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The joyful culmination of the Generations of Discovery capital campaign. Pictured, left to right, are President Glenn Mroz; George Butvilas, Michigan Tech Fund chair; Dave House ’65, campaign chair; Campaign Committee members John A. Soyring ’76, John F. Calder ’67, Thomas R. Irwin ’63, and Dave Brule ’72; and Blizzard T. Husky.

On the cover
Mechanical engineering major Autumn Giles probably wouldn’t still be at Tech if it weren’t for scholarship support she received through the capital campaign. Find out more on page 19.
Onder, Werner named Tech’s top teachers

Nilufer Onder, an associate professor of computer science, and Thomas Werner, an assistant professor of genetics and developmental biology, shine as recipients of the 2013 Distinguished Teaching Awards.

So what sets them apart? Just ask their students. Werner’s students sing his praises: “He is by far the best professor that I have had in my three years at Tech. He is funny, kind, and very passionate about the subject that he teaches, and he is always ready to help students learn.”

Onder’s students describe her as empathetic: “You can tell she truly puts her heart into the course and wants everyone to succeed”; “She is far and away the best teacher I’ve had in my five years at Tech. She consistently goes above and beyond.”

“My teaching style is that I’m an entertainer,” says Werner. “It’s important to let students have some fun because it helps them learn,” he said. “They need to enjoy the material in order to really want to engage with it. I treat my classes with a sort of ‘work hard, play hard’ mentality.”

Onder goes to great lengths to challenge students without overwhelming them. “People need to get stuck in order to learn, so I try to avoid spoon-feeding students the answers. That being said, I always make it clear that I’m there to help them through any problems,” she says. “They all want to contribute to society in one way or another. It’s my job as a teacher to help them do that.”

Archives reopen

The Michigan Tech Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections have resumed normal hours.

The archives were closed October 26, 2012, following a fire in the lower level of the Van Pelt and Opie Library. The blaze was minor, but water damage was extensive. Nearly seven hundred boxes of water-damaged documents were processed at a freeze-drying facility in Philadelphia; the last batch was returned to Michigan Tech in May.

Back to flat

Tech reinstates plateau tuition

Starting this fall, students again began paying a flat rate for taking between 12 and 18 credits.

In 2003, the University switched from plateau tuition to a per-credit system. The change occurred when state support for Michigan universities was plummeting, and tuition across the state was rising by double digits; per credit tuition was seen as a way to help students manage rapidly increasing costs.

Now tuition increases are leveling out, and the new plateau tuition structure can make it easier for students to finish their degree faster or expand their horizons with enrichment courses.
Up to our necks in plastic: student makes a graphic point about water bottles

To make people think twice about their role in generating plastic waste, undergraduate liberal arts student Melissa Michaelson created a cascading display of six hundred plastic bottles she collected from recycle bins and dumpsters. Michaelson made the head-turning display last spring for a social-change assignment in a humanities course, the Rhetoric of Everyday Texts. The exhibit was located at the Portage Lake District Library in Houghton.

“Seeing pictures of plastic pollution and noticing how big a problem it is made me think, ‘Where can we start?’” Michaelson said. “As I researched the topic, there was a lot of information on water-bottle consumption, so that made it an easy place to start and maybe an easy habit to change.”

The six hundred bottles in the display represent less than one-half of what is consumed nationwide in one second, Michaelson said. And the plastic waste that accumulates is not the only negative effect. Each year, 17 million barrels of oil are used to produce plastic bottles.

All of the bottles used in Michaelson’s project were collected at Michigan Tech, although the University is doing its part to combat plastic-bottle waste; currently, there are water-bottle refill stations with filtered water in twelve locations on campus.

Michaelson’s exhibit aims to shock viewers and encourage them to change their plastic-bottle habits. Her biggest challenge was finding an effective way to raise awareness without being there to talk to her audience. “Just look at this,” she wants her exhibit to say. “This is an issue. It’s real. Let’s just take one small step.”
New centers support academic success, one frazzled student at a time

It’s a fact of life that nothing in the garden can be in full bloom all of the time, but as a student, it can be discouraging when your academics aren’t always coming up roses. Two generous alumni gifts, however, have made it possible for Michigan Tech to lend some additional helping hands to all students, including those with less-than-perfect grades.

The William G. Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning and the Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success will encourage students to thrive academically through enhancements across campus. The eponymous centers were established by $1 million from William G. Jackson ’58 and approximately $875,000 from the estate of Waino Wahtera ’42.

The Jackson Center will bring together a full suite of technological tools to upgrade teaching, learning, assessment, and student assessment of teaching.

Improvements include new classroom technologies, a secure testing center for standardized tests, and support for faculty initiatives.

The Wahtera Center will coordinate an array of initiatives to help students complete their degrees. Funding will help support the University’s learning centers, develop workshops, hire peer coaches, initiate an academic recovery program for suspended upper-level students, and increase cooperation with academic advisors.

Together, the programs have the potential to revolutionize learning at Michigan Tech, said President Glenn D. Mroz. “The Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success will give our students the skills they need to succeed, no matter their discipline, and the William G. Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning will help them learn more and retain more of what they learn,” he said. “We are deeply grateful.”

Jackson, of Scottsdale, Arizona, has received the Board of Control Silver Medal and Michigan Tech’s Distinguished Alumni Award and is a member of the Electrical and Computing Engineering Academy. The president of CableAmerica, Jackson graduated from Michigan Tech in 1958 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. In 1999, he and his wife established the William G. and Gloria J. Jackson Endowed Scholarship.

Wahtera earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Michigan Tech in 1942. His degree contributed to a successful career at Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York, from which he retired in 1977 as senior air pollution control engineer. Wahtera passed away in June 2012 at the age of ninety-three.
Ever wonder what today’s students are talking about? For an honest perspective on campus issues and events, we’ve pulled lines from a few recent articles in the Lode to illustrate what matters to students.

“I survived a sudden wave of hypotension that resulted from a sudden lack of stress.”
Alex Slepak, on an unintended side effect of snow days, in the “Ask Tech” column. Spring Fling, oozeball, and spring frisbockey were all canceled last spring—as well as one-and-a-half days of class—thanks to Heikki Lunta (or Father Winter to non-Finns). (February 26)

“. . . the MUB Board plans on selling memorial ‘bricks’ that are more modern and can apply to the high-tech atmosphere here at Tech. These bricks are made of transparent material that can be engraved with a donor’s name and lit up with LED lights.”
Writer Jane Kirby shares details of fundraising opportunities for Memorial Union basement renovations. Plans include a hip, coffee-shop-like lounge where local brews will be available at special events. (April 9)

“College is about learning how to be an adult, and in the adult world there won’t be a machine to help make responsible decisions.”
Lode writer Zach Evans comes down squarely against free condoms. A dispenser in Wads allows students up to three per day. (April 9)

“Pregnancy, from what I have heard, is not an easy thing. Having a child can completely change a person’s life.”
Jace Fritzler, in a “Point-Counterpoint” column on abortion. (April 9)
Generations of Discovery: The Campaign for Michigan Tech has officially drawn to a close, leaving behind a lasting legacy for the University. That includes millions for new scholarships and fellowships and over a dozen new endowed chairs and professorships. Better labs. Better classrooms. Ultimately, a better university.

Former Intel executive Dave House ’65, who chaired the campaign, looked back on the marathon effort. At no time did he doubt its success. “I believed we could do it,” he said. “We just needed to communicate with our friends and alumni what the real story was.”

The story was simple. Michigan Tech needed to adapt to changing times, something it has been doing since 1885. “Michigan Tech has gone through a number of transformations since it started as the Michigan School of Mines,” House said. “It changed when mining left the Copper Country, and it changed post-Sputnik when science and technology became more important, and it’s going through a change again, as the increasing complexity of technology fuels demand for advanced degrees.”

Meeting that challenge would require Tech to beef up its graduate programs, which meant expanding research. “To do that, we knew we needed to bring in new faculty who could advise grad students and attract research dollars, so we had a big focus on endowed professorships as well as scholarships in the campaign,” House said. “Fundamentally, our aim was to attract the best faculty along with the best students.”

The message hit home. “Nobody I spoke with said no, I don’t want to help,” he said. “I was so proud of my fellow alumni and the way they stepped up to the plate to support their university.”

YOU DID IT!

Michigan Tech capital campaign raises $215 million. The end is just the beginning.

BY MARCIA GOODRICH
How did it all start?

George: It was a manifestation of the strategic plan, which calls for making the University more research oriented. The reasoning is that the best faculty are committed to doing research, and if you don’t have top-notch faculty, you won’t attract great students.

Shea: Ultimately, the campaign was more about people and less about bricks and mortar. We realized that it would be transformational—endowed chairs are a whole new thing here. We needed to tell people that the University was morphing into something different from when most of our alumni were undergraduates. So we wrote a white paper and went around the country inviting people to talk about it.

Glenn: The white paper wasn’t set in stone. Shea and I would be rewriting it between meetings with alumni. We knew that if we couldn’t convince our alumni that this was the right way to go, we wouldn’t be successful.

What was the response from alumni?

Shea: Frankly, I was surprised at how well this message went over with the bulk of the people.

Glenn: We took some arrows, though, from people who thought we were undermining the undergraduate mission of the University. They took some convincing that we were building on Michigan Tech, not diminishing anything. When people saw that students were getting jobs, even in a bad economy, they realized that Michigan Tech still had the right stuff.

I was at an alumni event in Boston, where we were talking about some of the new degrees, and the sound design program was coming on board. I remember taking a lot of flack from people saying, what are we doing messing around with sound design, who could ever be interested in that? It was really heating up, until one of our alums in the back of the room spoke up and said, “I work for Bose, and we care about sound design an awful lot.” I love that guy.

“Give some examples of how giving has made Michigan Tech a better university.”

Glenn: We heard from faculty that having the endowed chair allows them to do things they wouldn’t be able to do any other way, riskier things. People appreciate being able to push the boundaries.

Shea: We often have students who may not be able to come back because they
don’t have enough money. I asked Ron Pasquinelli ’59 if he’d help save some kids. I still remember sitting in his living room in Monterey and hearing him say, “I’ll do it, if you’ll promise to let me know when they graduate.” Later [financial aid director] Bill Roberts brought one of Ron’s scholarship recipients into his office, and we called Ron. She just sat there and told her story. It was hard luck for her family, but she was doing really well at Tech, and the next day she brought a whole bunch of chocolate chip cookies into Bill’s office, she was so appreciative.

Glenn: Frank Pavlis ’38 grew up on a farm back in the day, and his parents decided he would be the one to go to school. He went on to be wildly successful with Air Products. I asked him, “What if Michigan Tech students could have the same opportunity for global travel that you had?” The next thing we knew, Frank sent us a handwritten proposal for a gift that led to the Pavlis Center. Now Frank’s gift is touching people’s lives around the world.

Public universities are relying more on private giving. How does that change the institution?
Shea: It has many manifestations. There’s the expectation that deans and department chairs will raise money. They aren’t just academic administrators anymore. We are all in this together, and if we don’t get support, it will affect how we operate. Private giving will be the lifeblood of the University for the future. I can’t count all the meetings I’m in where “Can we raise the money?” comes up, because people know it’s probably not coming from within the University.

Glenn: If you take the appropriation from the state and subtract faculty salaries—not even benefits—you get a negative number. When Ray Smith was president [1965–79], we got 76–80 percent of the budget from the state. The rest came from tuition, auxiliaries, and things like that. Now we are at 16 percent. There’s a tremendous need for outside support, much like a private university.

What was it like when the economy went down the drain?
George: Our timing was not impeccable. We had a year and a half, two years, of a hard pull. We knew we would get a lot of no’s, but we maintained contact, and eventually people started to give again. They demonstrated a loyalty that few colleges and universities enjoy.

Shea: The second half of ’09 and ’10 were just awful, and even in 2011, people were still traumatized. That was during the time of talks with Dick ’48 and Liz Henes. Dick was convinced that we needed to bring in great mathematicians, and that led to an endowed professorship. He knew we were going to get through this.

Anything else?
Shea: Through this campaign, so many people have come to see Michigan Tech as a place of consequence. You look at how many graduates get jobs, you talk to folks in industry who say they hire Michigan Tech grads before they hire anyone else. People are beginning to understand that Michigan Tech is more than you realize. There are a lot of wows going on.

Glenn: One time, we were telling a donor about the students her scholarship supports, and she said, “You tell them I think of every one of them as my grandchild.” And we did.

The campaign has been like a hand across generations, from alumni to current students, saying, “I made it at Michigan Tech, and you can make it too. I’m extending my hand to pull you through.”
Generations of Discovery: The Campaign for Michigan Tech provided an ideal opportunity for the University community to focus on realizing its strategic goals. Here are a handful of the milestones achieved in the last seven years that illustrate how far we have come.

Thank you for putting us over the top.

- **$215,366,353**
  - Total Campaign gifts

- **750**
  - Increase in on-campus student enrollment

- **$15,000,000**
  - Total support students received in donor-funded scholarships

- **52%**
  - Increase in graduate student enrollment (1,359 students enrolled in Fall 2013)

- **42%**
  - Increase in female faculty

- **50%**
  - Increase in female enrollment in the College of Engineering (That’s 294 more women since the campaign began)

- **18**
  - Number of new chairs and professorships established

Where your dollars are making a difference (in millions):

- Academic Departments: 67.4
- Research: 57.3
- Unrestricted: 7.7
- Endowed Chairs and Professorships: 39.5
- Scholarships and Fellowships: 36.3
- New construction and renovations: 7.2

**9,625**
- Number of students who found a job or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation
11 GREAT THINGS

Your gifts, both large and small, are already making a difference. Here are just a few examples that show how much you have done for Michigan Tech.

Visualization studio: larger-than-life data analysis
The Immersive Visualization Studio, part of the Paul and Susan Williams Center for Computer Systems Research, supports research and teaching with eye-popping technology—a wall of 24 hi-res LED monitors—providing 160 square feet of crisp graphics and a total screen resolution of 50 megapixels. There’s more to the studio than meets the eye: a full-body tracking system allows researchers to embed people in a virtual environment.
New excitement above the ice

The John MacInnes Student Ice Arena has undergone major upgrades over the last few years, and they’ve been funded entirely through private giving, including major support from John Opie ’61. But none of the improvements will change the fan experience quite like the new, four-sided video scoreboard and video production system. Fans watching online will be able to see HD-quality video of streamed events of all sports. Fans in the arena will see game video, replays, statistics, and more. Now, if you step out for popcorn, you’ll be able to catch the replay of that Alex Petan wrist shot through the five hole.
Richard and Elizabeth Henes
Professor of Mathematical Sciences

Endowed chairs and professorships can be life-changing for faculty members, none more so than mathematician Shuanglin Zhang, who holds the professorship endowed by Richard ’48 and Elizabeth Henes. Zhang has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, and wrote the letter reprinted on the next page to express his thanks.

NUMBER OF DONORS 26,879
April 21, 2013

Dear Ms. and Mr. Henes,

When I was diagnosed with ALS in 2006 and was put on a ventilator in 2008, I was not sure where my life would lead. I got depressed and had anxiety. I did not know how long I would live. I tried to imagine what my wife and my son’s life will be without me. I thought, “If I can no longer do anything for society, then what is the meaning for me to live on?”

Now, five years have passed. Although it is unfortunate to have ALS, I consider myself to be one of the luckiest, because ALS does not take away my ability to do research. Your generous gift allows me to achieve my dreams.

Although I can read articles, come up with ideas for my projects, and derive formulas in my head, I cannot use a keyboard. With your gift, I support a master’s or PhD candidate who assists me. I communicate by blinking my eyes, and the student helps me to write articles, program codes, and draw figures. This allows me to be very productive. I am very happy that I can still contribute to society. That gives me a sense of being normal. I am no longer depressed, and I smile every day.

Your gift not only makes my life meaningful, it also helps all my graduate students pursue their dreams and strengthens our graduate program in statistical genetics.

I run out of words to express my appreciation. If I were able to travel, I definitely would like to thank you in person. Now, I will put all of my thankfulness in prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Shuanglin Zhang

Generations of Discovery

Endowed Chairs and Professorships

Eighteen new chairs and professorships have been established since the campaign began.

A. Rick and Joan K. Berquist School of Business and Economics Professorship

John M. and Joan M. Calder Endowed Associate Professorship in Mechanical Engineering–Engineering Mechanics

John and Cathi Drake Endowed Professorship in Mechanical Engineering

Richard and Elizabeth Henes Endowed Chair in Mechanical Engineering–Engineering Mechanics Power Systems

Richard and Elizabeth Henes Endowed Chair in Mechanical Engineering–Engineering Mechanics

Richard and Elizabeth Henes Endowed Professorship in Mathematical Sciences

Dave House Endowed Professorship in Computer Engineering

Dave House Endowed Professorship

William and Gloria Jackson Endowed Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Charles and Carroll McArthur Professorship in Materials Science and Engineering

Richard and Bonnie Robbins Chair in Sustainable Management of the Environment

Richard and Bonnie Robbins Chair in Sustainable Manufacturing and Design

Richard and Bonnie Robbins Chair in Sustainable Use of Materials

Franklin M. St. John Professorship in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

Ronald E. and Elaine Starr Endowed Professorship in Mechanical Engineering

James and Dolores Trethewey Applied Portfolio Management Program Professorship

Dennis Wiitanen Professorship in Electrical Power Systems

Anonymous
New instruments for the different drummers

The Pep Band’s percussion wish list—7 new snare drums, 5 bass drums, and 2 quint toms, plus cases, stands, and covers for the works—cost a hefty $16,000. Last spring, the drummers’ dreams came true, thanks in part to $8,000 in private gifts. “I think it’s great that people are supporting us,” said Matt Frantz, section leader of the drumline. “It shows they like us. I can’t wait to start playing these new drums in the fall.”
High tech, higher learning
Two new classrooms are making it easier for teachers to teach and students to learn. Funded by a $130,000 gift from Paul Fernstrum ’65 and his sons Sean ’90 and Todd ’92, the rooms are decked out in a dazzling array of instructional bells and whistles, including a system that records the class automatically and posts the video on the web for later review. “That allows students to pay attention to the lecture,” said Associate Professor John Beard. “Then they can go back to the video and fill in the blanks.”

Physics labs: from sad to rad
The physics research labs in Fisher Hall were built in 1964, and they had not aged well. Richard ’48 and Elizabeth Henes changed all that. Thanks to their gift, over two dozen research and advanced teaching labs saw makeovers ranging from improved safety signage to a major overhaul. The Henes family also funded scientific equipment that’s essential for a modern physics research program.

A gift of science
Not too long ago, chemist Lanrong Bi and PhD student Yazmiye Yapici ’13 had to drive to Illinois to use Northwestern University’s confocal microscope for their research on cell changes that predict cancer. Now, thanks in part to an unrestricted estate gift, Michigan Tech has its own microscope, which uses lasers and high-end optics to take 3D images of cells, tissue, and nanomaterials.

TOTAL INCREASE IN RESEARCH EXPENDITURES
$31,000,000
SINCE THE CAMPAIGN BEGAN
A Huskies research outpost in Wolverine Town

In 2007, Michigan Tech had the chance to buy a powerhouse research lab in Ann Arbor, and the House Family Foundation, founded by Dave House ’65, made it happen. Since then, the Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI) has conducted millions of dollars of research on topics ranging from military intelligence to sleep disorders. Pictured is a NASA graphic showing wildfire smoke over Southern California, part of a MTRI study into the links between wildfires and public health.

A physical therapy program for the UP

Starting next summer, students can work toward a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Central Michigan University while taking classes at Michigan Tech. The unusual partnership addresses a critical need for physical therapists in the Upper Peninsula and was made possible by gifts totaling over $200,000 from the UP Health Network and four area hospitals: War Memorial, Portage Health, Aspirus-Keweenaw, and Dickinson County Healthcare System. The program is a perfect fit for Tech’s exercise science graduates, many of whom pursue careers in physical therapy.

A room of their own

Much was expected of students in the Applied Portfolio Management Program, but not much space was given. Charged with managing $1 million in donor-funded investments, the team had no fixed place to forge a strategy. Then Joe ’76 and Vickey Dancy stepped in to build the LSGI Trading Room. Named for Joe’s firm, LSGI Advisors, it features a Bloomberg Terminal for studying market data and placing trades. “We have professional expectations of them, and now Joe and Vickey have provided professional facilities,” said Dean Johnson, the team advisor and the James and Dolores Trethewey Professor.

STUDENTS RECEIVING

5,386

MICHIGAN TECH FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

DURING THE CAMPAIGN
Scholarship to the rescue
The Great Recession hit Autumn Giles hard. She was on the verge of dropping out when the Financial Aid Office threw her a lifesaver in the form of a Ron '59 and Marie Pasquinelli Scholarship, which targets current students in dire financial straits. “I am so very thankful for Ron and Marie’s scholarship,” said the third-year mechanical engineering major. “If it weren't for them, I would not have been able to go to Tech last year.”

These are just a handful of the great things that are making a difference at Michigan Tech, courtesy of you and your fellow alumni. Despite a gale-force recession, thousands of you stepped up to make the University a better place. You have supported top-drawer faculty who excel in both teaching and research, and you have reached across the generations, extending a helping hand to current students.

The Campaign for Michigan Tech is over, but your gifts will resonate for many years to come. The end is just the beginning.

THANK YOU!
Amy J. Clarke ’00

Amy J. Clarke has built upon her bachelor’s in materials science and engineering to achieve great success. After earning master’s and PhD degrees from the Colorado School of Mines, she became a research and development scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where she works in the Materials Science and Technology—Metallurgy Group. Her research focuses on materials synthesis and processing to control the microstructure and properties of important materials for energy, defense, and industry. She received a five-year US Department of Energy Basic Energy Sciences Early Career Research Program Award in 2012.

Her work led her to be honored with the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) in 2012 and included a trip to the White House to meet President Barack Obama. This is the highest honor bestowed by the US government on scientists and engineers in the early stages of their research careers.

The Houghton native received the Willy Korf Award for Young Excellence in 2007 for her PhD research. She was honored with a TMS (The Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society) Young Leader Professional Development Award in 2008 and was the TMS Young Leader International Scholar in 2010.
Distinguished Alumni Award
Paul Fernstrum ’65

Paul W. Fernstrum, a mechanical engineering alumnus, is chairman and past president of Menominee-based RW Fernstrum & Company, a third-generation, family-owned company that invented and continues to manufacture and market the Gridcooler keel cooler.

Paul began his career at RW Fernstrum as a draftsman. In 1975 he designed the first engineering program for the Gridcooler. Today, Gridcoolers are used to cool hydroelectric stations, engines, offshore wind and tidal generators, pump stations, and electronics on tsunami early-warning buoys and ROV submersibles. In 1995, he became president of the company.

Paul is a Michigan Tech Fund trustee, has sponsored Senior Design teams, and most recently helped equip two new, high-tech classrooms.

He has been a director of the Stephenson National Bank & Trust, past president of the Rotary Club, past commander of the US Power Squadron, elder at the Presbyterian church, and past scoutmaster and district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America. He has received the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award.

Paul and his wife, Sandy, have two sons, Sean and Todd, who are also Tech alumni and work with their father. They also support various Michigan Tech initiatives.

Lisa, Sean’s wife, is a Tech alumna. The couple are parents of the family’s third generation at Tech, Jeremy and Lydia, who are attending Michigan Tech this fall.

Outstanding Service Award 2013
Richard ’82 and Stasia ’82 Gray

While working toward his degree in geological engineering, Dick Gray spent one summer as a roughneck on the north slope of Alaska. He must have liked it, because he spent most of his career in the oil and gas business. After graduating, he took a job with Amoco Production Company and rose through the ranks until he ended up as exploration manager in Denver. While Dick was climbing the ladder, Stasi was also launching her successful career, raising their three children.

Dick left Amoco to become president of the oil and gas company Presco Western. When the company was sold in 2005, he launched a new venture, this time in Houghton. With a colleague from Denver, he started the Keweenaw Brewing Company (KBC). With distribution across Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, the KBC has grown to one of the fifty largest microbreweries in the US.

Stasi supports all of the KBC functions and is responsible for designing and purchasing the KBC t-shirts. In addition to the sixty-plus students they have employed, the Grays have become deeply involved with the community, hosting countless events and supporting student and alumni activities. The KBC has become a vital community resource, especially for Michigan Tech students, faculty, and staff.

Robert and Ruth Nara

Bob and Ruth Nara have done so much for the University, one could assume they already were alumni. Coming from a family with deep roots in the Keweenaw, Bob launched a successful career as a dentist and founded Oramedics International preventative dentistry system. For more than fifty years, Bob and Ruth have been married and partners in the dental business, in addition to their myriad philanthropic projects.

The Naras practice “catalyst philanthropy” through the Nara Foundation, encouraging others to build on the gifts they have created. They have championed the Michigan Tech Archives and Copper Country Collections and have brought the University and community together through presidential lunches.

The Naras are best known for Nara Nature Park and Trails. Located near the Pilgrim River just outside of Houghton, this beautiful tract of land makes nature available to everyone, including the Michigan Tech community.

In fact, Michigan Tech students helped to develop Nara Nature Park. The Forestry and Environmental Resource Management Enterprise team helped with property assessment, timber inventory, marking of trails, and making recommendations for cutting. The Naras continue to support the University for many good reasons, they once said, including the fact that they know their gifts will be cared for wisely.

Distinguished Alumni Award
James A. Trethewey ’67

Switching from mechanical engineering to business worked out very well for Jim Trethewey. The Ironwood native was inspired to switch by legendary accounting professor Sam Tidwell and never looked back. Beginning his career with local mining company Copper Range, he soon joined Cleveland-Cliffs (now Cliffs Resources) and advanced through management positions over the years, becoming vice president-controller and chief accounting officer. Along the way, he earned his MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College.

Before his 2007 retirement, Trethewey was senior vice president of business development. He was also a member of the American Mining Association, the Society of Mining Engineers, and other professional organizations.

He’s been on the Advisory Board for the School of Business and Economics since 1994 and has served as a trustee for the Michigan Tech Fund. He and his wife have funded the James and Dolores Trethewey Applied Portfolio Management Program (APMP) Professorship, given to APMP creator Dean Johnson, and have also supported students through scholarships.

Trethewey serves on the board of two charities, participates as a member and CEO of the limited partnership DJD Investments, and is a board member of Steel Dynamics, chairing the Audit Committee.
Alumni Events

October 5
Grand Rapids
Football tailgate: Michigan Tech vs. Grand Valley

October 12
Duluth, Minnesota
Hockey pregame: Michigan Tech vs. Duluth

October 18
South Bend, Indiana
Hockey pregame: Michigan Tech vs. Notre Dame

October 19
Midland
Football tailgate: Michigan Tech vs. Northwood

October 26
Chapters across the US
Make A Difference Day

November 22–23
Anchorage, Alaska
Hockey pregame: Michigan Tech vs. Anchorage

November 29–30
Fairbanks, Alaska
Hockey pregame: Michigan Tech vs. Fairbanks

December 27–28
Detroit
Forty-ninth Annual Great Lakes Invitational at Comerica Park

January 26
Grand Rapids
Brunch at Marie Catrib’s

February 7–8
Houghton
Winter Carnival and Alumni-Student Broomball Invitational

February 7
Houghton
Hockey skybox: Michigan Tech vs. Alabama Huntsville

March 16
Houghton
Keweenaw Alumni Chapter St. Urho’s Day celebration at the KBC

August 7–9
Houghton
2014 Alumni Reunion

Events are being planned in Detroit, Marquette, Grand Rapids, and around the US. Check out http://mtu.edu/alumni for up-to-date listings. A number of chapters also have regular networking events for area alumni. Join your chapter’s Facebook page for details.

Get involved! Serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Michigan Tech Alumni Association is calling for nominations for exceptional individuals to serve on its Board of Directors.

As the policy-making body for the Michigan Tech Alumni Association, the Board of Directors establishes programs, sets priorities for the association, and works with the Alumni Relations team to engage alumni with the University.

The deadline for nominations is December 1. More information about the responsibilities and expectations of Alumni Association Board members and the nomination form can be found at www.mtu.edu/alumni/notables/board/about or by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@mtu.edu or toll free at 877-688-2586.

Winter Carnival
February 5–11, 2014
“Nostalgic Films of Childhood Days Come to Life in Frosty Ways!”

Planning a visit?
Go to www.mtu.edu/admissions/visit/lodging for information on motels, bed and breakfasts, cabins, and other lodging options.
Honoring fallen vets on Tech’s Memorial Wall: you can help

When the Memorial Union was built in 1952, a memorial was installed on the top floor as a tribute to the alumni who gave their lives in service to their country during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

A project is under way to add the names of alumni who died while serving in the armed forces during more-recent wars, including conflicts in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

We want to assure that all our fallen alumni are recognized, and you can help. If you know of a Michigan Tech alumnus or alumna who was killed in combat, please contact Alumni Relations at 877-688-2586 or email alumni@mtu.edu.

Help us recognize outstanding alumni and friends

Know a great Michigan Tech alumna, alumnus, or friend of the University? Here’s a chance to help get them the recognition they deserve.

The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2014 Alumni Awards:

• Outstanding Young Alumni  • Honorary Alumni
• Outstanding Service  • Humanitarian
• Distinguished Alumni

These awards are presented each August at the Alumni Reunion. Please consider nominating deserving individuals for the 2014 Alumni Association awards program.

Award descriptions and nomination forms are available at http://alumni.mtu.edu/awards or by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations, 877-688-2586 or alumni@mtu.edu.

The nomination deadline is December 1.

Help the Alumni Association Board bring a husky to center campus

In support of its mission to celebrate Michigan Tech traditions and create connections, the Alumni Association Board of Directors is creating a new tradition with plans to place a husky statue in the center of campus.

This project will help create a campus landmark that will serve as a touchstone for generations of students and alumni.

For more information on the Husky Statue Project, please contact Alumni Relations at alumni@mtu.edu or call 877-688-2586.

Tour Malta next May

You are invited to join social sciences professor Mary Durfee on a tour of Malta May 7–14. In the mid-Mediterranean, Malta’s small size (122 square miles) lets visitors explore its entire natural and cultural history. This English-speaking nation is home to World Heritage Sites, ancient Punic and Roman ruins, and fortifications of the Knights of St. John. The tour also includes visits to museums and gardens; harbor cruises; and opportunities for snorkeling, diving, and shopping.

The cost is $900 plus airfare and hotel accommodations of about $150 per day; some meals are included. To learn more, contact Alumni Relations at alumni@mtu.edu or 877-688-2586.
2013 Snowfall Contest winners

This was quite the winter in the Copper Country. In fact, on May 8 a front page story in the Daily Mining Gazette described it as “persistent.”

There was a trace of snow on the morning of September 12, but it wasn’t until after the New Year that the majority of the season’s accumulation fell. We received sixty-seven inches in January, and our best snow day was February 19. Twelve inches fell in that twenty-four-hour period, combining with high winds to cause Tech to close for a day and a half.

On the positive side, the Nordic ski trails were in excellent condition until the end of April, and Mont Ripley had its longest season ever.

The Alumni Association’s third annual Snowfall Contest collected 560 entries ranging from a low of 75 inches to a high of 312 inches. The official snowfall total for the 2012–13 season was 225.75, according to the Keweenaw Research Center’s weather station, near the Houghton County Memorial Airport.

There were four predictions of 225 inches, so we used the tiebreaking question of when the snow would stop falling (May 12) to choose the winner. Robert Ungeran ’67 will receive a two-night stay in a campus guest room, plus a Michigan Tech Winter Survival Kit (Tech hoodie, gloves, hat, scarf, blanket, and snowbrush.)

Paul Marttila ’95 was chosen at random from all entries to receive the consolation prize, a Michigan Tech Winter Survival Kit.

Thank you to all who entered. Stay tuned for the fourth annual Snowfall Contest for the 2013–14 season, which will kick off in November on www.mtu.edu/alumni.

Check out the snow memories of alumni and friends at www.mtu.edu/memories and post your own stories about winter at Tech.

A $1.6 million thank you!

Your 2012-13 gifts to Michigan Tech’s Annual Fund are making good things happen. Right here. Right now.

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Or, make a gift online by going to www.mtu.edu/giving
1930s
Jim Westwater ’34 (Mining Engineering) died March 3. For his 100th birthday, Alumni Relations gave him a Tech track jacket, which he wore almost every day after it was presented to him in December 2012 by President Emeritus Ray Smith. Jim’s involvement with Tech began when he was a cheerleader in 1930, and among his accomplishments, he was part of the startup of the Tech Fund. Unable to make his seventy-fifth class reunion in 2009, he asked Alumni Relations Director Brenda Rudiger to make a speech on his behalf. It concluded, “I raise my glass to us all and leave you with the toast of the Class of 1934. Hi there, waiters, steam big beers, MCM engineers! Bevel gears, devil keers, what the he**, engineers!”

1950s
Richard “Dick” Treviranus ’51 (Mechanical Engineering) died June 9. He was active in the Boy Scouts for seventy-five years, receiving the Silver Beaver and the God and Service awards. He worked thirty-eight years with Ladish Company. His wife, Virginia, has made a gift to the Michigan Tech Fund in his memory to support International Senior Design.

1960s
Franklin Weigold ’60 (Electrical Engineering) has been named chairman of the board of Hittie Microwave, a publicly traded company with a market capitalization in excess of $2 billion.

1970s
Kenneth Saari ’78 (Civil Engineering) recently retired from Detroit Diesel, a division of Daimler AG, located in Redford. He served in technical services and was responsible for plant engineering, environmental compliance, and maintenance operations.

1980s
Patrick Kilroy ’83 (Electrical Engineering) asks, “Hey! Anyone from our Class of 1983 going to our 30-year reunion this summer? I certainly hope to. I’d like to know who I might see there! Cheers, Pat.” We hope you made it, Pat.

1990s
Karen A. Swager, PE ’92 ’94 (BS and MS, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering) and has been promoted to vice president–mining operations of Mosaic Fertilizer in Lithia, Florida. She will oversee Mosaic’s mining operations in central Florida and global joint ventures.

What’s up with you? Submit your own class note and photo online at mtu.edu/alumni/connect/huskylink or email us at techfund@mtu.edu.
Christopher and Jill Carr ’00 (Scientific and Technical Communication) announce the November 5 birth of Julia Jade. Big brother Sam (born November 17, 2008) is very happy to welcome her.

Janelle (Meyer) ’01 (Chemical Engineering) ’03 (MS, Chemical Engineering) and Curt Trowhill ’03 (Mechanical Engineering Technology) welcomed William Dean on October 16.

Kelly Fedele ’03 (Surveying) of Southgate has been appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to serve on the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers for a four-year term that expires March 2017. Kelly currently is DTE Energy’s principal account manager for gas major accounts.

Janelle (Meyer) ’01 (Chemical Engineering) ’03 (MS, Chemical Engineering) and Bethany Podleski ’04 (Civil Engineering) welcomed into the world their third child, Laney Melissa, on April 4.

Adam ’04 (Mechanical Engineering) and Leanne (Sedar) Neal ’08 (Materials Science and Engineering) announce the birth of a son, Jack Wesdon, on February 28.

Nikki ’11 (English, Communication and Culture Studies) and Audrey Reenders-Arens ’11 (Scientific and Technical Communication) met while playing hockey for the Tech women’s club team in fall 2008 and entered into a civil union on April 14, 2012, in Chicago. They moved back to Houghton in January to begin their fulltime dream jobs: Audrey as an instructional technology specialist at Michigan Tech and Nikki as the youth programs coordinator for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Oravitz named Civilian Engineer of the Year

Jacqueline Oravitz ’82 (Chemical Engineering) ’84 (MS, Civil Engineering) received the 2012 Civilian Engineer of the Year Award from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA). She is based in Naples, Italy, and works on water quality issues throughout the EURAFSWA Region, from Spain to the small east African nation of Djibouti.

“The soundness and integrity of the region’s drinking water program is directly attributable to her efforts. Additionally, she was called upon on numerous occasions to assist various Region Public Works Departments during times of crisis,” according to the award statement. “Ms. Oravitz’s leadership, technical expertise, and positive energy have resulted in improved water quality in the region.”

Oravitz credited Michigan Tech in part for her success. “I am thankful to MTU for the education and experience I received there, both in classes and research work that started my long career specializing in drinking water operations and management,” she said.

Auer authors book on the big fish with the funny face

Nancy Auer, Michigan Tech’s “Sturgeon General,” has coauthored a book on the largest of Great Lakes fish. The Great Lake Sturgeon explores many aspects of this ancient creature, from the mythical to the all-too-real. A fish whose ancestry reaches back millions of years and which can live for over a century, it was once considered useless and then fished to near extinction.

Though sturgeon, which weigh up to two hundred pounds, are making a comeback, their fate is by no means certain. With her coauthor, environmental writer Dave Dempsey, Auer blends history, biology, folklore, and policy in an accessible book geared for a broad audience.

After earning a PhD from Michigan Tech in 1995, Auer joined the biological sciences faculty. Since then, she has focused her research on the lake sturgeon and has become a renowned expert on the fish with a face only a mother could love.

The Great Lake Sturgeon is available in various outlets and from the publisher, Michigan State University Press.
Thornton to lead National PTA

Otha Thornton ’01 has been installed as president of the National Parent Teacher Association. He is the first African-American man elected to the association’s top post.

Among his first acts as president was appointing humanities professor Patricia Sotirin to the National PTA Board, where she will serve on the diversity committee.

Thornton is a senior operations analyst with General Dynamics in Fort Stewart, Georgia, and a retired US Army lieutenant colonel who earned the Bronze Star for exceptional performance in combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Thornton helped lead the Army ROTC program at Michigan Tech from 1999 to 2001, when he completed his master’s degree in rhetoric and technical communication. He has been extensively involved with PTA at all levels in Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Texas, and Germany.

During his two-year term as president, he is committed to expanding PTA’s leadership development, advocacy efforts, diversity, and inclusion to strengthen the organization and fully empower families and communities to advocate for all children.

Letters to the editor

Back to Eden

Just wanted to drop a line and let you know how much I enjoyed the “Back to Eden” issue. Between the variety of articles bringing me up to speed with current activities on campus with our students, to the current atmosphere of the UP, and pulling out memories of the past, I left feeling connected again to MTU. Thank you!

Not sure of your magic recipe but please keep it—I love it.

Juli Musch ’87

Dream girl of Phi Kappa Tau

Thank you for including the article on Miguel Levy, physicist, activist and painter. It is refreshing to hear a Jewish person speak out against the injustices that Palestinians are suffering. And it takes courage for your magazine to publish his views, since they are generally not well accepted in the mainstream of our society. I am extremely impressed with Dr. Levy’s painting, Free Gaza!—it captures such emotion! Reading about Dr. Levy makes me even more proud to call myself an MTU alumna, and even more thankful that I spent my formative college years in the MTU community. I also loved the photo of the flying performers on page 2 and the feature article about the beautiful but underappreciated Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Arts, nature, science, politics, culture—who says Houghton isn’t cosmopolitan?!

Barbie (Jones) Laderman-Jones ’92, DVM

Faking it.

Thank you for a wonderful and informative article by Jennifer Donovan in the Michigan Tech Magazine. I was a graduate student at MTU in the early 1990s and did some singing with Milton Olsson. I did not do any theater work but enjoyed the theater productions that were put on very much. It is marvelous to hear about the behind-the-scenes work. I love to know the “how” of things. I do have one, and only one, negative however. I resent the use of OMG! I realize things are much more relaxed, and that is not my problem with the expression. My problem is that it implies the use of the Lord’s name as God and not in a prayerful way as it should be. This is, in fact, a break in the Second Commandment. I realize that not everyone cares about all of the Ten Commandments, but I can guarantee you that many of your readers do, especially the lifelong friends I made at MTU.

Thank you for understanding and respecting your readers and for a great article. Keep up the good work!

Clare Whitten ’92

Editor’s note: while Jennifer Donovan wrote this delightful article, the headline was the doing of the editor, Marcia Goodrich.
In memoriam

The Michigan Tech family extends condolences to the relatives and friends of those who have passed away.

1934
Dr. James S. Westwater

1938
Arthur W. Olschefski

1940
Karl R. Bowman
Moses A. Levinstein

1942
Bruce T. MacArthur
Dr. Oliver H. Winn, PE

1943
Edwin S. Wiitala

1945
Clarence R. Monette

1947
Lilian H. (Heikkinen) Beck
Norman S. Eddy
Lawrence W. Stewart

1948
Clarence I. Giuliani
Alex S. Urbaniak

1949
Clements P. Dragicevich
William I. Kargela
Robert J. Peterson
Robert J. Woelk

1950
David G. MacDougall
Edward T. Zulkofske

1951
Paul T. Freeman
Donald E. Holstein

1952
Edward O. Berg
Curtis J. Berklund
William H. King Jr.

1953
Philip G. Hildebrand
Erwin G. Lambrecht

1954
Floryan B. Wercinski

1955
Arthur S. Brookman, PE
Norman K. Jensen

1957
Cameron A. Hopper
Elden L. Lippo
David K. Mitchell

1958
John F. Fuller

1959
Commander Robert H. Sisson (Ret.)

1963
Glenn M. Carollo
Richard M. Wiitanen

1964
Chester H. Schwerin

1965
David R. Cashbaugh
F. Bruce Hoornstra
Roger L. Rogge

1969
David H. Blohm

1970
William J. Ballosh
Dale C. Rauh

1972
Robert M. Wilson

1975
Richard A. Zelmer

1978
George W. Hyde Jr.

1980
Carl L. Chritz, PE

1982
Lieutenant Colonel Rodney L. Fausett
James Foss
Dennis D. Oliver
Rhoda J. Reini

1983
Kelly J. (Kyes) Wells

1985
Shawn R. Reilly

1990
Mark A. Davis

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Transitions

Peter Biesiot
Dean of business and engineering administration
1921–2013

Peter G. Biesiot, who served as dean of the School of Business and Engineering Administration in the 1970s, passed away on March 20 at the age of ninety-two.

“Dean Biesiot was an administrator who could think outside the box,” said business professor Paul Nelson. “He created innovative graduate programs and began the Women in Business summer sessions to attract high school girls to what was in the early 1970s a nontraditional field.”

His career in education included appointments at Clarkson College of Technology and Michigan Tech, with many summer teaching positions overseas. He ultimately retired as professor emeritus from the School of Business at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Calvin Gale
Dean of special academic programs
1928–2013

Calvin Gale, who launched the Summer Youth Program, died May 31, at Omega House in Houghton. In 1969 he became the first director of teacher education at Michigan Tech. He also held the positions of academic vice president and then dean of special academic programs until his retirement in 1989.

Jack Holland
Professor and director, clinical laboratory sciences
1925–2013

Jack Holland, former director of Michigan Tech’s clinical lab sciences program, died March 2, at his home.

Holland attended Michigan Tech until 1943 when he enlisted in the Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He returned to Michigan Tech, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in chemical engineering.

After working in industry, he came back to Michigan Tech in 1963, earned his PhD, and served as director of the clinical laboratory science (medical technology) degree program until his retirement in 1988.

“He started the medical technology program,” said Alice Soldan, senior lecturer of clinical laboratory science. “He was a very personable and caring professor and advisor. He was a wonderful mentor, and I am thankful to have had him.” Holland also won Michigan Tech’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

During his teaching career at Michigan Tech, he was responsible for the graduation of over one thousand clinical laboratory science bachelor’s students, sixteen biological sciences master’s students, and two biological sciences PhD students. His research work extended from award-winning publications in clinical chemistry and cancer research to extensive work with the DNR on the blood chemistry of the Michigan deer herd.

A scholarship fund has been established in Holland’s memory. For more information, contact the Michigan Tech Fund at 906-487-2310 or techfund@mtu.edu.
Sheldon “Moose” Larson  
*Athletic coach*  
1924–2012

Longtime Michigan Tech equipment supervisor and coach Sheldon “Moose” Larson passed away at his Hancock home December 7. He was eighty-eight years old.

Larson originally came to Houghton in 1958 as a member of the US Air Force working with the University’s ROTC program. He served as rifle coach from 1959 to 1975, assistant football coach from 1964 to 1965, equipment supervisor from 1966 to 1986, and golf coach from 1975 to 1980. He retired in 1986 but remained involved in Michigan Tech athletics, serving as the official timekeeper for basketball games until 1992, when he was inducted into the Michigan Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

Charles Moskowitz  
*Member and chair, Board of Control*  
1924–2013

Charles Moskowitz, of Mt. Pleasant, died May 20, at his home. He was a member of the Michigan Tech Board of Control in the 1960s.

Among his accomplishments, he helped pave the way for the modern University campus by successfully lobbying the chairman of the State Senate Finance Committee for funding for the Chemical Sciences and Engineering Building (formerly known as Chem-Met). Michigan Tech’s first “high rise” was built in 1968.

His obituary describes him as someone with “a zest for life that was contagious to those around him.” Moskowitz spent most of his career as an independent oil and gas producer, and, as befits a person in that line of work, he had more than the average share of verve and daring. A pilot schooled in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Moskowitz once made an emergency landing in his Piper Tri-Pacer on the stamp sands near Tech when weather conditions prevented him from landing at the county airport.

Former Board member Jim Mitchell ’65 recalled Moskowitz as being a “loyal Tech man” who remained very involved with the University, especially with downstate Tech gatherings over the years.

George Trevino  
*Associate professor of mechanical engineering*  
1942–2013

George Trevino, former associate professor of mechanical engineering, died of cancer on March 16, in San Antonio, Texas. He was seventy years old.

Trevino joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering–Engineering Mechanics in 1983 and retired in 1998 to San Antonio, where he continued his research.

Retirements

*The following faculty and staff retired from Michigan Tech recently. The years they first came to Tech are listed below.*

- **Marilyn Cooper**, professor, Humanities, 1986
- **Elizabeth “Beth” Flynn**, professor, Humanities, 1979
- **Peter Hahn**, custodian, Keweenaw Research Center, 1996
- **Allan Hoffman**, lieutenant, Public Safety and Police Services, 1978
- **Allyson Jabusch**, department coordinator, Computer Science, 1992
- **Donna Krapu**, cook, Dining Services, 1989
- **Paulette Morin**, library assistant 5, Van Pelt and Opie Library, 1976
- **Mary Peters**, office assistant 5, Dining Services, 1979
- **Mary Stimac**, custodian, Wadsworth Hall, 1997
Alumni Way
The Gateway to Michigan Tech

Michigan Tech has always been measured by the extraordinary accomplishments of its alumni. Now the University is honoring those achievements through the creation of a distinctive entrance and walkway on the west end of campus: Alumni Way.

Alumni Way will unify both ends of the campus corridor. The inviting design includes a gateway arch, a bell/clock tower, commemorative benches and markers, and even a husky sculpture to welcome students, visitors, and returning alumni. Ultimately, Alumni Way will create a vivid sense of place to complement Michigan Tech’s academic excellence.

Alumni Way will only become a reality through the philanthropic support of you and your fellow alumni. Find out more at www.mtu.edu/alumniway.

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Flour girl  Five-year-old Evelyn practices making pie crust under the gentle tutelage of her mother, Emily (Grosvenor) Weber ’06, during the pasty-making demonstration at Alumni Reunion 2013. “We had a great time,” Emily said later. Reports are that the pasties, crafted by Michigan Tech’s own Chef Eric Karvonen, were flaky, savory, and drop-dead delicious.