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Several months ago I attended two national meetings of college presidents. In my mind they mirrored national discussions about efficiency and quality in higher education.

In the first, we discussed with several Obama Administration officials the president’s plan to have the Department of Education develop for the 2015-16 academic year a new college rating system. It will use a set of metrics to give an overall rating – such as “highly recommended”, “recommended”, or “not recommended” – for every college and university in the country. The metrics include: percentage of Pell Grant students served, tuition levels, financial aid awards, student debt, graduation rates, and earnings of graduates.

The scorecard is meant to provide transparency in the college application process, and to encourage innovation and healthy competition among higher education institutions.

President Obama would like to tie distribution of the $150 billion in annual federal financial aid to college performance on the scorecard (it would require Congressional approval). Students attending higher-rated institutions could obtain larger Pell Grants and more-affordable loans.

While they want to work on behalf of transparency and affordability, presidents at the meeting expressed serious concerns about the scorecard, among them:

• The scorecard is a disproportionate reaction to a specific problem of some for-profit institutions who have specialized in recruiting students who are eligible for Pell Grants, taken that money, and then not provided sufficient academic and personal support to help the students persist and graduate. Do we need a universal rating system to address a few bad actors?

• The scorecard homogenizes American higher education, whose great diversity is one of its strengths. Community and technical schools, state universities, land-grant universities, independent liberal arts colleges, religiously affiliated colleges, historically black colleges and universities, for-profit schools – all have different missions, cultures and purposes. Regional accreditors wisely respect this diversity, and so judge institutions not according to standardized metrics, but according to how well they carry out their expressed missions. We urge the government to respect and maintain this approach.

• The scorecard penalizes institutions whose graduates earn less – say, as educators or social workers, and rewards those whose graduates enter higher-paying fields such as engineering or business. Are engineers inherently more valuable in American society than pre-school teachers?

• The scorecard could encourage actions that game the system. Should we, for example, turn away at-risk students or dumb down our academic requirements so as to improve retention and graduation rates? Should we dismiss someone for academic dishonesty or racist actions if doing so would hurt our completion numbers?

• Most importantly, the scorecard reinforces the notion that the primary, even exclusive, purpose of higher learning is commercial, quantitative, economic. What about the personal and societal value of higher learning?

At the second presidents’ gathering I heard a stirring address by the journalist David Brooks. His message, boiled down, was this: Yes, we must be concerned with affordability and financial metrics, but we must also insist that the purposes of higher learning are not simply economic success, but…

“... efficiency and quality in higher education.”
also include the development of rich internal lives and deeper souls. Education is about more than achievement and worldly success; it is also about confronting our weaknesses and developing the moral vocabulary and the habits of the heart that help turn us into good people, good citizens, good lovers, good parents. In this sense, education is about building a life as well as a career.

This process of soul-deepening, of cultivating intellectual and moral habits, of considering the common good and how we should contribute to it – it is this liberal arts formation of the whole person that is left out of the scorecard approach. The value of a college education is only partially measured by earnings one or five years out; it is also played out across the lifespan in the sense of meaning and purpose, in the health of families, civic communities and a democratic society.

We must not compromise the education of the heart in the name of efficiency. Brooks is right to call us to account. If we reduce the point of education to workforce preparation in a narrow sense, then we will graduate technically competent people who may not have developed a thoughtful frame of reference to guide the application of knowledge. Such workers might be benign cogs in a benevolent government, or they might be effective bureaucrats in a totalitarian system.

Workforce preparation and the transmission of wisdom – this is our sacred trust. Balancing efficiency with wholeness is our challenge. Thank you for your support in our effort.

Larry Goodwin
President
Student clubs on campus date to the College’s earliest days. The Debating Society was established in 1914 for the argumentative, and the St. Agnes Honor Society began in 1932 for ladies with academic honors and good character.

“When students are passionate about the club they belong to, they can share their knowledge with the community and the community gets an opportunity to learn about that subject and find a passion for it as well,” said Connor Blacksher ’14, last year’s Student Senate president. Here’s a sampling of today’s 67 clubs.
The Bee’s Knees

Established: Spring 2014
Members: half a dozen students interested in learning beekeeping. With guidance from longtime beekeeper Mary Lou Donovan, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy.

Purpose: to introduce a healthy apiary (collection of beehives) on campus. The chosen site is next to a garden on the banks of Chester Creek.

Meetings: short and sweet.
Biggest challenge: Neonicotinoids! They’re a widely used class of neuro-active agricultural insecticides chemically similar to nicotine. Studies have found a link between neonicotinoids and declining bee populations.

Favorite saying: See you later, pollinator.
Rugby

Established: Fall 2012

Number of ruggers: 26, with 16 active members

Biggest challenge: finding new members. Currently only a men’s team competes, but women are welcome to join and practice. The club hopes to start a women’s team.

Biggest misconception: that all rugby players are big partiers – rugby is really about community, notes Katie Wieliczkiewicz, the team’s coach. Members attend COR leadership training on campus and aim to promote community and respect.

Accolades: CSS Rugby Team became recognized as a USA Rugby Club in February, and the team is also a member of the Minnesota Rugby Football Union, enabling competition against teams from around the region.
Asian Student Union

**Founded:** Fall 2011, initially named Asian Culture Club. Became the Asian Student Union in the fall of 2013.

**Purpose:** To promote awareness of Asian cultures and understanding of cultural diversity on campus and throughout the Duluth community.

**How is the purpose carried out?** Club members offer an educational presentation on a different Asian country at each club meeting.

**A little geography:** Forty-seven countries comprise Asia, the world’s largest continent.

**The grand gala:** Asian Heritage Night, held in mid-April, features a speaker, performances, a fashion show and other expressions of Asian cultures.

**Did you know?** The group has grown from 15 students when it started to more than 40 today. Membership is open to anyone who would like to learn about different Asian cultures.

Students Today, Leaders Forever (STLF)

**Founded at St. Scholastica:** 2009

**Purpose:** To engage in service leadership projects around the country, creating positive life experiences. It’s a national group, and St. Scholastica has a chapter on campus.

**Celebration Cities:** Every year, the club goes to a different major city over spring break to do a service project. The “Pay it Forward Tour” takes about 40 student members from St. Scholastica every year, this year’s was to Philadelphia.

**Service at Sea:** A Glory Days Cruise is offered in the fall for members who have graduated. They do service at different coastal cities while spending nights onboard a ship.

**The kind of clean-up:** Service projects usually involve a variety of activities, mostly cleaning-up of trails, buildings, and grounds-keeping jobs.
Student Alumni Association

**Members:** 12 who attend weekly meetings, with an additional 25 who help out with volunteering.

**Purpose:** To enhance feelings of community on campus, nurture the bond between students, alumni, and their College, improve student leadership skills and increase the student interest in College activities and campus life.

**Did you know?** The SAA plans events that are at the heart of student life, including Homecoming royalty, the Student Talent Show, Lighting a Tradition, No Jobs for Slobs, Saints Marathon, Alums Make it Happen and the one-and-only Oozeball mud volleyball tournament.

**For the holidays:** SAA is the club that lights up Tower Hall, during its annual Lighting a Tradition ceremony, making the campus a beautiful site for the Christmas season.

Queer Straight Alliance

**Membership:** 10 to 15 dedicated members

**Purpose:** To raise awareness around campus about issues related to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual (LGBTQIA) community, and advocate on their behalf, pushing for institutional changes. Also serves as a support role for people who identify with a LGBTQIA identity.

**Accomplishments:** Rallied for and achieved more gender neutral bathrooms on campus, which enables transgender individuals to use a bathroom without fear of stigma or harassment.

**Challenges:** Often perceived as a radical club, stemming from disagreements on how the campus should best serve its LGBTQIA population.

**Who can join the club?** Everyone is welcome, queer or straight.

**Club tradition:** To introduce everyone at the start of each meeting, and answer an icebreaker question. A recent favorite was to name your celebrity crush.
American Sign Language Club

Founded: 2010

Members: from an initial four to 30 today. Usually 15 at meetings.

Purpose: To create an environment in which students, faculty, staff and community members can learn about Deaf people, American Sign Language, and Deaf culture.

Proudest achievements: Bringing to campus Beethoven's Nightmare, the only Deaf rock band in the world, as well as Daniel Durant, star on the ABC Family show “Switched at Birth.”

Did you know? The group hosts a workshop called Children and Parent Signing (CAPS) the first Tuesday of each month, allowing families of Deaf or hard-of-hearing children to learn basic signs that will be useful in everyday life and engage in beneficial activities.

LEARN MORE about CSS clubs and organizations at go.css.edu/clubs
Hodapp’s travels

Professor of English William Hodapp has been granted a Fulbright Award to be a scholar in residence at Durham University in Durham, England, from January through May 2015.

He’ll pursue two activities: archival research into fifteenth-century linguistics and book production in northern England and Edinburgh, Scotland; and a professional exchange exploring current undergraduate English studies pedagogy in the United Kingdom and the United States.

The work will help him in future course and curriculum development at St. Scholastica and in completing a book-length study on James I’s “Kingis Quair,” which will contribute to understanding of this important fifteenth-century English-Scots narrative poem. His work will also benefit colleagues in both Durham and the St. Scholastica English Department through an exchange of ideas and practices.

In Durham, Hodapp will also give at least one public lecture off campus at a non-University venue.

“Dr. Hodapp’s expertise in things medieval is well known on our campus, particularly his popular honors course in which students produce a book using methods from the 15th century,” said Beth Domholdt, vice president of academic affairs at St. Scholastica. “We’re very pleased that he’s receiving this international recognition for his work.”

Hodapp joins the ranks of the College’s other distinguished participants in the Fulbright program, including Robert Craig (history, retired), Dan Johnson (communication and theater arts, retired), and Thomas Zelman (English).
Many students go home for spring break. Others head to the warmer climates of Florida or Mexico for a week of relaxation.

And every year, some St. Scholastica students take a different journey – committing themselves to service.

This year 39 students went on four Alternative Spring Break service-learning trips organized by Campus Ministry:

- Christian Appalachian Project in Lancaster, KY
- Urban Immersion in Chapel Hill, NC
- Rebuilding Together in New Orleans
- San Lucas Mission in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala

In addition, a trip by the student-run service organization Students Today Leaders Forever (see page 5) took a bus full of students on nine-day journey to Philadelphia, stopping in various cities along the way to perform service projects.

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css.edu/campusministry
Kim Kruger, MD, is leading the College’s new Physician Assistant program.

Pending final approvals, the new PA program will admit its first students in 2016 and will award a two-year master’s degree. A Physician Assistant works under the direction of a physician supervisor, providing medical care as a member of a team of providers.

Kruger is an experienced clinician and educator who spent nine years as a family physician and educator at the Duluth Family Medicine Residency Program, the final three as associate and program director. Before that, she spent four years as a physician in rural Minnesota.

"Dr. Kruger’s professional interest has been rural health care quality and access," said Beth Domholdt, vice president for academic affairs. "Her passion for both medicine and teaching in a values-based context made her the perfect person to launch our program."

Kruger said she was “inspired by this opportunity to join St. Scholastica’s impressive faculty team in creating and developing a Physician Assistant program in our community. Our nation is facing a serious shortage in primary care access. We must focus on training competent health care providers – such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners – who can fill the need in rural and inner city shortage areas. This was the core of my work the past nine years, and will be going forward, as St. Scholastica’s PA program is a key part of the solution to meet the needs of our communities.”

She noted that by 2018, the Physician Assistant field is predicted to grow 39 percent.

"PAs have one of the fastest occupational growth rates in America," she said. "Minnesota has very high demand for these professionals.

The PA program joins the College’s other health science and health care programs, which include physical therapy, occupational therapy, health informatics and information management, social work, nursing, nurse practitioner, athletic training, and exercise physiology.

The hallmark of the PA program will be interprofessional, collaborative education, which won’t be new on campus."
“St. Scholastica has already embraced this educational approach,” she said, “which made my coming here feel like such a good fit. This is my personal educational platform and approach to education, developed over the past decade of educating family medicine residents. There are great studies that show these approaches lead to better primary care educational outcomes. Collaboration is what primary care is all about in the future.”

In its admissions policies for the PA program, the College will focus on selecting students who are most likely to serve an underserved community in primary care. The department expects to admit 24 students per year. Prospective students will be able to begin applying in the spring of 2015. For more information go to css.edu/pa.

Kruger said clinical experiences will be central to the St. Scholastica approach.

“Clinical experiences improve practice preparedness and contextual learning,” she said. “St. Scholastica already has relationships with dozens of clinical institutions for learning – this infrastructure has already been carefully cultivated, which provides opportunities for our success from the get-go.”

The challenges of leading a residency and running a clinic led her to study for an MBA with an emphasis in medical management, which has given her administrative skills that complement her educational and clinical experience. She was awarded the degree in May.

As a family physician she became interested in the capabilities of Physician Assistants when she worked with two PAs in a rural community. She was impressed with how effective they were at handling routine medical care so that she, as the physician, could work “at the top of my license,” caring for demanding cases.

She was drawn to St. Scholastica, she said, because “it innovates, is nimble and is forward-thinking. They’re willing to say, ‘this is where the needs are’ and ‘this is what the trends are’ and ‘let’s always be on the front of those changes to better serve rural health care and our communities.’ ”
Coding for Change

Although women make up half of the American workforce, they hold only 26 percent of computer-related occupations – a figure that seems even lower when you consider that in 1991 women held 37 percent of those jobs.

The College is trying to do something about it.

In late April, a group from St. Scholastica and Lake Superior College descended upon a computer lab on the CSS campus for their first-ever Women’s Hackathon.

During the weekend-long program, they immersed themselves in technology and completed a challenge given by Microsoft, the national organizer and sponsor of the event, to Hackathon events across the world. The challenge was to design a website or mobile app focusing on either women in STEM fields or distracted driving. They chose the latter and in just one nine-hour day of coding, they were able to create a functional, intuitive website from scratch.

“It’s surprising how much you can get done in one day,” said senior Sarah Rutherford.

And that wasn’t the only benefit. “There’s some bonding that goes on, so the students create stronger relationships among their peers,” said organizer Jen Rosato, assistant professor of Computer Information Systems. “It also helps spread the word about the computer science program at St. Scholastica and establish connections with other schools in the area.”
He’s seen police officers shot dead in front of him and machine guns used to disperse crowds. He’s been arrested and jailed for taking pictures of a peaceful protest.

Just another day at work for Aaron Thomas Rose ’08.

As a journalist and photographer for the Daily News Egypt, the only independent English-language daily newspaper in the country, Rose has been on the front lines of Egypt’s revolution, covering it from its epicenter in Cairo.

But before that, he was an English major at St. Scholastica working on the Cable student newspaper, as the arts and entertainment editor and eventually the editor-in-chief.

“My time at the Cable really formed a lot of how I think about news,” Rose said. “I learned lot of what I know about journalism today.”

His path to professional journalism wasn’t a straight one. He taught English in Egypt for six months before returning to the U.S. in April 2010 with the goal of getting a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. Then Egypt’s revolution began.

“I developed a real passion for journalism when the Arab Spring started,” he said. “I wanted to be in a place where history was in the making.”

He moved back to Egypt in August 2012. He had photo equipment from a class he took at St. Scholastica, so the Daily News Egypt asked him to intern as a photographer.

“After a couple months they liked my work and hired me on full-time,” he said.

They weren’t the only ones who liked it. Rose’s photos have been published in the Guardian, the Los Angeles Times, Time magazine, The New York Times blog and the Washington Post blog. He’s also working as a reporter, researcher and occasional contributor for The Cairo Review of Global Affairs.

“I think what really prepared me was the liberal arts education,” Rose said. “At CSS, I had to get a little taste of everything, from science to math to history, which prepared me well as a journalist because you have to be able to be diverse – to cover topics, learn new things quickly and pick up on things you’re uncomfortable with.”

To see a portfolio of Rose’s photography, go to css.edu/outcomes and click on “Alumni success stories.”
Mary Alice Carlson is a popular instructor of psychology. She was the 2013 recipient of the College’s Equal Access Award, for which students with disabilities nominate a faculty member who has made a positive difference in their experience at the College.

She’s now also a nationally recognized essayist. She received a first-place award in the category of Personal Essays for her monthly column in the Senior Reporter in Duluth. The award was given by the American Mature Publishers Association. Here’s her essay, “Save the Last Dance for Me.” Reprinted with permission from the Senior Reporter.
When I was a little girl our house was filled with music. My Dad had a substantial collection of 78 rpm albums featuring all of the Big Bands. Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey were household favorites, and frequently while the music was playing on our little record player my Dad would ask my Mom for a dance. They could swing dance and waltz up a storm. I loved to watch and dreamed of one day being able to dance with Dad like Mom did.

When I was 12, our family vacationed at a resort that had a large dining room, and a small combo band played nightly for dancing. My Dad attempted to teach me to dance, and as he did, I walked all over his size 12 shoes while we were on the dance floor. I was so embarrassed I retreated to our table in shame. The rest of the evening I sat and watched Mom and Dad move across the dance floor with grace and beauty and wished that someday I would be able to dance with Dad the way that Mom did.

Throughout my parents’ 68 years of marriage, they have frequented every Big Band revival concert that they possibly could, and during the past five years have enjoyed the music sitting in their seats with tapping toes. The passage of time and advancing years has left Mom frail and unable to join her favorite dance partner on the dance floor. I feared all opportunity had passed for me to be the princess and dance with the king of swing to some of the greatest music ever performed.

I was reading the mail in November and came across an ad for a Veterans Day dance at a nearby location. The Boss Big Band from Duluth was going to appear and provide a variety of music including Big Band. I called Dad and asked him for a date. I would take him to supper and then on to the dance. He should brush off his best bow tie and be prepared because I expected a dancing lesson. Then I called my youngest daughter and made arrangements for her to join us for dinner and dancing. She is an excellent dancer, and she jumped at the opportunity to dance with her Grandpa. We all got gussied up and met for an evening of dinner and dancing.

When I picked Dad up for our date, he was smiling and looked so dapper in his white shirt and red bow tie. We leisurely enjoyed our dinner and conversation, and he stated how proud he was to be out with two of the most beautiful girls in the world. The waitress remarked how wonderful we all looked and suggested she take our picture. Ear-to-ear smiles filled with excitement were reflected in the photo. Following supper, we headed off to the ballroom filled with anticipation. Dad reveled in the music, and when a waltz started to play, he leaned over and asked me to dance. I stayed off his shoes this time and suddenly realized I was having the moment I had waited over 40 years for … I was the princess dancing with the king of swing.

Anna danced with her Grandpa several times, and when the “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B” was played, they were flying across the floor smoothly and with precision. As I watched, I had to blink back the tears because she looks like Mom and moves like Mom on the dance floor. It was a moment packed with a lifetime of memories. I started to get a little emotional but laughed out loud when Dad said the swing dancing made him sweat.

Time moves too rapidly when you are enjoying every minute of it. Toward the end of the evening, Dad turned to me and said, “Let’s dance.” He had saved the last dance of the evening for me. Like a 12-year-old girl I took his hand, but as his grown daughter I danced the final waltz with my Dad. Cinderella and the king moved easily across the floor, enjoying the music and the ease at which they danced together.

As I drove Dad home, he thanked me for the wonderful evening. He said he had forgotten all about his worries and woes for a few hours and enjoyed every minute of our big night out. He raved about our supper and the sound of the Big Band. He was happy and I felt his spirit had been lifted; so had mine.

I tried but couldn’t find the words to thank my Dad for risking his shoes one more time by asking me to dance. I tried but couldn’t find the words to thank Dad for passing on his love of Big Band music. I tried but couldn’t find the words to tell him how beautifully he danced with his Granddaughter. It was an evening when the dreams of this little girl became reality. I was so choked up when Dad got out of the car that I could only thank him for one thing… saving the last dance for me.
When classes start in the fall, Greenview cafeteria in Somers Hall, Storm’s Den in Tower Hall and Beakers coffeehouse in the Science Center will be transformed.

SAINTS DINING CHANGES THE CAMPUS FOOD EXPERIENCE

The College is updating its food service, including a $3 million renovation of dining areas on the Duluth campus. Lighting, wall treatments, flooring and seating will be modernized to emphasize warmth and flexibility that’s inviting at all hours of day. Food will be prepared in front of the customers, with an emphasis on fresh ingredients, responsiveness to student preferences, and evolving offerings.

Greenview will have multiple dining stations that include home-style comforts, Mediterranean, grill, bakery, deli, and a “produce market” salad bar. The décor will feature new service areas, booths, and tables as well as an area dedicated to health and wellness.

Storm’s Den will feature Sandwich Shack, a student-designed sandwich and soup dining location, Grille Works, offering burgers, fries, and chicken sandwiches as well as grilled breakfast items, Greens to Go, a made-to-order salad and wrap bar as well as Java City, a specialty coffee shop with pastries and meal options.

Beakers will become an Einstein Bros. Bagels outlet.

“They’ll really be community spaces as well as being the places students, faculty and staff will come to eat,” said Steve Lyons, vice president for student affairs.

There’ll be longer hours than in the past, more culinary options and regular menu changes.

The renovations are part of an agreement with Aramark Higher Education for management of the College’s food service, which is now called Saints Dining. The move away from in-house food service comes after an 18-month process led by Lyons. “Student input was one of the main drivers,” he said. “We knew we had outdated facilities and were struggling to meet the needs of the community in terms of their requests for catering. Students were asking for more options, particularly healthy options. We really didn’t have the capacity in-house to meet those needs going forward.”

A committee of students, faculty and staff explored how food service was done at peer institutions, most of which...
already outsource their food operations. Students were surveyed about what they’d like to see. Proposals were sought from national vendors. Another group of students, faculty and staff visited operating sites of two finalists to talk with students, administrators and food service workers. Aramark was the unanimous recommendation to win the College’s business.

The decision prompted discussion on campus about support for current food service employees, as well as sustainability and local sourcing.

“We did a lot of due diligence on how Aramark operates, who we’ll be working with, how they align with our long terms goals and values of the College,” Lyons said. Positions were offered to the existing food service staff, with comparable wages and benefits. Saints Dining’s costs to students will not exceed what they would have when the College handled things in-house, Lyons said. And “we think our commitment to sustainability is going to be enhanced by working with them. They’re very engaged in sustainability and conservation of resources; they have a strong program that aligned with our stewardship in that area.”

Aramark is putting up the money for the renovations, the cost of which is amortized over time out of their revenue. Lyons said the creation of Saints Dining is an efficiency measure.

“Providing food service is not a core mission of the College,” he said. “Aramark can certainly do it more efficiently than we can.”
Rita K. Bowen, MA ’00

The Sister Alice Lamb Award honors an alumna/alumnus who has demonstrated dedication to her or his profession and has continued to be committed to The College of St. Scholastica.

Rita Bowen has had a distinguished career in health information management (HIM). She received her bachelor’s degree in medical science from Emory University in Atlanta and was a member of St. Scholastica’s first HIM graduate class in 2000. She serves as Senior Vice President of HIM and Privacy Officer of HealthPort. She is a Distinguished Member of the American Health Information Management Association’s (AHIMA) Quality Management Section. She served as the AHIMA President and Board Chair in 2010.

She is an established authority who speaks on diverse HIM topics and writes about privacy and legal health records.

She has maintained her connection to St. Scholastica, especially as a mentor to the interns she accepts from the program. In a video made to celebrate HIM’s 75th anniversary, she credited the College’s master’s program with providing her the pathway to succeed at the national level.

The College’s Alumni Awards celebrate excellence in professional achievements imbued with the Benedictine values, as well as commitment to the College.

They will be presented at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 28, in the Mitchell Auditorium on campus. The program is part of Alumni Reunion, June 27-29.

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Kristina Tiderman Wenzel ’72
The Sister Timothy Kirby Benedictine Spirit Award honors an alumna/alumnus for her or his professional achievement and for exemplifying the Benedictine values.

Kristina Wenzel graduated with her BA in nursing in 1972. She began her career at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Denver. Her dedication to her community led her into public health. She worked for both Provenant Health Partners and the University of Colorado, designing better systems for the training and practice of nursing.

She helped countless students facing economic and social barriers. For the last 12 years of her life, she was Executive Director of the Central Colorado Area Health Education Center and developed expertise in obtaining grants to fund programs for community health education and scholarships for students in health care fields.

She was instrumental in the establishment of many awards to encourage students and to validate the work of teachers and other professionals.

She died of cancer on Aug. 2, 2013. She was specially honored at the Nightingale Nursing Awards with a special tribute and recognition of her lifetime achievement.

Sister Sarah O’Malley ’56
The Sister Ann Edward Scanlon Award recognizes an alumna/alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to The College of St. Scholastica and to his or her community.

Sister Sarah O’Malley came to the College from Rhinelander, WI. In her sophomore year she entered the Monastery of St. Scholastica. After finishing her degree in elementary education, she taught in Minnesota and in Ohio. She received her Master’s in Theology from St. John’s University.

For over 30 years, Sister Sarah lived and worked in Phoenix, AZ. She began a program called Parish Ministry with Care, which trains and empowers lay people to participate in the work of their own parishes. Working with her volunteers, she ministered to the sick, grieving, disabled and elderly in the community.

She has also been an inspiring writer, teacher, and retreat director, with knowledge of a wide variety of spiritual subjects. Most recently her ministry has been centered on her retreat work.

From 1976-1985 Sister Sarah also served the College as a member of the Board of Trustees. In 2013 she celebrated her 60th Jubilee (anniversary of religious life).

Paula Byrne
The St. Scholastica Inspiration Award honors a staff or faculty member whose interest and care for the students has helped them to mature, grow, change an attitude, or change direction.

Paula Byrne chairs the College’s traditional track in undergraduate nursing. She earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota, and her MSN from the University of Phoenix. Her specialty is rural nursing practice in critical access hospitals and home health and hospice care.

She began her teaching career instructing first responders in Alaska and then taught at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, MN. In her current role, Paula states that “We seek to create nurses who are strong patient advocates, nurses who use the Benedictine values as part of their anchor for moral decision making, and finally nurses who are able to seek answers rooted in evidence-based practice.”

Her nominator wrote, “Paula... facilitates a smooth transition from the academic setting to the working world... Paula taught me to be accountable for my actions... I am proud to say she had a lasting impact on my career and in turn my happiness. I am so grateful for the discipline I received.”
MacArthur makes his mark

Drawing on his life experience as an Ojibwe, St. Paul MBA student David MacArthur has written two books on his experience of life and work on a Minnesota reservation. They’re published by North Star Press.

“I’ve been able to take what I learned at the reservation, and from native oral tradition, and put it into a written narrative,” he said. “Not a lot of people have done that, especially about Mille Lacs (reservation).”

His first was “The Day the Watertower Froze: And Other Stories From My Days with the Mille Lacs Band.” His new collection is “His Name Was David Sam: More Stories from My Life Among the Mille Lacs Band.”

“I’ve always considered myself to be a very good writer of letters,” he said. “These were stories I knew needed to be told. About three years ago I sat down and just penned a couple of stories and sent them to a select peer group. I got comments back like, when will you send us another one? Write another one!

“That fueled me to write more. I’d keep a notebook in the car for ideas. The next thing I knew I had 27 stories.”

Another MOOC for the marketplace

The College has developed its fourth Massive Open Online Course or MOOC and offered it this spring at no cost. Exploration of SNOMED CT Basics began in late April and registrants were scheduled to be finished by June 13. The instructor is Rita Scichilone, an adjunct instructor of HIM.

SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) is a comprehensive, multilingual clinical terminology. It’s complementary to coding systems already in place and provides descriptive terms for use in healthcare. Instructional materials are featured from the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization and supplemented with learning activities, a discussion forum for information exchanges and instructor support.

The course has been approved for 12 continuing education units for use in fulfilling the continuing education requirements of the American Health Information Management Association.
Mentoring Duluth

People of St. Scholastica are supporting Mentor Duluth these days.

Mentor Duluth matches adults with young people ages 5 to 18. The adult is asked to be a role model, guide, resource and most importantly a friend to the child.

In April, more than 30 Saints football and women's basketball players hosted Mentor Duluth kids in the Reif Gymnasium. The athletes guided them through a circuit of stations that featured fun activities.

“We hope that some of the athletes and the children have struck up friendships that can result in a mentor-mentee relationship,” said organizer Aileen Beard, dean of the School of Sciences.

Adult participants are asked to commit to at least a one-year relationship. Sometimes they go much longer. Lisa LaCore, program coordinator of the Upward Bound Math and Science program at the College, has been friends with her mentee for six years.

LaCore was honored by the Ordean Foundation in February. She received the “Making a Difference” award for being a mentor who is making a difference in the life of a young person. Her mentee is Cierra Morris. They met when Cierra was 12 and this spring she graduated from high school with plans to become a nurse.

For More

Go to nncnow.com and search Making a Difference: Mentor Duluth

And along comes Mary

In early April, student scholars from Minnesota’s private colleges displayed their research in a poster session in the rotunda of the State Capitol. State Rep. Mary Murphy ’61 stopped by to applaud the work of St. Scholastica McNair Scholars Tsega Temo, left, and Sher Her, right.
A song of service

On a Saturday in April, voices from within the Mitchell Auditorium carried more than just beautiful music. They carried a purpose.

“I wanted my singers to benefit a worthy cause, to educate them about issues around domestic violence, and to collaborate with other collegiate women’s choirs,” said Bret Amundson, director of choral activities at the College.

So St. Scholastica’s Bella Voce select women’s choir teamed up with the women’s choirs from the University of Northwestern-St. Paul in Roseville, MN, and the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. Over 120 voices strong, they held a benefit concert to raise money and awareness for the Safe Haven Shelter and Resource Center in Duluth.

“Though we received donations at the event, the educational aspect of this project was much more important for us,” said Sarah Beyer, community education coordinator at Safe Haven. “It gave us the opportunity to speak to the young women in each of the three choirs about how to identify abusive behaviors and the services available in the community to those experiencing abuse.”

Titled “Still I Rise,” the program offered songs of struggle, hope, and empowerment. It also featured a community member who came forward to share her Safe Haven story with the audience.

“It was truly inspirational,” said senior choir member Jenna Dobosenski. “It was a moving concert and really allowed us to live out our Benedictine values of community and hospitality. Hopefully, this tradition of music helping the community will continue on in the years to come.”
The survey says...

With nine multiple choice questions, developing a survey like the one created by economics students Teddy Glass ’14, Sam Hoffman ’15 and Kailee Ogden ’15 sounds like the kind of assignment that most students love. Quick, easy and painless.

Not quite.

“It was pretty tense,” Glass said.

This was no survey for class. It was for the Regional Economic Indicators Forum. Created and funded by the National Bank of Commerce in Duluth, the project is a partnership between the College, the University of Minnesota Duluth and the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Together they research and evaluate the economic health of the Northland on an ongoing basis.

This was the project’s first year, and there’s plenty of demand for it.

“There really isn’t a whole lot of data like this for businesses in this region to use,” Hoffman said, “so one of the overarching goals of the project is to bring that data and perspective to businesses.”

Once the team members were selected from a field of applicants in November 2013, they started from scratch.

“We were just given the instructions and told to go,” Glass said. “We didn’t really know where to begin.”

They dove in anyway. They knew their role was to create a survey to assess the business confidence of the area within a 100-mile radius of Duluth. Crafting quality questions was vital to the project’s success. That’s where the tensions came in.

“We argued about the details of the questions a lot,” Glass said. “With our personalities, we all wanted it to be perfect – to be thorough and detailed to ensure we’d get a good response.”

Ogden agreed that the trio’s members challenged each other.

“I often played the role of devil’s advocate and they could say, ‘well, it’s two against one,’ and go with what they think. But they really tried to understand where I was coming from and we truly made all the decisions as a team.”

The group used qualitative questions to assess things like hiring patterns, general business activity, and capital expenditures – both six months ago and now.

The precision paid off. Not only did many businesses complete the survey, but the results Hoffman presented to a crowd of 260 businesspeople at the Forum in late March were also positive.

The report indicated that the region’s economy is trending upward and is expected to continue to do so in the coming months.

Glass graduated in May and will attend law school this fall. But Ogden and Hoffman will be back to continue the group’s work next year, along with two newcomers.

It won’t be easy.

“I genuinely enjoyed spending time with these two. We all got along and were comfortable voicing our opinions,” Hoffman said. “It’ll be tough to top this group next year.”
Waidacher an Olympic bronze medalist

Nina Waidacher is the first Saint to participate in the Olympic Games and the first to earn a medal, winning bronze as part of the Switzerland National Team’s first-ever medal in women’s hockey.

Despite missing nine Saints games while at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, she finished fourth in the conference in points (37) and tied for second in goals scored (22). Waidacher and teammate Alex Blair were both named Second Team AHCA All-Americans.

The NCHA regular season championship came down to the final regular season game, with the Saints coming up short to St. Norbert, who also eliminated the Saints in the semifinals of the NCHA Slaats Cup Playoffs.

The Saints said goodbye to its first-ever senior class and recruiting class. The seven seniors built the foundation of the program and led it to postseason appearances the past three seasons, including two semifinal contests.

Track and Field picks up three All-Americans

The women’s track and field program had its first indoor NCAA Division III All-American, and had three All-Americans at this year’s championships.

Senior Chelsea Johnson, who won the College’s first NCAA National Championship in the fall taking the Cross Country title, became the women’s program’s first All-American by placing seventh in the 5,000m run.

Becky Huberty and Nicole Christianson also earned All-American accolades. Huberty in the shot put, placing fifth overall. Huberty is the College’s first track and field athlete (male or female) to earn multiple All-American honors and the first All-American in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. She placed fourth in the hammer throw at the 2013 Outdoor Championships.

Christianson out-performed her seed in the NCAA Indoor Championships, as she tied for eighth overall in the high jump to earn All-American status.

Both men’s and women’s teams won the UMAC Indoor Championships for the fifth straight year. Jeremy Peterson was named the Men’s Field Athlete of the Meet, while Huberty was named the Women’s Field Athlete of the Meet.
Banner year for Women’s Nordic Skiing

The women’s nordic skiing team had its greatest year in history. At the Mt. Itasca 5km classic race in January, the program earned its first-ever team win at a NCAA qualifier. No Saints ski team (women or men) had won a CCSA event in which perennial powerhouse, Northern Michigan, competed.

In that race, senior Sarah Allen became the program’s first individual winner, edging teammate Anita Kirvesniemi. For the first time in a CCSA race the Saints had multiple skiers on the podium (top three finishers).

The Saints also earned program-best finishes at the CCSA Championships and the NCAA Central Region Championships. The College had a program-best four All-Region performances, including Allen doing so in both disciplines.

Men’s Hockey

It was a new league with the same name in 2013-14. The Saints, along with St. Norbert College, joined schools from Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA) to play in the new Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA). The Saints got off to a great start and were undefeated through their first seven games for the first time in program history. The Saints entered the NCHA Harris Cup playoffs as the No. 3 seed and, after defeating Concordia Wisconsin in the quarterfinals, upset second-ranked Adrian (Mich.) to face St. Norbert in the title game. CSS came up short in that game against the eventual national champion Green Knights 5-1.

Schommer earns All-America accolades in skiing

Junior men’s nordic skier Paul Schommer became the program’s first NCAA All-American, placing eighth in 20km freestyle mass start at the NCAA Skiing Championships in Utah. The championships include skiers from all NCAA Divisions (scholarship included), and Schommer was the top NCAA Division III skier in both disciplines. It was the second time he qualified for the NCAA Championships. He also had the team’s second-ever individual victory at the Mt. Itasca 10km freestyle in January. Schommer earned All-Region laurels in classic and freestyle for the second straight season, and Chris Parr and John Wessling had All-Region performances in classic.

Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team entered the season as the favorite to win the UMAC Regular Season title. They ultimately finished second in the league behind the University of Minnesota Morris, while setting a program record with 11 UMAC wins during the 2013-14 season. The team’s 16 wins were tied for the second-most in the last 20 seasons. The Saints set a program record for field goal and free throw percentages in a season. The Saints had two First Team All-UMAC selections in senior Erin Frase and sophomore Mariah Hovick. Head Coach Stacy Deadrick was named the UMAC Coach of the Year.

Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team earned three straight pivotal road wins down the stretch of the regular season to qualify as the No. 4 seed in the UMAC Tournament. First the Saints rallied from 17 points down at Martin Luther to win and then needed to win at North Central and Northwestern to close the regular season. After beating North Central, senior Steve Golobich drained a three-pointer in the waning moments to defeat Northwestern and qualify for the postseason tournament. Unfortunately, Northwestern would defeat the Saints in the UMAC Semifinals. Sophomore Jake Naslund was a second team All-UMAC selection.
On April 21, the Athletics Department hosted its second Saints Sports Awards ceremony, honoring student athletes for their accomplishments on and off the field of competition. This year’s winners:

Male Rookie of the Year:
Austin Colvard (Baseball)

Female Rookie of the Year:
Lindsey Hartfiel (Women’s Hockey)

Male Scholar Athlete Recipient:
Nick Lambrecht (Men’s Tennis)

Female Scholar Athlete Recipient:
Michelle Fischer (Women’s Hockey)

Male Performance of the Year:
Paul Schommer (Men’s Nordic Skiing) at NCAA Championships in 20km Freestyle

Female Performance of the Year:
Chelsea Johnson (Women’s Cross Country) at NCAA Championships

Male Game of the Year:
Baseball vs. UW-Whitewater at NCAA Regional

Female Game of the Year:
Volleyball vs. UW-Superior

Male Athlete of the Year:
Paul Schommer (Men’s Nordic Skiing)

Female Athlete of the Year:
Chelsea Johnson (Women’s Cross Country)

Male Team of the Year:
Baseball

Female Team of the Year:
Women’s Soccer

Male Career Achievement Award:
Kyle Flagstad (Baseball)

Female Career Achievement Award:
Bonnie Kowalczyk (Softball)

John Baggs Sportsmanship Award:
Brooke Adams (Women’s Nordic Skiing)

Berntson Blue and Gold Award:
Sister Mary Rochefort and Sister Lisa Maurer

Humanitarian Award:
Rachel Thelen (Women’s Track and Field, ’13)
Kurt Ramler has been named St. Scholastica’s second-ever head football coach.

He takes over from Greg Carlson, who guided the Saints through their first six seasons before retiring in January. Carlson led St. Scholastica to three straight Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) championships and three NCAA Division III playoff appearances the last three seasons.

“I am excited to become the new head football coach at The College of St. Scholastica and to join the Scholastica community,” Ramler said. “I have enjoyed all that I have learned about the community, the athletic department, and the team. Greg Carlson and his staff did a tremendous job building a championship program that did things the right way both on and off the field. We will look forward to working fervently to continue that tradition, and I am grateful to (Athletic Director) Don Olson and the Scholastica community for the opportunity.”

Olson said Ramler “brings a deep and rich experience in Division III football and private liberal arts education to The College of St. Scholastica. He is the perfect fit to build on our solid foundation of athletic and academic excellence as well as service to the CSS and Duluth communities.”

Ramler comes from his alma mater, Saint John’s University in Collegeville, MN, where he spent last season as the associate head coach and offensive coordinator. Before that he was the head football coach at Carleton College for six seasons, where he was named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Coach of the Year in 2008. During that season he led the Knights to a 7-3 record, their best since the 1992 season.

As a student at Saint John’s, Ramler played for legendary head coach John Gagliardi from 1993 to ‘96. As quarterback, he was a two-time All-MIAC selection, including being named the conference’s Most Valuable Player in 1996. He was also a second team Academic All-District selection in 1996.

“Scholastica is a great fit for me because the College offers what I believe Division III athletics are all about: a great community, a great education, and a great experience,” Ramler said. “Part of the allure for me is the historic tradition established by the Benedictine sisters here at Scholastica; years ago they built an amazing college comprised of amazing people. We hope to build a football team that reflects that tradition.”

Ramler holds a bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Saint John’s and a master’s degree in education from Wagner College (NY).

The Saints open their 2014 season on Saturday, Sept. 6, at home against Ripon College (WI).
Toward a new College

The Board of Trustees has approved a seven-year comprehensive campaign with a working goal of $50 million.

The Campaign for the Second Century, as it is provisionally called, begins on July 1 with a silent phase that’s expected to last three years. This opening period will focus on leadership gifts.

At its May meeting, the Board approved a feasibility study that assessed the scope of potential support, based on an in-depth analysis of the College’s philanthropic past, present and potential for the future. Consultants Campbell and Company of Chicago interviewed more than two dozen of the College’s top donors to learn their interests. The report recommended the dollar goal and duration of the comprehensive campaign.

“A century after our founding by the Benedictine Sisters of Duluth, the College continues to change students’ lives and make it possible for them to change communities for the better,” said President Larry Goodwin. “It is our responsibility to carry this legacy forward, and our opportunity to create an Innovative values-based Catholic Benedictine college for the next century.”

The fundraising effort will address three general areas, he said.

“We will exercise good stewardship of our traditions by caring for our most important legacy spaces – Tower Hall, Somers Hall and the Science Center – and creating a deeper on-campus experience.”

The campaign will “prepare tomorrow’s leaders by supporting forward-looking programs including health care and science that matter for the future of communities across the country.”

Finally, the campaign will increase the College’s endowment, he said, to “secure a foundation for access and innovation.”

The endowment is “how we sustain everything we do,” said John Labosky, vice president for College Advancement. “A strong endowment is not only the key to long-term innovation – a stable foundation that enables us to think big about how we can help our students and impact changing communities – but also a perennial source of direct support for everything that makes the St. Scholastica experience extraordinary.”

That includes faculty development and teaching tools, student services, facilities and community activities, he said.

“Most of all, the endowment sustains both need- and merit-based financial aid, enabling us to keep St. Scholastica accessible and affordable for all students in the years ahead, in addition to attracting the strongest student body.”

The foundation of the Campaign for the Second Century is being laid in the context of distinct challenges and opportunities, Labosky said.

“We are in an environment that includes demographic challenges and increased competition for our graduate and
Karen Finseth ’77 is the College’s new executive director of planned giving. She assumed the role in January, taking over for Gary Garlie, who retired.

After majoring in English at the College, Finseth earned a law degree at the University of Minnesota. Her legal career included work in private practice as well as being a development and program officer for the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and a trust relationship manager for U.S. Bank.

She stayed involved at the College as a member of the Alumni Board in the mid-’90s, and by serving on the professional advisory committee for Planned Giving, which is how she heard about Garlie’s impending retirement.

She hadn’t planned to work at her alma mater.

“But unknowingly, the last 15-plus years of my working life have prepared me for this,” she said. “I’m very excited to be in this role.”

She oversees the College’s relationships with donors who leave assets to the College in their estate or invest money so the donor receives benefits during her or his life and then bequeaths the remaining funds to the College.

“She’s happy to be back as a staff member. Her mother, Lois Finseth, was an adjunct professor at St. Scholastica when her daughter started at the College in 1973.

“As luck or fate would have it, the office that I was given (Tower Hall room 1413) is the same one that my mother had when she was here,” she said with a laugh. “Her spirit is here!”

She’s excited by the scope of the College’s activities, particularly the booming number of graduate, extended and online students.

“It feels like St. Scholastica is in a good position today,” she said, “and its positioning toward the future is smart, in looking beyond just the traditional undergraduate model. That fits well with what I’d like to do in this role, helping the College’s loyal friends and alumni to move the institution forward.”
As I write this article, the College is set to celebrate the completion of another academic year. The spring commencement ceremony conferred degrees on some 840 students, increasing the number of alumni to well over 21,000 Saints! As alumni, we have an opportunity to reach out and welcome these new graduates. The Alumni Association is continually looking for ways in which we can connect with each other and the College. We depend upon you to help us grow and improve by attending events, providing feedback, and giving of your time and resources to support us and the College. Make sure to visit the CSS Alumni website regularly with updated events scheduled throughout the year.

Reunion 2014: “Many Paths, One Spirit” occurs the weekend of June 27 with a reception and silent auction to kick things off. Last year our silent auction raised a record-breaking amount and was a huge success! All proceeds this year will again go to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. We hope to have many great items and are still collecting donations. Please attend this fun event and bid frequently!

I have been fortunate in meeting with three St. Scholastica students for their internship this past academic year. The students coming out of the College are so well prepared in the professional world and will be our future leaders across the country and also for our Alumni Association. They need us to continue to work for them and the mission of the College.

I encourage you to support the College in all the ways you can.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bower-Jernigan ’83
Alumni Board President
ARGENE TORMA WHALEN, St. Paul, MN shares “Our first birth grandchild, Adele Aveleen Whalen was born June 1, 2013. I know for most of my classmates this is ho-hum news, but for my family she is a miracle child...Adele has my middle name and Aveleen is an Irish name that means ‘longed for child, wished for child.’” Adele was born a few months after the death of Argene’s husband in February, 2013.

MARY ROSE CASSAVANT, Little Canada, MN, writes “Moved back after retiring from Jack Henry & Assoc. in November 2013, just in time to begin the blood thickening process so I can survive the coldest winter in MN in decades - gosh you really went all out to welcome me back home again. But I really AM glad to be back.”

BARRY LESAR and his wife, ELEONORA ’99, traveled to Argentina. While there they met with BETH POKELA ’04, former Director of Alumni Relations.

MARIANNE CONNELLY, Duluth, shares “Our wedding (see Unions) was such a joyous celebration with family and friends last August. I am feeling well as my illness is in remission and I am grateful to be back teaching music with joy at our wonderful CSS.”

JAMES ALTRICHER, Efland, NC, is the Vice President for Clinical Services Milestone Retirement Communities.

ELLEN LEHTO LIDDLE, West Fargo, ND, writes “My husband and I retired in 2006. We volunteer for church and Scandinavian activities and enjoy traveling. Since 1993 I have been a Parish Nurse at Faith Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, and was on staff as Parish Nurse Coordinator at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN.”

MAUREEN FURNSTAHL SWANSON, Avon Lake, OH, shares “My husband Eric retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in October 2013, after 21 years of active duty service.” She is Vice President, Human Resources at First Federal Lakewood.

JAY FINNERTY, Duluth, is now the Assistant Athletic Director-Revenue/Special Projects at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

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SHAWnda SCHELINDER, Pine City, MN, is Director of Marketing and Enrollment at Pine Technical College.

SAMANTHA GREENSKY PYKKONEN, Duluth, writes “John and I got married on June 15, 2013 at Siskiwit Bay Lodge in Cornucopia, WI, surrounded by close family and friends. John is a Surgical Technologist at St. Luke’s hospital in Duluth and I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at St. Luke’s.”

JANA JOHNSON ZWILLING has just accepted the Director position for the College of Nursing and Professional Discipline’s FNP Graduate Program at the University of North Dakota. She also maintains a practice at Altru Health System in Occupational Medicine.

ANDREW THELANDER, Lakeville, MN, was promoted to Vice President - Financial Advisor with Wealth Enhancement Group. He was also recognized as a 2014 Five Star Wealth Manager, as noted in Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine and Twin Cities Business. The Five Star Wealth Manager award is an honor achieved by less than 7% of wealth managers in the metro area and is based on an anonymous survey of client satisfaction. Evaluation criteria for the award includes integrity, knowledge, service, value and expertise of the candidates.

EMILY DOBBS KEILBACK, CFRE, was promoted to Chief Advancement Officer at the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois on April 1, 2014. She oversees all fundraising, research and evaluation, and organizational strategy development for the organization, which serves 22,000 girls and adult members throughout 16 counties in northern Illinois. She’s been with the organization since 2010.

DR. SIMON LICK, MD, is a physician hospitalist with Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital in Grand Rapids, MN. He and his wife, Katie, have a year-old son, Leo, born Dec. 23, 2012.

MEGAN BERG is now a Physician Assistant at the Naval Health Clinic New England in Newport, RI.

AMBER CARRINGTEN JOHNSON, Duluth, was accepted into the Physician’s Assistant program at the University of North Dakota.

SAMANTHA SZCZECH AXT, Fridley, MN, is Remote Outreach Coordinator for Health Integrated, a vendor with UCare.

VALERIE BORDERS, writes that she moved to Port Orange, FL in January 2014.
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ALICE TORBORG LAUER ’47 and SISTER MARY JOSEPHINE TORBORG ’66 on the death of their sister, Monica.
PATRICIA SHEPARD DOW ’48 and MARY JEAN SHEPARD LEMON ’55 on the death of their brother, Daniel.
KATHLEEN MCMAHON MCNAMARA ’48 on the death of her husband, Joseph.
CATHERINE MAHONEY MCKENNA ’51 on the death of her brother, John.
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MARGARET MINOGUE BATES ’72 and PATRICIA MINOGUE ’75 on the death of their mother, Evelyn.
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KATHLEEN MCNAMARA ’74 and MARY MCNAMARA SHARPE ’76 on the death of their father, Joseph.
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LAURA BERAFLADT ’86 on the death of her brother, Chad.
KATHY HUGHES ’86 on the death of her parents, June and Vernon Foster.
DAWN ATWOOD SCHULZE ’86 and CLYDE J. ATWOOD ’83 on the death of their father, Clyde.
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DANIEL MILBRIDGE ’87 on the death of his father, Elden.
MARY BIRMAN ATWOOD ’88 on the death of his husband, Clyde D. Atwood ’80.
LOUISE HILDE CURNOW ’88 on the death of her mother, Alida.
DIANE PEARSON ORVILLE ’88 on the death of her mother, Gertrude.
SAMUEL SABETTI ’88 on the death of his sister, Marsha.
CHRIS WILEY ’88 on the death of his father, John.
SALLY OLSON WILSON ’88 on the death of her mother, Sarah.
ANN DRESSER ’89 on the death of her husband, David.
LISA BUSSE GASIEWICZ ’89 on the death of her father, David.
COLLEEN GORMAN ’89 on the death of her father, Bernard.
IRENE CAPECE HIUKKA ‘90 and Sunny Huynh ’90 on the death of their mother, Sharron.

MAUREEN FURNSTAL SWANSON ‘90 on the death of her father, Leo.

DEBRA JOHNSON ’91 on the death of her husband, Duane.

KERRY KARINEN ’91 on the death of his mother, Beverly.

PEGGY JOHNSON KOELE ’91 on the death of her father, Roy.

SCOTT JUNKERT ’92 on the death of his mother, Anthony.

LISA EMERY SALO ’92 on the death of her father, Robert.

BRENDA ASYN ’93 on the death of her father, Francis.

MELINDA BRADFORD FERRY ’93 on the death of her mother, Norma.

ALLISON HORTON ’93 on the death of her mother.

MICHAEL KETTNER ’93 on the death of his brother, Anthony.

TAMMY JUTIANGAS DORAN ’93 on the death of her father, Juho.

ROBERT DAVIS ’94 on the death of his mother, Lynne.

MEGAN TRAXLER HOLICKY ’95 on the death of her father, John.

AIMEE DAWSON KREBS ’95 on the death of her mother, Mardi-jo.

JASON AGNICH ’96 on the death of his father, Jacob.

JULIA ALVAREZ ’96 on the death of her father, Robert.

MARIE RONDING PANK ’96 on the death of her father, Brian.

KARI CHRISTENSEN SATTRE ’96 on the death of her mother, Rita.

RYAN THOMSEN ’96 on the death of his father, Howard.

DEBORAH NIEMI ’97 on the death of her mother, Rebecca.

SANDY REED ’97 on the death of her sister, Pamela.

LYNN ALDRIN ’98 on the death of her father, Tom.

CATHERINE JOHNSON OLSON ’98 and ANNETTE JOHNSON MERRITT ’03 on the death of their mother, Rose Ann.

KAIJA RUDY ’98 on the death of her mother, Maijaalisa.

KIMBERLIE SCHEAR TERHAAR ’99 on the death of her step-mother, Grace Hoard.

ASHANTI SHELDON HALLI ’01 on the death of her step-brother, Jason.

NORA KAINU ’01 on the death of her mother, Mildred.

JANELLE MAKI ’01 on the death of her father, Robert.

WENDY FOLLIS ’03 on the death of her father, Carl.

BRANDON GORANSON ’05 on the death of his brother, Dana.

AMI BAGLEY ’06 on the death of her mother, Susan Slabodnik.

MATTHEW OSTENDORF ’06 on the death of his mother, Roxanne.

WAYNE RUSTVOLD ’07 on the death of his father, Lloyd.

DAWN MAUNU ’08 on the death of her sister, Tonya.

WILLIAM WIRTA ’08 on the death of his father, Warner.

PETER GREINER ’09 on the death of his father, Daniel.

CAROLYN ADAMSKI ’10 on the death of her father, Peter.

THOMAS MCBRIDE ’10 on the death of his father, William.

DANIEL MOORE ’10 and JOEY MOORE ’13 on the death of their father, James.

ROBERT CONANT ’11 on the death of his father, James.

MATT ACKER on the death of his father, Alfred.

DEATHS

ELAINE ALEXANDER ADAMS ’36 died on Jan. 15, 2014 in Paynesville, MN. She is survived by several cousins and three stepsons; Bruce, Robert and Donald Beckman, four step-grandchildren and one step-great granddaughter, as well as other relatives and friends.

VIRGINIA HENNESSEY FREAL ’37 died on Nov. 16, 2013 in Snohomish, WA. She is survived by her sons, John, Pat, Mike and Tom; her daughter, Mary; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

EVELYN SUTHERLAND MINOGUE ’37 died on Jan. 17, 2014 in Duluth. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Bates and Patricia Minogue; her son, Robert Minogue, Jr.; grandchildren, Julia Bates, Sarah and Robert Minogue, and several nieces and nephews.

MARY MACDONALD SPENCER ’44 died on Dec. 20, 2013 in Rhinelander, WI. She is survived by her husband, John; daughters, Kathleen Matson, Peggy Spencer-Coen, Jean Spencer, and Colleen Wenos; sons, Jack, Pat, Mike and Dan Spencer; 26 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; her sister, Jeanne Miller; and many nieces and nephews.

MARJORIE LARSEN COYLE ’46 died on Oct. 15, 2013 in Portage, WI. She is survived by her daughters, Beth Rogers, Mary Jo Hilles, and Lauri Zander; sons, Greg, Tom, and Dan; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Evelyn Zuchowski and Lois Flanagan; brother, Donald Larsen; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

DOROTHY HAUG FONTAINE ROSENTHAL ’47 died on Feb. 26, 2014 in Duluth. She is survived by her daughters, Linda Czerniak, Debra Fontaine, and Lori Siegle; her sons, Mark and William Fontaine and Dale Rosenthal; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

JOAN BARTOSIC COLLINS ’48 died on July 28, 2013 in Portland, OR. She is survived by her daughters, Shaun Larson, Maureen Collins, and Molly Hape; her sons, Michael, Timothy, Thad, Kieran, Major Matthew USMC Ret, and Commander Peter USN Collins; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
BARBARA POWER FOSTER '48 died on Dec. 24, 2013 in Longwood, FL. She is survived by her husband, George; daughter, Laurie; son, Kevin; and her grandchildren.

ELENORE SIEGER URBANIAK '48 died on Dec. 22, 2013 in Superior, WI. She is survived by her sons, Thomas, Jeffrey, David, and Jerome; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

IRENE MASON HAMSKI '50 died on March 21, 2014 in Duluth. She is survived by her husband, Ray; her sons, Donald and Michael; her sister, Dolores Mason; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

SISTER MARY LANDSTEINER, OSB '54 died on Feb. 25, 2014 at St. Scholastica Monastery, and many relatives and friends.

JEAN PASSINO '52 died on Jan. 31, 2014 in Hibbing, MN. She is survived by many loved ones.

SISTER MARY HABLIS, PBVM '51 died on April 21, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Louis; and the members of her religious congregation.

CHRISTINE SAVARD PORTER '61 died on Jan. 29, 2014 in Duluth. She is survived by her daughter Mary Solem; her sons, Thomas, James and Timothy; her sister, Susan Savard; her brother, Michael Savard; grandchildren, Justin, Michael and Andrew Solem, Nicole Chicos, and Ian, Craig, Claudia, Samuel, and Oliver Porter; two great-grandchildren; and many other relatives.

SISTER MAUREEN WALKER, PBVM '63 died on March 30, 2014 in Duluth.

MARIE Vekich; her brother, Robert Rich; and her grandchildren.

IRENE MASON HAMSKI '50 died on March 7, 2014 in Duluth. She is survived by her sister, Rose Marie Vekich; her brother, Robert Rich; and many nieces and nephews.

MARY ANN RICH '60 died on April 16, 2014 in Crane Lake, MN. She is survived by her husband, Harvey; son Karl; daughter, Allana; granddaughter, Lucille; sisters Noreen King and Janet Bielat; brothers Chris, Tim, and Mike Lange; many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

JEAN PASSINO '52 died on Jan. 31, 2014 in Hibbing, MN. She is survived by many loved ones.

SISTER MARY HABLIS, PBVM '51 died on April 4, 2014. She is survived by her son, Steven; daughters Lynda Small, Laurel and Lisbeth; grandchildren, Alison and Abigail Small, Alex Ptaszynski, and Elle Voltz Forrest; and her cousins and friends.

THOMAS ASHENDEN '58 died on April 16, 2014 in Minneapolis, MN. He is survived by his parents, Rick and Debbie Ryan; his brother, Mike; his nephew, Ethan; his grandmother, Mary Ann Ryan; his uncle Keith Nordeen; and many other relatives and friends.

JEAN PASSINO '52 died on March 31, 2014 in Hibbing, MN. She is survived by many loved ones.

SISTER MARY LANDSTEINER, OSB '54 died on Feb. 25, 2014 at St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth. She is survived by the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, and many relatives and friends.

YVONNE ERICKSON MCCOMBER '54 died on May 10, 2014 in Maplewood, MN. She is survived by her husband Alfred; sister, Nancy Jean Pajunen; brothers, William “Bill” Erickson and Lt.Coi (Ret) US Army Ian Paul Erickson; sons, Alfred “Mick” McComber IV, Timothy, Christian, and Jed; daughter, Mary Jo McComber Wertzler; 13 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

MARY QUINLIVAN '54 died on Jan. 15, 2014, in Minneapolis, MN. She is survived by her brother, Dennis; sisters-in-laws, Ann, Shannon and Jean; longtime friend, Winnifred Winkelman; and many nieces and nephews.

MARY ANN RICH '60 died on March 7, 2014 in Duluth. She is survived by her sister, Rose Marie Vekich; her brother, Robert Rich; and many nieces and nephews.

CLYDE ATWOOD '60 died on Jan. 13, 2014 in Duluth. He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Dawn Schulze; sons, Clyde J. Atwood, and Adam, Jeffrey, and Brian Birman; grandchildren, Avery Rae Birman, and Rachel and Marc Schulze; and two great-grandchildren.

CHARLES (CHAD) BRAAFLADT '85 died on Jan. 23, 2014 in Duluth. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Katarina, Alexander, Signe, Luke and Lily; his father, Carl; his sister, Laura Braafaldt; his brothers, Louis and Keith; and many other family members and friends.

BRUCE OBERG '88 died on Sept. 27, 2013 in St. Paul, MN. He is survived by his wife, Cindy; sons, Garrett and Keith; grandchildren, Thea and Emerson; and many friends.

LORI MOLITOR '83 died on March 26, 2014 in Two Harbors, MN. She is survived by her significant other, Randy Mahlberg; her daughter, Trista; her son, Shane; her sister, Mary Turek; her brother, Rick Johnson; her grandchildren, Tiera and Dimitri; and her nieces and nephews.

KAMEULA (SAM) KEAUPUNI '94 died on March 30, 2014 in Duluth. He is survived by his wife, Alison; many family members and friends.

JOSEPH RYAN '02 died on Sept. 10, 2012 in Minneapolis, MN. He is survived by his son, Dilyn; his parents, Rick and Debbie Ryan; his brother, Mike; his nephew, Ethan; his grandmother, Mary Ann Ryan; his uncle Keith Nordeen; and many other relatives and friends.

LUCIA PATRITTO '03 died on March 18, 2014 in Ironwood, MI. She is survived by her partner Loretta Vallone; her daughter, Sunshine Benson; her sister, Mary Jane Petersen; her brothers, John and Jim; and many other relatives and friends.
TELL YOUR FRIENDS WHAT YOU’RE UP TO

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We’ll be Seeing You!

Please join us at any of the following events. Check your mail for events taking place near you. Contact Alumni Relations or check css.edu/events for additional information.

**June 8, Santa Clara, CA** – Alumni brunch at Mariani’s Restaurant

**June 9, Santa Clara, CA** – HIM alumni social at Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

**June 22, Chicago** – Alumni lunch at Harvest Restaurant, Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile

**June 22-28, Duluth campus** – Annual All-Alumni Reunion

**July 12, New York, NY** – Alumni lunch

**July 18, Twin Cities** – Alumni social and Minnesota Twins game

**Aug. 22 – Sept. 1, Twin Cities** – Minnesota State Fair

**Sept. 4 – Duluth Campus** – Saints Heritage Club breakfast

**Sept. 27, San Diego, CA** – Alumni lunch

**Sept. 29, San Diego, CA** – AHIMA alumni reception

**Oct. 3-4, Duluth campus** – Homecoming

**Oct. 4, Duluth campus** – Saints Bloody Mary Brunch

**Oct. 9-17, Alumni Travel** – Dordogne, France

**Nov. 8, Twin Cities** – Minnesota OTH Conference Alumni reception

**Nov. 9, Twin Cities** – Mall of America bus trip

Invitations to events are mailed three to four weeks prior to the event date. If you do not receive an invitation to your local event, or if you would like to attend any of the other events, please contact Alumni Relations at (218) 723-6071 or (866) 935-3731 or visit our website at alumni.css.edu

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Mary Tanner, associate professor of Nursing, retired this spring after 43 years at the College. In addition to teaching, she was active in social justice and mission integration activities. This excerpt is from her remarks at the pinning ceremony for the nursing class of 2014, on the theme “Nursing is a work of heart”:  

Please join us at any of the following events. Check your mail for events taking place near you. Contact Alumni Relations or check css.edu/events for additional information.
I often ask students, what is nursing, really? How would you describe it to someone who had no idea what it is about? What implications does it have for any one person?

Florence Nightingale, viewed as the founder of modern nursing, stated that “Nursing is an art; and to be made an art, it requires as exclusive a devotion, as hard a preparation, as any painter’s or sculptor’s work. For what is the having to do with dead canvas or cold marble compared with having to do with the living body – the temple of God’s spirit?”

In other words, nursing is work, hard work. But what makes nursing a work of heart?

In his Rule, St. Benedict states that “Care of the sick must rank above all else so that they may truly be served as Christ who said: ‘I was sick and you visited me.’ “ Essentially he is saying that to serve the sick is to serve the Christ. In Benedictine spirituality, this is to be done with faith, with attention, and with a care beyond the technical; nothing is to be spared for the patient’s sake. This is where the heart of nursing comes in. Nursing comes from the heart, from our core. While Florence Nightingale speaks to the nurse’s need for devotion to the profession, Benedict asks us to use attention and a depth of soul and love for our patient’s sake. And in order to be devoted, we need to be open and willing to feel the call that is within us, the center of ourselves, and to listen to that voice within.

So nursing is a lot of hard work, and it requires a level of care for all our patients that comes from within; a feeling of spirituality, not necessarily a religious faith, that allows us to reach to our very soul as we form a relationship with those we care for. And in order to care for others, we have to first learn about, and to care for, ourselves...

Life is short, and we don’t have time to waste time; some things in life are important, while others are not. You need to learn to let go of your fears, and find inspiration in your work that comes from the heart. You need to establish your own personal code to live by in order to create the life you want.

And will you give yourself permission to listen to the voice within, and go the way you choose? That is what I ask you to do as you close the chapter of life as an undergraduate nursing student. Let go of your fears and find out who you are. Listen to that call from within and from without so you can determine what it is you ought to do. And then, just give it all you’ve got!

Graduates, I pray that each and every one of you find that special place within your heart to carry out the hard yet rewarding work of nursing. And never forget your nursing and Benedictine roots but remember from where you came, as a graduate of St. Scholastica. And so on behalf of all your faculty, friends, and family, I would like to give you some final words from Winnie the Pooh:

*If ever there is a tomorrow when we’re not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem, And smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, Even if we’re apart, I’ll always be with you.*

- A.A. Milne
Drew Holm, Biochemistry, and Kyle Huggar, Exercise Physiology, received their baccalaureate degrees along with more than 800 other graduates on May 10 at the DECC in Duluth. A fun video of the ceremony is at go.css.edu/commence.