



connections

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

Alumni Association Grows Stronger to Keep Graduates Connected

written by Pam Simon-Salwey

As a 1984 Sales and Management Program graduate at Winona Technical College, and as a community member who promotes a healthy and vibrant community, I am elated to help grow and promote Southeast Tech's Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association has been active the past few years by hosting alumni reunions, recognizing outstanding alums, hosting back-to-school picnics, and creating the Connections newsletter that is mailed to nearly 18,000 alums and friends of the college. This past winter the Alumni Association created and passed by-laws, and elected its first slate of officers to provide continuity, stability, and direction to the organization.

As the first elected President, I am honored to be part of an exciting organization designed to create and expand linkages between alumni, students, and the college.

While the future of the Alumni Association is very exciting, the impact it is able to make on our campuses, in your life, and in our communities truly rests in your hands. We need your help as

we develop outstanding programming to meet the needs of our alumni and current students.

One of the exciting things the association is looking to create is a venue where current students are able to learn from our graduates about the challenges of their chosen career path. The concept is to have a Brown Bag Lunch series where alumni from a specific program are made available to students in a Q&A format. This is designed to help students be more prepared once they enter the workforce. We need your expertise as a graduate, employee, and employer to help make this available to students. *{Continued on page 3}*



Southeast Technical Alumni Association 2008 Officers (from left to right) Jeremy Miller, *Parliamentarian*, Jennifer Piehl, *Vice President*, Pam Simon-Salwey, *President*.

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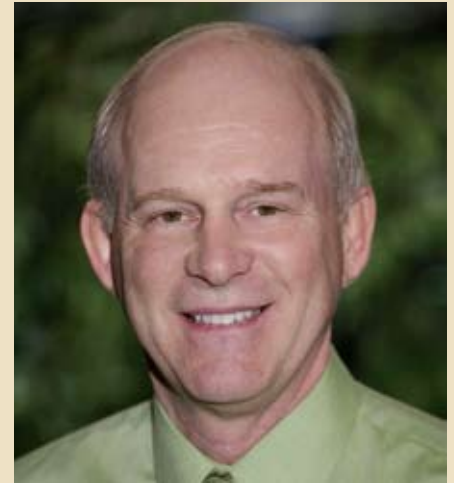


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A message from **Jim Johnson** **Stan Slessor**



James J. Johnson
President, Southeast Technical College



Stan Slessor
President, Southeast Technical Foundation Board



Invest in the future...

In this dynamic and changing world there is one constant: that attaining higher education—technical education specifically—is a greater financial burden to students and families than at any other time in our history. Technical education provides a foundation for life-long learning and the skill sets to earn a great living. Yet, state support for Southeast Technical is at an all-time low and as a result, tuition is at an all-time high.

The majority of our students commute and are typically balancing family, work, transportation, and a myriad of other responsibilities along with rigorous course work. Over the past ten years, our average age of the student body is approximately 27. This validates a working student base of which approximately 95 percent of graduates are employed after graduation. We challenge anyone to say the pursuit of a technical degree is not one of the best investments our state, nation, or an individual can make.

Southeast Technical has been fortunate to grow enrollment 10 of the past 11 years as we continue to balance and deliver critical programs for the workforce needs of this region. We remain committed to investing in the latest technological training tools to keep pace with the requirements of an ever-evolving workplace. In conjunction with core program skills, industry is telling us that students must possess skill sets of math, science, and critical thinking to round out their portfolio to be productive in the current and future workplace.

Curricular challenges aside, the daunting financial challenge is where donors can directly impact the future of our students. We experience too many stories of students who have scraped together tuition dollars, arranged child care, and secured transportation yet just cannot afford a trip to the bookstore... financially they cannot afford a \$400.00 bill for books and supplies. Many times, this is where the student just psychologically hits a wall and cannot continue.

If you are or have been a donor to Southeast Tech Foundation, we thank you for your caring and vision. If you are not yet a donor, we encourage you to invest in a student and experience the joy of knowing that you have touched a life and strengthened a community... with a gift that will endure. Please send a gift to support scholarships and the Foundation that makes the gifts possible. Then celebrate your investment in a deserving student who will make a difference to our regional communities. Thank you for your consideration.

{Cover story continued} When I attended Winona Technical School it was a much different place than it is today. Today it is much larger, there are more programs and they have so much more to offer students. Sometimes as things get bigger, even though they are better, what made them unique or special in the first place can be lost. As alumni we can help keep that unique feel of closeness and involvement. We can be the communities reaching into the school to help students find and be successful in a chosen career path or help them find their career path. That path may benefit back to your own business and your community.

I encourage you to stay connected with Southeast Tech. We want to hear from you and promote the successes of our graduates. We want to know where you are at and how you continue to use your technical school education. We also want to hear what you want from your alumni association. We are one association for both the Red Wing and Winona Campuses.

I am looking forward to this year, working with the Alumni Association and with our officers to create a foundation for the association's future.

Pam Simon-Salwey

President, Southeast Tech Alumni Association

Sales and Management
Class of 1984

Phonathon Does More Than Raise Money

During the month of March, Sales and Management students will be calling to ask for your support of the Bob Olson Memorial Scholarship Fund. The phonathon is a service-learning project built into the Sales and Management curriculum, and, as such, students will be designing and implementing the entire project.

The academic goal of the service-learning project is to build and enhance communication skills that are used every day in the business world. Another goal of the project is to introduce students to philanthropy and service to their community. By participating in this project, not only are students honing their telephone and organizational skills, they are actively involved in making their community a better place by helping make education more affordable and accessible for current and future Southeast Tech students. We all know that living in a well-educated community is the key to a healthy community!

Welding Technology Back By Popular Demand!

Southeast Technical is responding to workforce needs by bringing back the Welding Technology program. The 34-credit diploma program will include training in arc, plasma, and flame cutting; use of all types of equipment in a variety of positions, and both manual and semi-automatic welding.

\$1.9 million grant

Southeast Tech has been awarded a \$1,975,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education to fund a two-year degree program in the rapidly growing field of radiography. The program will also offer certificates for technicians in pharmacy, phlebotomy, ultrasound, and mammography. Southeast Tech is collaborating on the project with the University of Minnesota, Institute on Community Integration.

“We are very excited about receiving the grant and the impact it will have on the community, students, and local healthcare industry.”

Dr. Jessica Stumpf,
Vice President of Academic Affairs

The phonathon is also being utilized to raise funds for the Bob Olson Memorial Fund, which was established in 2007 to provide scholarship support to deserving and qualified Sales and Management students. To date, the fund has over \$15,000 in it.

The first \$5,000 pledged during the phonathon will be matched by Nick Lundquist, a 1979 Sales and Management graduate. So this is your opportunity to have your contribution doubled as a \$100 donation turns into a \$200 donation with the Lundquist match. If we meet our goal, the fund will increase \$10,000!

For this project to truly succeed, the students need your help. They need you to listen to them instead of hanging up the phone. They also need you to financially support the project as well. Whether you donate \$5 or \$500, your collective efforts will help make education more affordable and accessible—ultimately making our community and region a better place to live and work.

Southeast Technical graduates have a

Good help is easy to find when you look to Southeast Technical.

Our work spotlight features six area businesses that are honored to employ Southeast Technical graduates: Fastenal, Thern, Inc., Fairview Red Wing Medical Center, Lewiston Auto, Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical, and Sylvander Heating.



Fastenal Business Partnership

Over 100 Southeast Technical alumni gathered for a business partnership picnic on September 15, 2008. The Fastenal Business Partnership was highlighted by speeches from Fastenal CEO Will Oberton and Southeast Technical College President Jim Johnson.

positive impact on the local workforce

Businesses are eager to employ Southeast Technical grads, knowing they've had comprehensive training in their field of study. Currently, 94 percent of our grads find a job in their chosen field.



Fastenal, Winona



Thern, Inc., Winona



Fairview Red Wing Medical Center, Red Wing



Lewiston Auto, Lewiston, Minnesota



Southeast Technical, Winona and Red Wing



Sylvander Heating, River Falls, Wisconsin and Red Wing



A message from the Executive Director



Dear Alumnus,

These are exciting times at Southeast Technical College as our enrollment figures have increased once again. The Welding Technology program is back on campus, and the college recently received a \$1.9 million grant to establish a new Radiography program. As the college continues to make progress in meeting the demands of our region's economy, the college foundation is making greater strides to meet the economic needs of our students through the Foundation's scholarship program.

In the 2007–2008 academic year the foundation awarded 134 scholarships totaling more than \$136,000. This represents a 36 percent increase in total scholarship dollars disbursed and it is a 38 percent increase in the number of scholarships awarded from the 2006–2007 academic year. Unfortunately, though, we also saw a 34 percent increase in the number of scholarship applicants as well. Seeing the large increase in demand for scholarships is somewhat unnerving and we need support from you to meet this demand.

If just 10 percent of our alumni base made an annual contribution of \$50 per person we would raise over \$90,000 to support the students of Southeast Technical and ultimately our region's economy. You can help make this happen by taking advantage of our new online donation system or direct debiting program. These two new options are designed to make donating to your alma mater much easier.

Our regional economy is saturated with Southeast Tech graduates and in order to continue developing a strong workforce, we need to keep education affordable and accessible for current and future students. You can help ensure our region's economic future by making an immediate contribution to your alma mater.

You can make your contribution by visiting www.southeastmn.edu/donate or by writing out a check to Southeast Technical Foundation and mailing it to 1250 Homer Road, Winona, Minnesota, 55987.

Please consider being part of our success by helping students achieve their dream of earning a degree and joining the workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeff Meyer
Executive Director of the Foundation
Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical

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Donating Is Twice As Easy

Through a partnership with Merchants National Bank, we are now offering direct debiting for your convenience. Signing up for this program will allow you to make monthly donations in any size you wish. The direct debit program is a great way for people to put philanthropy into their monthly budgets! To enroll in our direct debit program please contact Jeff Meyer at 507-453-2409 or jmeyer@southeastmn.edu

The Foundation now offers a secure online donation system as well. Making a donation online is perhaps the easiest and most cost effective way of making a donation. You don't have to worry about writing a check, paying for a stamp or finding a mailbox. To make an online donation, visit www.southeastmn.edu/donate.

Gifts In-Kind

The Southeast Technical Foundation would like to thank the individuals and corporations that have contributed in-kind gifts.

In-kind gifts are used to directly train students or to leverage additional resources for the Foundation's scholarship program.

In FY 2008, our in-kind contributions were valued at \$79,903.11.

Fiscal Year 2008 Giving

(Cash gifts given between July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008)

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Matt and Lyla Vetter
David Vincent
Peggy and Richard Whalen
Leroy & Sandy Zander
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We Need Your Comments!

As part of Southeast Technical's continuing accreditation process, the college is seeking written comments from alumni, students, the business community, other constituencies, and the general public.

From February 11-13, 2009 a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) will visit to review Southeast Technical's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation, which will include a review of the public's comment. We welcome any written comments you wish to include as part of February's onsite review.

Please go to www.southeastmn.edu/hlc.html for information on how to submit your comments directly to the Higher Learning Commission.

Thank you for your help!

Outstanding Alumni

Nick Lundquist's arrival on the Winona Campus of Winona Technical Institute in 1978 was no accident. The Wadena native's journey took him south that fall, not because that's where birds fly for the winter, but because he'd been told that a man named Bob Olson (Sales & Management Instructor at the time) would help him recognize his gifts and visualize his potential.

Inspired by Bob Olson's work ethic and enthusiasm, it didn't take Nick—who claims that high school was “mostly all about the sports,”—long to re-channel his competitive nature, and dedicate his efforts toward his studies.

It would seem that Bob's enthusiasm was contagious and his interest in his students' potential was insightful. Bob Olson introduced Nick to another man named “Bob” (Bob Kierlin), founder of Fastenal Corporation. Nick's feet hit the ground floor with Fastenal as he began learning the industry literally from the foundation up—working first in the warehouse and climbing to Executive Vice President of Sales.

Nick says he is proud to be an instrumental force in the launch of the Bob Olson Endowed Scholarship fund. Nick provided the initial challenge gift that has inspired and reunited other graduates who share the same level of gratitude and appreciation of the program and the gift Bob Olson gave them as their instructor. The gift will continue to provide support to other promising students for many years to come.



2008 Outstanding Alum
Nick Lundquist, Winona Campus
Sales and Management (1979)

The message Nick gave us at the 2008 commencement ceremonies is this, “Treat your education like it's a job, do it honestly and ethically, get the best grades you can and along the way build the life you want. Surround yourself with people who care about you and the school, fellow students, staff, and the community. Our success in life is not only determined by the hard work of the individual but also by others.”

As a young student, **Craig Anderson** knew he wanted to do something with his passion for music. He also realized he wanted to be a “hands on” craftsman. After two years at Gustavus Adolphus College, Craig uncovered a little known secret. Here, right in his home state, was a jewel of a program that allowed him to do both.

Craig found himself at Red Wing Technical College when the musical instrument repair programs were just taking flight. He fell in love with the Red Wing community and made it his home while he explored all the intricacies of band instrument repair.



2008 Outstanding Alum
Craig Anderson, Red Wing Campus
Band Instrument Repair (1978)

After graduation, he enjoyed a great new life in the southwest, living first as a newlywed in New Mexico and later, as his family grew, living in the Flagstaff, Arizona area. His first job was working for a music store that had plenty of horns in need of repair. His work had him traveling throughout northeastern Arizona. Along the way he received an invitation he just couldn't refuse—a job offer to move back in the Midwest to work for Allied Supply. “This turned out to be a job I love. I rarely—if ever—get out of bed in the morning and say, ‘I just don't want to go to work today.’ Every day I learn something new and on top of that, I am able to help someone, somewhere out of a bind with a part that they need or with information on how to fix something.”

“Technical education is great and greatly undervalued,” Craig says. In college you learn how to use your brain but with a technical education you not only get to use your brain, you get to use your hands and you learn how to problem solve real life situations. What we do has real value to many facets of life.”

Nominate an Outstanding Alum for 2009

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 2009 Outstanding Alums. Nomination forms are available on the college web site at www.southeastmn.edu/alumni. You may also call the Foundation Office at 507-453-2783



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Discount applies to a single purchase online (www.southeastmn.edu/alumni) or in the Winona or Red Wing Campus book store. Please present coupon at time of purchase. For online orders, enter discount code **CONNECT08** upon checkout.

Offer valid through December 31, 2008.

Community Connections Golf Tournament and Dinner

The Southeast Tech Foundation held its 3rd annual Community Connections Golf Tournament and Dinner on May 29, 2008 at the Mississippi National Golf Links in Red Wing. This great event raised nearly \$22,000 to support the Foundation's scholarship program.

The tournament was filled with on-course challenges and games—including the Go For Broke Par 5 Challenge and the Eagle Eye Putting Duel.

The dinner began with a social hour, which gave people a little time to unwind from work while enjoying the company of friends and family. The dinner included fundraising activities such as a live, silent and table centerpiece auctions along with a raffle drawing. The dinner's program was highlighted with a thank you from a scholarship recipient to the benefactors for supporting the scholarship program.

Scholarship Banquets Reward Students and Celebrate Benefactors

The Southeast Technical College Foundation honored donors and scholarship recipients at its 5th annual Scholarship Banquets. Through the Foundation's scholarship program, benefactors made it possible to award 134 scholarships totaling \$136,488!

The banquets were generously sponsored by Eastwood Bank of Winona and Associated Bank of Red Wing and First National Bank of Cannon Falls and Red Wing.

Alumni & Friends Welcome Back Picnics

The Southeast Tech Alumni Association held its 5th annual Welcome Back to School Picnics on the Winona and Red Wing Campuses. The picnics made for a positive, inspiring start to what will be another great school year. Steak Shop Catering of Winona generously sponsored the picnics on each campus.

Musical String Instrument Repair Alumni Reunion

On April 20, 2008 the Musical String Instrument Repair program held an alumni reunion in conjunction with the Red Wing Campus Open House. Nearly 25 alumni, with their friends and family members, gathered to reconnect with old classmates and faculty.



Enjoying a day on the course at the Community Connections Golf Tournament in Red Wing are staff (from left to right) Jackie Briggs, Randy Blaser, Mike Lewis.



Band Instrument Repair Instructor Greg Beckwith (far right) spends time with students at the 2007 Scholarship Banquet on the Red Wing Campus.



Flipping burgers at the Welcome Back Picnics in Winona are staff (from left to right) Tim VanLoon, Mike Kroening, Nate Emerson, Laurie Becker, Alex Hines.

Save the date!
4th Annual Community Connections Golf Tournament and Dinner
May 28, 2009



Foundation Staff

From left to right: Casie Johnson, Katie Przybylski, Jeff Meyer

Alumni classnotes

1964

Cal Friesen *Sales & Marketing*—Winona Campus. Cal is a resident of Minnesota City, Minnesota and is employed at Lewiston Auto Co. in Lewiston, Minnesota in the sales department.

Lyle Nienow *Sales & Marketing*—Winona Campus. Lyle currently lives in Lewiston, Minnesota, where he is employed at Lewiston Auto Co.

1969

Wayne Ruben *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Wayne and his wife Donna live in Fountain City, Wisconsin. He is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist. They have one son.

1970

Terry Haack *Auto Mechanics*—Winona Campus. Terry is a resident of Elba, Minnesota and is employed at Lewiston Auto Co. in Lewiston, Minnesota as a service manager.

Jim Baures *Electronics*—Winona Campus. Jim is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a maintenance technician. He and his wife Diane have three children and six grandchildren.

Larry Hinkleg *Machinist*—Winona Campus. Larry is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Richard Thilmany *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Richard and his wife Grace live in Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal as a machinist.

1975

Gary Rahn *Automotive Technician*—Winona Campus. Gary currently lives in Lewiston, Minnesota where he works at Lewiston Auto Co. as an office manager.

1976

Charles Passow *Farm Operations & Management*—Winona Campus. Charles and his wife Therese live in Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal as a machinist.

1978

Tim Borkowski *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Tim and his wife Brenda live in St. Charles, Minnesota and have two children. Tim is employed at Fastenal in Winona as the director of manufacturing.

Robert Kaldunski *Auto Mechanics*—Winona Campus. Robert is now retired and living in Winona.

Janell Jack (Langowski) *Secretarial*—Winona Campus. Janell is a coordinator at the Fastenal School of Business in Winona. She and her husband Gary have three children.

1980

Daniel Conrad *Sheet Metal*—Winona Campus. Daniel is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a production facilitator. He and his wife Becky live in Rollingstone, Minnesota and have one child.

1981

Terri Hansen (Whetstone) *General Secretary*—Winona Campus. Terri is a procurement specialist at Fastenal in Winona.

1982

Rick Galewski *Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Rick and his wife Julie live in Winona, where he is a production manager at Fastenal.

1983

Diana Maurer (Smith) *Secretarial/Clerical*—Red Wing Campus. Diana is currently living in Red Wing and is looking for employment in the Red Wing area.

1984

Cory Drenckhahn *Motorcycle Mechanic*—Winona Campus. Cory and his wife Nancy live in Altura, Minnesota. He is employed at Fastenal in Winona in maintenance.

1985

Bruce Husser *Auto Body*—Winona Campus. Bruce and his wife Megan live in Buffalo City, Wisconsin and have two children. He has been employed at Fastenal in Winona for 11 years as a machinist.

Mark Miner *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Mark and his wife Lynda live in Winona, where he works as a machinist at Fastenal. They have three children.

1986

Deborah White (Luetke) *Secretarial AAS*—Red Wing Campus. Deborah currently lives in Mazeppa, Minnesota.

1987

Jim Huwe *Band Instrument Repair*—Red Wing Campus. Jim is currently employed at Ward-Brodt Music as the brass repair technician and lives in Deerfield, Wisconsin with his wife Nancy. Jim wrote, "This has been a great career for me—20 years now! We have one daughter and are planning to adopt from Thailand."

1989

Julie Carter *Nursing*—Red Wing Campus. Julie currently lives in Rochester, Minnesota, where she is employed at Golden Living Center as an LPN.

1990

Pete Rothering *Aviation Mechanic*—Winona Campus. Pete and his wife Sue currently live in Cochrane, Wisconsin. He is employed at Fastenal in Winona as the mobile device support Lead.

Facebook: A new way to stay connected to your alma mater

The Southeast Tech Alumni Association has stepped into a new era of social networking.

If you are reading this publication then you have probably heard of the hugely popular social networking website called Facebook.

The Alumni Association has developed a Southeast Tech Alumni Facebook page and will be using it to connect with Southeast Tech graduates to help keep them informed of news and events from the College. It will also be a great way for people to connect with former classmates or instructors.

We will be posting news on our outstanding alums, sending out invitations to our events, and even offering discounts on Southeast Tech Alumni clothing. If you become a fan of the Southeast Tech Alumni Association, you will be kept in the loop on all things happening at the college and with the Association. To become a fan just create a Facebook page at www.facebook.com and search for the Southeast Tech Alumni Association.

facebook

Brian Thompson *Electronics*—Winona Campus. Brian and his wife Jenny live in Peterson, Minnesota. He is employed at Fastenal in Winona in the IT management department.

1991

Anna Hasbargen *Professional Nanny AAS*—Red Wing Campus. Anna has been working for the same family for 16 years and has traveled around the world. Anna wrote, "I am so happy for the education that I received at Red Wing and for the opportunities that it opened up for me."

Sue Hund (Ginther) *Bookkeeping*—Winona Campus. Sue and her husband Peter live in Fountain City, Wisconsin. She is working for Fastenal in Winona in accounting support.

1992

Lori Stanek (Semling) *Electronics*—Winona Campus. Lori and her husband Gary live in Winona, where she works in the accounts payable department at Fastenal.

1993

Henry Rollinger Jr. *Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Henry is employed as a machinist at Fastenal in Winona. He and his wife Nicole live in Buffalo City, Wisconsin.

1995

Linda Olson (Brown) *Accounting AAS*—Winona Campus. Linda is employed at Fastenal in Winona in the properties administrator/utilities department. Linda and her husband Roger live in Winona, where they own and operate a beef farm. They have three children.

1996

Lisa Johns (Brown) *Word Processing Secretary*—Winona Campus. Lisa lives in Winona, where she works at Fastenal as a senior executive assistant for corporate real estate.

Jeffrey Schwarze *Automotive Technician*—Winona Campus. Jeffrey is employed as an auto technician at Lewiston Auto Co. in Lewiston, Minnesota.

1997

Scott Ruben (1997-2000) *Electronics and Machining*—Winona Campus. Scott works at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist and lives in Fountain City, Wisconsin.

Ellen Trester (LaRue) *Accounting AAS*—Winona Campus. Ellen and her husband David live in Winona, where she works as an internal audit manager at Fastenal.

1998

Michael Hansen *Welding*—Red Wing Campus. Michael lives in Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal.

Eric Jacobson *Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Eric is a resident of Rushford, Minnesota and is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Timothy Rislov *Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Tim and his wife Molly live in Rushford, Minnesota and he is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Karl Platt *Band Instrument Repair*—Red Wing Campus. Karl is currently the owner of Klean Brass & MORE Services of Southern Minnesota. Karl wrote, "This is my 10th year of repairing band instruments, and I currently own my own business and I am an active member of the National Association of Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians (NAPBIRT)."

Jill Withrow *Nursing LPN*—Winona Campus. Jill is currently working as the administrator at A Touch of Home, Inc. and lives in Tomah, Wisconsin.

1999

Duane Wobig *Machinist*—Winona Campus. Duane is currently living in Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal as a machinist and welder.

Jason Wobig *Basic Machinist*—Winona Campus. Jason and his wife Kelly live in St. Charles, Minnesota and he is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a team leader.

2000

Jessica Bark (Velaski) *Practical Nursing*—Red Wing Campus. Jessica currently lives in Ashland, Wisconsin and is employed at Memorial Medical Center as an RN in the float pool and loves it! Jessica wrote, "I have to say that the program at MSC-ST was difficult, but Marsha and 'Mrs. J' did make learning fun. I felt so ready working in the nursing field after going through their classes."

Tim Brown *Machinist*—Winona Campus. Tim and his wife Christine live in Winona, where he works at Fastenal as a machinist.

Andrew Harvey *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Andrew currently lives in Winona, where he works at Fastenal as a machinist.

Sam Kemp *Machining*—Winona Campus. Sam and his wife Deb live in Lewiston, Minnesota and he is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Paul Laska *Basic Machinist*—Winona Campus. Paul and his wife Dyan live in Fountain City, Wisconsin and he is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Dan Logan *Basic Machining*—Winona Campus. Dan currently lives in Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal as a machinist.

Patrick Oevering *Basic Machining*—Winona Campus. Patrick is employed at Fastenal in the inside sales department. He and his wife Andrea live in Lewiston, Minnesota and have three children.

2001

Jon Hengel *Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Jon is employed as a supervisor at Fastenal in Winona. He

and his wife Jennifer live in Rushford, Minnesota and have two sons.

Jennifer Piehl *Micro Computer Support Specialist/Professional Nanny AAS*—Red Wing Campus. Jennifer is currently employed as an IT help desk coordinator at Treasure Island Resort and Casino. She currently lives in Welch, Minnesota, where she volunteers her time with the Southeast Tech Alumni Committee and the Southeast Tech Annual Golf Tournaments.

Jess Tiedemann *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Jess is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist. He and his wife Amy have two daughters and live in Winona.

Michael Wnuk *Machine/Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Michael works at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist. He has two sons and lives in Winona.

2002

Joe Mayer *General Machinist*—Winona Campus. Joe and his wife Becky live in Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal as a machinist.

Todd Smith *Auto Mechanic*—Winona Campus. Todd currently lives in Lewiston, Minnesota, where he is employed at Lewiston Auto Co. as an auto technician.

Robin Thesing (Soland) *Accounting /Minor in Micro Computer Specialist*—Winona Campus. Robin is currently employed at Riverside Electronics and lives in Houston, Minnesota.

Carolyn Zaborowski (Jacobson) *Basic Machinist/Cosmetology*—Winona Campus. Carolyn is employed as a machinist at Fastenal in Winona. She has two sons and lives in Minnesota City, Minnesota.

2003

Jenifer Bartsch (Pommerening) *Mechanical CAD*—Winona Campus. Jenifer is employed as a floor planning CAD designer at Fastenal in Winona. Jenifer and her husband Kyle live in Galesville, Wisconsin and have one child.

Dustin Dahl *Accounting*—Winona Campus. Dustin is a coordinator at the Fastenal School of Business in Winona and lives in Trempealeau, Wisconsin.

Tyler Gilliam *Basic Machinist*—Winona Campus. Tyler and his wife Cassandra live in Minnesota City, Minnesota and he is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Alyssa Henke (Quaintance) *Sales/Retail Management AAS*—Winona Campus. Alyssa currently lives in Winona.

2004

Darren Foster *Practical Nursing LPN*—Winona Campus. Darren is happily employed as an agency LPN at Premier Medical Staffing Services in West-Central Wisconsin and currently lives in Viroqua, Wisconsin. Darren wrote, "I enjoyed my education at Winona Tech!"

Josh Gamer *Supervisory Management*—Winona Campus. Josh is currently employed at RTP Company in Winona and is working for his MBA at Viterbo University. Josh wrote, "The associate's I earned at MnSCU gave me the motivation and confidence I needed to go this far."

David Robertson *Networking*—Winona Campus. David is a resident of Winona, where he is a computer technician at Fastenal.

Kirstin Steller *General/Nursing*—Red Wing Campus. Kirstin currently lives in Plum City, Wisconsin and is employed at Castleberg Clinic as a medical laboratory technologist.

Tricia Wing (Herber) *Accounting AAS*—Winona Campus. Tricia and her husband Kerri live in Winona, where she works as an analyst for Fastenal.

2005

Benjamin Erickson *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Ben is a resident of Winona, where he is employed at Fastenal as a machinist.

Kristin Edwards-Giem *Legal Administrative Secretary*—Winona Campus. Kristin currently lives in St. Charles, Minnesota.

Kersten Hoagenson *Legal Secretary*—Winona Campus. Kersten is currently employed at Manpower International and lives in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Melinda Jones *Massage Therapy*—Red Wing Campus. Melinda works as a certified pharmacy technician at Target and lives in Goodhue, Minnesota.

Melissa Loken (Klinger) *Accounting AAS*—Winona Campus. Melissa lives in Altura, Minnesota and is employed at Wolter & Raak, Ltd. as a staff accountant.

Milo Tupy *Violin Repair*—Red Wing Campus. Milo currently lives in Oakdale, Minnesota and is employed at Quinn Violins as a repair restoration salesperson.

2006

Ryan Auth *Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Ryan currently lives in Fountain City, Wisconsin and is employed at Fastenal in Winona as a machinist.

Laura Jungerberg *Cosmetology*—Winona Campus. Laura currently lives in Ettrick, Wisconsin, where she works for Sprint Nextel in the sales/customer service department.

Marie Plaskett *Supervisory Management AAS*—Winona Campus. Marie lives in Goodview, Minnesota and is the executive director of the Winona County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Linda Soderstrom *LPN*—Winona Campus. Linda works part-time as a health fair screener and currently lives in Lewiston, Minnesota. Linda wrote, "I was delighted to know the faculty at the college and to learn from them. I consider myself very lucky to have met and studied here and to move on to other endeavors."

Trevor Wobig *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Trevor and his wife Heidi live in Winona, where he works as a machinist in Fastenal's manufacturing division. They have two children.

2007

Stacy Arens (Fuchs) *Accounting*—Winona Campus. Stacy and her husband Dan live in Wabasha, Minnesota. She is employed at Fastenal in Winona, where she works in tax support.

Darren Benson *Accounting*—Winona Campus. Darren is employed at Fastenal in Winona, where he works in A/P expense support. He lives in Fountain City, Wisconsin.

Gary Fegre *Machine Tool & Die*—Winona Campus. Gary and his wife Lois live in Winona, where Gary works as a machinist at Fastenal.

Ethel Kpakah (Richards) *RN*—Red Wing Campus. Ethel currently lives in Maple Grove, Minnesota and is employed at Beverly Living. Ethel wrote, "I am very proud to be an alumnus of Southeast Tech."

Jesse Kuhn *Auto Body Collision Repair*—Winona Campus. Jesse lives in Winona and is a body/detailer technician at Lewiston Auto Co. in Lewiston, Minnesota.

Reneè Stroinski *Accounting*—Winona Campus. Renee and her husband Tim live in Winona, where she works as a tax department manager for Fastenal.

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