

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Barbara McDonald,
Interim President**



As Minnesota West's interim President this year, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve this great college! I have been warmly embraced by hard-working, dedicated faculty and staff who care deeply about the institution, our communities, and especially our students. It's been a privilege to work with such talented people.

We have had a busy fall at Minnesota West! We kicked off the semester with a series of campus and community listening sessions to gather input from faculty and staff on their expectations and goals for the year. In September, Minnesota West's Leadership Team came together in a two-day retreat to formalize these goals into a strategic plan focused on enrollment growth, being a "partner of choice" and assuring long-term financial sustainability. Our goal is not only to "learn with purpose", but to "lead with purpose" in serving our learners and the region.

Several new developments are underway that reflect our goals. Campus leaders have reached out to establish career pathways with our K-12 partners particularly in vocational/technical program areas. In October the President's Advisory Council (PAC) was formed – a group of 25 industry and business leaders across the region who will be meeting quarterly to advise the president on how Minnesota West can meet the "skills gap" and other workforce needs. In November, Minnesota West hosted the Minnesota State College and Universities' Charting the Future Implementation Teams at Worthington and Canby. Over 170 participants attending, including staff, community members, and legislative leadership. Charting the Future is a system-wide strategic planning initiative aimed at maximizing opportunities for all Minnesotans to create a better future for themselves, for their families, and for their communities. For more information on how you can participate, please visit <http://www.mnscu.edu/chartingthefuture/index.html>

Most exciting too, has been the amazing support received from our area partners to support our students and programs. This include JBS's award of \$135,000 in scholarships for students pursuing a degree in Industrial Technology; an Otto Bremer Foundation "Finish Line Grant" which awards \$200,000 in scholarships to student residents of Lyon & Redwood counties; the AGCO Corporation/Ziegler partnership with Minnesota West's diesel program which yielded equipment, manuals, tools and training; Sanford Health's award of \$30,000 per year to support students pursuing an LPN degree, and most recently, the AT&T Foundation award of \$12,000 to support scholarships for high school students to take Minnesota West's computer courses.

This fall we also celebrated many achievements! Brad Schloesser, Minnesota West Dean of Southern Minnesota Center of Agriculture and Minnesota West FBM Team members Terry Rieckman, Justin Williamson, Kent Janssen and Bob Roesler received national recognition as outstanding educators in farm business management. Terri Pelzel, Information Technology faculty at our Jackson Campus, received the Minnesota ACTE Postsecondary Teacher Award for 2014. And in September, the Jackson campus celebrated 50 years of service! We also congratulated Canby's Student Senate for winning the "Get Out the Vote" trophy recognizing the highest percentage of students registered to vote!

We are also proud to announce that Minnesota West has been designated a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds. In November, Minnesota West celebrated Veteran's Day with many moving events that honored the service of our veteran students. The college hosted the traveling war display "Always Lost" and partnered with public television in presenting "Coming Back" with Wes Moore.

In closing, I want to sincerely thank you for the support you show our college and for the generous contributions of our donors who provided over \$68,000 in scholarships for students. I encourage you to stay in touch and be actively involved as we shepherd new generations forward to reach their potentials and lead productive lives. Our mission is all about access and opportunity, and I couldn't be more proud of the work Minnesota West faculty and staff do to support our learners. **Thank you for your generous spirits!**

EDWARD KELLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ASHLEY JANSMA 2014 Edward Kellen SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Edward Kellen's memorial scholarship established by his family truly honors his memory and commitment to education.

In the fall of 1949, Edward Kellen and his family moved to Worthington. Edward's 32-year career at Worthington Junior College included teaching business courses and serving as the Registrar.

Edward's four daughters all attended Worthington Junior College. "Education was a big part of our lives and we wanted a scholarship established in his name. We knew he would have appreciated that also. I recall walking from Central Elementary as a child to sit and wait for my dad in his college office in the old combination Junior High/High School/Junior College building," noted Kathy Kellen O'Malley, Edward's oldest daughter.

Following his retirement in 1978, Edward became active in many volunteer activities in Worthington. He stayed very connected to the college as a member and treasurer of Friends of Worthington Community College Foundation and as a member of the Worthington Community College Advisory Board. He was also the coordinator of the Worthington College gardens. For these activities and numerous others in the community, he received the outstanding volunteer of the year award twice.

Edward's legacy continues at Worthington Junior College, now Minnesota West Community and Technical College, as the Edward Kellen Memorial Scholarship has awarded almost \$19,000 in scholarships for students.

The 2014 Edward Kellen Memorial scholarship recipient is Ashley Jansma. Ashley is a graduate of Worthington Senior High School. As recipient of the scholarship, Ashley will have support to achieve her long term education goals. "My overall goal and plan for the future is to become a Certified Public Accountant. I will accomplish this by setting smaller goals in my education and everyday life. My educational goal is to continue my schooling at Minnesota West-Worthington for one more year. I already have one year of college completed because I did PSEO my senior year. I plan to get a bachelor's degree in accounting. Setting goals and having high standards will help me rise above and do the best that I can do. I set high goals for myself because I know it will help me accomplish great things in the future."

MARBLE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO JACKIE PETERSON

Ten years after closing its doors, Marble Lutheran Church is still providing a service to the area by way of scholarships through Minnesota West Community & Technical College.

A year after it closed, a bequest of \$30,000 was made from the Marble Lutheran Church Board to the scholarship fund available to students of Minnesota West Community and Technical College. The donation was made possible through the estates of Henry and Burmie Lindahl and Carold Olson.

Elwood Bakke, who was President of the Marble Lutheran Church Board for over 40 years, remains a representative of the board. His wife Delphine was a lifetime member of Marble Lutheran Church and also an instructor at the Minnesota West Community & Technical College – Canby Campus for many years.

Two \$1,000 scholarships are given each year, one to any Minnesota West student and one to a Minnesota West nursing student.

Elwood Bakke, who was President of the Marble Lutheran Church Board for over 40 years, is pictured with nursing student Jackie Peterson, one of two recent recipients of the Marble Lutheran Scholarship. Not pictured is Brett Jelen of Canby, the second recipient.

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ALUMNI NOW TEACHING



Stacy Quist came full circle when she accepted the Cosmetology instructor position on the Pipestone Campus, where she graduated in 2002 with honors. Stacy was intent on refining her cosmetology skills. She has spent 12 years in the cosmetology field focusing on hair skills. She feels privileged to teach with her instructor/mentor Jackie Lage in the newly refurbished salon setting.

Stacy was in her mid-20's when she started classes at Minnesota West. She felt that it was a huge asset that classes were so close to home. While she juggled the challenges of being a young mother, wife and student, she could rely on her family for support and encouragement. Affordability was another reason that she chose Minnesota West to continue her education. The personal attention that she received in the classroom played a large role in the enjoyment of her classes and the cosmetology field that she chose to pursue.

Keeping up with the changes in the field of cosmetology is another challenge she enjoys. Each day is different and the techniques are always improving. Flat irons and foil coloring were not even in the vocabulary when Stacy attended college and now are very commonplace. She has learned new skills and how to use new equipment by attending seminars and hair shows. According to Stacy, the new innovations are fun to learn and incorporate into everyday salon practices.

Stacy stated that she is eager to share not only her techniques, but also professionalism, customer service and accountability to her students. Her experience in the industry as a salon manager and owner taught her that these skills are just as important. Stacy resides in Pipestone with her husband Billy and their four sons.

Minnesota West now uses College Central Network as its official resume and job posting service. **Go to www.collegecentral.com/mnwest**

Students and alumni may create an account profile to:

- Search for all full-time, part-time, and internship jobs easily and efficiently.
- Create and upload a resume and career portfolio to make available to employers.
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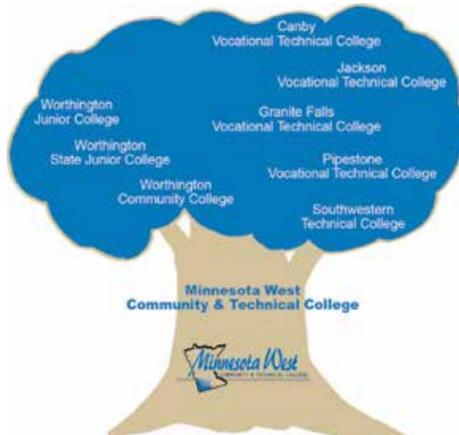
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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Established in 2004, the Minnesota West Foundation was formed through a merger between two long standing foundations: the Minnesota West Scholarship and Development Foundation and the Worthington Campus Foundation of Minnesota West Community and Technical College. The Foundation, which is comprised of volunteer board members, is a vehicle for accepting private gifts and donations. The Foundation believes in affordable and accessible educational opportunities for students. Because of this belief and commitment to education, the Foundation provides funding for scholarships and development opportunities for the students attending Minnesota West Community & Technical College.

In FY14, the Foundation provided funds to award \$68,000 in scholarships. Additionally, the Foundation provides funds for program development. The Foundation, for the first time ever, conducted a capital campaign to support renovation to the Center for Health and Wellness on the Worthington campus.

MINNESOTA WEST PROGRAMS OF STUDY

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Business Mgmt/Marketing
 Agriculture Plant Science (GIS/GPS)
 Agriculture Production

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Electrician
 Plumbing

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Accountant
 Administration Assistant/Receptionist
 Business Administration & Mgmt
 Medical Secretary/Medical Coding

EDUCATION

Education Paraprofessional

ENERGY & MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY

Biofuels Technology
 Electric Utility Substation Technology
 Energy Technical Specialist

Fluid Power Technology
 Industrial Technology
 Powerline Technology
 Machine Tool Technology
 Solar Photovoltaic Technician
 Welding
 Wind Energy Technology

HEALTH

Dental Assistant
 Emergency Medical Services
 Emergency Medical Technician
 Mgmt & Supervision in Healthcare
 Massage Therapy
 Medical Assistant
 Medical Laboratory Technician
 Medical Secretary/Medical Coding
 Nursing, PN & RN
 Phlebotomy
 Radiologic Technology
 Surgical Technology

HUMAN SERVICES, LAW, PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY

Child Development
 Cosmetology, Manicurist, Esthetician
 Human Services
 Law Enforcement

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Certificate Options
 Computer Engineering Technology
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Named **Top** Community College by Washington Monthly

Named One of the **Top 150** Colleges in the Country by Aspen Institute

Our 2014 Stats!

- Served **10,738** students (includes both credit & non-credit)
- Total credit students served **5,215**
- Full-time students **59%**
- Part-time students **41%**
- Percent female **54%**
- Percent male **42%**
- We have students from **10 countries & 31 states!**
- **71%** of students receive financial aid



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