great Lakes Region, up 12.7 percent from 2016, and 57.3 percent in Indiana, up 11.5 percent from the prior year.

The university also continued its trend of having more graduates employed in fields related to their major, with 96.6 percent of Trine’s Class of 2017 reporting employment or continuing education in their major, up from 95.1 percent for the Class of 2016. ■

Hundreds hear call for unity at MLK celebration



Andre Ebron BSCJ 2004 applauds along with members of his family during the 27th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr./Black History Month Celebration at Trine University, held Feb. 2 in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. Ebron, president and CEO of Ebron & Associates, urged unity and love for others in his keynote address. Several hundred people in attendance also heard music by the Angola High School choirs and the adult choir from Union Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, as well as presentations by Trine students and Angola Mayor Richard Hickman. ■

Maxwell-Frieden to lead Trine fundraising



A successful university fundraising professional with ties to the Angola area has been hired as vice president for development at Trine University.

Lisa Maxwell-Frieden, J.D., comes to Trine from Butler University in Indianapolis, where she served as director of gift planning since 2013. While at Butler, she played a key role in two consecutive years of record-setting results for the university, with about \$45 million raised in the 2016 fiscal year.

Prior to working at Butler, Maxwell-Frieden served as director of gift planning at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where she was a key player in the silent phase of the university’s comprehensive gift campaign.

Maxwell-Frieden’s family has owned a cottage on Lake George in Angola since 1947.

“Angola has been a second home to me and I am deeply committed to the community of Steuben County and to the cultural center of town, Trine University,” she said. “From exceptional leadership to a visionary Cooperative Education program, Trine is a place with a deep history and a tremendous future that inspires me.”

She holds her Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Arts in history from Indiana University. She can be reached at (260) 665-4310 or [friedenl@trine.edu](mailto:friedenl@trine.edu) ■

Trine developing PTA program

Trine University is developing a Physical Therapist Assistant program, to be based at its Health Sciences Education Center in Fort Wayne.

The PTA program will be based in the newly renovated, state-of-the-art Health Sciences Education Center on Parkview Hospital’s Randallia campus, alongside and integrated with the university’s recently accredited Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Exceptional students in Trine’s bachelor of exercise science program will have the opportunity to simultaneously complete a Physical Therapist Assistant associate’s degree during the final two years of their baccalaureate program. This combined course of study will enable students interested in exercise science and rehabilitation to achieve a level of preparation superior to the two-year preparation for physical therapy assistants found at most other schools.

Matthew Austin, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, has been named program director. Trine University will begin taking applications for the program in 2019 to enroll students, pending approval from the accrediting body, for fall 2020. ■

Biomedical engineering students complete research projects

Robin Furnish, right, a senior from Vevay, Indiana, was one of three biomedical engineering students who took part in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) over the summer. Furnish worked in the Phoenix lab in the University of Cincinnati’s James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, which seeks to develop new tools and therapies to combat brain cancer in children. Allison McCrady, a junior from Lancaster, Ohio, worked in the Functional Surfaces and Interfaces Lab at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Massachusetts, testing materials that could be used in biomedical devices. Anna Kersey, a senior from Clinton, Michigan, took part in a project at the University of Michigan’s Frankel Cardiovascular Center that seeks to transform scar tissue following a heart attack back into healthy tissue. ■



High school students learn about education profession

Nearly 100 area high school students participated in the second annual Teacher By Trine education summit Thursday, Sept. 21, on the Trine University campus.

The 99 students who attended are taking part in programs to learn about careers in education or have expressed interest in teaching as a career. Participating schools included Prairie Heights High School, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School, Career Academy South Bend, West Noble High School, Garrett High School, Fremont High School, East Noble High School, Westview High School and Branch Area (Michigan) Career Center Education Academy.

The summit, hosted by Trine’s Franks School of Education and its Employment Resource Center and sponsored by Walmart, included sessions for the students presented by Trine education faculty on topics such as classroom management, relational teaching, educational technology and student diversity.

“The topics they spoke on are all things teachers are dealing with on any given day,” said Erica Shovlin, ICE/intern coordinator at Heritage Jr./Sr. High School. “Overall, the Teacher by Trine event was a great experience for our students.” ■

Biomedical engineering students complete research projects



Trine University and Innovation One, the university’s business and idea incubator, have received a \$36,000 grant from AWS Foundation to research options for prescription drug disbursement in group home and assisted living environments. Headquartered in Fort Wayne, the foundation works to help children and adults with enduring intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities live as independently as possible, be included in the community and function at their highest potential. From left are Jason Blume, executive director of Innovation One; Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine University president; Don Steining, AWS Foundation board member; and Patti Hays, AWS Foundation CEO. ■

Walk Into My Future introduces kids to college

More than 1,300 area elementary school students flew paper airplanes, built block towers, brandished hockey sticks and hung out with Trine mascot Storm as Walk Into My Future returned Sept. 28 to the Trine University campus.

Pleasant, seasonable weather and clear skies greeted the visiting children, who participated in activities designed to introduce them to the idea of a college education.

Held in Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium, Walk into My Future is an annual event through LaGrange County Promise and Steuben County Promise. Second-graders from Westview Community Schools, Lakeland Community Schools and Prairie Heights Community Schools in LaGrange County participated in the morning, and first- through third-graders from the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, Fremont Community Schools and Hamilton Community Schools were part of an afternoon session. ■

Read more campus news at [trine.edu/news](http://trine.edu/news).





# Homecoming 2017 fun includes football romp, new ice arena



More than 230 alumni returned to campus for Trine University’s 2017 Homecoming celebration, Sept. 14-17, including members of the class of 1967 who participated in their 50th class reunion.

Homecoming celebrations began for students during the week, with the following groups emerging victorious in the Thunder Games:

- Sidewalk Painting — Phi Kappa Theta
- Sand Volleyball Tournament — Team Pink Socks
- Pie Eating Contest — Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Wiffle Ball Tournament — Team Pink Socks
- Lip Sync Battle — Women's Soccer Team
- Tour de Trine — Team Pink Socks

The weekend kicked off with the dedication of the Thunder Ice Arena on Thursday. During the Friday pep rally, Serena (Yuhan) Zhang, a junior from Roswell, Georgia, majoring in electrical engineering, and Adam Miller, a senior from Fort Wayne, Indiana, majoring in elementary education, were crowned Homecoming queen and king.

The Thunder football team remained undefeated with a 55-7 Homecoming win over Wisconsin Lutheran.

The weekend’s activities closed with an exhibition hockey game between the Detroit Red Wings Legends and a team of community members on Sunday in the Thunder Ice Arena.

**Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2018 (Oct. 5-7) and Homecoming 2019 (Oct. 4-6). ■**

## Turner recognized as Woman of Distinction



*Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., presents Cindy Lou Turner with the Woman of Distinction Award.*

A longtime supporter of Trine University and former Miss Steuben County was honored with the Woman of Distinction Award from Trine University during its Touchstone and Homecoming Celebration Dinner on Sept. 15.

Cindy Lou Turner received the award after more than 370 guests enjoyed a video presentation featuring images from throughout her lifetime.

“We are honored to know you, Cindy, and awe at the grace and generosity you provide to our community,

to your church, and to those in need,” said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine University president. “You truly exemplify a woman of faith, courage, humility, praise and prayer, and we are all blessed to know you.”

Born in Coldwater, Michigan, and raised in Orland, Indiana, Turner won blue ribbons at state-level competitions for dress review while working in her father’s and grandfather’s supermarket, drug store and sporting goods shop. After graduating early from Prairie Heights High School, she accompanied her parents to Europe. She worked for the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, Germany, in the Library Services department, and taught religious education to the children of embassy personnel.

After being in Europe for a year, Turner returned home to Angola and became Miss Steuben County 1975.

Turner worked at the Elmhurst Hospital in Angola, putting herself through beauty school to become a licensed cosmetologist. While working at the hospital she admitted a Tri-State University engineering senior named Keith Turner, whom she dated and eventually married at their home parish of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Angola. Keith graduated from Tri-State, now Trine University, in 1976 and serves on the university’s board of trustees.

Cindy and Keith Turner have supported Trine University in various ways including the Scholarship Fund and multiple capital projects, such as the Parkview/ SportOne Softball Field, Scholarship Golf outings and the Scholarship Gala. They provided funding for the Keith M. and Cindy L. Turner Mobility Rehabilitation Laboratory in the Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences in Best Hall and have pledged generous support to the MTI Center. ■



## Ryan honored by Trine with Pillar of Success

An Angola native, Trine University alumnus and member of the university’s board of trustees was honored during Homecoming weekend with one of the school’s most prestigious awards.

Cliff Ryan, now residing in Naples, Florida, was surprised with the Pillar of Success award, which recognizes individuals for their achievements and accomplishments, leadership, service, philanthropy, commitment to their community and profession, and to Trine. A video featuring images of Ryan throughout his life was shown at the Touchstone and Homecoming Celebration Dinner on Sept. 15.

Trine University President Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., described Ryan as “a man full of life.”

“His generosity — and that of his wife — has been a positive influence and impacted the lives of many, not only in their hometown community, but to students, alumni, faculty and staff here at Trine University,” Brooks said.

Ryan grew up in Angola and attended Indiana University for two years. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Sig, he transferred to Trine University — then Tri-State College.

He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in accounting in 1966 and launched his career as a certified public accountant with Price Waterhouse and Co. in Maumee, Ohio. After leaving Price Waterhouse in 1974, he worked 10 years for DuBois, then struck out on his own in 1987.

Cliff has served on Trine University’s Board of Trustees since 2009. The Ryan Skywalk is named in the Ryans’ honor as is the Ryan Concert Hall, located in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts — the renovated Angola Christian Church and the building where Cliff and Sig were married.

The Ryans are also regular contributors to the annual fund and to Trine athletics. In 2015, the Ryan Tennis Center was dedicated in their honor. In 2016, Cliff was recognized with the university’s Outstanding Achievement Alumnus Award. ■

Read more about the alumni awards given at the Touchstone and Homecoming Celebration Dinner at [trine.edu/news](http://trine.edu/news).

Outstanding Achievement Award:  
**Sharon McDonald, 2000 BSCJ**

Distinguished Service Award:  
**James Bullard, 1972 BSCE**

Distinguished Service Young Alumnus Award:  
**Ryan Ratkowski, 2008 BSDET**

Congratulations to **Alpha Sigma Phi** for winning the Alumni Cup Challenge.





New arenas  
enhance campus,  
community life



# A NEW SHINE FOR TRINE



*Trine University's six-lane bowling alley in the MTI Center.*

**T**he newest jewels in Trine University's crown are on display.

Met with accolades from local and regional media and excitement from the campus community and the public, the Thunder Ice Arena and MTI Center are open, operational and welcoming guests. Announced in April 2016, the buildings represent more than \$22 million invested into the university's main campus.

"The MTI Center and Thunder Ice Arena are some of the finest Division III athletic facilities in the nation," said Matt Land, assistant vice president of athletics.

"These new buildings not only give us a huge advantage in recruiting and training athletes, they give us the opportunity to showcase the campus to visiting teams and the greater Angola community."

"It has been a privilege to introduce the Thunder Ice Arena and MTI Center as part of the ongoing transformation of Trine University's main campus to better serve our students and the community," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., university president. "We are proud to add these beautiful, cutting-edge facilities to the amenities offered at Trine. The response from the public has been overwhelming."

Dr. Rick L. James, chair of the Trine University Board of Trustees, and his wife, Dr. Vicki L. James, provided a generous lead gift for the Thunder Ice Arena and MTI Center through the James Foundation.

"Vicki and I are pleased to play a part in bringing these facilities to Trine," Rick James said. "These beautiful additions to the main campus will enhance the quality of place and quality of life throughout northeast

Indiana as well as help the university carry out its mission of preparing students to succeed, lead and serve."

Praised as a "jewel" at its Jan. 3 opening, the MTI Center hosted some 1,000 fans at its inaugural women's basketball game against Hope, even though it was five days before students returned to campus.

In addition to seating 3,500 basketball fans, plus another 500 for concerts, the arena features five cameras and three mics that feed into a 4K video screen on the scoreboard. It also includes walk-in trophy cases and the Trine Legends display.

"The vision behind the construction of the MTI Center shows the commitment of Trine University to enhancing the overall student experience as well as its investment in

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**“The MTI Center and Thunder Ice Arena are some of the finest Division III athletic facilities in the nation.”**

**Matt Land, Trine University assistant vice president of athletics**

providing a first-class facility that will also enrich our entire community,” said men’s basketball Coach Brooks Miller.

“The MTI Center provides student-athletes a state-of-the-art arena that can compete with any facility in the Midwest,” said women’s basketball Coach Ryan Gould. “The MTI Center will allow for Trine University and our basketball program to expand upon our brand as we are out recruiting future student-athletes.”

The MTI Center also includes a six-lane bowling alley, esports arena, banquet room, and pro shop for the Zollner Golf Course. The golf course was already open to the public, and the bowling alley and a fitness center in MTI Center also will be available for public use.

“It’s a fabulous facility,” said Dr. Brooks. “I can’t wait for everyone to have an opportunity to get in to see it and participate in it in the many ways possible.”

The Thunder Ice Arena made its official debut Sept. 5, though hockey teams were able to practice in the facility prior to the public opening. The arena hosted a dedication ceremony and Detroit Red Wings alumni exhibition game over Homecoming.

Featuring an NCAA-compliant ice rink and seating for about 700 fans with standing room for another 500, the arena is home not only to Trine’s new NCAA and ACHA hockey teams, but also youth skating lessons, and youth and community hockey leagues. The arena also hosts well-attended open skate sessions on Wednesdays and Sundays for the community.

“Having Thunder Ice Arena open and in full use is amazing,” said Alex Todd, head NCAA men’s hockey coach. “It has become a place where players not only practice, but also volunteer and work with local youth players and have started making some great connections in the community. Having access to the ice 24 hours a day, seven days a week, has allowed us to get all the ice time we need to properly train and grow a brand-new first-year hockey team.”

“The new arena has really given our student-athletes a home to be proud of,” agreed Tom Hofman, head NCAA women’s hockey coach. “As we travel, we realize how fortunate we are to be supported by this great institution and the community around us. Thunder Ice Arena is like no other in the league. It has become a tremendous recruiting tool for us and we have seen the number of interested candidates skyrocket.” ■



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Members of a band that formed at Tri-State College and played in the area during the 1960s reunited over the summer at Trine University.

The Overwhelming Odds included guitarist George Ramey 1969 BSAE, drummer Doug Holley 1971 BSBA, bassist Jack Fisher 1968 BSBA, vocalist Tom Filbrun 1974 BSME, keyboardist John Sedlacek 1968 BSBA and guitarist Paul Carmody 1968 BSBA.

The group began with Paul, George, Jack and a drummer named Dad. Its name, George said, came from the makeup of the student body at Tri-State – the fall 1964 enrollment included only five female students out of 1720 total enrolled, overwhelming odds for any guy looking for a date.

The next year Tom joined as vocalist and Doug replaced Dad on drums. Later they added a keyboard player, Herbie May, who was replaced by John after Herbie left school.

The band played at fraternity parties for free “refreshments” but no pay. As the Odds got more proficient, they eventually got a job playing at Stark’s Star Light Inn in Bryan, Ohio, where they were the house band playing weekends from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

“At that time you could drink 3.2 percent beer in Ohio at age 18, so it was a popular place for Indiana kids,” John said. “For our services each

of us was paid \$75. As a college student that was some pretty big money.”

The band played the hit songs of the mid-’60s by groups like the Young Rascals, Vanilla Fudge, The Kingsmen, The McCoys and The Beatles and also did quite a few Motown songs.

“George was at the core and did a great job of putting the pieces together,” Jack said. “We were loud and easy to dance to.”



*The Overwhelming Odds in 1967 and at their reunion in 2017. In both photos: front, from left, Tom Filbrun 1974 BSME, John Sedlacek 1968 BSBA, Doug Holley 1971 BSBA; back, Paul Carmody 1968 BSBA, Jack Fisher 1968 BSBA and George Ramey 1969 BSAE.*

After Sunday night at the Star Light, they would pack up their equipment and travel back to Tri-State, where they rehearsed and learned new songs practicing in the auditorium then located on the upper floor of the engineering building.

After the spring semester of 1968 Jack and Paul graduated and Tom joined the Navy. The remaining three members picked up a bass player who also served as lead singer and continued to play at the Star Light, but John said it wasn’t the same.

The group lost contact after graduation. George, who now lives in Shoreline, Washington, tried to track down his former band mates a few years ago but didn’t have any success. When Kent Stucky, then vice president for alumni and development, contacted George while in Seattle early in 2017, George asked Kent if he could help him track down Jack, his former roommate.

Nancy Roberts, assistant to the vice president for development, was able to find Jack and the rest of the group. The Odds reunited June 17 at Trine, touring the campus and later going to Tom’s house on nearby Lake James to play and sing their old songs.

“We are talking about another reunion where we get together and do a complete redo of the Overwhelming Odds,” John said. “I am looking very forward to that happening.” ■

### Listen to the Odds

A longer version of this story at [trine.edu/news/2017](http://trine.edu/news/2017) includes links to music recorded by The Overwhelming Odds in the late 1960s.



# As princess, King makes wishes come true for kids

Although the characters she plays don’t include a fairy godmother, Bonnie (Alexander) King is still able to make wishes come true for sick children.

King, a December 2016 civil engineering graduate from Trine University, and two friends perform as princesses, superheroes and other characters at charitable events and visit children in hospitals through their nonprofit company, Courage & Kindness Co.

She balances her time as a princess with marriage and work as a civil engineer at A&F Engineering in Indianapolis.

King began portraying princesses about three years ago for a company that provided characters for children’s parties, then left to begin volunteering at various events.

“I was able to do quite a bit on my own like visiting Riley Children’s Hospital, Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, Wheeler Mission and Down Syndrome Indiana, as well as places like libraries and community events,” she said. “It was hard to do much while I was still at Trine and planning my wedding, but really picked up a lot since I graduated.”

A friend from the party company, Sam Pendleton, joined her in her volunteer work, and they learned of another woman in the area, Rosie Mannin, doing the same sort of thing. Courage & Kindness officially formed Aug. 11.

For events, the performers dress up as the characters requested, meet children and sometimes sing, dance and read stories.

“We take character integrity very seriously and study characters very closely to set us apart from girls who just dress up in Halloween costumes,” King said.

She has many favorite memories of performing as a princess, including the visits with a girl named Ava that started the process of forming a company.

“The first time I visited her she had a vent in and couldn’t talk, but I could see her light up when I said that I knew Rapunzel and that I would tell her to visit. Then a couple weeks later I came as Rapunzel with a tiara for her and she was so happy,” she said. “I’ll never forget her signing ‘thank you’ to me. I’m so blessed to be able to bring happiness to kids, especially kids who have too little happiness in their lives!”

To learn more about Courage & Kindness Co., visit [courageandkindnessco.com](http://courageandkindnessco.com). ■





# Gala raises nearly \$800,000 for scholarships

Though it was cold and wintry outside, the inside of the Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Inc. Athletic and Recreation Center maintained its warmth and elegance as more than \$790,000 was raised for student scholarships at the Trine University Scholarship Gala.

Hundreds gathered for the 15th annual event on Feb. 10, a day after snow and ice forced the cancellation of classes on main campus, to contribute a record amount for the Gala.

Guests were treated to an evening of soothing music performed by the Trine University Jazz Band under the direction of Brian Derek, with vocals by Elyse Buehrer BAMUS 2016. A gourmet dinner by Café Bon Appetit was capped off with a dessert featuring a chocolate crescent moon.

Those in attendance heard about the impact their contributions have on Trine University students, who receive more than \$27 million each year in institutional aid.

Benjamin Moricz, a senior from Valparaiso, Indiana, majoring in mechanical engineering, shared how his grandparents had instilled in

him a value for hard work and helping others, and how Trine has allowed him to “grow and become the very best version of me.”

“As a first-generation college student, figuring out how to go to college was not exactly easy, nor was it guaranteed,” said Moricz, whose birthday was the day of the Gala. “Thankfully, with the aid of my grandparents, as well as the generous donors of this incredible university, my dream of going to college became a reality.”

Moricz thanked university donors for allowing him opportunities such as serving as soccer team captain, resident director, fraternity president and president of the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society.

“Thank you to my family, thank you Trine University, thank you each and every one of you,” he said. “Because you instill in me your amazing generosity and kindness, I commit to one day support other members of my Trine University family.”

Master of Ceremonies Jeff Turner, senior vice president and general counsel for Metal Technologies Inc., told the crowd students like

Moricz “are why you’re here this evening, and they’re here because of all of you.”

Live and silent auctions offered a variety of gift packages, luxury items and experiences, sports memorabilia and the opportunity to support students with Books and Beyond Scholarships. The James Foundation provided a \$125,000 challenge grant to match up to 500 of those scholarships.

State Sen. Dennis Kruse, a member of the university Board of Trustees, and his son Matthew Kruse conducted the live auctions. Among the highlights was a luxury six-day, six night photo safari trip to South Africa for two that raised \$5,000.

For the third year, one of those attendance sacrificed a tie for the cause. This time, Barry Trine, president of Vestil Manufacturing Corp. and son of university namesakes Drs. Ralph and Sheri Trine, was led around by Turner as other guests bid on his hat and tie. The ensemble eventually sold for \$1,100. ■



Jeff Turner, right, leads Barry Trine as bidders at the Gala vie for Trine's hat and tie.



Benjamin Moricz thanks university donors at the Scholarship Gala.



From left, Susan Turner, Cindy Turner and Vicki James enjoy the atmosphere during the Scholarship Gala's live auctions.



## 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 Sarah Belote at [belotes@trine.edu](mailto:belotes@trine.edu).

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

### 1950s

**Gerald “Jerry” Ryman, 1953 BSAC**, recently celebrated his 85th birthday. He had the opportunity to visit campus twice in the past few years. Jerry says it was very enjoyable to see the change on campus, and he is proud of his alma mater - most importantly in the employment rate of graduates.

**Ralph Quackenbush, 1956 BSME**, is adjusting to life without Joline, his wife of 63 wonderful years. He is staying active playing tennis and other activities with his friends, and has started traveling the nation. His first destinations were San Francisco, Wine Country, Yosemite National Park, and 17-Mile Drive. He rounded off the trip with a family visit just south of Los Angeles. He plans to visit friends in the Florida area this winter, and wishes well to all.

**Terry Temple, 1959 BSEE**, is relocating from Stillman Valley, Illinois, back to Ellington, Connecticut, where he lived 30 years ago.

**Leon Armentout, 1961 BSEE**, is retired and living in a retirement community in Longwood, Florida, called Village on the Green. Leon and his wife Joyce recently celebrated 55 years of marriage.

**Lellan “Mac” McFarland, 1963 BSAE**, celebrated his 80th birthday on Nov. 28, 2017. Mac's wife Carol, 74, was cured of Alzheimer's disease on Sept. 29, 2017, when she passed away at the Greenfield Estates Alzheimer's care facility in Akron, Ohio. She was diagnosed in 2010, but did not relocate to the care facility until May 2016.

**Richard Medved, 1964 BSEE**, and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 27, 2017, with an Alaskan cruise. They split their time between Phoenix and Seattle. The couple have three children and seven grandchildren.

**Jefferson “Casey” Purcell, 1964 BSCE**, is retired after 40 years in petrochemicals and chemicals, oil and gas, and power generation construction with The Badger Co. and successor companies Raytheon Engineers & Constructors and The Washington Group. He and his wife Dana reside in Amherst, Virginia.

### 1960s

**Lee Forman, 1960 BSAC**, and his wife Ruth visited campus for 2017 Homecoming. It was their first time back on campus since his graduation in 1960. Lee stated it was wonderful to see the spectacular changes that have taken place. He noted how much they enjoyed the campus hospitality and the Homecoming events.

**John Garrison, 1965 BSCE**, is retired and living in Henderson, Nevada, just outside of Las Vegas. He would like to hear from any fellow graduates, and can be contacted at [littledrag68@yahoo.com](mailto:littledrag68@yahoo.com).

**Jack Nickels, 1967 BSCE**, relocated to an Independent Senior Living Building in San Antonio, Texas, which is close to his son and his son's family home.

**Philip Lang, 1965 BSAE**, spent the majority of his career serving in the U.S. Navy. He held



several positions in the military while serving tours in Guam, RAF Townsville, Australia, Thailand and Japan. Philip also worked as a rocket motor engineer at NOS Indian Head, program manager for Cryogenic Support Equipment at Naval Air Systems Command, and as a computer tech on the Trouble Desk at Seafarers International Union. He is retired and living at Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home in Maryland.

### 1970s

**Dennis Shalters, 1970 BSBA**, was awarded Business Person of the Year in 2017 by the Community of Lebanon Association in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at the conclusion of his career. Dennis retired from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance on July 31, 2017.

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1970s

**John Doran, 1971 BSBA**, recently retired as a full-time presiding Justice of the Peace in



Ontario after having sat for 15 years. He will remain to sit on a per diem basis in future years. He and his high school sweetheart, Marigene, have been married since 1972, and have two sons and six grandchildren. Since graduation, John has spent time teaching at the Management Development Center at St. Lawrence College. As an entrepreneur, he started a number of businesses, from publishing to financial services. He served as a business incubator consultant with the World Bank in Washington, working primarily in the Caribbean. He also served as vice chair of the Social Assistance Review Board, and mayor of Brockville.

**Ronald Glasgow, 1972 BSCE**, lives on a lake near his family farm in Fabius, New York, with



his wife of 38 years, Jennifer. After eight years in consulting civil engineering and 38 years

in commercial insurance risk management and loss control, he left his position to form a risk management consulting firm, Glasgow Associates LLC, so he and Jennifer could spend winters in Bonita Springs, Florida. After Jennifer retired from her middle school counselor position, Ron determined to retire as well. The two bargained a deal that for every hour they spend on a beach, he gets to spend an hour at car shows. Their son and daughter are both married and living in Rochester, New York.

**Kenneth Crouch, 1979 BSEE**, enjoyed 22 years of service with his previous employer, but recently finds himself seeking new employment.

1980s

**Kenneth Rettig, 1983 BSME**, purchased Renewal Technologies Inc. in August 2017.

**John Mayer, 1984 BSAE**, retired from engineering work (U.S. Air Force, Lockheed Skunkworks, and BAE Systems). He remains active in AutoCross through his local SCCA region. His oldest son has chosen to attend Trine starting in September 2018. John shares that he couldn't be prouder of this decision.

**David Scranage, 1986 BSEE**, and his wife, Karen, are enjoying life living in mid-



Willamette Valley, Oregon, between the Ducks and the Beavers (University of Oregon and Oregon State University). They have two adult sons and are enjoying their empty nest.

**Mahmoud Farawi, 1988 BSCE**, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is employed with Skanska as project manager. He is enjoying life with his wife, Iman, and their four children.

1990s

**Meagan (Cuber) Eller, 1996 BSES**, received her Master of Information Science degree with a specialization in Information Architecture from Indiana University on Dec. 16, 2017.

2000s

**Seth Kramer, 2002 BSCS**, recently completed his 150th marathon at the Stennis Space Center Marathon in Louisiana, and completed a marathon in all 50 states for the second time on Dec. 9, 2017, at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort Marathon in South Carolina.

**Ryan Kloss, 2006 BSCPE**, married his wife, Brooke, on Oct. 21, 2017. Ryan will complete his MBA from Indiana University in February 2018.

**Ivan Danzy, 2009 BSPEED**, is enjoying his ninth year of teaching in the Chicago Public



Schools system, where he was nominated for Teacher of the Year. He has two children, Eniece, 6, and Mason, 2. Mason was born with retinoblastoma, which is a cancer of the eye. He is one year removed from chemo and signs of cancer. Ivan expressed that God has truly blessed his family.

**Josh Metcalf, 2009 BSEAD**, married his high school sweetheart in 2011. He enjoyed working for NIPSCO as a Field Engineer for four years, but left to open the Auburn Brewing Company in 2017.

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2000s

**John Albright, 2009 BSCJ/BSPSY**, married wife Lauren (Abate) on Aug. 19, 2017. John loves his career at Little City in Chicago, Illinois, which is a home for kids with disabilities.

2010s

**Katelyn Storms Rizer, 2010 BSSM**, and her husband Sean welcomed their first child, Duke Storms Rizer, on July 2, 2017.

**Travis Skaggs, 2010 BSCE**, has relocated to Woodville, Ohio, and has accepted a new position with Materion as a facilities mechanical engineer. He is tasked with managing ventilation-related projects and consulting on the plant's ventilation systems.

**Austin Hamsher, 2010 BSBA**, celebrated his one-year anniversary with his wife, Stephanie



Hamsher, in Bora Bora on Dec. 31, 2017. They recently added a puppy to the family, named Mia. Austin is serving his sixth year coaching track and field at NorthWood High School. He has expanded his sales business to three large buildings for inventory and continues to manage several rental properties located in his hometown.

**Eric Arthur, 2011 BSCE**, married his wife Lauren in January 2017. The couple lives in Fishers, Indiana, with their two dogs. Eric is a licensed roadway engineer with WSP in Indianapolis.

**Racheal Benner, 2012 BSCJ/2014 MSL**, accepted a position as the director of development for the YMCA of Steuben County, and began working Jan. 2, 2018.

**Jeremy Pickford, 2011 BSCE**, received his Professional Engineering license in March



2017 and is now a partner at a surveying and civil engineering company. He is coaching high school football at Sand Creek high school. His fiancée **Stefanie Pellegrom, 2012 BSPSY**, coached college men's and women's volleyball at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan, for three years as a graduate assistant. She received her Master of Arts degree in clinical mental health counseling in May 2017. Now, Stefanie works at Blissfield High School as a behavioral specialist, coaching varsity volleyball at Britton Deerfield High School and coaching men's volleyball at Adrian College in winter 2018.

**Brandon Cosby, 2012 BSAC/BSCJ**, married



**Heather McIntosh, 2012 BSEIEd**, on June 10, 2017.

**Jared Trimble, 2013 BSEE**, is enjoying his career as a controls engineer at Shambaugh & Son LP, where he has been employed for more than four years and traveled around the United States. He married Amber Trimble (Saenz) on Sept. 10, 2016, and the couple welcomed Adalyn Rae Trimble in December 2017.

**Elias Larson, 2013 BSME**, was a three-time all-American wrestler at Trine. This summer,



he passed his examination for registration to practice in patent cases before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which elevated him to the position of associate patent attorney at Lempia Summerfield Katz LLC law firm. His practice focuses on all aspects of intellectual property law, including patent prosecution and opinion work in the mechanical and electrical fields of art.

**Kayla (Reno) Huesman, 2013 BSCJ**, married **Michael Huesman, 2013 BSDET**, in March 2016.

**Jessica (Heydinger) Stiles, 2013 BSCE**, married Joshua Stiles on May 23, 2015. The couple relocated from Charleston, West Virginia, to Houston, Texas, in May 2016 with Columbia Pipeline Group (acquired by TransCanada). Jessica was promoted to engineer 4 in 2017, and currently works as the emergency preparedness coordinator and project manager for program and document integration for United States Natural Gas Operations, Technical Services Integrity at TransCanada. In February 2017, Jessica received her Project Management Professional Certification.

**Ethan Miller, 2014 BSDET**, and wife Susan moved from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to beautiful Traverse City, Michigan, in June 2017. They purchased a home in July. Ethan is working as an AutoCAD designer for a local plumbing and heating installer (Sheren Plumbing and Heating) and Susan is a program coordinator for rehabilitating clients with traumatic brain injuries (NeuroRestorative). They became members of the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City in October. Ethan noted that they are both baffled at how much snow can accumulate in Traverse City! Cheers!

—continued



2010s

**Jamie (Lydick) Collier, 2014 BSMAED**, married Nicholas Collier on Oct. 15, 2017, in South



Carolina at Folly Beach.

**Mark Strohm, 2014 BSCE**, relocated from Plymouth, Ohio, to Ashland, Ohio, in November 2016. He married Audrey Lee in December 2017.

**Joseph Buchman, 2015 BSEE**, married Alyssa



St. John on Oct. 14, 2017.

**Christopher Collins, 2015 BSFS**, is the general manager of KFC/Taco Bell and recently moved to Batesville, Indiana.

**Emma (Shank) Gatchell, 2015 BSEIEd**, married Christopher Gatchell on July 29, 2017, in



Hoagland, Indiana. They work and reside near Decatur, Indiana.

**Padrig Murphy, 2015 BSPSY/2016 MSL**, accepted a position as the assistant men's soccer coach at Trine University.

**Lindsay (Word) Presley, 2015 BSAM**, was excited to have Trine's caterer, Bon Appetit, cater her wedding at Glendarin Hills Golf Club on Aug. 12, 2017. Lindsay expects to graduate with her Master of Science in leadership in May 2018.

**Amy Worthington, 2016 BSGM**, spent a year in an internship with the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the conclusion of her internship, she accepted a position with the Minnesota Golf Association as the women's golf director.

**Kyle Livingstone, 2016 BSEE**, married Jessica (White) Livingstone on June 16, 2017, at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Nic Hostetler, 2016 BSINF**, is employed at Franklin Electric as an ERP business analyst. Recently he traveled to Germany to assist with new software implementation and will travel to Italy in February to do the same. Nic is excited for the opportunity to travel with Franklin Electric, a global company.

**Jennifer (Jackemeyer) Krupp, 2016 BSCHE**, and **Lucas Krupp, 2016 BSCHE**, were married to



on Oct. 21, 2017, in Stevensville, Michigan. They now reside in Paris, Illinois. Lucas works as a process engineer for Dynachem Inc and Jennifer works as a process engineer for Elanco.

**Caitlyn Rose, 2016 BSMK**, was named the Indiana Department of Workforce



Development Employee of the Week in July 2017 for her excellent work ethic in her position as digital assistant at Asher Agency of Fort Wayne.

# IN MEMORIAM

(current as of Dec. 31, 2017)

## 1940s

**William A. Boggess, 1941 BSRV**, Versailles, Kentucky, March 14, 2017  
**Clela A. O'Malley, 1941 BSEC**, Thousand Oaks, California, May 29, 2017  
**Warren N. Pollock, 1945 BSCHE**, Charlotte, North Carolina, Aug. 9, 2017  
**Robert M. Boat, 1948 BSRE**, Cottonwood, Arizona, March 4, 2017  
**Chester J. Penza, 1948 BSEE**, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, Dec. 18, 2017  
**Arvid W. Honkanen, 1949 BSCHE**, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Dec. 18, 2017  
**Glenn A. Hull, 1949 BSRE**, Byron Center, Michigan, Aug. 30, 2017  
**Eugene H. Lapham, 1949 BSME**, Dimondale, Michigan, July 15, 2017

## 1950s

**Elden T. Boothe, 1950 BSRE**, Southport, North Carolina, Dec. 7, 2017  
**Jack W. Clarke, 1950 BSCHE**, Onalaska, Wisconsin, Oct. 20, 2017  
**Richard C. Gasmire, 1950 BSME**, North Fort Myers, Florida, May 27, 2017  
**Donald E. Gilbert, 1950 BSEE**, Oxford, Florida, Sept. 21, 2017  
**Jack P. Hasse, 1950 BSAC**, Coloma, Michigan, March 31, 2017  
**Frederick C. Aebersold, 1951 BSEE**, Beverly Hills, Michigan, April 1, 2017  
**John C. Fitch, 1951 BSEE**, Saint Johns, Michigan, Aug. 18, 2017  
**Richard F. Higby, 1951 BSRE**, Pasadena, Maryland, Dec. 8, 2017  
**Otis A. Van Horne, 1951 BSEE**, Canton, New York, Sept. 20, 2017  
**Lewis E. Drake, 1952 BSBA**, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, June 16, 2017  
**Donald L. Faust, 1952 BSCE**, Boyertown, Pennsylvania, Sept. 15, 2017  
**Robert J. Gagle, 1952 BSCE**, LaPorte, Indiana, Nov. 15, 2017  
**Ernest J. Pozzi, 1952 BSEE**, Branford, Connecticut, Aug. 4, 2017  
**Harrell S. Pyle, 1953 BSEE**, Little Rock, Arkansas, Oct. 28, 2017  
**Leon S. Slear Jr., 1953 BSRE**, State College, Pennsylvania, Dec. 17, 2017  
**Bert J. Bartlett, 1954 BSME**, Wichita, Kansas, June 3, 2017  
**John J. Cullian, 1954 BSCE**, Elgin, Illinois, March 3, 2017  
**John H. Condiff, 1955 BSME**, Bedford, Indiana, Aug. 21, 2017  
**William F. Early, 1955 BSBA**, St. Joseph, Michigan, Sept. 16, 2017  
**Dale R. Grimm, 1955 BSME**, New Castle, Pennsylvania, Oct. 8, 2017  
**John H. Boundy, 1956 BSME**, Saint Charles, Missouri, Oct. 26, 2017  
**Henry L. Van Dop, 1956 BSCE**, Hamilton, Michigan, Oct. 6, 2017  
**Francis T. Collins, 1957 BSCE**, GlenFalls, New York, July 3, 2017

**Gordon A. DeWitte, 1957 BSCE**, Palm Desert, California, Dec. 6, 2017  
**William A. Stanley, 1957 BSRE**, Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, June 29, 2017  
**Francis C. Fleisher, 1958 BSBA**, St. Joseph, Michigan, Oct. 6, 2017  
**William G. Hemans, 1958 BSCE**, Tustin, California, April 19, 2017  
**Dr. John N. Hester, 1958 BSCHE**, Orangevale, California, Nov. 30, 2017  
**William P. Kaminsky, 1958 BSME**, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Dec. 6, 2017  
**Norman G. Nichols, 1958 BSCE**, Canton, Ohio, Sept. 6, 2017  
**Stephen O'Shaughnessy, 1958 BSME**, York, Maine, July 12, 2016  
**James W. Stock, 1957-58**, Angola, Indiana, Aug. 12, 2017  
**Charles J. Cressman, 1959 BSME**, Underhill, Vermont, Sept. 27, 2017  
**Joseph D. Eisenberg, 1959 BSCE**, Elyria, Ohio, Aug. 13, 2017  
**Robert F. Fink, 1959 BSEE**, Elkhart, Indiana, Aug. 17, 2017  
**Stanley J. Kulish, 1959 BSEE**, Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 19, 2017  
**Richard C. Mann, 1959 BSME**, Hershey, Pennsylvania, Oct. 11, 2017  
**Raymond A. Marshall, 1959 BSEE**, Norfolk, Virginia, Aug. 28, 2017  
**Jack E. Smith, 1959 BSTR**, Lady Lake, Florida, June 2, 2017

## 1960s

**Everett L. Denning, 1960 BSEE**, Jackson, Michigan, Nov. 7, 2017  
**Lewis D. Esenwein, 1960 BSAE**, Brownsburg, Indiana, Oct. 2, 2017  
**Ivan L. Mack, 1960 BSEE**, Franklin, Indiana, June 16, 2017  
**Richard N. Johnson, 1961 BSEE**, Hartford, Connecticut, Oct. 31, 2017.  
**William T. Marshall, 1961 BSBA**, Williamsville, Illinois, Sept. 19, 2017  
**Donald R. Kanaga, 1962 BSBA**, Eureka, Illinois, Nov. 11, 2017  
**Thomas C. Bowen Jr., 1963 BSCHE/BSADE**, Dumfries, Virginia, Nov. 9, 2017  
**Russell A. Bronson, 1963 BSCHE**, Schenectady, New York, Feb. 28, 2017  
**Wayne E. Haney, 1963 BSME**, White Pigeon, Michigan, March 19, 2017  
**Gerald R. Kisner, 1964 BSME**, Carleton, Michigan, June 30, 2017  
**Wesley A. May, 1964 BSME**, Durango, Colorado, July 22, 2017  
**Gene L. Salvatore, 1964 BSCHE**, Reading, Pennsylvania, Oct. 20, 2017  
**Charles E. Dowd, 1965 BSBA**, Valparaiso, Indiana, Dec. 1, 2017  
**Roger J. Hamilton, 1965 BSME**, Holland, Michigan, June 18, 2017  
**Stuart V. Roos, 1965 BSAE**, North Palm Beach, Florida, June 26, 2017

**Stephen C. Rusnak, 1966 BDDT**, Andrews, Indiana, July 16, 2017  
**Jerry C. Carlson, 1967 BSBA**, Fruitport, Michigan, April 22, 2017  
**Donald S. Campney, 1968 BSBA**, Penn Yan, New York, July 5, 2017  
**Frank R. Zemla, 1968 BSME**, Elma, New York, Jan. 16, 2017  
**Howard W. Brake, 1969 BSBA**, Zanesville, Ohio, Aug. 24, 2017  
**Glenn L. Galloway, 1969 BSBA**, Elkhart, Indiana, Dec. 9, 2017

## 1970s

**Donald M. Sokol, 1970 BSCE**, Flushing, Michigan, Oct. 16, 2017  
**Johnny L. Knight, 1971 BSBA**, Orland, Indiana, Sept. 1, 2017  
**Robert M. Main, 1971 BSBA**, Marshall, Michigan, Nov. 20, 2017  
**Terry D. Tracy, 1971 BSBA**, Tarpon Springs, Florida, Sept. 27, 2017  
**Milton M. Emery, 1973 BSBA**, Waverly, New York, Oct. 13, 2017  
**Robert J. Snyder Sr., 1976 BSBA**, Bronson, Michigan, Nov. 4, 2017

## 1990s

**Lynne A. (Coval) Haughey, 1990 BSME**, Carmel, Indiana, Oct. 6, 2017  
**Michael L. Sowle, 1992 ASBIO**, Auburn, Indiana, 42871, May 16, 2017  
**Linda M. Branwell, 1994 EIEd**, Angola, Indiana, June 22, 2017  
**Geneva S. Blaising, 1996 BSAC**, Mongo, Indiana, Sept. 3, 2017  
**Dorothy K. Amaden, 1997 BAPSY**, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Nov. 18, 2017

## 2000s

**Gayle A. Fisher Jr., 2003 BAM/MSCI**, Angola, Indiana, Aug. 22, 2017

## 2010s

**Byron J. Leininger, 2012 BSEXs**, Quincy, Michigan, Oct. 23, 2017



## IN MEMORIAM

# Trustee Hester passes Nov. 30

Trine University is mourning the death of alumnus and trustee John N. Hester, Ph.D., on Nov. 30.

John Hester was born Dec. 1, 1930, to the late John and Ethel Hester, in Washington, D.C., where he and his sister Vivian (now deceased) attended public schools. Later he attended Howard University. He played football, baseball and tennis and ran track in high school and college. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as an infantry unit commander with the rank of captain.

John married Mitsue Hisanaga in 1954 and they had one son, Victor.

John Hester graduated from Tri-State College in 1958 with a degree in chemical engineering. He earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Michigan State University and completed his doctoral studies in applied mathematics and higher education at the University of California and Walden University.

He worked for nine years in the aerospace industry as an engineering analysis manager at the Aerojet General Corporation. Later, he was general manager of the Alternative Energy Corporation and vice president for technology at the Clean Custom Fuels Corporation. He was co-inventor of the thermolysis process for the conversion of carbon-based wastes into energy.

He served on the faculty of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University in Sacramento from 1969-1995, first as an associate professor of mechanical engineering, then as a professor of mechanical engineering and finally as the associate dean for academic programs and research.

He developed and introduced the use of design problems and computer problems in thermal science courses. He published journal articles and essays for general publication and one book - Acceptance. Dr. Hester received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1987.

He was a television producer for 24 years, receiving awards for hosting and producing six public service television series and three specials. He was a member of the board of directors of Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) for 17 years, serving as president for three terms, and he served on a number of other community boards, including the California Center for Civic Renewal. Dr. Hester was the recipient of the 1995 Violence Free Community Award and the 1998 Sacramento Angel Award as the Outstanding Non-Profit Board Member.



Dr. Hester received the 1999 Outstanding Achievement Award from Trine University and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2000, where he previously served as the chair of the Committee on Trustees and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Dr. Hester is survived by his son Victor and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

"We have lost a friend, alumnus and faithful trustee," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine University president. "We are indebted and forever grateful for the loyalty and friendship that Dr. Hester devoted to Trine University, our students, alumni and employees."

The family plans for a celebration of life ceremony to take place Friday, March 23 from 1-3 p.m. in the Redwood Room, University Union first floor, CSU Sacramento campus. ■

## Football advances to Sweet 16 after undefeated regular season

The Trine University football team finished 11-1 overall, including a 10-0 regular season — the third undefeated season in program history. The team also captured its fourth MIAA Championship and advanced to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

Many individual players were recognized not only for team accomplishments, but individual achievements, with 15 All-MIAA selections, including 11 first-team awards. In addition, senior quarterback Evan Wyse (Archbold, Ohio/Archbold) and junior defensive back Marcus Winters (Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic) were the MIAA Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year.

Winters was also one of five Trine players to garner All-North Region honors by D3football.com after recording 26 tackles (20 solo and six assists), including a half tackle for loss, in addition to a forced fumble. Besides his role on defense, Winters was the team's leading punt returner, averaging 16.8 yards per return for 218 yards and one return for a touchdown. He went on to be named All-American by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and was a finalist for the Cliff Harris Award, given to the top defensive player in the country representing Division II, III and NAIA colleges and universities.

Wyse also was recognized at the national level as a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy, given to the most outstanding Division III football player who displays excellence in athletics, academics and community service. Regarded by many as the "Heisman Trophy of Division III," Wyse looked to become the second Trine player to earn the Gagliardi Trophy and join Eric Watt, who won the award in 2010. He received the most fan votes of the finalists.

Wyse ended the season with 1,180 rushing yards on 154 attempts to average 7.7 yards per carry. He also scored 14 touchdowns on the ground and averaged just under 100 yards rushing per game for the season (98.3 ypg). His rushing yards and 14 rushing TDs were the second most on a team that became the first in program history to have two players with 1,000 yards or more. Through the air, Wyse completed 80-of-139 passes (57.6 percent) for 1,658 yards with 18 TD passes and only five interceptions. He ended the season with a 193.29 pass efficiency and averaged 11.9 yards per pass, both of which were single-season school records.

In the classroom, Wyse was acknowledged as an Academic All-District and All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) with a 3.62 grade point average in mechanical engineering.

The postseason accolades extended to the coaching staff as Head Coach Troy Abbs was named the Division III Region 4 "Coach of the Year" by the AFCA. Abbs led the team to a school record-tying win total and was one of five coaches from around the country to garner Regional Coach of the Year honors. Following the conclusion of the season, the university signed Abbs to a five-year contract extension, which locks him in place through the end of the 2022 season. ■

eye on the storm



Quarterback Evan Wyse





# Thunder athletic teams excel in fall



*The Trine University women's triathlon team: from left, Natalee Laudel, Stephanie Hostutler, Melissa Wirtz, Coach Danny Powell, Kari Guthrie, Kirsten Godfrey and Hannah Blystone.*

## triathlon

The Trine triathlon team had a standout inaugural first season, finishing as runners-up for Division III of the Collegiate Triathlon National Championship. Junior Hannah Blystone (Carmel, Ind./Carmel) who recorded the third-fastest overall time among DIII competitors at 1:11:53.03, placed 35th overall in a field of 73 athletes to complete the race.

Blystone was named All-Region after taking the top overall spot individually among D-III athletes at the season-opening Central Region Qualifier in early September. She later garnered All-American status from the College Triathlon Coaches Association following the conclusion of the national championships.

Blystone was the first Thunder competitor to qualify as an individual for the national meet, but was joined by Natalee Landel (Edgerton, Ohio/Edgerton), who qualified in the final regular-season competition for Trine. At that same meet, the Thunder also qualified as a team by taking top team honors in the race.

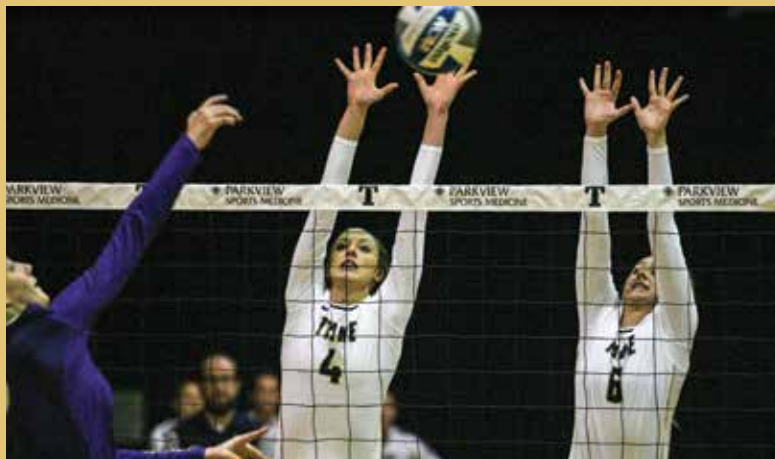
## men's soccer

The Trine men's soccer team showed great improvement, recording five victories this past fall. They claimed the fourth spot in the MIAA Tournament, with a relatively young squad seeing majority of playing

time. Senior Mason Pelphrey (Portsmouth, Ohio/Clay) led the team in goals and overall points with seven goals for 14 points. His seven goals tied him for sixth most in school history in a single season.

## women's soccer

The women's soccer team finished an injury-plagued season 6-14 overall and had two players named All-MIAA in senior goalkeeper Kristina Veljovic (Valparaiso, Ind./Valparaiso) and senior midfielder



## volleyball

Junior Shannon Scott (Vicksburg, Mich./Vicksburg) was the lone Trine volleyball player to earn All-MIAA honors this past season. Scott led Trine attackers in 2017 with a .253 attack percentage, which was also good enough to finish in the top 10 among MIAA competitors. She was second on the team with 71 total blocks, which was also good enough for a top-10 finish among MIAA players. During conference play, Scott finished with 52 total blocks, which was second in the conference behind freshman teammate Sarah Toles (Kendallville/East Noble).

*Shannon Scott, left, and Sarah Toles go up for a block in a match against Albion.*

The 2017 fall season featured strong performances by Thunder athletic teams in addition to football, which resulted in several postseason awards for their athletes.

## men's cross country

The men's cross country team had a standout season, posting six top-five finishes in six of the seven races in 2017, including a team victory in the season-opening Hokum Karem Meet hosted by Manchester (Ind.) University for the fourth consecutive year.

The Thunder were led all season by senior Lewis Duke (Greentown, Ind./Eastern) who helped guide the team to a third-place finish at the MIAA Championships while finishing fourth individually to earn All-MIAA honors along with teammate Levi Neuzerling (Noblesville, Ind./Noblesville), who finished 14th overall.



## women's cross country

Highlighting the 2017 season for the Trine women's cross country team was the performance of senior Kyla Binfet (Branson, Mont./West Yellowstone) who tied or broke the school 6K record a total of three times, the final time at the MIAA Championships, where she finished third in a time of 22:38.4. For her effort, Binfet was tabbed first-team All-MIAA, becoming the first Trine women's runner to earn first-team All-Conference honors. In addition to Binfet, freshman Evonne Bultemeyer (Fort Wayne, Ind./Homestead) had a standout season that included a second-team All-Conference award after a 14th-place finish in the MIAA Championships in a time of 22:39.6.

*Evonne Bultemeyer, center, and Kyla Binfet, right, run at the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships.*



## men's golf

The men's golf team fared well during the fall season, finishing in the top five in eight out of 10 events and capturing the team title at the Trine Ken Venturi Invitational. The Thunder finished third as a team in the rain-shortened MIAA Fall Championship and had one player earn All-MIAA honors in sophomore Grant McKay (Las Vegas, Nev./Coronado), who fired an 18-hole total of 70 strokes to lead the team and place second overall individually. Trine will be one of four teams to compete in the MIAA Automatic Qualifier in the spring that will decide who will receive a spot in the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament.

*Todd Mieske, right, drives as partner Grant Brettnacher watches at the Trine Ken Venturi Invitational.*

## women's golf

The women's golf team posted four top-five team finishes in the fall and placed seventh overall in the MIAA Fall Championship. The women will look to build upon the fall season in the spring under new Head Coach Noah Warren, who served as director of golf operations

at Trine University's Zollner Golf Course for the past 11 years. Warren graduated from Trine in 2007 with a degree in golf management and was a four-year member of the men's golf team.





*Brendan Ledwith*

# Men’s volleyball returns this fall

Men’s volleyball will return to Trine University as a varsity sport this fall. The return marks the first time the university has sponsored men’s volleyball since 2002. It originally began as a club sport at Trine, then Tri-State, in 1990, and became a varsity sport in 1991. The Thunder won the MIVA/ NAIA Championship in 1998. The university has hired Brendan Ledwith as head coach. Ledwith comes to Trine after a year at Colorado College as an assistant coach with the Tiger volleyball program. While there, Ledwith worked with outside hitters and was part of a coaching staff that guided the team to an AVCA (American Volleyball Coach’s Association) Top-25 national ranking for the duration of the 2016 season. He was also responsible for recruiting in the east coast region. Trine will compete as a member of NCAA Division III and will be part of the Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League (MCVL) beginning in the 2019 season. The university will be one of four schools in Indiana to offer varsity men’s volleyball competition at the collegiate level, and the only NCAA Division III men’s volleyball program in the state. ■

# Trine adds 2 to Athletic Hall of Fame

Trine University added two members to its Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming.



*Joel Bickel*

Joel Bickel redefined the measure of success for the men’s golf team. In 2005, he shot the lowest score in MIAA history with a 65 at The Medalist, a record that still holds today. He went on to break the record for the conference’s lowest cumulative single season average at 71.2. For these successes, Bickel was named the MIAA Medalist of the Year in his junior year, the only golfer in Trine’s history to achieve this honor and the only player to garner three first team all-conference selections. Bickel graduated in 2009 with a golf management degree.



*Jared Boll*

Jared Boll earned WHAC All-Defensive Team honors each of his four years on the men’s basketball team, and WHAC All-Conference and WHAC Academic All-Conference each of his last three years. In 1998 and 2000, he was an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. He is on the top ten lists in Trine/Tri-State Single Season and Career Records in 13 categories. He holds the WHAC record for most career blocked shots at 209. Boll graduated in 2000 with a civil engineering degree. ■

# Trine names Busscher director of golf operations



*Jonathon Busscher*

Trine University has hired Jonathon Busscher, PGA, as director of golf operations and head golf professional for Zollner Golf Course. Busscher comes to Trine from Napa Golf Course in Napa, California, where he had served as head golf professional since 2016, leading and managing all golf operations. He previously served in golf professional and assistant roles at Mather Golf Course in Mather, California; Oak Meadows Golf Course in Addison, Illinois; White Pines Golf Dome in Bensenville, Illinois; and Valley Lo Club in Glenview, Illinois. He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Michigan State University in 2010. Trine University’s new MTI Center includes several new amenities for the golf course this season, including a new banquet room, kitchen and bar as well as a patio area for outdoor seating. A new pro shop and club repair area also are located within the MTI Center. During the center’s construction, the driving range tee box was elevated and two new putting greens were built. ■

# THUNDER MAKING WAVES IN ESPORTS



## Overwatch team 3rd in national championship

They are new teams playing a fairly new sport, just moved into their new home. Yet despite the newness of it all, Trine University’s esports teams are proving a force to be reckoned with and are attracting attention from around the nation. “I was not expecting to get this far in our first year,” said Alex Goplin, director of esports at Trine. The Thunder’s top Overwatch team finished its season third in the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE), behind national champion Miami University (Ohio) and Georgia Southern University. The team’s performance attracted attention from media outlets such as ESPN.com. “Managing to get almost to the championship match is pretty significant,” said Goplin. “Once we set up the team they did much better than I had any expectation for.” Trine’s Rocket League team made the ladder pool, consistently ranking in the top third nationally and facing competition from Big 10, ACC and Ivy League schools. The Counterstrike and DOTA2 teams played in their leagues’ top divisions, winning several rounds in spite of tough competition. “When they logged into some of these Division I games, they saw they were playing against competitors they’ve known from streaming who are pros,” said Goplin. “That’s been kind of neat, too, seeing them go up against really good competition, really big schools, and putting us on the map.” “All the teams have exceeded my expectations, whether it’s wins or losses or even just growing as a team and getting better,” said Patrick Ridout, who coaches Trine’s Overwatch and DOTA2 teams. “New recruits are going to add to that as well.” In the spring semester, Trine is fielding four teams in League of Legends, which will be coached by Trine alumnus Robert Scheckelhoff. The teams will compete in different divisions based on their level of skill. ■





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