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A Newsletter for Alumni and Friends of Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical

Winona and Red Wing Campuses Make Way for Change



It's a big year for construction on both college campuses. By February, 2007, a \$3.8 million renovation and reorganization project on the Winona campus will be complete. In the same month, the Red Wing campus will start its own \$4.8 million makeover. The goals of both projects are to reorganize existing facilities, make more space for growing programs and unify student services.

Construction at the Winona campus started in January, 2006, and continued full-speed-ahead throughout the summer. Walls came down, rooms were reconfigured, new wiring, paint and carpeting were installed, and a new parking lot was poured. By the beginning

of the fall term on August 23, the first half of the project was done.

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- The nursing department moved from the airport campus into new quarters next to the science lab on the main campus. In the new facilities, students can practice real skills, using up-to-date technology like they will find in hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities.

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Reconnect in these Challenging Times



James J. Johnson

President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James J. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

The Greek philosopher Epictetus once wrote, "Only the educated are free." Free to practice their trade of choice, free to do so in a place of their choosing.

Those words of wisdom certainly hold true for the approximately 18,000 alumni of Southeast Tech, the vast majority of you gainfully employed with real-wage occupations, living throughout the country and even overseas. We commend you for successfully applying the skills you developed through your education and training at Southeast Tech. We're proud of your accomplishments, which, in turn, are a reflection on the quality of our programs.

Like you, we, too, have branched out and grown, now recognized as one of the fastest-growing colleges in the Upper Midwest. We are currently in the process of campus renovations and classroom expansions to accommodate unprecedented enrollment growth. Our course selection continues to broaden parallel to an expanding business climate. And we remain committed to investing in the latest technological training tools, to keep pace with the requirements of an ever-evolving workplace.

What remains constant is our goal to provide the highest-quality technical education available, in spite of dwindling financial support at the state level.

That's why, when faced with the challenges of today's world, with today's economic limitations, we're asking you to reconnect with us, and to give back to the college that set so many of you on a successful career path. We are seeking your continued support — there is a real need for your support. In the current financial climate, the importance of the collaboration between the college and its Alumni Foundation to help current and future students afford a post-secondary education cannot be overstated. Their livelihood, like many of yours before, depends on it.

Since I began this message with a quote, I'd like to sum up with one as well, this time from George Peabody: "Education is a debt from present to future generations." Reconnect with us. Measure how your education at Southeast Tech has impacted your life. And help us to help others follow your path to success. ■

a message from the
president

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"Now we have space and equipment so students can move more easily through the clinical rotations," said Dr. Sally Standiford, executive vice-president and chief academic officer at Minnesota State College-Southeast Tech.

- The new Learning Center is a high-ceilinged, glass-walled room equipped with 55 new computers and plenty of desk and workspace for students to use while on campus. The Center also houses a testing room, private study carrels and a group study room, and will provide a more conducive atmosphere for studying.

"If you're going to be a technical college, you have to be up-to-date with technology," said Mike Kroening, Chief Financial Officer.

- The bookstore was busy almost as soon as it opened this summer. Here, students can buy textbooks and a full range of school supplies, as well as T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps and other emblems of student life. The bookstore is a great convenience and a draw for students. It is also a source of revenue for the college, Kroening pointed out.

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The second half of the Winona Campus remodeling is on track to be complete by February 2007.

- All the Student Services functions will be housed together in one area, near the new main entry to the campus. "From financial aid to counseling to admissions and paying tuition, we will provide more of a one-stop-shopping experience for students," said Kroening.
- The main entry has been restyled, giving it a more collegiate look. It will feature a two-story skylight, a cordial waiting area with a fireplace, and a donor wall.
- A makeover of the cosmetology department will also be finished by February.

Red Wing Campus

The Red Wing campus was new in 1972, but it's long overdue for a major renovation. During the 2006 state legislative session, a capital project bond totalling \$5 million for work at Red Wing was approved.

Construction will begin in January, 2007.

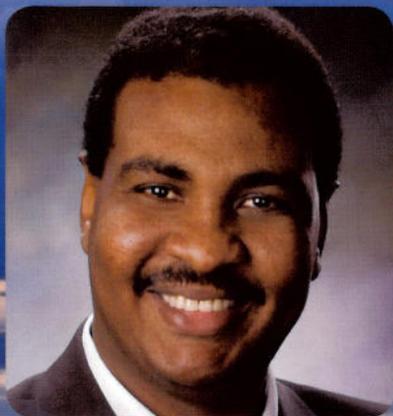
The project will accomplish several major goals:

- The musical instrument repair program, one of the few in the country, continues to grow. It will get more space and more labs.
- The library, student center and cafeteria will be expanded and remodeled.



- The student services departments will be reconfigured to center on a single area, which will improve communication, services and convenience for students and staff alike.
- A new meeting hall will be constructed, to accommodate large college gatherings, as well as community groups.

All this will be going on behind the scenes. People who drive by on Pioneer Road and Highway 58 might not notice much change, except the new electronic signboard on the corner; which announces campus events, time and temperature. The final phase of Red Wing's construction will be to redo the entry, giving it a more expansive and modern look — a brand new "face" for a growing college. ■



Working to Help Students a Continent Away

Mohamed Elhindi saw his first computer the day he stepped up to the airline counter in Sudan to buy a ticket to the United States in 1989. At that time he wanted to go to medical school.

Today he is chief information officer at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical. He is in charge of all the computers and networks that students, staff and faculty rely on, and has been responsible for installing computer systems in Winona's new Learning Center. Elhindi, 39, is a tall man with a ready smile and an energetic manner, who obviously thrives on his work. But at the end of the day, Elhindi sits down to yet another project that has become a passion — sharing his knowledge of computers to help students in Sudan.

The project began when the United Nations asked him to give a talk on technology in education last winter.

Afterward, they asked if he would spearhead a project to bring electronic library capabilities to the colleges and universities in Sudan. He spent two weeks this summer in Khartoum and will go back again in November or December to complete the project.

"Students in Sudan struggle to find the information they need for their education," Elhindi said. "The infrastructure is not there. There is a miles-wide gap between students in Sudan and students at Minnesota State College-Southeast Tech. It takes them weeks to obtain materials that are related to their fields, where here it might take our students only a few hours."

That's because, until now, the 125 universities and colleges in Sudan had no way to share their resources.

Finding the way and creating the infrastructure keeps Elhindi up late at night. After his workday is over and his children are in bed, he works from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on

the project. On the weekend, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., he meets with the 12 people on his team in Sudan. They communicate by instant messaging over the internet.

"It's still slow, because of the time difference," he said. Sudan is eight time zones away from Minnesota.

The first phase was to unify policies about borrowing library materials, create rules for interlibrary loans and find ways to exchange the materials.

What made this important to me was talking to the students, seeing how they struggle, and seeing the looks on their faces.

"The mail system in Sudan is not always the best choice," Elhindi said.

The next phase is building technical support and training 42 people — 25 librarians, 10 desktop computer experts, and seven network experts — to maintain the country-wide system. His wife Carol Daul-Elhindi, who is completing a Masters degree in library science, has joined the project to write a training curriculum.

Elhindi points out that he is working to benefit the students in Sudan, not the government of Sudan.

"What made this important to me was talking to the students, seeing how they struggle, and seeing the looks on their faces. So now it does not matter how much personal time it takes. I want to get it done for them!"

He hopes to be finished by January, 2007.

Would he consider expanding the program for other countries?

"No!" he laughs, "not me! I won't have time." ■



Erica Mayhew, Outstanding Alumnus Red Wing Campus, 2006

Erica Mayhew, a native of Canada, graduated with a degree in music from Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. She graduated in 1993 from Southeast Tech with a degree in band instrument repair.

After a ten-year career in the musical instrument repair field, she changed careers. Now, as a professional librarian, she maintains her connection to the music profession and to Southeast Tech through occasional musical performance and extensive volunteer work. She is the volunteer librarian for the National Association of Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians (NAPBIRT) library in Illinois, and she volunteers every year at NAPBIRT's annual convention. Recently, Erica assisted the Southeast Tech Alumni Association by organizing a reunion of band instrument repair alumni. ■



Sue Miller, Outstanding Alumnus Winona Campus, 2006

In 1971, then a single parent and a nontraditional student, Sue Miller graduated with a degree in nursing. After a ten-year career in nursing, she demonstrated entrepreneurial talent in fashion design and real estate. A tireless worker, Sue has also donated countless hours as a volunteer for Winona schools, the Winona Chamber of Commerce, and many nonprofit organizations. She is an articulate and passionate advocate for children, students, people of all cultures, and others in need. She serves on the board of directors of the Southeast Tech Foundation, speaks frequently about the value of technical education, and is continually giving of her time and treasure to benefit Southeast Tech students. ■

Outstanding Alumni Awards, 2007

Each year the Southeast Tech Foundation and Alumni Association honor an outstanding alumnus from the Red Wing Campus and the Winona Campus. The outstanding alumni are selected for personal or professional achievement and service to the community and the college.

The Southeast Tech Alumni Committee invites you to submit nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Alums. Nomination forms are available on the college web site at www.southeastmn.edu/alumni. You may also call the Foundation office at (507) 453-2663.

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Cooperating for Healthcare Excellence



Southeast Technical is an active partner in creating a Center of Excellence in health science education and practice.

Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical is an active partner in the new Center for Integrated Health Science Education and Practice (CIHSEP).

Through this initiative, funded by the Minnesota Legislature for three years, five regional educational facilities and two healthcare facilities are creating a "center of excellence" in health science education and practice. Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, along with Winona State University, Rochester Community and Technical College, Pine and Ridgewater Colleges, along with health partners, are expected to forge a model for a new kind of cooperative health education system that meets the needs of southeast Minnesota faster and more effectively.

The center's goals are to recruit and train a more diverse student population, streamline pathways for educating more people, and adapt educational models to ever-changing healthcare needs.

Dozens of Minnesota healthcare facilities and schools competed zealously for the opportunity to be part of such a center of excellence. However, Southeast Minnesota had many advantages, according to Sally Standiford, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical (MSC-ST).

"This area is really a medical mecca, considering the healthcare facilities and educational institutions here," she said. But until now there has been no framework for cooperation and coordination of services. MSC-ST partnered with Winona State University (WSU) to develop a proposal to build such a framework.

After collecting ideas from Custom Training, nursing, administration and other departments, Standiford and colleagues spent four days writing a proposal at joint meetings at WSU. Others participated by teleconferencing.

"We produced more than 30 pages of ideas for how we could cooperate to create a center of excellence," Standiford said. "That's a lot of ideas! The last phase was editing and shaping the ideas into a program that could be described in ten pages."

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Bob Olson Scholarship Challenge

An Outstanding Instructor Continues to Motivate Students



Alumni Nick Lundquist, now an executive at Fastenal, Inc., in Winona, is offering a \$5,000 matching grant to establish an ongoing scholarship honoring the late Bob Olson, a teacher at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, who had an important and enduring impact on his life.

Lundquist met Bob Olson on his first visit to campus.

Olson drew him to the school, helped him decide his direction, and then introduced him to the people who gave him his first job at Fastenal. He and Olson stayed in touch for 27 years after Lundquist graduated.

"Bob was a great teacher, but he was more than that. He was a mentor and a friend. He was charismatic, down to earth and always very interested in how everything was progressing with his students," said Lundquist. "I think he had a positive influence on every student he ever taught."

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Olson worked in insurance, and then as president and general manager of Quality Chevrolet in Winona before he

began teaching. He taught and coordinated the Sales and Marketing program at the Winona Area Technical Institute for 15 years, from 1969 to 1984. After retiring, he was active in a variety of civic projects, and he stayed in touch with a great many people who had been his students.

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Alumnus Debbie Greenwood, one of Olson's students who is now vice president of the board of Minnesota State College-Southeast Tech Foundation, also speaks with deep regard for Olson as a teacher and mentor:

"He was a wonderful man. The neat thing is that Nick Lundquist is setting up a matching grant to honor him," she said. "Bob Olson affected so many people in the community. I think we won't have much trouble getting the match."

Lundquist would like to see his \$5,000 offer create a self-funding scholarship for students of sales and marketing, one that past students can contribute to and that current students can benefit from. Current students might also be able to learn sales and marketing techniques by helping to raise the funds. ■

To donate and help meet the Challenge,

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The Perfect Gift

As the season of giving approaches, you may be thinking about gifts for the people in your life. If you know someone who values education, here is a suggestion for you. You can make a gift to Southeast Tech's scholarship fund in honor of that person. A gift like this has a double value. While honoring someone special in your life, you are also making a difference in the life of a student and his or her family. Your gift to the Southeast Tech Foundation is also tax-deductible to you.

To make your gift, use the envelope in this newsletter or, contact us at jmeyer@southeastmn.edu. Let us know the name and address of the person/s that you are honoring. We will notify them that you have made a gift in their honor. We do not list the amount of the gift. You can also make a gift in memory of someone, and we will send an acknowledgement to the family member or others that you specify. ■

Number of alumni, world-wide
18,000

Awarded annually for scholarships
\$100,000

Scholarship / Endowment
\$1,650,000

fast facts

Online Learning = More Options, More Flexibility 500% Growth since 1999

Online learning is one of the fastest growth areas at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical. In 2006, the college will offer 3,958 online credit hours — a 70 percent increase over 2005, and a 500 percent increase since 1999.

What accounts for the growth?

Online learning was once regarded as marginal coursework. As the technology supporting online courses has improved and as teachers have made innovative use of the technology, this idea has changed. Online learning provides high-quality education and has many advantages, especially for students who are either working, or returning to school while they raise children.

Lines of communication are open, engaging more students and fostering a sense of community among the learners.

First it offers flexibility. Students can download lectures and complete assignments anytime, and fit their coursework around full-time jobs and family care. They don't have to drive to campus.

Online courses are proving to have some distinct advantages in terms of effective teaching and learning. Students who need to hear lectures more than once can do so. People who learn at different rates can do so, because

they aren't all having to work at the same pace on the same tasks in a single classroom.

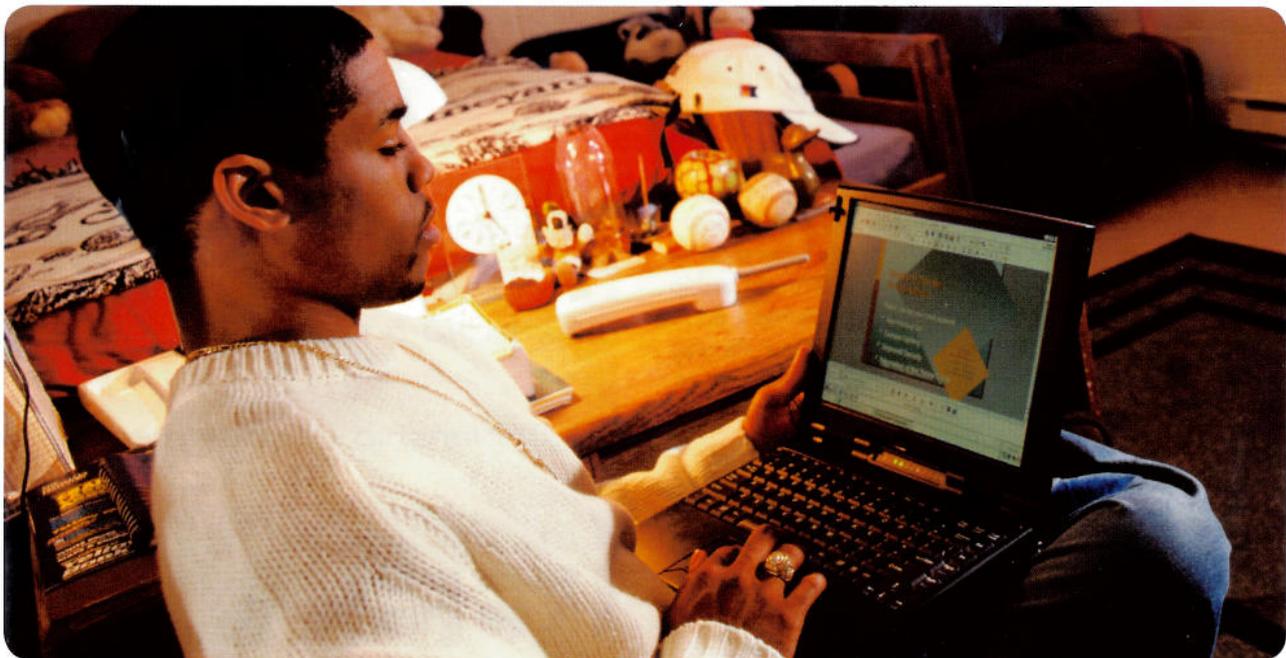
Computer technology also allows teachers to teach in ways that students find appealing, including chat room discussions, email communications, bulletin board postings and discussions and computer simulations.

Online courses can be more participatory than classroom courses, partly because they demand involvement of everyone. Students can't just keep their heads down and avoid the challenge. Lines of communication are open, engaging more students and fostering a sense of community among the learners.

What's next for online learning?

After the fast growth of the last few years, the next challenge for Southeast Technical is to develop more courses to keep up with demand. The first goal is to develop courses that cover all 10 courses in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, and then to develop as many other courses as possible. Southeast Technical is accredited as a distance learning institution, so credits can be transferred to other schools.

"Soon we will offer all the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum online," said Sally Standiford, vice president and chief academic officer. "This would be very attractive to corporations whose employees may want to pursue associate degrees while they work." ■



President Jim Johnson Inducted into Rock Valley Alumni Hall of Fame

Jim Johnson, president of Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame at Rock Valley College, Rockford, Illinois, April 30, 2006. The Alumni Hall of Fame was created in 1999 to honor outstanding alumni who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary achievements in their professional or civic endeavors.

Jim received his associate of arts degree in 1974 from Rock Valley. After a distinguished football career, Jim was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Idaho. He returned to the Midwest to complete his bachelor of science in industrial education and master of science in vocational education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Jim has continued postgraduate work at Winona State University and the University of Minnesota.

In 1981, Jim began his stellar administrative career with the then Winona Technical Institute. He rose through the administrative ranks serving as trade and industry coordinator, adult extension director, associate director, and vice president/CEO. He was appointed president of Southeast Technical in 1995.

Jim's leadership and ability to communicate are recognized by his selection to the Bush Fellows Leadership Development Program, as president of Minnesota Technical College Vice President's Association, and executive

director of Minnesota Technical College Administrator's Association. He is currently serving a second four-year term on the Governor's Workforce Development Council. He also serves on various local and statewide civic and educational boards/organizations. ■



SE Tech President Jim Johnson (right) received the Rock Valley Alumni Hall of Fame award.

Abts and Christianson Honored at Graduation Ceremonies



Judy Christianson was honored at Red Wing graduation ceremonies.

Southeast Technical President Jim Johnson honored Judy Christianson and Norris Abts with Presidential Citations at graduation ceremonies in May. A Presidential Citation is an award conferred for significant service to the college.

Norris Abts, now retired, began a career at Southeast Tech in 1955, when the college was known as the Winona Area Vocational Technical

Institute. As a college administrator and an instructor, he was instrumental in insuring that the college programming served both the student and business needs of the region. He has also had a distinguished military career:

Judy Christianson is a passionate advocate for education, and has served on numerous boards, committees, and task forces for Red Wing public schools, the Southeast



SE Tech honors Norris Abts with a Presidential Citation at Winona graduation ceremonies in May. Left to right: SE Tech Vice President, Dr. Sally Standiford; Norris Abts; Commencement speaker Peter Roeh; SE Tech President Jim Johnson.

Technical Foundation, and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. She has also served the community of Red Wing in many other capacities, providing leadership in civic, cultural, and health initiatives. ■

Dear Alumni and Friends of Southeast Tech,

This is a too-familiar story. We have known students who have scraped together or borrowed the money for tuition, paid for repairs to keep a car running for a few months, arranged complicated work and child care schedules, and who are determined to manage school on top of their other obligations. And then they go to the bookstore to purchase their textbooks for the semester, and all their plans unravel. Financially, they just can't manage one more expense. Psychologically, they've hit the wall.

When you're living on the margins, a \$500 scholarship can be the one thing that keeps you going. It might pay for the books. It might keep the car running. It might make it possible to work an hour or two less per week, and use that precious time for studying, or parenting. It relieves some of the economic pressure, and it provides a tremendous psychological boost.

This year, thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, the Southeast Tech Foundation was able to help 97

students, with scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$2,500. And many more students need help. Today's students have a greater financial burden than any previous generation. The cost of tuition has skyrocketed as state support for education has declined. Students who make it through school are graduating with huge debt loads. And some students never make it past that first trip to the bookstore.

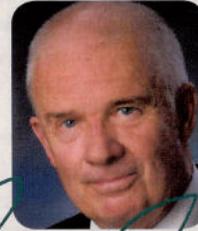
That is why we are asking for your help. Your contribution will change a student's life, and benefit his or her family, and our whole community. Ninety-four percent of Southeast Tech students get jobs in their chosen fields, contributing valuable technical skills to our workforce and fueling our economy.

Please fill out the giving envelope and send a gift to support scholarships. Then celebrate your investment in a deserving student. Your gift will make a difference. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James J. Johnson
James J. Johnson, President



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The Southeast Technical Foundation Board extends it thanks to Judy Christianson, Jeanne Burke, and Jerry Thygeson, board members who retired from board service in 2006.

Greetings,

I am honored to have been selected to lead the Southeast Technical College Foundation. Through generous support from our friends and alumni, the Foundation has been able to impact the lives of hundreds of students through academic scholarships since merging the Red Wing and Winona branches of the Foundation in 1992.

As the need for scholarships continues to increase, I am eager to help the Foundation increase its giving power so hundreds more students are able to receive much needed economic relief. As I begin my tenure as Executive Director; I will build on past successes and work closely with the Board of Directors to craft strategies that will enable the Foundation to award more scholarships.

Scholarships are vital for many Southeast Technical students who would be unable to attend school without this important aid. Scholarships, combined with an excellent education, position our graduates

to become leaders and immediate contributors to the local economy. With continued support from our friends and alumni, I am certain the Foundation will make a positive impact in the lives of hundreds of more students! ■



Jeff Meyer, Executive Director of the Foundation

Donors and Volunteers Help Make Education Affordable

During the Foundation's annual scholarship campaign in April and May, dozens of volunteers called on area businesses and individuals to raise funds for scholarships. The Foundation also held fund-raising events in Winona and Red Wing, and sent a direct mail appeal to South-

east Tech alums. Thanks to the volunteer work and generosity of many people, the Southeast Tech Foundation is awarding \$100,370 in scholarships for the 06-07 school year. Ninety-seven students have received scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$2,500.

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The Southeast Tech Foundation is also is grateful for four new endowment gifts.

Winona National Bank, family and friends of the late William Hemsey, Elizabeth Helmholz, and an anonymous donor have each created a permanent fund that will provide annual scholarships for deserving students.

The Southeast Tech Foundation thanks these donors who made gifts between October 2005 and October 2006. We are also grateful to many individuals and businesses that provide in-kind gifts and volunteer support to Southeast Tech.

1st Annual SE Tech Golf Tournament



Finalists in the Million Dollar Shoot-Out game at the SE Tech Foundation's September golf tournament, held at Mississippi National Golf Links in Red Wing. Nobody won the million-dollar hole-in-one prize, but SE Tech students will benefit from the money the tournament raised for scholarships. The Foundation is grateful to all the tournament sponsors, volunteers, and golfers that made the tournament a success.

"Skinny's Ride" Benefits HVAC Students

Shane Elsen would be happy to know about the scholarship fund in his name, which gives money every year to a student in the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning program. He'd be happy with the way the money is raised, by a group of people riding motorcycles through the hills and valleys near Red Wing. It's called "Skinny's Ride," and it happens on the last weekend in August.

Elsen graduated from the HVAC program at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical and worked in this field for more than 10 years before he died of cancer at the age of 31, seven years ago. He loved riding motorcycles. His friend, Jill Tutewohl, organizes the benefit ride every year

with the help of his mother and siblings. She decides the route, designs a commemorative t-shirt or can huggie insulator, and sends out the word.

"There were about 60 bikes this year," said Tutewohl. "We raised about \$750."

While most of the riders were Elsen's friends and family members, this year new people came. Tutewohl makes sure all participants know which deserving student gets the scholarship money.

"Next year I want to set up a web page. I'm hoping it can expand and get even better," Tutewohl said. █



Cyclists stop for a break after riding to raise money for Shane Elson Scholarship fund.

Southeast Tech Foundation Brings Alumni and Business Partners Together

The Southeast Technical alumni committee hosted three alumni gatherings in March, April, and May of 2006. In a casual and relaxed setting, the alumni, business partners, and friends gathered to share memories of the past.

- **Nursing and Health Careers**

Last March, alumni of the Southeast Tech nursing and health programs gathered at Winona Health for an ice cream social. Despite their busy schedules, a large number of health career professionals managed to take a short break, share a treat, reminisce and look at old yearbooks with students, faculty and fellow professionals.

- **Band Instrument Repair**

In April, approximately 60 alumni and friends of the band instrument repair program gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Minneapolis. This gathering was held in conjunction with the NAPBIRT national confer-

ence and was a collaborative effort by NAPBIRT and employees of Southeast Tech's Red Wing campus. Both NAPBIRT and Southeast Tech's band instrument repair program celebrated the 30th anniversary of their establishment. The gathering had an international flavor provided by alumni from as far away as Japan, Hawaii, and Germany and included representatives from the first class of 1977 through 2005.

- **Electronics Program**

Alumni, former faculty, and current students gathered in May on Southeast Tech's Winona Campus for an ice-cream social. Par Peterson, former faculty member and class of 1961 graduate, traveled the farthest to attend the event. █

Above and Beyond Scholarships Awarded

The Southeast Tech Foundation and the Winona Daily News collaborated to recognize and reward deserving high school seniors through the Above and Beyond awards program. The program was started this year and honors high school seniors who have overcome personal obstacles or performed outstanding community service. High school counselors and teachers from eleven area high schools in Wabasha, Winona, Houston, and Fillmore Counties nominated exceptional students.

On April 19, the nominees and their families gathered at the Southeast Tech Airport Campus in Winona for the awards ceremony. Southeast Tech President James Johnson was the keynote speaker, and recognized each student for his or her achievements. Each student received an award from the Winona Daily News, and the Southeast Tech Foundation awarded scholarships to three of the students, totalling \$4250.

These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of individual and business donors to the Southeast Tech Foundation. █



Southeast Tech President Jim Johnson with Above and Beyond scholarship recipients Brianna Ristau, Crystal Wilkemeyer, and Karen Waibel.

Banquets held in Red Wing and Winona Celebrate \$100,000 in Scholarships

Donors and scholarship recipients were guests at annual banquets held at Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical on October 5, 2005 on the Winona campus and October 12, 2005 on the Red Wing campus. Over 230 students, faculty, and supporters of the college gathered to share a meal and show their appreciation for scholarships that totaled almost \$100,000.

Both banquets were coordinated by the Foundation office and generously sponsored by Fortress Bank in Winona and Wells Fargo Bank in Red Wing. The banquets included presentation of scholarship certificates and acknowledgement of donors and benefactors. The Southeast Technical Foundation awarded 86 scholarships. "For many students, receiving a scholarship may make the difference between attending or not attending college," says Jeff Meyer, Director of the college foundation. "We are grateful to all the donors that make a difference in the lives of these students and their families." ■



Mary Berglund and Mary Ann Boyd presenting the Treasures Galore Scholarship to Michelle Helgeson at the Winona Campus Scholarship Banquet.

Honoring a Lifelong Friend

The lifelong friendship of two women will benefit Southeast Tech students forever. The Southeast Tech Foundation has another endowed scholarship fund, thanks to Elizabeth Helmholz of Lafayette, CA. Elizabeth made a significant gift to the Foundation in memory of her childhood friend, Rebecca Fuhlbruegge.

Rebecca Fuhlbruegge was the wife of John Fuhlbruegge, the school's first director. When Rebecca died, she left a bequest to the college to create the John Fuhlbruegge Scholarship fund. Now she is being honored, in turn, with the Rebecca Fuhlbruegge Scholarship fund.

"Rebecca and I were friends since we were five years old and living in Winona. She was a open-minded person and a very determined one," Elizabeth Helmholz said. "I learned a lot from her and wanted to honor her."

Although she lives in California, Elizabeth maintains ties with the family of her childhood friend, and returns occasionally to visit. ■

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Save These 2007 Dates!

Thursday, January 25th, Sales and Marketing Get-Together at the Winona Campus, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Sales and Marketing alums, current students, and employers are invited to a gathering at the newly remodeled Winona Campus. Greet old friends and instructors, meet current students, and discover what's new at Southeast Tech.

Saturday, February 10th, Hangar Dance at the Winona Airport Campus, 7-11 p.m.

Dance to a big band orchestra amid twinkling lights and airplanes at the Southeast Tech Hangar. This vintage WWII Hangar dance will feature music from the 1930's to the 1970's, swing dance lessons, a silent auction, and refreshments. The event raises money for Southeast Tech scholarships.

Thursday, May 10, Guitar Show at the Red Wing Campus, Noon – 4:30 p.m.

Make it a day in Red Wing! Friends of the college and alums of all the music programs at Red Wing are invited to gather on campus for the Annual Guitar Show and concert, starting at noon. An alumni and student reception will follow the show at 3:30 p.m. Friends and alums are also invited to graduation ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. in the evening.



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Bob and Donna Andraschko cut a rug at the Southeast Tech Foundation's annual Hangar Dance.

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