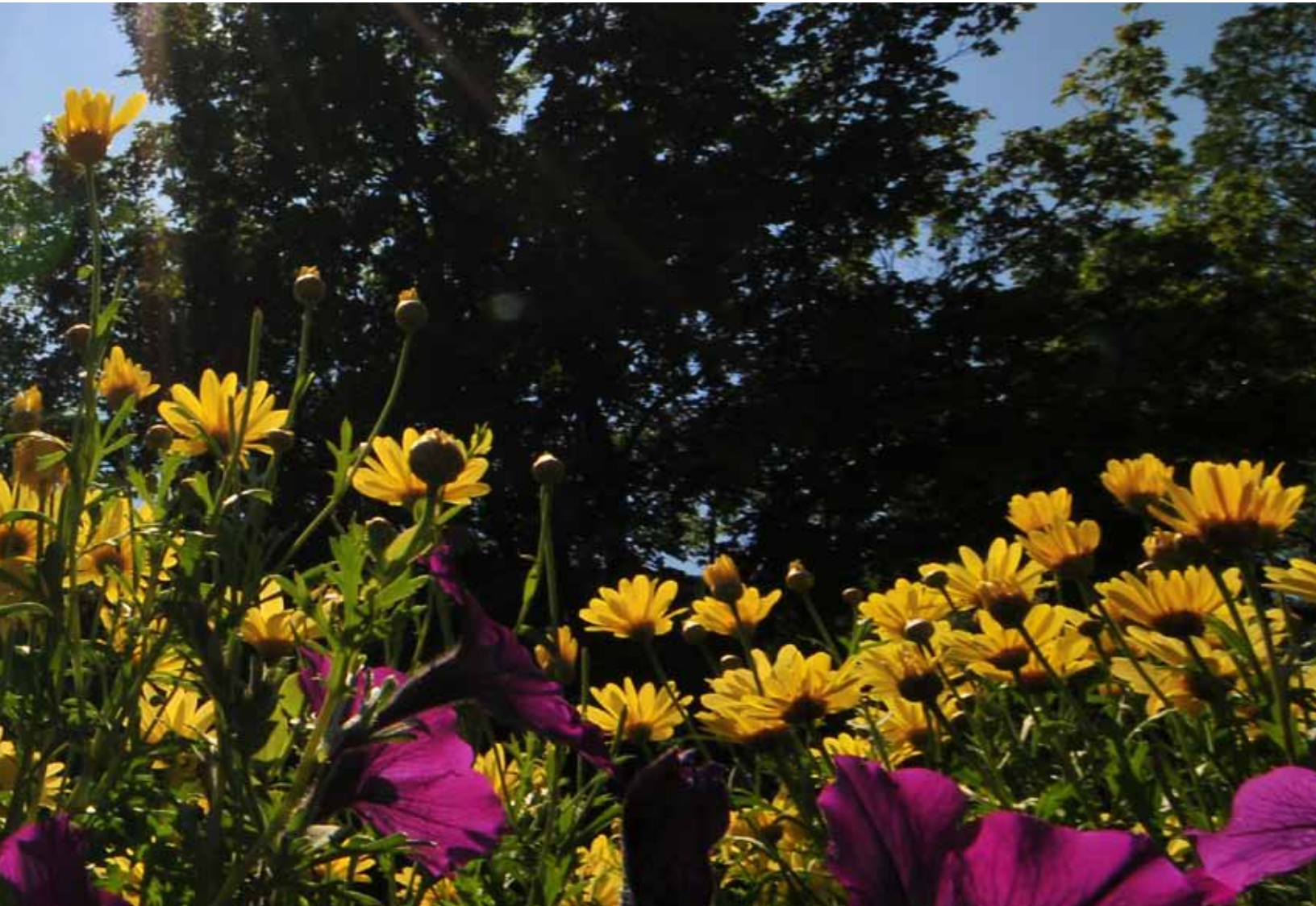


Michigan Tech

A History of the Presidential Council of Alumnae



1996–2011



Pictured on the cover is one of more than forty gardens on campus. Beautification is one of the initiatives supported by the PCA since 2007.

September 2012

Dear PCA Members,

The Michigan Technological University Presidential Council of Alumnae (PCA) was formed in 1995 and is comprised of female Michigan Tech graduates who are nominated by their respective departments and then selected for recognition by a review committee. Achievements in a number of areas are taken into consideration for each PCA nominee, such as education, professional, and personal accomplishments; past service as a student; current contributions in their community; and overall support for the University.



PCA members serve as an advisory group to the president. In this capacity, they provide recommendations for enhancing Michigan Tech's campus climate for students, faculty, and staff. PCA reconnects with their academic departments to initiate programs and activities that benefit the campus community. They serve on department/college committees and advisory boards; assist with recruitment and fundraising, and they help identify external resources. In addition, PCA collaborates with the Office for Institutional Diversity and Advancement to ensure continuing positive impact for the University.

In 2011, the Council membership reached 159 and new members are added annually. Each inductee pledges at least three years of active participation. Many members continue to meet after this initial commitment.

I thank this outstanding alumnae group for their passion and dedication to Michigan Tech—not only in their advisory role to the president but also for their University-wide involvement as role models, lecturers, donors, and advocates for Michigan Tech.

We look forward to PCA's annual return to campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn D. Mroz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Glenn D. Mroz '74 '77

Presidential Council of Alumnae Statistics

Members live in 28 states.

Four are military members, active duty and retired.

Members earned 102 master's degrees or MBA's, 24 of these from Michigan Tech.

Four members earned their Juris Doctor degree.

Twenty- one members hold a PhD, eight earned at Michigan Tech.

Four members are medical doctors, with an MD or DO degree.

Twenty-seven members are employed in higher education.

Three members are employed in K-12 education.

Twenty-eight members are presidents/vice presidents/CEOs/CFOs.

Seven members are entrepreneurs/business owners.



2011 PCA Annual Business Meeting

An Idea Enacted

In 1995, the idea for a women's presidential-level advisory group was developed in the Educational Opportunity Department* by the Executive Director of Educational Opportunity Chris S. Anderson and Senior Advancement Officer Lisa Dietlin, and was adopted by University President Dr. Curt Tompkins and the academic Deans. The newly formed group set the following mission:

- I *Encourage female students and alumnae to understand, communicate, and accomplish their career and life choices.*
- II *Advance female students by developing leadership and professional skills.*
- III *Enhance diverse support for Michigan Technological University through interaction by council members.*

According to this plan, the benefits of this group, as modeled in other women-positive university settings, was intended to increase:

- Visibility of successful female graduates with
 - Undergraduate and graduate students
 - Faculty and staff
- Interaction with female graduates by:
 - Female undergraduates and graduates
 - Female faculty
 - Academic departments
- Participation in University activities by female graduates
- Activity between PCA members' employers and Michigan Tech
- Representation of female graduates on department, college, and University advisory boards and committees
- Information, support, and networks for Educational Opportunity Programs
- Awareness by president and academic departments of gender-related issues
- Collaboration/joint projects between PCA members and female faculty

With efforts and input from the academic departments, a nominating committee chose alumnae exhibiting outstanding career, community, and education success as the charter members of the Presidential Council of Alumnae.

Selection into the Council recognized a female graduate's accomplishments in several areas:

- Professional work
- Service to their community
- Family choices/commitments
- Educational background/experiences
- Service as a Michigan Tech student
- Current support and contributions to the University

**Now known as Institutional Diversity*

Many of the nominees were and continue to be pioneers in the fields of science, engineering, education, technology, forestry, entrepreneurship, and business. Many chose to enter fields in which women remain underrepresented.

In reviewing the nominations, the following guidelines were suggested as considerations:

- It is important that the nominee be a good role model for our female students.
- All life choices are acceptable and worthy of serious consideration.
- Age is not a consideration for membership (i.e., recent as well as seasoned graduates should be considered).
- Nominees come from all areas of the University. Nominators remember that success in one discipline should not be the measure of “success” in another discipline.
- Geographic, discipline, class year, and ethnic diversity are encouraged in the selection process.
- Value to departments in connecting with the alumna should be a significant consideration.

1996

The Inaugural Year

“ I have always been involved with championing women’s issues in the workplace . . . and I would love to see the PCA more involved in making real change for women students and faculty at Michigan Tech. I’d like for us to be agents of change at Michigan Tech for women. Together we can do great things! ”

—Cynthia P. Hodges '87 '90

In April of 1996, President Tompkins inducted 17 inaugural members into the Council of Alumnae. Returning to Michigan Tech from across the country, the new members' roles in society and the workforce included:

- Superintendent at Dow Chemical
- Senior industrial engineer at Delphi Energy and Engine Management Systems for General Motors
- Assistant professor at Michigan State University
- Recipient of the Society of Automotive Engineers FISITA Travelling Fellow
- Chemical engineer for SMI
- Process engineer for Dow Chemical
- Product design engineer for Ford Motor Company
- Instructor for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Naval Research Lab
- Vice president of a nationally recognized, full-service architectural/engineering design firm
- Best Practices team leader for Ford Motor Company
- Manager for General Electric
- Process manager for Shell Oil
- Vice president and director for Design Services Group
- Ford Motor Company recruiter at Michigan Technological University
- Professor at North Carolina State University

- Product design engineer for Ford Motor Company
- Director of Office of Environmental Health and Safety for University of California, Berkeley
- Consultant at Engineer Systems Associates in Pocatello, Idaho
- Certified public accountant
- Corporate advisory board member for Michigan Technological University's Educational Opportunity office
- Community relations manager for Mead Paper Company

Each member of the Council is considered to be a life member after their three years of service is completed. Nominees and council members are expected to return to campus for their induction and at least two other times during their three years of service, as careers and schedules allow. Council members are encouraged to connect or reconnect with their previous department, rediscover all that Michigan Tech offers, and develop alliances with other members.

“ The (PCA) visit got me back to the Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) Department which, within a year, turned into a full-time instructor position in CEE. That spurred my creation of Michigan Tech's International Senior Design (ISD) Program, which I directed for eight years with 167 students in fourteen classes having international classroom experience. The ISD program spurred the inception of the Tech chapter of Engineers without Borders (EWB) (through ISD alumni) five years after ISD inception. ”

—Linda D. Phillips '77 '84

1997

Roundtable Discussions Introduced

In the organization's second year, thirteen new members were inducted into the newly named Presidential Council of Alumnae (PCA), including the following career paths:

- Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso
- Senior project manager, PMP, Dow Chemical–Information Systems
- Project development supervisor, Washtenaw County Road Commission
- Supervisor, Michigan Research and Development Environmental Tech Group, Dow Chemical
- Park superintendent, Isle Royale National Park
- President and consulting geophysicist, Cygany, Inc.
- Marketing manager, Owens Corning
- Member of the Michigan Tech Fund Board of Trustees
- Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for the University of New Hampshire
- Senior engineer/manager for the Storage Technology Division of International Business Machines (IBM)
- Project manager for Williams & Beck Inc.
- Member of the American Geophysical Union

- Associate professor for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Michigan Technological University
- Member of the National Association of Female Executives
- Small business owner and consultant
- Manager of Software Applications Engineering, Texas Instruments Semiconductor Group

The PCA offered a roundtable discussion to provide advice, guidance, leadership, and mentoring to future female graduates. Many students benefitted from the time the PCA members were able to spend at their alma mater. One female student noted:

“ The PCA Roundtable gave me a chance to speak with someone in my field who was willing to give me advice about the classes I could choose and possible co-op/ job opportunities in the future. She had a realistic attitude that brought the idealistic world of college plans into focus with the real world. ”

The University president, Dr. Curt Tompkins, recommended that PCA members invite their favorite faculty members to the PCA luncheons, presentations, and social events to increase awareness of the PCA program and its impact on Michigan Tech.

“ Meeting other successful women who had combined family and career gave me more confidence. The PCA is an amazing community of accomplished women, who set outstanding examples for one another, in addition to current Michigan Tech students. Each generation forges a better path for those who follow. For me, being able to interact with students was rewarding, and it reminded me of how far I had come. The PCA ceremony was a time to reconnect with Michigan Tech, other alumnae, and professors. In addition, it was inspiring, humbling, and quite a proud moment for me as an inductee. ”

— Shelley F. Mitchell '78



“ I am very committed to helping the next generation of women in science and engineering succeed in whatever they choose to do. I always learn something from the students and faculty. Since I’m an academic, there are ideas for interacting with students in and out of class, teaching new material, career counseling, etc., that I can apply with my students. ”

—Dr. Diane I. Doser '78

1998

PCA Scholarship Developed

PCA members created a scholarship fund in 1998 for promising female students. The fund, established by eight initial PCA donors, continues to grow, with contributions from both members and Annual Fund donations.

In addition to the scholarships, the PCA members offered a career fair and worked on ways to communicate with Michigan Tech students, including on their website, “A top-ten list of things I wish I’d known before I started the job.” Michigan Tech students could connect with PCA members who provided expertise and advice based on diverse careers.

- Men and women really do communicate differently and that is okay.
- Finding a company that values life balance issues is important to everyone.
- I should have taken the time to find/accept a cooperative education job.
- It’s okay to switch jobs if this one is not right for you.
- You are the one responsible for your job/career advancement; keep your own weekly status report.
- You will make mistakes!
- It’s okay to ask questions—you aren’t expected to know how to do all the tasks.
- Check your ego at the door and be able to accept criticism/advice/direction.
- I do have a geographical/city size preference and it affects whether or not I stay on the job.
- I wish I knew someone whom I could ask about job related issues.

The PCA set two new goals for the group:

- Help increase the number of successful women in nontraditional disciplines.
- Help increase the number of successful women in industry.

In 1998, eleven new members were inducted who had the following careers and roles:

- Project manager-BX 179 for Ford Motor Company
- Chair for the Society of Women Engineers Scholarship and Award Committee
- United States Air Force captain, future ground systems radar engineer
- Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers
- Senior vice president, Technical and Network Operations, AT&T Broadband
- Director, Powertrain Division, General Motors
- Technical director, Applied Process Inc.
- President, Michigan Association of Extension Specialists
- Member of Michigan Technological University’s Metallurgical Advisory Board

- President, The Earthlinks Project LLC
- Quality system registrar for SRI
- Owner/operator of Office Tenders Inc.
- Recipient of the Carl Schjonberg Award as the outstanding electrical engineering undergraduate at Michigan Technological University
- Professor of Forest Economics, Michigan State University
- Gold Carpet Network volunteer, Michigan Technological University
- Senior mining engineer, RAG Coal West Inc.

“ The Presidential Council of Alumnae represents Michigan Tech’s commitment to continuous improvement in opportunities and recognition for female students, alumnae, faculty, and staff. ”

—Major Ruth A. Archer '86, USAF (ret.)

1999

Women of Promise Established

In the fourth year of PCA, ten new members were inducted whose roles in society include but are not limited to:

- Vice president of finance for Hardwoods of Michigan Inc.
- Key recruiter at Michigan Technological University for IBM
- Technical director in the Office of Analysis, Production and Corporate Services within the Cryptanalysis Group, National Security Agency
- Vice president of fossil operations for Wisconsin Electric
- Recipient of Michigan Technological University’s Outstanding Young Alumni award
- Feature development executive for DreamWorks
- Owner of Copper Creek, an engineering and public relations consulting firm
- Vice president of National Society of Professional Engineers
- President and managing engineer for Inland Seas Engineering Inc.
- Speaker for ethics in engineering
- Pilot production manager, Scimed
- Senior metallurgist, Cannon-Muskegon Corporation
- Elected Sauk County board supervisor
- Technical manager for Engineered Stand Products at Weyerhaeuser Company

The Women of Promise program was established in 1999, and each year it recognizes and honors one outstanding female student from each department campus-wide. Working closely with every department, Educational Opportunity assisted the PCA in honoring these students and exposing them to the rich environment of the organization. Each year, inductees bring ideas, resources, and enthusiasm to the annual planning meetings and to academic department interactions.

“ Michigan Technological University’s relatively recent graduates are significantly impacting the University and are exceptional role models for future graduates. ”

—Lisa Dietlin, former Senior Advancement Officer

“ By 1999, many of the chairs were actively identifying and contacting potential nominees, and realizing the great potential that reconnecting with their female graduates could bring to the departments and the University. Interest in and ideas for maintaining interactions throughout the year began to develop. ”

Chris S. Anderson

Added to the PCA website this year was a comprehensive section titled “Ask an Alumna a Question.” Members volunteered their email contacts and committed to assisting students in areas such as:

- Things I should know before I graduate
- Work/life balance
- International employment

“ I have a renewed commitment to the diversity needs of universities as I work with many talented young women. ”

— Catherine A. Leslie '83

2000

Recruitment, Retention, and Continuity

The PCA really focused on recruiting and retention issues this year, both for female students and faculty. Hitting its stride after a few years of growth, the PCA came to embody this quote by Immanuel Kant, “Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life.” PCA wisdom is a commodity valued beyond measure for the Michigan Tech community. Carol Argentati joined Chris S. Anderson’s staff this year, providing the continuity and long-term care associated with quality induction ceremonies and organized management of PCA data. A member of the PCA selection committee had the following praise for Carol, who is the backbone of the PCA:

“ Carol’s hard work is so appreciated! I hope that I can participate in the selection process again in the future. It is groups like yours that keep me coming back to the job. Thanks again. ”

— Dr. Tess M. Ahlborn '86 '87



With eight new members in 2000, PCA grew more diverse:

- Director of telecommunications engineering, Information Technology, Michigan Technological University
- Member of Michigan Technological University's Chemical Engineering Industrial Advisory Board
- Senior chemist, Designed Materials Development Division, Dow Chemical
- Director of Vehicle Service and Program in the Customer Service Division, Ford Motor Company
- Manager, Facilities Engineering and Environment, Health and Safety, Raytheon Inc.
- Winner of the Dow Corning Technical Achievement Award for 1995 and 1998
- Officer of the Michigan-Wisconsin Timber Producers Association
- Member of Michigan Technological University Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics Industrial Advisory Board
- Product and materials developer for Kimberly-Clark Corporation
- High school chemistry teacher
- Coinventor of seven patents
- Chief engineer, Electrical Electronic Systems—North American Car, Ford Motor Company
- Production manager in the refiner mechanical pulp mill for Mead Paper Company
- Guest lecturer for the chemistry department and a role model/speaker for women in engineering
- Member of the Michigan Bar Association

2001

Networking and Alliances

In its sixth year of existence, the PCA voted to allow the PCA scholarship fund to build before awarding any benefits. Members continued to contribute to this worthy fund and sought matching funds via corporate gifts. The value of a new PCA member orientation and the development of a decision-making matrix were discussed at the annual business meeting. The University president noted at the annual meeting that the PCA nomination process has created awareness by all departments campus-wide of the importance of staying in touch with female alumni, an intended benefit of the establishment of the PCA. PCA members continued to be champions for Michigan Tech and its departments within the various networks and business organizations to which they belong.

“ One day I would like to come back to Michigan Tech and maybe teach classes there. Who knows what will happen. I really miss the Upper Peninsula being down here in Texas (although I will admit I do not miss the snow). I think of the UP as my home and hope to visit more often than I do. ”

—Stacey E. Morrison '88

With nine new members in 2001, the PCA continued to grow with a membership of 66. Some of the members included:

- United States Air Force lieutenant colonel, 4th Mission Support Squadron Commander
- Women in Engineering (WIE) role models
- Assistant professor, Operations Management, Michigan Tech
- Technical manager for 3M
- Technical presenter for St. Cloud State University
- Deputy CIO, Space and Life Sciences Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Forensic scientist/chemist for the Michigan State Police
- First female recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award for the Computer Science Department at Michigan Tech
- General surgeon for Effingham Surgical Associates SC
- Application engineer for 3M
- Member, Tau Beta Pi Honor Society
- Assistant professor for the Department of Forestry, Iowa State University
- Director, Target Cost Enterprise Process Center, Lockheed Martin Corporation

“What was really great was that I was able to interact with the Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at Michigan Tech during the PCA induction time frame (there were several female cadets who benefited from seeing active duty female officers). I also thought visiting my academic department (Math) gave me opportunities to talk to all types of students about career opportunities in the federal government, which several of the students had not considered.”

— Col. Lisa M. Harrington '85, PhD, USAF (ret.)

2002

Training and Knowledge

During their annual meeting in April, 79 PCA members took part in extensive sessions on how to increase Michigan Tech's enrollment and retention of female students and faculty. Following are their proposals:

- Determined that recruiting underrepresented populations should be a top priority.
- Requested training from Alumni Relations and Admissions so that members could participate in the Alumni Outreach and Grassroots program.
- Affirmed that Human Resources and the University Senate provide statistics and requirements for the tenure process. After an extensive meeting with female faculty, it was felt that a lack of understanding of the process that faculty must go through to become tenured was a major hindrance to the PCA's ability to advocate for women faculty.
- Coordinated an update on the work of the Career Center in job placement for graduates. Many PCA members were unaware of the services that the Career Center offers.

Areas of interests/efforts for PCA include: advising, networking with students and professionals, fundraising initiatives for endowments and scholarships, and recruiting and retaining women undergraduates and women faculty. This year, the PCA scholarship endowment grew to \$16,269.

The PCA inducted this pool of talent in 2002:

- Senior manager, Pfizer Inc.
- Assistant professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Michigan Technological University
- CFO of Brown County Cabinets Inc.
- Engineering associate, Best, Best and Krieger
- Plant manager, TRW Automotive Corporation
- Director, Human Resources, Michigan Technological University
- Director, External Affairs, Newmont Mining Corporation
- Vice president of operations for Lefler Engineering Inc.
- Divisional vice president, Investor Relations, Kmart Corporation
- Project leader/ soil scientist for the USDA Forest Service
- Vice president of DeFasco Inc.
- President, Ryan Industries Inc.
- Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Marshall University School of Medicine

“ It (the induction ceremony) is very moving, it allows us to look back from this stage of our lives and see the impact MTU had on our lives and careers. The women inducted into the PCA are very successful, powerful women and the ceremony recognizes their achievements. ”

—Brenda R. Ryan '76

2003

Leveraging Assets

With female enrollment up to 22 percent in 2003, and over 200 Michigan Tech women engineers entering the workplace a year, the PCA was busier than ever offering new ideas and suggestions to continue the positive trend in Michigan Tech diversity. In its annual recommendations to the University president, the PCA proposed:

- Aid Michigan Technological University in becoming a “National University of Choice” by enhancing the marketing and achieving greater diversity by leveraging PCA alumnae to better support the student population.
- Utilize technological communication between annual meetings.
- Create virtual task forces.
- Assist with perceived gap in marketing.
- Increase the visibility of the PCA.

Attending members of the PCA reviewed the processes of promotion, tenure, and benefits for faculty at Michigan Tech, had an overview of career counseling efforts, and learned about student recruitment training for alums.

Twelve new members brought the total number of PCA members to 91, and some of the members filled the following roles:

- Sites logistics manager for Procter & Gamble
- Director, Business Development Operations, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company
- Partner in KPMG LLC
- Senior advisor, Starcut
- Chief engineer for Mackinac Bridge Authority
- Team member of the Michigan Technological University Steering Team at Dow Chemical
- Manager, Application Support, Information Systems, Dow Chemical
- Science department head for Munising Public Schools
- Director, Accounting and Business Analysis, Celanese Company
- Customer satisfaction director, Health Imaging, Eastman Kodak Company
- Account manager, Autoliv ASP Inc.

“ I was so appreciative that some of the Business School faculty attended (and had been there while I was in school!). It made for a special day. ”

—Carrie Halborg Schaller '87

2004

Priority: Diversity

At the PCA's ninth annual meeting, PCA members developed the following suggestions for the new president, Glenn Mroz, and his staff to further Michigan Tech's mission:

- Reaffirm diversity goals.
- Update the strategic plan.
- Restructure marketing department.
- Develop top-down diversity plan.
- Develop and execute alumni communication strategy.
- Ask students and alumni for input and marketing suggestions.
- Create a vice president of diversity or associate vice president of diversity.
- Garner recommendations for enrollment improvements.
- Consider changing and upgrading to a family-friendly work/life policy for tenure-track faculty.
- Upgrade the PCA website.

Eight new talented women were added to the PCA roster in 2004 whose roles include:

- Product supply director for Kimberly-Clark Corp.
- Chief financial officer, Global Financing-Americas, IBM
- Director of planning for Grand County, Colorado
- Vice president and associate general counsel, Employment Law and Labor Relations, Kmart Corp.
- Manager, Global FemCare Initiatives Success, Procter and Gamble Company
- Program engineering manager, Cadillac, General Motors Corp.
- Director of Operations, Ford Component Sales
- Vice president, Project Management and Quality, Data Recognition Corp.
- Vice president, Technology for Mammography Reporting Systems Inc.

“ I grew up in Houghton, and traveling back to Michigan Tech brought back many memories. Some of my professors were still there! The campus is very beautiful. ”

—Janice K. Tervonen '80

2005

Awarding First Scholarship

2005 was a big year for Michigan Tech, as the enrollment of women increased to 25 percent with 203 more women enrolling. President Mroz came to the PCA annual meeting with new ideas, and they were embraced by participants to “make a transformational change on our campus for women.” Mroz encouraged PCA members to participate in a possible fundraiser for the next capital campaign. He also developed the following 2015 Vision:

Michigan Technological University is respected internationally as a culturally diverse global leader in innovative educational programs.

The PCA awarded its first scholarship in 2005 for \$1,000, updated its webpage and had these suggestions for President Mroz:

- Support the climate study.
- Create inclusive environments via these venues:
 - Physical elements
 - Culture
 - Socialization
 - Academics
- Continue to support Excelling in Science, Engineering and Learning (ExSel), Summer Youth Programs (SYP), Women In Engineering (WIE), Exploration in Engineering (EIE), and Women of Promise.

New PCA members for 2005 included:

- Chief ranger for Death Valley National Park
- Two Mechanical Engineering–Engineering Mechanics WIE role models/speakers
- Manager, Transportation Aircraft Engines, General Electric Co.
- Recipient of Northern Arizona University’s College of Ecosystem Science and Management Teaching Award
- Material manager and integrator for Intel Corporation
- Member of the “Building the Future” committee
- Retired chemical engineer for Dow Chemical
- Senior management consultant, Elston Consulting
- A member of the Biomedical Engineering Board
- Vice president, Contracts, URS Corporation
- Program director, Rotary International
- Associate professor, Western Carolina University

“ Women need to keep paving the way for other women. We still have a long way to go. ”

—Wendy L. Kram '91

2006

Support and Retention

“ Here's the difference that (the PCA) made in my life . . . I think this group as a whole has helped increase my confidence in myself tremendously. I had a co-op at GM as a mechanical engineer while at Michigan Tech and decided I didn't like it enough so I switched to business. While my life after Michigan Tech has been very successful, I still had so many engineering friends and I always felt inferior to them. Then I was inducted to this great group. Everyone treats everyone equally, and I am finally at Michigan Tech and not making excuses as to why I have a business degree. Everyone in the group is a success and it is fun to pull resources from each other. ”

—Marie L. Cleveland '82



In 2006, PCA members increased their knowledge about Michigan Tech's processes and current enrollment. They supported the following strategies to enhance Michigan Tech's 2015 strategic vision:

- Continue to address climate survey results through student advisory council.
- Establish annual expectations and reviews for employees.
- Actively and purposefully recruit underrepresented groups.
- Establish a program to maintain and support diverse faculty and staff.
- Maintain institutional commitment to diversity.

Michigan Tech staff and faculty briefed the PCA on important issues, such as the climate study; Youth, Engineering and Science (YES!) Expo and educational programs; Human Resources issues; Student Alumni Recruitment Network (STARnet); capital campaign information; and the PCA scholarship. The PCA Building Review Committee studied each building on campus and had suggestions for beautification and improvements, such as adding plant life, comfortable seating, lactation spaces, improved artwork/murals in drab areas, restroom safety, more fish aquariums, baby-changing stations, softer lighting and paint colors, installing womens' restrooms, and cleaner, larger lockers in the gymnasium.

In its eleventh year, the PCA grew by seven members to bring the total of involved, successful, and community-minded members to 115.

Some of their career achievements included:

- Corporate account executive for FedEx Corporation
- Dean and professor for the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences
- President and CEO for Graminex LLC
- Senior alkylation specialist for UOP LLC
- Assistant professor for the School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University
- Assistant dean and director, Engineering Cooperative Education, Marquette University
- Associate professor for the Department of Mechanical and Environmental Engineering at University of California, Santa Barbara

“ At the PCA meeting, I met individuals that I haven't seen since graduation. I was able to have a dialog with the chemical engineering department about its projects. Tying them with some of my commercial experience, we did exchange some contact information to assist with a project. ”

—Jill M. Meister '88

2007

A Culture of Philanthropy

Following their annual business meeting in April, which included an extensive tour of the campus, the PCA offered the following comments and suggestions to the University president:

- Campus beautification could be enhanced via mass bulb planting.
- PCA continued to enjoy campus upgrades after meeting.
- Applaud the child care center on campus.
- Fruitful roundtable discussion of the Climate Study by Women of Promise
- Comments and ideas from women deans.

In addition, the PCA discussed supporting the capital campaign and how to build a culture of philanthropy, encouraging 100 percent campaign participation from female alums. The PCA would like to set the example of giving, then reach out to the rest of the alumnae.

This year, the PCA forever changed the “mud season” face of campus by taking part in donating and participating in the planting of 24,000 flower bulbs throughout campus.

“ We shared an experience and a bond that spans the years. I feel a connection to these women and a responsibility to those who follow in our footsteps. ”

—Monica L. Hahn '83

Ten inductees brought experience and wisdom to the talented PCA pool of 125 women:

- Assistant professor, Department of Environmental Science and Technology, University of Maryland–College Park
- Family practice physician for Kalkaska Family Practice
- Recipient of University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Junior Faculty Award
- Chief technology officer, Eastman Kodak, and the vice president, Kodak Heath Group
- Supervisory patent examiner for the Patent and Trademark Office, US Department of Commerce
- Director of engineering for Southwest Michigan, the Michigan Concrete Paving Association
- Chief operating officer and vice president, Sensata Technologies
- Member of Michigan Technological University's Alumni Board of Directors
- US Air Force colonel, vice commander, 17th Training Wing
- Manager, IBM
- Vice president of marketing for ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment
- Athletic director and senior woman administrator for Michigan Tech

“ My favorite memory was having my parents present for the luncheon induction ceremony. I especially enjoyed meeting with the female premed students from the biological sciences department for lunch with one of the professors. I enjoyed meeting people in businesses other than medicine and who were so widely traveled (something I love to do!). ”

—Dr. Cynthia Manninen Kring '78

2008

Statistics Count

In 2008, the PCA continued to emphasize its zeal for constant and improved diversity and offered the following guidelines for President Mroz:

- Michigan Tech needs to use upgraded diversity statistics as a metric.
- Diversity/sensitivity training needed for all staff, faculty, and students.
- Provide more elective classes and program opportunities for students.

PCA members remain committed to active participation in the University's annual fund campaign.

In its thirteenth year, the PCA welcomed eight new members with the following experience and disciplines:

- Founder and owner of the Great Lakes Engineering Group (GLEG)
- Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers
- Manager of mine strategy and execution for Mosaic Company, Mosaic Phosphates MP Inc.
- Engineer of construction and technology for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
- Supply chain executive director, Specialty Chemicals Business, Dow Corning

- Cofounder SRT Solutions
- Coinventor of four patents
- Director, sales and marketing, 3M Safety, Security, and Protection Services
- Associate professor in the humanities department, adjunct assistant professor in the education department, and director of the Writing Center for Michigan Tech
- Volunteer for Women in Computer Science, Summer Youth Program, Michigan Tech
- IT director of the Quality, Process, and Support Solution Center, 3M

“ Being able to access so many professional and successful women is a dream. My first visit was at a time in my life where I was truly overwhelmed. With young children and a business to run, I was struggling to balance it all. I asked some of the PCA women for advice, and realized that I was not alone and they offered some of their strategies. ”

—Amy L. Trahey '94

2009

Women Soar

The PCA awarded a \$2,500 scholarship this year to an outstanding female student. The University enjoyed an increase in enrollment, including women enrollees at 30 percent; as well, approximately 20 percent of the women who participated in the precollege Women in Engineering program enrolled. The Women of Promise Roundtable brought accessible feedback to the PCA:

“ The faculty is so approachable at Michigan Tech. ”



“ Broader focus is needed at the Career Fair for nonengineering programs, to include communicating with companies about the alternate programs at Michigan Tech. ”

“ A degree program or minor that Michigan Tech could add to expand the curriculum would be certificate courses in Nanotech, astrogeology, and foreign language, as well as a master’s in psychology. ”

PCA members worked on an e-mentoring program that links groups of up to five students in specific departments with individual PCA members who would plan to meet face-to-face once a year.

A digital photo display of all the PCA induction classes was unveiled in the heavily trafficked Alumni Lounge. The large, ever-changing display continues to be a fantastic way to expose Michigan Tech students, staff, and faculty to the vast quantity and quality of alumnae who are role models.

The PCA continued to expand in its fourteenth year. Here is a short list of some of the member’s career accomplishments:

- Founder and principal in Competent Systems LLC
- Director of operations and finance in the Mechanical Engineering Department
- Adjunct instructor for Finlandia University and biology and art instructor for Hancock High School
- Board member of Houghton All-Sports Booster Club
- Assistant treasurer for ARAMARK Corporation
- Coordinator for the Eastern Procurement Certification Group, Weyerhaeuser
- Member of the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance
- Founder, chief executive and president of Marshall and Associates Inc.
- Senior director, Asia Product Operations, Motorola Inc.
- Secretary, board of directors, Copper Country Community Arts Council

“ My favorite ‘official’ moment of the visit was probably the induction ceremony itself. It was terrific to be seated at a table for the lunch with the chair of my department and other PCA members from my department. I also enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the Women of Promise, both at the induction ceremony as well as during our meetings . . . such an impressive group of young women. ”

—Karen A. Wallace '88



Specialized committees

Scholarships, totaling \$4,375, were awarded to two exceptional female students in 2010. PCA members participated in career roundtable sessions with students; attended presentations held by female faculty and researchers; served as judges at Tech's annual Undergraduate Expo; met with the deans and department chairs; and visited and took part in activities planned by their home departments. At the annual meeting four subcommittees were formed:

Communication Committee: helps promote gender diversity on campus through communication between PCA members, the University, and students, and helps all women on campus maximize their opportunities for success.

Leadership Committee: mentors "all women students," recalling that some PCA members did not feel like they would have been recognized as "Women of Promise" while students.

Diversity Committee: affirms the PCA's commitment to diversity by revisiting the Women of Promise program in terms of scope, timing, function, nomination process, name, purpose and link with the PCA—and determine if the existing female students need/wish additional support from either the University or PCA

Executive Team: oversees subcommittees and reviews their timelines and objectives; meets quarterly; acts as liaison to the University for seeking infrastructure and support for the subcommittees; fields complaints; functions as a go-to committee for all PCA members; and sets the agenda for next year's meeting.

Based on input from active members, a PCA survey, and feedback from the Women of Promise, the decision was made to move the PCA annual meeting from April to September, with an initial working meeting taking place September, 2010.

“ Being a member of the PCA has caused me to pay more attention to issues about women pursuing STEM careers and educations and I strive to provide helpful info to Michigan Tech on these topics. ”

—Kathy Calder Haselmaier '84

In April, the following joined the PCA:

- Assistant professor, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Michigan Tech
- Michigan Tech's first female PhD in engineering
- Executive director for Engineers Without Borders USA
- Senior engineer, Systems and Technology Group, IBM
- Technical design and consultant for Excelon Corporation and the first woman PhD in engineering at Michigan Tech
- Global marketing manager for Silanes
- President, Keweenaw Chapter, Michigan Tech Alumni Board
- Business strategy manager, Hewlett-Packard
- Executive vice president, Sales, enChoice Inc.

- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity
- Associate professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Michigan Tech
- Volunteer for Student Alumni Recruit Network (StarNet)
- Founder and president of Edgestone Consulting Inc.

“ I'm constantly amazed by the women of PCA—not only by what they've done with their Tech degrees but also their commitment to the University. They support the University in so many ways—not just financially but through their interactions and involvement with the president and their departments, by serving on advisory boards, by participating in career fairs and alumni events, but most importantly (I think) by serving as role models for our students. Undeniably, these women have blazed the trails for future female students entering the workforce after graduation. They're shining examples of what is possible! Each year I look forward to the PCA members returning to campus for their annual meeting—working with this group is a definite bonus to working at Michigan Tech! Thank you PCA for all that you do! ”

—Carol Argentati, Institutional Diversity

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Fall Meeting, New Beginning

With their sixteenth meeting on campus and the first fall meeting since its inception, the PCA quickly started working to provide the president with ideas on issues of student enrollment, fundraising, marketing and communications, and branding. In addition, 23 female students were recognized as Women of Promise.

2011's nine new inductees were welcomed:

- The communications and web programming director for the Great Lakes Commission
- Vice president of product supply and trading of non-crude oil feedstock for Chevron
- President and CEO of Omni Tech International Ltd
- Vice president of research and development for Janco International
- Director of OEM Product Marketing, a division of Microsoft
- Professional engineer and storm water operator, State of Michigan
- Process Excellence, Global Lead for Sales and Operations Planning for Avon
- Geological engineer for Vitruvian Exploration
- Vice president of Environmental Health and Safety Operations, Dow Chemical

“ It's good to have a group of people you can bounce ideas off of. We discuss some pretty heavy subjects, and they are honest without being judgmental. ”

—President Glenn Mroz

PCA Members by Department:

Biological Sciences

Chris S. Anderson—BS, Biological Sciences, Michigan State University, 1971; MS, Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1972; MS, Education Administration, University of Wisconsin, 1979

Nancy A. Auer—BS, Biology, University of Minnesota, 1973; MS, Natural Resource Ecology, University of Michigan, 1997; PhD, Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1995

***Mary E. Barker**—BS, Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1983; BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1991; MS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1993

Cynthia Manninen Kring—BS, Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1978; Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State, 1981

***Nancy R. Lefler**—BS, Industrial Management, Michigan Technological University, 1979; BS, Biology, Michigan Technological University, 1979

Christine L. Manninen—BS, Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1990; MS, Environmental Journalism, Michigan State University, 1998

Leann F. Nitschke—BS, Biological Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1984; MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1988; MBA, University of Massachusetts, 2007

Chemical Engineering

Julie A. Babcock—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1983

Nancy J. Bach—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1976; MBA, Marketing, University of Rochester Simon School, 1985

Laurie Couture-Dorschner—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1979

***Robin R. Elston**—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1986; BS, Business Engineering Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1986

Janet E. Garvey—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1977; MBA, Central Michigan University, 1985

Heidi Geiger—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1982

Toni S. Gissendanner—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1990

Sally P. Heidtke—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1981

Holly M. Hillberg—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1983; MS, Electrical Engineering, Rochester Institute of Technology, 1992

***Sabina J. Houle**—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1985; MS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987; MS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987

***Jean C. M. Kampe**—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1980; Master's of Chemical Engineering, University of Delaware, 1984; PhD, Metallurgical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987

Lou Anne Koerschner—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1981; MBA, University of Minnesota, 1985

Sue L. Korpela—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1978

Mary B. Korpi—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1976

Susan M. Lewis—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987

Linda J. McNally—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1979

Jill M. Meister—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1988

Susan L. Spencer—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1979

Karen A. Wallace—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1988; MBA, Finance, University of Michigan, 1992

Paula L. Wittbrodt—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1993; MS, Business Administration, Columbia University, 1999

Chemistry

Faith M. Binns—BS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1959

Feifei Lin—BS, Polymeric Material Science and Engineering, East China University, 1988; MS, Polymeric Material Science and Engineering, East China University, 1988; PhD, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1994, MBA, University of Michigan, 2005

Caren L. Meyers—BS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1994; MS, Organic Chemistry, University of Rochester, 1996; PhD, Organic Chemistry, University of Rochester, 1999

Kathy M. Pollock—BS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University 1993; MS, Chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1995

Jill M. Renders—BS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1985; MS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1988

Monica A. Valentovic—BS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1978; MS, Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Toledo, 1980; PhD, Pharmacology, University of Kentucky, 1983

Erin A. Zimmer—BS, Chemistry, Michigan Technological University, 1998; MS, Business Administration, University of Connecticut, 2004

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Tess M. Ahlborn—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1986; MS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987; PhD, Civil Engineering, University of Minnesota, 1998

Christine Morris Anderson—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1994

Jennifer G. Becker—BS, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1989; MS, Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana, 1992; PhD, Environmental Engineering, Northwestern University, 1998

***Elzbieta G. Berak**—MS, Civil Engineering, Technical University of Wroclaw-Poland, 1978; MS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1981; PhD, Engineering Mechanics, Michigan Technological University, 1985

Debra A. Campbell—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1976

***Michelle-Anne I. Christensen**—BS, Geological Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1984; MS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1986; BA, International Commerce, University of Copenhagen, 1989

Mary Beth Coburn—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987

Michelle E. Jarvie Eggart—BS, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1996; MS, Environmental Policy, Michigan Technological University, 1999; MS, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 2005; Graduate Certificate—Sustainability, Michigan Technological University, 2005; PhD, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 2007

Katherine R. King—BS, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1979

Kristine M. Krause—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1976; MS, Civil Engineering, Marquette University, 1983; MBA, University of Wisconsin, 1990

Catherine A. Leslie—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1983

Kathryn D. Lynnes—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1979; JD, Environmental Law, University of Oregon, 1984

Kimberly K. Nowack—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1985

Brenda J. O'Brien—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1984; MS, Mathematics, Eastern Michigan University, 2008

Linda D. Phillips—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1977; MS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1984

Beverly A. Siersma—BS, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1974; MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1985

Christine M. Sloat—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1982

***Sheryl A. Sorby**—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1982; MS, Engineering Mechanics, Michigan Technological University, 1985; PhD, Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics, Michigan Technological University, 1991

Kerry E. Sutton Maloney—BS, Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1989; MS, Civil Engineering, Wayne State University, 1994

Amy L. Trahey—BS, Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1994

Computer Science

Cathy S. Colman—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1980; MBA, General Management, University of St. Thomas, 1996

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Kathy Calder Haselmaier—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1984

Brenda K. Helminen—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1983; MS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1988

Dianne M. Marsh—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1986; MS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1992

Stacey E. Morrison—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1988; MS, Computer Science, University of Houston—Clear Lake, 1993

***Janice K. Tervonen**—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1980; BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1980

Linda B. Wittbrodt—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1983

Cognitive and Learning Sciences

Kristin Raisanen Schourek—BA, Art Education, Wayne State University, 1973; MS, Applied Science Education, Michigan Technological University, 2003

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Ruth A. Archer—BS, Electrical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1986; MBA, St. Mary's University, 1991

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Christie A. Dewhirst—BS, Computer Engineering, 1993; BS, Electrical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1993; MS, Electrical Engineering, Wayne State University, 2000

Charlotte I. Field—BS, Electrical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1977; MBA, Finance, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 1985; Certified Treasury Professional, Stevens Institute of Technology, 1985

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Sarah A. Rajala—BS, Electrical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1974; MS, Electrical Engineering, Rice University, 1977; PhD, Electrical Engineering, Rice University, 1979

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Charlene M. Thill—BS, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987

Geological and Mining Engineering and Sciences

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Leslie S. Hahn—BS, Geology, Michigan Technological University, 1976; MBA, Business Administration, University of Montana, 1985

Patricia L. Henderson—BS, Geophysics, Michigan Technological University, 1977

Shannon E. Lemke—BS, Geological Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 2000

Elizabeth J. Marshall—BS, Applied Geophysics, Michigan Technological University, 1985

Catherine D. McRae—BS, Geological Engineering and Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1983

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Humanities

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Materials Science and Engineering

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Mathematical Sciences

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- Nancy J. Cragel**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1986
- Mary Fran Fisher**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1988; MS, Business Administration, University of Connecticut, 1993
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- Susan J. Jesse**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1981
- Colleen L. Jones-Cervantes**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1983
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- Rose M. Koronkiewicz**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1981; MS, Pastoral Studies, Loyola University–New Orleans, 1989; MBA, University of Pittsburgh, 1996
- Wendy L. Kram**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1991

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Martha N. Sullivan—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1980

Judy J. Swann—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1983; MA, Public Administration, Syracuse University, 2003

Susan W. Trahan—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987; MBA, University of St. Thomas, 1994

Kimberly L. Turner—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1994; PhD, Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Cornell University, 1999

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- JoAnn C. Brinser**—BS, Economics, Michigan Technological University, 1985; MS, International Management, American Graduate School of International Management, 1986
- Margaret M. Buchmann**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1960
- *Marilyn M. Clark**—BS, Mathematics, Michigan Technological University, 1973; MS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1976
- Marie L. Cleveland**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1982
- *Robin R. Elston**—BS, Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1986; BS, Business Engineering Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1986
- Claire T. Foley**—BS, Business Administration–Accounting, Michigan Technological University, 1985
- Monica L. Hahn**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1983; MS, Marketing, Western Michigan University, 1987
- Ellen S. Horsch**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1978; MS, Economics, Central Michigan University, 1983
- Dana M. Johnson**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1980; MBA, Northern Michigan University, 1981; MS, Manufacturing Engineering, Wayne State University, 1995; PhD, Industrial Engineering and Business Administration, Wayne State University, 1999; MS, Industrial Technology, Eastern Michigan University, 2000
- Jessica M. Kaiser**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1988
- *Nancy R. Lefler**—BS, Industrial Management, Michigan Technological University, 1979; BS, Biology, Michigan Technological University, 1979
- Cynthia R. May**—BS, Business–Economics, Michigan Technological University, 1976
- Susan J. Michaelson**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1972; MA, Education, Marquette University, 1994
- Juli A. Musch**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1987; MBA, Finance, Wayne State University, 1990
- Laura M. Nagel**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1983; MS, Global Management, University of Phoenix, 2002
- *Lisa A. Peterson-Nelson**—BS, Electrical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1984; MS, Operations Management, Michigan Technological University, 1987
- Laura A. Price**—BS, Business Administration–Accounting, Michigan Technological University, 1983; MA, Organizational Management, George Washington University, 2002
- Suzanne R. Sanregret**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1993; MS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 2006
- Carrie Halborg Schaller**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1987
- *Linda R. Stuffle (deceased)**—BS, Electrical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1971; MS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1978; MS, Electrical Engineering, Purdue University, 1983
- Joyce J. Ten Haken**—BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1970
- *Janice K. Tervonen**—BS, Computer Science, Michigan Technological University, 1980; BS, Business Administration, Michigan Technological University, 1980
- *Paula Feira Zenner**—BS, Mechanical Engineering, Michigan Technological University, 1987; MS, Operations Management, Michigan Technological University, 1993

School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science

- Barbara J. Bennett**—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1978; MS, Chemical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, 1984
- Laura E. DeWald**—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1980; MS, Forestry, Pennsylvania State University, 1982; PhD, Forestry, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1986
- Margaret R. Gale**—BS, Forest Management, Michigan Technological University, 1977; MS, Forest Management, Michigan Technological University, 1980; PhD, Production Ecology, University of Minnesota–St. Paul, 1987
- *Phyllis A. Green**—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1976; BS, Liberal Arts, Michigan Technological University, 1976; MS, Natural Resource Management, Michigan State University, 1981

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Karen L. Potter-Witter—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1975; MS, Forestry, University of Minnesota, 1978; PhD, Forestry, Michigan State University, 1981

Janette R. Thompson—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1981; MS, Agronomy, Iowa State University, 1984; PhD, Forestry, Iowa State University, 1991

Jessica A. Turino—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1994

Karin J. Van Dyke—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1978

Barbara A. Wade—BS, Wood Science, Michigan Technological University, 1978

Nancy R. Wizner—BS, Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1977; MS, Fire and Emergency Management, Oklahoma State University, 2002

School of Technology

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Lori Ellen Beyer—AAS, Civil Engineering Technology, Michigan Technological University, 1984; BS, Individualized Interdisciplinary Concentration, Eastern Michigan University, 1994

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Social Sciences

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Toni S. Gissendanner, Chemical Engineering '90
Cynthia P. Hodges, Mechanical Engineering '87 '90
Jean C. M. Kampe, Chemical and Metallurgical
Engineering '80 '87
Jane F. Laird, Electrical Engineering '68
Barbara A. Link, Metallurgical Engineering '77
Catherine D. McRae, Geological Engineering and Sciences
'83
Linda D. Phillips, Civil Engineering '77 '84
Sarah A. Rajala, Electrical Engineering '74
Birgit L. Sorgenfrei, Electrical Engineering '91
Susan L. Spencer, Chemical Engineering '79
Linda R. Stuffle, Electrical Engineering and Business
Administration '71 '78
Joyce J. Ten Haken, Business Administration '70
Karin J. Van Dyke, Forestry and Wood Products '78

1997 Members

Lori Ellen Beyer, Civil Engineering Technology '84
Diane I. Doser, Applied Geophysics '78
Janet L. Ernst, Mathematics and Computer Science '74 '75
Janet E. Garvey, Chemical Engineering '77
Phyllis A. Green, Forestry and Liberal Arts '76
Patricia L. Henderson, Geological Engineering and
Sciences '77

Jessica M. Kaiser, Business Administration '88
Kathryn D. Lynnes, Civil Engineering '79
Shelley F. Mitchell, Forestry '78
Heidi Z. Morrison, Electrical Engineering '84
Sheryl A. Sorby, Civil and Mechanical Engineering '82 '85
'91
Pamela Leavens Tatge, Scientific and Technical
Communication '83
Cheryl Marie Van Allsburg, Social Sciences '80

1998 Members

Ruth A. Archer, Electrical Engineering '86
Nancy J. Cragel, Mechanical Engineering '86
Charlotte I. Field, Electrical Engineering '77
Rani Agarwal Finstad, Metallurgical and Materials
Engineering '79
Kathy L. Hayrynen, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
'86 '89 '93
Katherine R. King, Engineering (Environmental) '79
Rose M. Koronkiewicz, Mechanical Engineering '81
Ann Weiler McMahon, Scientific and Technical
Communication '81
Karen L. Potter-Witter, Forestry '75
Beverly A. Siersma, Engineering (Environmental) '74
Cynthia S. Wageman, Mining Engineering '78

1999 Members

Chris S. Anderson, Biological Sciences '72
Bonnie D. Boberg, Mathematics '73 '75
JoAnn C. Brinser, Economics '85
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Yeliana Yeliana, Mechanical Engineering

2008

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Alessandra Brignola, Social Sciences
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Laura Strohkirsch, Chemical Engineering
Tara Swanson, Mechanical Engineering (Dual–Undergraduate Student)
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2010

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