

Staying Connected



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Annual Campaign Underway for Foundation

The Minnesota West Foundation has begun its annual campaign to raise money to support the students, programs and staff at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. This year, the foundation board of directors has set a goal of \$130,000 to be raised from our friends, alumni, staff, business partners and vendors. If you have not already sent a donation, please take the time to support education through a donation at www.mnwest.edu/foundation.

This year's campaign is also the beginning of a refocus of the foundation. The foundation board of directors and college president, **Dr. Ric Shrubbs**, met in August for a strategic planning session, to plan how to best use the foundation for the benefit of the students, programs and staff of the college. The Minnesota West Foundation will be doing more to support programs, buildings and the staff of the college to make Minnesota West a destination of choice for students on our campuses, centers as well as on-line students.

One of the new projects for the foundation is to celebrate the athletic success of our teams over the years. Last year, the foundation sponsored an Alumni Weekend which celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the men's basketball state championship of 1970-1971. The weekend brought back a number of the players from that team as well as legendary coach **Arlo Mogck**. The 2012 Alumni Weekend will be February 11th and again will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the men's basketball team's state championship of 1971-1972 as well as celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 1991-1992 women's

basketball state championship. Please join other alumni and friends that weekend in Worthington to reminisce about your days at the college.

One other significant athletic milestone which the foundation helped promote was the 65th anniversary of the Worthington Community College's football team which won the regional championship in 1946. This celebration was part of Homecoming Weekend in Worthington and coincided with the campus' 75th anniversary celebration held on October 1st. In addition to athletic recognition, the foundation works with the campuses to bring community members to campus, such as a Jackson Chamber of Commerce event and the Culture Corner Holiday Celebration in December in Worthington. If you know of other significant events from your time at the college which should be celebrated, please contact the foundation office at foundation@mnwest.edu.

The Minnesota West Foundation is working to make the education at Minnesota West the best possible experience for our students. As you can read in this newsletter, it takes a great number of people to make this mission happen, please join us in making higher education a reality for students in our region.



Minnesota West athletic director Mike Fury presents the 65th Anniversary plaque to Warren Quarnstrom and family members of Francis "Sas" Griffith to honor the 1946 Championship Football team.

Canby

The Canby Campus of Minnesota West Community & Technical College was excited to celebrate 45 years of educational excellence and history! The students, staff, and community gathered to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the first graduates on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Lunch was served to nearly 200 community members, students, faculty, staff and alumni from the area. **Jody Olson**, a Canby community member and strong advocate for the Canby Campus, gave a wonderful presentation highlighting our rich history as well. The Canby Area Vocational-Technical School opened on August 30, 1965 to 114 students. The charter classes celebrated the first commencement exercises on Sunday, July 24, 1966. As the campus grew in the years that followed, additional buildings were added to the original 20,000sq. foot building

Granite Falls

The students in the Granite Falls Campus PC Maintenance and Repair Class recently completed building two custom machines that will be used by the Computer Support Technology program to test components and scan and diagnose different computer systems for viruses. The custom built machines are designed for ease of use and are easy to add and remove hardware from. The machines include two fans for cooling with different settings and lights, and can each hold up to four hard drives to test and scan. In addition to these machines, the class also worked in teams to build six different computer workstations. This was a class project used to replicate what students might do on the job if they are working at a computer repair company. Each team built a different computer workstation based on their research and then presented their findings and system to the class.



Jerry Deuschle

Jackson

On October 25, 2011 over 100 chamber members along with other special guests from the local area enjoyed hors d' oeuvres, cocktails and door prizes while they viewed art from local artists. Jackson Campus hosted the event named *Business After 5*, a monthly favorite sponsored by the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. Three of the four artists either earned their degree or had taken classes from Minnesota West. Included in this group were **Ardy Palmer**, **Pamela Ringkob** and **Sharon Sadusky** all of Jackson, MN. The three also traveled with Minnesota West art instructor **Bobbie-Alsgaard Lien's** to Europe on an Art History class trip to Europe in 2002. Adding to the venue, electrician instructor **Jerry Deuschle** and cosmetology instructor **Danylle Espenson** displayed their artistic talents at the event. The featured work of Deuschle was Raku pots. Raku is one of kind fairly porous vessels which result from low firing temperatures, and removal from the kiln while still glowing hot. Huge canvas wrapped photographs of Minnesota West students by Espenson lined the commons where the social event was held. Music was provided by *Simply Strings*; musicians **Vicki Beckendorf**/violin (Odin, MN) and **Lori Smart**/cello (Welcome, MN) who are also members of the *Mankato symphony Orchestra*.

Pipestone

Rick Fluteplayer was selected to represent Minnesota West Community & Technical College as a Welcome Ambassador at the installation of Chancellor **Steven Rosenstone**, the new Chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda. The MnSCU Board of Trustees wanted to have each college represented and highlight the diversity of cultural and national origins of students in the college system, thus hearing several native languages. Minnesota West selected Fluteplayer to represent our college and welcomed the Chancellor in the Dakota Language. There was a reception following the ceremony where Rick met Governor **Mark Dayton**, Chancellor Rosenstone. Rick has been active in sharing his culture with Minnesota West. As a college, we are very proud that Rick could represent us at this historic event.



Governor Mark Dayton and Rick Fluteplayer

Worthington

The Worthington Campus of Minnesota West Celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a Social Evening on October 1st. Pictured is **Warren Quamstrom** alumnus from Worthington Junior College and member of the 1946 football team, and his wife **Ardella**. The sweater he has on in the photo is his sweater which he graciously donated to the college to add to our collection of memorabilia and historical pieces. They currently reside in Marshall, MN and came out to celebrate the 75th Anniversary with many other community members, alumni, students, faculty and staff.

Fairmont

The Minnesota West – Fairmont Center continues to provide educational opportunities to local high school juniors and seniors, recent high school graduates, and non-traditional students. Students enjoy the chance to stay local and complete courses and degree programs via the ITV (interactive television) system and online. Enrollments continue to grow as more people within Fairmont and its surrounding communities become aware of the educational opportunities available through Minnesota West.



Warren and Ardella Quamstrom

Luverne

Minnesota West Luverne Center is being featured on a new television program in Sioux Falls called *MedTalk*. *MedTalk* is aired on various local channels throughout the Eastern South Dakota, Southwestern Minnesota and Northwestern Iowa area. Production of the feature took place in early October and happened right at the center in Luverne. This feature highlights each program offered at Luverne by interviewing each program director. It also shows students in action and highlights the great facilities that our students use every day. *MedTalk* is currently in its first year of production and episodes can be viewed on *YouTube* as well as local television stations.

Redwood Falls

Just two and a half years into its existence, the Redwood Falls Center will reach an enrollment milestone. Spring 2012 enrollment is projected to push its number of full time students to over 50, with the total number of students exceeding 75. The combination of ITV classes and online programs has allowed students in the Redwood Falls area to pursue numerous degree options from Liberal Arts to Accounting to Business and more. "Students who would otherwise not be able to commute 45 miles or more to college are finding it very convenient and flexible to stay close to home and take classes in Redwood Falls," said Center Director **Michael Van Keulen**.

Customized Training

Matthew Loeslie, Law Enforcement/Public Safety Training Coordinator has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and will represent Minnesota West Community and Technical College as one of the certified trainers through the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension qualified to deliver the Minnesota Citizen's Personal Protection Act of 2005 casually know as Firearms Concealed to Carry. The Concealed to Carry courses will be available to the Minnesota West Community & Technical College members and the public communities that the College serves.

Stay Connected with Facebook Too!

Join the Minnesota West Facebook fan page to learn even more about your favorite campus...or even find a classmate!

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Want to Join the New Legacy Society?

The Legacy Society allows a person to make a substantially larger gift to the students and programs at Minnesota West than they could during their lifetime. Contact the foundation office at **507-223-7252** if you are interested in these opportunities.

Student Spotlight

Deb Schwager – Jackson Campus



Deb Schwager

Jackson Campus student **Deb Schwager** first became involved in the state-wide *Business Professionals of America (BPA)* during a fellow student's rise to the state and then the national presidency for BPA. Last year, Deb made a successful bid to take over the state presidency from her classmate after he graduated, and then in May she became a national vice-president of the organization. Her decision to run for a national office was delayed because of health issues her husband was dealing with, however as he started feeling better she put her application together for the national campaign.

As the state president of BPA, Schwager has toured regional high school meets to help judge competitions as well as to try to let high school students know how to stay active in BPA in college. "We want them to know they don't have to quite after high school," said Schwager, "It's one of the biggest networking organizations, and it's probably one of the best things to have on your resume." As a vice-president candidate, Schwager ran on the same theme of keeping high school students active in BPA in college as well as educating businesses about BPA. As a vice-president she had the opportunity to travel to Columbus, Ohio for training and will have a trip to Chicago in January to assist in planning the next national conference.

Schwager came to Minnesota West after a knee injury left her without a chance to continue to be the cheerleading coach at Martin County West High School. She began as an accounting student but has added business administration as well as medical administration to her course load to make herself more marketable when she completes her education. Schwager and her husband, **Tim**, live in Sherburn and have three adult children. (Courtesy; Ryan Brinks, Jackson County Pilot)

Did You Know...

Did you know that "Staying Connected" is published three times a year? Only one issue is mailed to save on postage and printing costs, but you can receive it via e-mail by sending your contact information to foundation@mnwest.edu or check out back issues on the foundation website at www.mnwest.edu/foundation.

The Minnesota West "Family Tree"

Many people, including our alumni, are confused about how they "became" Minnesota West Alumni. With this "Family Tree" you can follow how your graduation from a previous campus and/or college has morphed into Minnesota West Community and Technical College. While the names may have changed, the strong commitment to our students and communities has not. Through alumni giving, you can support the current students of your alma mater – no matter which campus you originally were a part of.



Auto Technology Program Receives National Certification

The Jackson Campus has received on-site evaluation for their program. The results indicated that their program continues to meet the requirements for NATEF Master Accreditation—the highest level of achievement recognized by the *National Technical Education Foundation (NATEF)*. To maintain this recognition, the automotive training program is evaluated in the following areas: Brakes; Electrical/Electronic Systems; Engine Performance; Suspension & Steering; Automatic Transmission/Transaxles; Engine Repair; Heating & Air Conditioning; Manual Drive Trains and Axels. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

“This certification is a great asset for automotive-minded young people and their parents,” said **Dennis Hampel**, Dean of Career and Technical Programs/Jackson Campus Dean. “Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that Minnesota West’s graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result of the quality education provided by the Jackson campus program, the motoring public will benefit since better repair technicians will join the work force.”

NATEF has again recommended that the Jackson campus be certified by *The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)*. ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive training programs. Mark Temple, advisor for the automotive technology program added, Hampel adds, “During the past few months, we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program continues to meet strict industry standards, and now we are delighted to join the ranks of the ASE certified training programs. Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants.”

Rad Tech Students Perfect on ARRT Exam

The Radiologic Technology Program at Minnesota West has maintained a 100% *ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists)* board exam pass rate on first attempt since the program graduated its first group of students in 2009. This national board exam is the standard within the field that is required of graduates to receive their professional license needed to practice in the profession. This year was no exception as all 2011 graduates recently passed their ARRT board exam on first attempt. “I am very proud of our students and of our program for continuing this tradition. It demonstrates that our program is following its mission in preparing entry-level radiographers with the necessary knowledge to be successful within the field,” states **Tonya Koepsell**, MS RT (R)(M) Radiology Program Director.



Alumni

Keep us informed of what you are doing by updating your information at:
www.mnwest.edu/alumni

Endowed Scholarship

You can make leave a permanent legacy with the college through an endowed scholarship. Endowed scholarships exist to provide scholarships to students in perpetuity because the donated principle is never spent while the interest from the donated sum is given out as scholarships. Are you interested in honoring a family member or leaving a legacy yourself? **Contact the foundation at 507-223-7252.**

Alumni Weekend - Feb. 11, 2012

The Minnesota West Foundation will be hosting an Alumni Weekend on **February 11, 2012 in Worthington**. Join us for the Women’s basketball game beginning at **1:00pm** with the Men’s basketball game at **3:00pm**. The weekend will feature a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the men’s basketball state championship and the 20th anniversary of the women’s basketball state championship as well as an **alumni event following the basketball games**.

For more information contact the foundation office at **507-223-7252** or foundation@mnwest.edu.

Fairmont Center Celebrates 5 Years of Educational Success

Minnesota West Community and Technical College - Fairmont Center recently celebrated its five-year anniversary at the Southern Minnesota Education Campus in Fairmont. This educational opportunity has brought higher education to the Fairmont and surrounding communities for traditional and adult students. Enrollments have grown over the years, with an anticipated enrollment for fall semester 2011, which began Aug. 22, to about 80-90 students. Minnesota West - Fairmont Center continues to offer students a one-stop shop with on-site staff to assist with everything from application and registration to applying for financial aid. Students have the opportunity to complete an Associate in Arts degree by taking classes in Fairmont and online. Students can earn their degree and be right on track to complete a bachelor degree by transferring to a Minnesota State College and University, as well as other public and private four-year colleges. The Fairmont Center also offers courses in business, accounting and administrative assistant.

Minnesota West a Digital Community College Winner

e.Republic's Center for Digital Education and *Converge Online* announced winners in the seventh annual Digital Community Colleges Survey. The survey documents advances made by community colleges in utilizing information technology and recognizes which colleges are providing a high level of service to their faculty, students, and communities as a result. The survey looked at technology integration into college curriculum and campus life, documenting use of online admissions processes, distance education, technology training for students and faculty, campus security alerts, use of Web 2.0 social and collaborative capabilities as well as online tutoring and advisory services. Use of mobile devices was also a key indicator of success.

"As community college enrollments continue to increase, school leaders are incorporating new technologies to enhance student services and improve course curriculum," said **Cathilea Robinett**, executive vice president of the *Center for Digital Education*. "Expanded distance learning offerings, use of mobile devices, and greater collaboration – among other efforts – demonstrate these winners' drive to provide students with a high-quality education at a lower cost. Congratulations!" Minnesota West ranked #10 of Mid-sized colleges with between 5000 and 10,000 students.

Luverne Center Recognized by HLC

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has received approval from the Higher Learning Commission of an additional confirmation location to extend the Luverne center into a campus location. The approval and visit of the Higher Learning Commission stated that the Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Luverne Educational Center for Health Careers at 305 E. Luverne Street, in Luverne, MN fulfills federal regulations, related to institutional change. As indicated by the Commission policy, completion of the visit and fulfillment of the requirement will be noted in Minnesota West Community & Technical College history record, and the completed report will be included in the permanent file. **Dr. Richard Shrubbs**, Minnesota West Community & Technical College President notes, "We see Luverne as a place of economic growth and progressive thinking. Minnesota West is proud to be a part of these very good things." Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Luverne, currently offers the following program opportunities: Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, Liberal Arts, Massage Therapy, Medical Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technician, and Phlebotomy.

Carrow Hosts Taiwanese Dignitaries

Duane Carrow, the Director of the Minnesota Energy Enterprise Center at Minnesota West Community & Technical College, recently hosted Taiwanese Dignitaries at his farm in rural Marshall, in cooperation with the *U.S. Grains Council* and the *Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (MARL)* program. Duane and his wife **Deb**, hosted the Taiwanese Dignitaries for a day on their farm. The team arrived at Carrow's grain and livestock farm in rural Marshall by 10:00 a.m. "We gave them a tour of our crop production equipment, grain storage and load-out facilities and a look at our swine nurseries," Carrow said. "We happened to be loading corn for delivery to the local ADM processing facility, so they had a chance to grab a handful and talk about the yields and quality. I was able to explain the efficient environmentally friendly way we grow our crops. It really brings home for them how the bread basket of the United States is the best place in the world to grow corn." In addition to visiting his farm, Carrow also arranged visits for the Taiwanese Dignitaries to a neighboring farm as well as a tour of the Granite Falls ethanol production facility.

1960s

Jim Roberts – 1965, Accounting, Jackson – Jim is living in North Liberty, IA with his wife **Phyllis**. Jim is retired and he and Phyllis have two adult sons.

Marcia (Mathias) Lindberg – 1968, Clerical, Jackson – Marcia is living in Savage, MN with her husband **Richard**. She works at MTS Systems. Marcia and Richard have two adult children.

1970s

Lynn Braband – 1970, Pre-Forestry, Worthington – Lynn is living in Rochester, NY with his wife **Jane**. He completing his bachelor's and master's degrees in Wildlife biology and now works as a senior extension associate for the New York State integrated pest Management Program at Cornell University. Lynn and Jane have three adult children and four grandchildren.

Terry Morrison – 1971, English, Worthington – Terry is living in Worthington, MN with his wife **Elaine**. Terry completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology and works at New Dawn Treatment Center. Terry and Elaine have three adult children.

Roger Voss – 1971, Electro-mechanical Drafting, Jackson – Roger is living in Sioux Falls, SD with his wife **Karen**. Roger works at Lectrus. Roger and Karen have three adult children.

Ryan Anderson – 1972, Liberal Arts, Worthington – Ryan is living in San Ramon, CA with his wife **Sharon**. Ryan is self-employed. Ryan and Sharon have two adult children.

Betty (Leen) Culbertson – 1972, General Secretary, Jackson – Betty is living in Wells, MN with her husband **Ronald**. She is working for Wells Federal Bank. Betty and Ronald have two adult daughters.

Betty (Alcorn) Kassel – 1973, Fashion Merchandising, Pipestone – Betty is living in Walnut Grove, MN.

Barry Kooiman – 1973, Merchandising, Pipestone & 1981, Electronics, Jackson – Barry is living in Flandreau, SD with his wife **Marcia**. He retired from the US Air Force after twenty years and has been working for the US Postal Service for 14 years. Barry and Marcia have two adult children.

Don Warren – 1973, Liberal Arts, Worthington – Don lives in Oakes, ND with his wife **Kathy** and their three children. Don is the principle and athletic director at Oakes Public Schools. He is proud to report that Kathy passed the 400 win mark at the head volleyball coach and that their eldest daughter is also now coaching volleyball in Fairmount, ND.

Steve Weber – 1975, Sales & Marketing, Jackson – Steve is living in Eagle Lake, MN with his wife **Cindy** and their three children. Steve works at Hanco Corporation.

Loren Travis – 1977, Construction Electrician, Jackson – Loren is living in Eleva, WI with his wife **Susan**.

Greg Witt – 1977, Jackson – Greg is living in Hutchinson, MN.

Cynthia (Johnson) Likness – 1978, Secretary, Jackson – Cynthia is living in Kasson, MN with her husband **Gordon**. She works for Benchmark Electronics. Cynthia and Gordon have one adult son.

Michael Luitjens – 1979, Accounting, Jackson – Michael is living in Owatonna, MN.

Barb (Emerson) Lutmer – 1979, Liberal Arts, Worthington – Barb is living in Andover, MN. She completed her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing and is an assistant professor of nursing at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN.

1980s

Mary Kay Kerkhoff – 1982, Clerk Typist, Granite Falls – Mary Kay is living in Morgan, MN and is working as an Administrative Assistant for the Redwood Area Chamber & Tourism Office. Mary Kay is active in the American Legion Auxiliary and enjoys working with miniature horses.

Paige (Hanson) Scholl – 1982, Court Reporting, Jackson – Paige is living in Windom, MN with her husband **John** and their two children. Paige is working for the State of Minnesota District Courts and is happy her education has provided her with a wonderful career.

Elaine (Erickson) Sook – 1982, Pipestone – Elaine is living in Marshall, MN.

Phil Dittes – 1983, Fluid Power, Granite Falls – Phil is living in Anoka, MN with his wife **Christine**. Phil has been working at John Henry Foster as an Account Manager since returning to Minnesota from Chicago in 1991.

John Massengale – 1984, Electric Motor Repair, Jackson – John is living in San Antonio, TX with his wife, **Robin**, and their two teen-age children. John is self-employed.

Dan Schmitt – 1984, Fluid Power, Granite Falls – Dan is living in Farmington, MN with his wife **Sherry** and working at John Henry Foster. Dan and Sherry have three children.

Dennis Kleine – 1986, Plumbing & Heating, Jackson – Dennis is living in Marshall, MN with his wife **Delores** and is working at Western Community Action.

Ruth (Burrows, Lee) Moldan – 1986, Sales & Marketing, Jackson – Ruth is living in Sleepy Eye, MN with her husband **Larry**.

LaVonne (Liepold) Reif – 1987, Accounting, Jackson – and **Gary Reif** – 1988, Auto Body, Jackson – live in Jackson, MN. LaVonne works for Trustmark Life Insurance Company and Gary works for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. LaVonne and Gary have one adult son.



Mary Kay Kirhoff



Scott Blom

1990s

Richard Dannen – 1993, Robotics, Granite Falls – Richard lives in Chancellor, SD and works for Dascom Systems Group as a Lead IPTV Tech.

Chad Hasert – 1997, Fluid Power, Granite Falls – Chad lives in Brandon, SD with his wife **Sheri** and their two children. Chad works at Pace Manufacturing.

Natalie (Johnson) Schmidt – 1997, Laboratory Tech, Pipestone – Natalie is living in Slayton, MN with her husband **Terry**. She works in the laboratory at Sanford Clinic in Worthington, MN. Natalie and Terry have three adult children.

Tory Schreurs – 1997, Electrical, Canby – Tory is living in Russell, MN with his wife **Jodi** and their two young children. Tory is working at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN.

Joyce (Carson) Welling-Prahm – 1999, Administrative Assistant, Jackson – Joyce is living in North Mankato, MN with her husband **Robert** and their three children. Joyce works at the School Sisters of Notre Dame as a database and event specialist.

2000s

Kirt Anderson – 2000, Robotics, Granite Falls – Kirt is living in Coon Rapids, MN with his wife **Anne** and their two children. Kirt works for Industrial Automation Engineering as a Key Account Manager; Kirt is also the owner of TEC Trainer, LLC.

Scott Blom – 2002, Accounting, Pipestone – Scott is living in Pipestone, MN and working at Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co as a staff accountant. Scott has been working for about ten years and enjoys riding his motorcycle. He hopes to take his CPA test in the near future.

Jonathan Engstrom – 2002, Network Administrator, Jackson – Jonathan is living in Waconia, MN with his wife **Stacey**. He is working as a consultant at Midwave Corporation.

Melissa (Coil) Jerve – 2003, Dental Assisting, Canby – Melissa is living in Montevideo, MN with her husband **Eric** and their two young children. Melissa works at Main Street Dental Care.

Ryan Laleman – 2004, Robotics, Granite Falls – Ryan is living in Blaine, MN and working for Dahlen Systems, Inc.

David Soderholm – 2004, Ag Business, Worthington – David is living in Reading, MN with his wife **Chandra** and works for Prairie Livestock Supply.

Molly (Schneider) Getzel – 2005, Psychology, Worthington – Molly is living in Brewser, MN and works for the Minnesota Soybean Processors as an Environmental, Health, and Safety Manager. Molly has two sons.

Michelle (Van't Hul) Lowe – 2006, Liberal Arts, Worthington – Michelle is living in Sibley, IA with her husband **Matt** and their two children. Michelle is working for the Osceola County Sheriff's office.

Mark Lax – 2007, Diesel Mechanic, Canby – Mark is living in Sleepy Eye, MN and working for Kibble Equipment.

Jacob Dawon – 2008, Manufacturing Engineering Tech, Granite Falls – Jacob is living in Thornton, CO with his wife **Misty**. He works for UQM Technologies.

Rosemary Lewis – 2008, Liberal Arts, Worthington – Rosemary is living in St. Louis Park, MN. Rosemary completed her bachelor's degree in Art from the University of Minnesota and is looking toward completing a master's degree.

Joshua Zahn – 2008, Electrical, Canby – Joshua is living in Milbank, SD with his wife **Samantha** and their three young children. Joshua is working for Poet Biorefining.

Karen (Wiedenmeyer) Feist – 2009, Receptionist, Granite Falls – Karen is living in Glencoe, MN.

2010s

Rachael (Mensen) Krueger – 2010, Dental Assisting, Canby – Rachael is living in Willmar, MN with her husband **Matt** and working at Glacial Lakes Dental as a Dental Assistant. Rachael and Matt were married this past summer.

Jennifer (Wilson) Taylor – 2010, Nursing, Worthington – Jennifer is living in Fairfax, MN with her husband **Luke** and their two children. Jennifer works for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield as a Register Nurse. Jen is also continuing her education at MSU Mankato.

Brenda (Morris) Bierschenk – 2011, Education Paraprofessional, Online – Brenda is living in Minneota, MN with her husband **Todd** and their two children. Brenda works for the Minneota Public Schools as a paraprofessional in the high school.

Brandon Boerboom – 2011, Fluid Power, Granite Falls – Brandon is living in Marshall, MN and working at Sunsource as a customer service representative.

Tabitha Erschens – 2011, Administrative Assistant, Pipestone – Tabitha is living in Pipestone, MN with her three children. Tabitha is working at D's Sanitation in Pipestone.

Cheri Fjermestad – 2011, Administrative Assistant, Granite Falls – Cheri is living in Granite Falls, MN and is now pursuing her bachelor's degree in finance.

Miranda (O'Sullivan) Flickinger – 2011, Business Administrative Assistant, Granite Falls – Miranda is living in Montevideo, MN with her husband **Lonnie** and their three children. Miranda is working for Dooley BP.

Krista (Flom) Hatton – 2011, Child Development, Granite Falls – Krista is living in Tracy, MN with her husband, **Raymond**. She works at Tracy Kids World.

Susan (Coudron) Limones – 2011, Administrative Assistant, Jackson – Susan is living in Renville, MN with her husband **Jose**. She works at H & L Motors.

Deborah (Hoogland) Polzin – 2011, Accounting, Worthington – Deborah is living in Windom, MN with her husband **Arland**. She owns Polzin Tax Services and has been an enrolled agency since 1988. After nearly 40 years of marriage, Deborah is happy have to have two very spoiled cats.

Thomas Sabol – 2011, Powerline, Jackson – Thomas is living in Mahanomen, MN and working for Ottertail Power Company.

Missy (Schacherer) Schueller – 2011, Administrative Assistant, Canby – Missy is living in Dawson, MN with her husband **Gerald**. She is working at Cullen's Home Center in Willmar. Missy and Gerald have three children.

Rhonda (Bahr) Shoen – 2011, Nursing, Worthington – Rhonda is living in Fairmont, MN with her husband **Shawn** and their five children. Rhonda is continuing her education in nursing and pursuing her bachelor's degree.

Matthew Streich – 2011, Automotive Technology, Jackson – Matthew is living in Springfield, MN and working at Ed's Repair.

Charley Yang – 2011, Computer Support, Granite Falls – Charley is living in Walnut Grove, MN and is working on his bachelor's degree.



Jennifer Taylor & Family

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