Dig In
Fulbright scholar
Emily Holt ’02
uncovers history
What can(’t) you do with a CSB education?

In the mood for some interesting reading? Learn more about the social habits of Emperor Penguins or weather patterns in Antarctica at www.imgonnafreeze.blogspot.com. This is an entertaining blog by Saint Ben’s alumna Ali Ulwelling ’94.

Ali was a biology major. Now, she’s on the helicopter crew of McMurdo Station in Antarctica hauling supplies, equipment, animals and other things throughout the ice-capped region. When I come across stories like Ali’s, I’m intrigued. It seems there’s nothing our Bennies can’t do with their Catholic, Benedictine liberal arts education.

In this issue we feature some relatively recent alumnae who’ve taken their liberal arts degrees to some interesting places. Emily Holt ’02 majored in classic languages at CSB. She went on to earn two Master’s Degrees and a Fulbright Scholarship for a dig in Sardinia. She will be finishing her PhD in archaeology soon. Angela Anderson ’98 majored in French and now controls underwater robotic equipment in the Gulf of Mexico. Kesang Kudron ’08, an accounting major, is living in Nepal and operating a textile business that helps women break the cycle of violence and poverty in their lives. Monica Haller ’02, an award-winning artist, is using her background in peace and conflict studies from Saint Ben’s and visual studies through her MFA to help veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan archive their experiences.

These are only a few of the stories of Bennies who’ve recognized the power and potential of their education. Whether exploring new careers, being resilient in challenging economic times, or reinventing themselves, our Bennies are equipped with critical and analytical thinking skills, vision and deeply rooted values, and confidence needed to navigate change.

Maybe that’s why Kiplinger’s ranked Saint Ben’s as one of 50 best bets for liberal arts colleges in the country. Our women are prepared to take on the world.
Diane Veale Jones began teaching in the Nutrition Department in 1985. She transferred to the Environmental Studies Department in 2007. She is a Registered Dietitian (RD) and a Licensed Dietitian. Diane has a wide variety of interests and hobbies that include gardening, baking bread, cooking (especially ethnic foods), traveling (especially to food museums), and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her academic interests include ethnic foodways, locally grown foods, food issues related to gender, farm to school initiatives, world hunger, and innovative environmental studies pedagogy.

Maureen Opitz, director of donor relations, has enjoyed working at CSB for over 25 years. Her husband teaches in the CSB/SJU English department; her son and daughter are graduates; her sister-in-law works in the education department; her grandmother, great aunt, aunt, and four first cousins attended CSB. All of these connections have led her to a high opinion of Bennies – including Monica Haller ’02 whom she writes about in this issue.

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The mission of the College of Saint Benedict is to provide for women the very best residential liberal arts education in the Catholic university tradition. The college fosters integrated learning, exceptional leadership for change and wisdom for a lifetime.
Saint Ben’s receives $599,950 grant from National Science Foundation to support scholarships for women in Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science.
Saint Ben’s is noted for many things – a strong Benedictine liberal arts curriculum, a growing national academic reputation and championship athletic teams, to name just a few.

Add to that list an engaged donor base.

CSB received $109,556 in donations and was ranked No. 2 in the state out of 3,000+ nonprofits for number of donors contributing during the Nov. 17 “Give to the Max Day.” The event was designed to increase giving to Minnesota-based nonprofit organizations. Between 8 a.m. Nov. 17 and 8 a.m. Nov. 18, donors were encouraged to go to the web site www.giveMN.org and make a donation. Gifts for CSB ranged from $10 to $5,000.

CSB also received a $2,500 bonus cash prize for finishing second and was the highest ranking college. A $500,000 matching fund was set up by the Saint Paul Foundation, Minneapolis Foundation and Bush Foundation. CSB earned $4,125.68 of these matching funds.

All totaled, CSB received $116,181.68 from the “Give to the Max Day” event for student scholarships and programming.

How did CSB achieve this impressive total? Targeted e-mails were sent to alumnae and parents telling them about the event. CSB alumnae social media sites on Facebook and Twitter were also buzzing about the campaign throughout the 24 hours with rankings and totals as well as student thank vous. Night owls were even making donations during the wee hours of the morning as CSB broke the top 3 mark.

“The sheer energy, excitement, and outpouring of support generated by this event was inspiring,” said Stuart Lang, vice president for institutional advancement at CSB. “This is yet another example of how social media can unite people in a common vision.”

With a total of 38,778 donors, the event raised just over $14 million for 3,434 nonprofits based in Minnesota.
Forgive the editorial license. The following excerpts piece together a one-year adventure for Emily Holt ’02, Fulbright Scholar and Archaeology PhD candidate at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Describing her experience in her phone calls, e-mails, the seemingly never-ending Word Doc of her lively letters home, and her Fulbright application essay, Emily unearths details about ancient life on the island of Sardinia and discovers life as a Bennie abroad. Emily spent the last year excavating Middle Bronze Age sites on Siddi Plateau, Central Sardinia. She’s only scratched the surface on this 3-year project. The dig continues; the crew’s analyzing artifacts. Here’s what we know, so far. - Heidi L. Everett

“If you ever find yourself wondering why you’re spending your Fulbright year huddled in an unheated casetta in a town of 650 people on an island that Italy mostly tries to ignore, read The Golden Marshalltown. You come away believing that freezing in the middle of nowhere is part of belonging to a privileged group of people called archaeologists.”
I always get a few stares as I wait for the bus. I wear rumpled clothes that were washed with hand soap in a sink. In spite of my smiles, I must look a little the worse for wear. People ask if I am a tourist visiting Sardinia for the beaches. They seem dubious when I say I am here for the archaeology, and most flatly deny that anyone would walk the four, five, even ten kilometers I sometimes go to see ancient sites. Curiosity always wins out, and I’m asked for my story. Sometimes over a cup of cappuccino in the hotel bar; sometimes leaning over a hotel guest book. I tell and retell my adventure. I study archaeology at a university in the United States. I flew to Alghero with a guidebook, a phrasebook, and a list of sites.

During the Bronze Age (c. 2300-1000 BCE), native Italian peoples built more than ten thousand stone towers on the island of Sardinia. These towers, called nuraghi, are iconic, appearing in the coats of arms of Sardinia’s cities, on the sides of public vehicles, and even on packages of Sardinian-produced potato chips. In spite of their ubiquity, the nuraghi remain a mysterious feature of Sardinia’s prehistory.

Nuraghi are huge, castle-like structures that have many interconnected towers surrounded by stone villages and defensive walls. They represent massive amounts of labor and a fairly high level of social organization. Archaeologists are uncertain whether Middle Bronze Age nuraghi were single-family dwellings, the houses of chiefs, centers of production, religious buildings, defensive structures, territory markers, or a combination of all of the above. Archaeological study can answer these questions.

I’ve wanted to be an archaeologist since I was 8. I was a voracious reader. One day when I was bored, my mother handed me a random book and suggested I read it; it was Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology*. I fell in love with ancient cultures. When it was time for college, I looked for schools that had a classic language major. After all, you can’t read ancient texts without those languages. Saint Ben’s provided that major and made me a well-prepared thinker.

Archaeologists get paid to brave the elements while having serious fun and answering some of the most important questions humans ask about themselves and their past. How is it possible that no one has shut this racket down? I can only assume it’s because no one reads our articles, so they don’t realize what we’re getting away with.
I have pets for the first time in years. The hotel I live at has a platoon of cats to whom they give the leftover pasta (did you know cats eat pasta? Maybe it’s only Italian cats.). You can tell a cat’s rank by how clean it is. Head cats are much cleaner and glossier than the minion cats. Primo Head Cat is a fit, grey tom cat who isn’t afraid of me. Sort-Of Head Cat is also fit and grey, but I don’t know if it’s male or female because it won’t have anything to do with me. Kind-Of Minion Cat is a small, fairly clean ginger cat who lets me pet her, but only if Primo Head Cat isn’t looking. Total Minion Cat is a tiny Siamese and tabby mix whom I thought was a kitten this summer but who hasn’t grown any. She’s usually filthy, probably malnourished, and runs if I look at her. I would feed her tasty scraps to fatten her up, but she won’t come near me. Finally, there’s Lone Cat. Lone Cat is black and white and is off doing whatever it is he does. I don’t think he likes getting bossed around.

Yesterday I went to the post office early to monopolize the woman who works there before anyone else was up. I wanted to open a bank account. This is quite common for the post office to serve a variety of economic functions. I took my passport, codice fiscale, permesso di soggiorno, and copies of my birth certificate (just in case!) and arrived at 8:30 when the post office opens. Don’t underestimate the ability of people with financial interests at stake to rise early! The post office does two things that are important in a town with an aging population like Villanovaforru. It distributes pensions, and once a month it delivers a fifty euro government aid to pensioners. This happened to be the day aid was being distributed. I arrived to find a long line of older women. I’m the only non-local and the only one who doesn’t speak good Italian. I stood there and tried to look like a nuraghe until someone talked to me. The first question I got was if I was the daughter of Pietro. I said I didn’t think so, which may have had more connotations than I meant it to.

All the other Fulbrighters are living in big cities: Rome, Florence, Milan, Pisa, Naples, Palermo, and Bologna. Sometimes I’m tempted to envy the museums, amusements, and nightlife that they have access to. But last night and this morning made me remember why I wouldn’t trade them even for the colosseum, the Uffizi, and the leaning tower.

My nuraghic towers aren’t as pretty as the tourist attractions. They haven’t been cleaned out and restored. I was sucked in by Sardinia’s coolness factor . . . big towers and mysterious people. At one time, there could have been 10,000 towers. How did this society cluster as groups and why? Did they establish their own demise by the way they used their environment? What happened to these people of the Middle Bronze Age?

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The giving of stones seems to be a thing. A taxi driver in Naples once gave me a piece of Mt. Vesuvius as a good luck charm. My friend Gianni gave me another and told me to keep the stone in my purse for good luck. In the grand tradition of stone-giving, I’m going to carry one of the pieces of worked flint that Dad gave me to the minimarket next time in case someone offers to help carry my groceries again. I hope I have enough flint to go around.

Sardinia doesn’t have a slavish insistence on consistency. Americans have trouble with things being inconsistent with their expectations. That’s why a Big Mac is a Big Mac in Florida and New York. At the hotel where I’m living, consistency is not a priority. Take the mixed salad I get with every meal. The first week, a mixed salad contained lettuce, red cabbage, and tomatoes. Then, for a few days it contained lettuce, watercress, and tomatoes. Then, it contained lettuce and red cabbage. The mixed salad is now chopped fennel and tomatoes. I have no idea what it will be next or when it will change. No one complains the salad isn’t the same.

Went to the bar today to buy a bus ticket (occasionally you can buy a ticket where the bus stops, but I wouldn’t count on it).

Mauro -- my Sardinian colleague, esteemed partner on the dig and director of the Museo Genna Maria Laboratory -- and I discuss our plans. We need to survey Siddi Plateau and write the application for our excavation permesso. The application must include what we hope to find, our excavation methods, funding sources, and the secure location where we plan to house our finds. I also need to research in the reading room of the lab, where the journals of Sardinian archaeology are kept.
Mauro and I left the mayor’s office with a truly generous offer. The Comune of Siddi will pay for two diggers and a skilled draftsman to work for us for three months each year for three years. This will cost the commune somewhere between fifty and sixty thousand euros, a real gift coming out of a fairly small budget.

We found absolutely nothing in April on our first dig despite long, hot days in the trenches. These are the things we archaeologists like to talk about over beer . . . It was so hot . . . We had so much rain . . . Our site collapsed on one side . . . I got malaria . . . Hardships are part of the fun.

Drove around Siddi Plateau with Mauro and then met with the mayor of Siddi. Mauro did a lot of talking. I did a lot of smiling and looking eager. Mauro always introduces me as “Emily Holt, an accomplished American archaeologist who has won one of the most prestigious scholarships in her country.” He had me explain our project while he translated. Simple communication I can do. Convincing the mayor of a village to give us a chunk of his yearly budget for the next three years requires a political skill I can’t hope to achieve in Italian. So I said little, smiled much, and did a good job of being cute and young. This is a perk of being a female who has just spent two days helping extract neolithic statue-menhirs from the field wall they had been built into. “Do you want to come to a dinner party tonight?” Veronica asked the day I met her. “Yes,” and I nervously made my way into a roomful of new people, where the magic of beer quickly improved my Italian and my social life.

“Do you like Sardinia?” I am always asked. I struggle to summarize my experiences: The conductor who had me rushing from one side of the train to the other to see all the ruins we passed while traveling through the Valley of the Nuraghi. The mother and two daughters in T orralba who stopped their car by the side of the road to see where I was going and congratulated me on my perseverance when I said I was walking to Nuraghe Santu Antine. The young businessman who spent a day visiting the sites around Arzachena with me. Everywhere I go, I meet friendliness, encouragement, and help. “I love Sardinia” I always say.

At the last official function with all the Fulbrighters, I listen to everyone’s presentations and ideas. I’m impressed by how relevant our studies are to each other: how art reflects politics, how politics influence economics, how economics organize social interactions, and how all of these experiences are mediated through language and our common biology as a species. Not for the last time, I’m sure, I’m glad to be an archaeologist. Being an archaeologist is a license and an obligation to care about everything. Although we may specialize, we can’t ignore the multiple complex systems that are interlaced with the one we find most compelling. Being an archaeologist means not having to choose what you want to be when you grow up – you get to do it all.
It almost seems too simple: a skein of wool saving a life. For women of Nepal, beaten down by a complex and consuming social status, wool is a welcome reality. Hasroon is one of these women. Hasroon was married at 18 and living a happy life with her infant son and husband . . . until her in-laws began demanding dowry money. When Hasroon’s family couldn’t pay, she was beaten, humiliated, and ultimately covered with gasoline, pushed into the bathroom, and set on fire.

Today, Hasroon works for Padhma Creations, a social enterprise founded by Kesang Yudron ’08, a Saint Ben’s accounting major. Padhma is the Sanskrit word for lotus, the flower that emerges pure and white from the muddy swamp. Kesang believes it is a fitting symbol for the women artisans, like Hasroon, who work at Padhma Creations. Padhma Creations gives Hasroon the training and job she needs to provide a secure and supportive life for her and her son.

Padhma Creations partners with nearly 70 women from neighboring villages of Nepalgunj, Bardiya, and Surkhet in Nepal. Wool is divided among their families who then make berets, scarves, socks, and other items in their homes or in shelters for women without homes. These woolens are then sold, and the money reinvested in programs to support the artisans and their children.

Kesang thought of the idea in 2000 when she and her father visited Nepalgunj, a border town between Nepal and India.

“I remember being shocked at the sight of a 13-year-old village girl being rescued from trafficking by the police,” Kesang said. “The story was that a distant relative of hers had intentions of selling her to a brothel in Mumbai. This incident created a lasting and profound impression on my life.”

Thousands of young Nepali women are trafficked to India every year for prostitution, child labor, and slavery, Kesang said. Others are victims of domestic abuse. All have no jobs or paying skills. “Padhma Creations not only helps these women but saves their families from a life of spiraling poverty.”

Padhma Creations aims to provide women artisans with health, education and social welfare programs. The company pays knitters wages that are higher than the market rate in Nepal; it also puts away 5% of profits towards the Padhma Creations Health Fund to provide knitters and their children with basic health care, an expense many Nepalese simply cannot afford. The company also provided its first education scholarships for children of the knitters this winter.

A year into its operations, Padhma Creations is looking to colleges and universities as ideal markets for their products. “We want to raise awareness about the lives of people in other countries,” Kesang said. “Our hope is to influence a new generation of empathetic young adults who will be socially conscious consumers.”

Or, like Kesang, they’ll become entrepreneurs investing in human life worldwide.
Padhma Creations knitwear is available at On A Lark, proudly owned and operated by the College of Saint Benedict. Or, at www.pahmacreations.com

Kesang Yudron ’08, founder of Padhma Creations
I was a community dietitian for programs like WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program) that served low-income participants before I came to CSB/SJU.

Nutrition education was an integral part of my job, but I often found that my message did not get through to participants because the prescribed food package was incompatible with their ethnic/racial food preferences. I remember counseling a pregnant Asian woman who did not drink milk, common in many ethnic populations who are lactose intolerant. All I could offer her was more cheese to replace some of the fluid milk, which was a source of lactose as well as an unfamiliar food. It was meaningless for me to tell her that the milk and cheese were good sources of calcium and protein when I knew she was not going to eat the foods.

For 34 years, WIC’s food package remained the same, providing iron-fortified cereals, milk/cheese, eggs, 100% fruit juices with Vitamin C, and in some states, dried beans, or peanut butter. This set of items was not only culturally inappropriate for an increasingly diverse population, but it also failed to reflect changes in what we knew was best nutrition practice.

Recently, the WIC program has been changed to offer participants healthier and more culturally appropriate food options. New food options, with some restrictions based on age, pregnancy, and breastfeeding, include:

- fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables
- whole grain products including bread, brown rice, tortillas, bulgur, barley and oatmeal
- soy beverages and tofu
- canned salmon, sardines, mackerel or light tuna for pregnant or breastfeeding woman

Furthermore, cash value vouchers are available to purchase fruits and vegetables year round. In Minnesota and many other states, small grocers are encouraged to offer fresh fruits and vegetables. Locally grown fruits and vegetables can also be purchased at farmer’s markets. In addition to providing health benefits, these changes help the environment by reducing the distance food travels from grower to the plate. Furthermore, if the cost compares to non-organic foods, organic ones are acceptable.

The new WIC guidelines also make several other changes that reflect current dietary recommendations:

- Less fat--skim or 1% milk for children over age two
- Less fat--no cheese, except for a fully breastfeeding woman
- More fiber--whole grains, canned or dried beans, and fruits and vegetables

Taken together, the changes in the WIC food package are both more culturally appropriate and offer healthier options.

Unfortunately, some of our recent immigrants to the US have already begun to show the impact of a change to a Western diet, most notably in terms of increases in obesity, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes. In my chapter on the Hmong in Cultural Food Practices, published by the American Dietetic Association, October 2009, I show the negative effects for the Hmong of trading a traditional diet of rice, fresh vegetables and fruits, tofu, and small quantities of meat for processed foods high in fats, calories and sodium. One result is that it is estimated that 41% of the Hmong population is at risk for developing diabetes, even though there was no word for diabetes in the Hmong language. Health professionals are also alarmed by growing overweight and obesity rates in Hmong American children and adolescents.

While recent changes in the WIC program made it more culturally respectful and nutritionally sound, it is clear that the attractions of the American fast food culture can quickly have negative effects even on recent immigrant populations.
“Our two biggest mass casualty events were big mortar rounds 14 days apart that both landed in our camp at lunchtime, where the detainees were all gathered around food. Strategically, that’s why they hit at that time -- to inflict the most damage.

“We were like, Is this really happening?

“Then, I see pictures that I can’t remember at all. But I know the pictures are from my camera.

“And, I wonder again if this really happened at all.”
In 2002 Monica Haller graduated from CSB with a degree in peace and conflict studies. Her friend, Riley Sharbonno, who had been in ROTC, graduated from SJU with a degree in nursing. Monica went on to earn an MFA in Visual Studies from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and Riley went on to fulfill his commitment to the United States Army.

Riley was stationed in Abu Ghraib prison in 2004-05. Like many people of his generation, he was in the habit of taking photographs of everything, all the time, and ended up with thousands of digital images of his time in Iraq. As he is not a professional photographer, his photographs were not professional, not glossy, not staged. Sometimes they have no focus and most of them seem to be fragments or random pieces of a larger, hidden story. All of these qualities give them an intense immediacy. Probably nobody would look at them and see them as art.

After Monica earned her graduate degree, she earned fellowships, received grants, lectured and taught, and exhibited her work in a wide variety of settings. The exploration of how to bring mass culture and artistic work into dialogue became a theme she explored often. Her goal was to close the gap, to take back the territory between mass audience and challenging artistic work.

So she did.

Monica and Riley have, together, accomplished something astounding. Monica transformed Riley’s huge and random storehouse of images, as well as his reflections about his fleeting traumatic memories, into an art form that is also a mobilization of information. It is called Riley and His Story and, although it is alarming and awful to experience, it is also stunning in its integrity and inventiveness.

The first sentence of the book – actually it’s on the cover – is “This is not a book.” If one wants to know why one is then purchasing it from the book section of Barnes and Noble, the answer is that it is an invitation to families and friends to explore the nature of memory, the nature of how war is experienced by individuals, mass culture’s habit of using the camera as prosthesis, and how a visual narrative can lead to healing. Riley and His Story contains images of modes of military transportation: humvees, planes, helicopters, tanks. It is, in itself, a vehicle carrying courageous human souls into and out of someplace terrible and dangerous.

Another reason it is not a book is that it is one part of a much larger project. Monica has developed workshops and software for Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans to use to archive their own experiences. Workshop participants’ work will later be collated in exhibits and websites.

In the meantime, this intersection of book and not-book, between art and not-art, between mass culture and serious art, and between lived experience and elusive memory has been published by Onestar Press and is available at Barnes and Noble.

I am going to end by dropping my third-person voice to tell you two things: Riley and His Story is respectful of Riley and the thousands of other Americans who have experienced the trauma of war. It doesn’t take a political stance on the war itself because it doesn’t simplify their complicated experience by assigning itself to one political agenda.

There is a statement at the end of the book that says, “These aren’t the photos we’re going to find in grandma’s photo album.” Well no… it isn’t something that should be given or presented to anyone who is not prepared to look directly at the details of combat. However, I know many Bennies who could handle it…and some of them are grandmothers.

Join Monica and Riley at CSB February 10 for a lecture and book discussion.
ALUMNAE MILESTONES

For complete news and notes from classmates, log on to www.csbsju.edu/csbalum/news

Jeanne Mock ’82 was featured on all sizes of the DQ Blizzard cup nationwide. Cool.

Space permitting, the class notes section will contain milestones or professional updates. Marriages, births and deaths will be printed if they have taken place in the past 12 months.

For a full version of class notes, please check www.csbsju.edu/csbalum/classpages

For current updates from classmates and to post your notes go to the online community: www.csbsju.edu/csbalum/community

1961

1963
Diane Dinneen Horn was the recipient of the 2009 Keeper of the Tradition award. This is an honor given to a St. Joseph’s Hospital colleague who carries on the traditions of Christian hospitality, servant leadership and the integration of the mission of the hospital Sisters into everyday work and service.

1968
Judge Elizabeth Hayden received the Community Service Award from the Minnesota District Judges Foundation.

1970
Patricia Welter received the 2009 Benedicta Riepp Award from the Sisters of Saint Benedict.

1977
Margaret A. Volz was reappointed to the Alaska Children’s Trust Board by the governor.

1979
Linda Burke Ganje accepted a position at Prudential Financial in St. Louis Park, MN as a Financial Services Associate. Previously, Linda founded and ran her own business, Ganje Container Gardens in Bloomington, MN. She has been a Master Gardener for the University of MN Extension Service since 2001.

1980
Anna Rehmann Riegle recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who.

1981
Kristy Sommers Jue was hired as a nurse at Brown and Tolan Physicians in San Francisco.

Kathleen Neil-Palmer completed a Master’s in Education.
Teresa Walsh’s daughter graduated magna cum laude from CSB in May.
Ann Schumacher Kitt’s son graduated Cum Laude from SJU in May.

1982
Two of Michelle Rolle Butler’s four children are competing for the 2012 Olympics. Anthony, Jr., in track and Ashley, in swimming.
Judy Forstner Pofori was hired to head NSP-Minnesota.

1985
Marguerite Putzke Dummer is employed as the Dean of Health Careers and Science at Hennepin Technical College (Eden Prairie and Brooklyn Park campuses).

1986
Chris Morris Boerner’s daughter Casey, senior at Watertown-Mayer HS was recently named Miss Teen of Minnesota.” Chris also started another PT teaching assignment in addition to her current job with two area Christian schools working with Unique Learners K-8. The new job is serving as the public school’s ELL teacher.
Michelle Lewica released a new book The Religion of Thinness: Satisfying the Spiritual Hungers behind Women’s Obsession with Weight and Food (Gurze Press).

1987
Renee Mayers was appointed AVP, Human Resources at the College of The Bahamas.

1989
Kathleen Skoglund Kulus, a pediatrician with CentroCare, was recently appointed to the CentroCare Clinic board of directors.

1991
PK Kriha Ziaja became shareholder at RJF Agencies.
Susan Heying joined CentroCare as Nurse Practitioner.

1993
Dorothy Hageman Duquette received the Lily Endowment Grant for Clergy.
Maria Kalar Cowman completed a Masters in Special Education in 2008.
Megan Adams Brooks was promoted to Director of Research, Instruction and Computing Support at Wellesley College.
Colette S. Peters was appointed by the Oregon Governor to lead the Oregon Youth Authority.
Kathryn Kucienkski Ciesla was elected as a Village Trustee of Northbrook.

1996
Kerry K. Fierke is manager of leadership and staff development at St. Mary’s Duluth Clinic and Health System.

1997
Jody Schindele Martinson is the new music director for Minnesota Center Chorale.

1998
Jodi Wallace Saari recently founded a local chapter of Stop CMV, a grassroots organization working to foster awareness about Cytomegalovirus (CMV). Saari’s daughter, Avery, was born with congenital CMV in 2008 and struggles developmentally because of the life-altering virus.
Jill Mensing Kelly is the new assistant principal at Cedar Creek Community School.

1999
The Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA), the certification division of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), announced Sabrina Marthaler Hoppe has earned the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation.
Renita Eidenschink received a Master of Divinity Degree from Luther Seminary.
Amy Sager Lloyd received the Academic Staff Excellence Award by the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents.

2000
Stacey Langer received a JD Degree from Hamline with special honors: Magna Cum Laude and “Best Oralist Award - Weekend Section.”
Katry Bendewald is a new social worker with Community Counseling Services.

2003
Kristin Erickson accepted a position at the Lighthouse at Waconia as the Registered Nurse/Director of Wellness.

2004
Angie Krtick accepted a position at Best Buy, Inc. as Senior Accounting Analyst.

Jodi Morris Boerner

Reunion! June 25 to 27
Class years ending in “0” and “5”

Jess Nelson ’09 with part of the Young Farmer’s Cooperative on a site visit in Satungal (just outside of Kathmandu)
Kirsten Skjei Olness joined the staff at HealthPartners as a family nurse practitioner.

2005
Emily Buss accepted a position at Medtronic Inc. as Associate Regulatory Affairs Specialist.
Christine Johnson and Laura Wilant ’06 rowed in the Boat Race for the Edinburgh University Boat Club in the Reserve 8, coming out victorious over rival Glasgow.
Karen Schleifer is serving a one year term with AmeriCorps VISTA.
Susan Hanish received a Masters in Business Management from University of Mary Bismarck.

2006
Laura Wilant and Christine Johnson ’05 rowed in the Boat Race for the Edinburgh University Boat Club in the Reserve 8, coming out victorious over rival Glasgow.
Melissa Rosenthal received a Masters of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Salus University.

2009
Cassie Raehsler is an Executive of Logistics at Target.
Lori Heinz is a first grade teacher at Pinewood Elementary in Monticello, MN
Hannah Westre was hired as a Registered Nurse at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
Kari Barber is working as an RN on the OB unit of Innovis Health in Fargo, ND.
Kristina Nesse is a Data and Consulting Analyst at Hardwick-Day in Bloomington, MN.

From this day forward
1993 Sonda Gominsky to Anthony Binsfeld, May ’99
1994 Valerie Jones to Steve Kurtz, Aug. ’09
1996 Karen Wood to Charles Mackey, July ’09
1997 Lacey Kelash to Jeremy Monnier, Aug. ’09
1998 Ali Smith to Joseph Satre, Aug. ’09
2000 Janell Maruska to Tim Oesau, July ’09
2000 Angela O’Connor to Joseph Cina, July ’06
2001 Linda Hoffman to Luke Hoepnner, June ’09
2001 Alison Bormann to Brian Bell, June ’09
2001 Sara Merdan to Matthew Janda, Aug. ’08
Bertha Salazar to Frank Mastrangelo, Oct. ’09
Christine Munger to Agustin Luna, May ’09
Andrea Booth to C. Joseph Eglit, Aug. ’09
Laura Stork to Matt Beirne ’04, Aug. ’09
Linda Studer to David Stein, Sept. ’08
Amanda Kelly to Jason Winter, Sept. ’09
Anne Johnson to Chad Boyer, Sept. ’09
Kristin Vogel to David Dehrkoop, June ’09
Briana Schnurr to Daniel Adams ’03, Oct. ’08
Jessica Lee to Kevin Newcomb, July ’09
Robyn Hoeschen to Pete Bernardy, Sept. ’09
Kelly Stunek to Shane Stork ’01, Sept. ’08
Jennifer Holford to John Kehr, Aug. ’09
Heather Navratil to Michael Singsank, Oct. ’09
2004 Allison Holewa to Matt Bahar, June ’09
2004 Katie Connor to Daniel Lhotka, April ’09
2004 Kenna Caughney to Adam Dooley, Sept. ’09
2004 Carolyn Himanga to Eric Stewart, Aug. ’09
2004 Roxanne Tchida to Patrick Haggerty ’04, Sept. ’09
2004 Julie Herbes to Matt Spring, Aug. ’09
2004 Meghan Marpe to Brian Bos ’05, Sept. ’09
2005 Cassandra Enquist to Anthony Narr, Aug. ’09
2005 Grace Steiner to Matt Nohner, July ’09
2005 Susan Hanish to Travis Anderson, June ’09
2005 Molly Kendall to Jeffrey Bennett, May ’09
2005 Eilen Hunter to Paul Gans ’05, May ’09
2005 Aimee Nguyen to Paul Norasingh, Sept. ’09
2006 Andrea Brandel to Ryan Weir, Sept. ’09
2006 Angela Gerold to Christopher McAllister ’07, June ’09
2006 Shanna Henderson to Scott Dykhoff ’06, June ’09
2006 Cara Kragseth to Adam Tollifson ’06, Sept. ’09
2006 Heather Johnson to Shawn Carlson, June ’09
2006 Sarah Reuter to Aaron Zimmerman, July ’09
Katie Hopkins to Cory Kosloske, July ’09
Katie Ness to Brent Hascall, Oct. ’09
Sarah Hennek to David Braski, June ’09
Amanda Crosby to Patrick Schaefer ’06, June ’09
Meghan Deichert to Andrew Johnson ’06, May ’09
Suzanne Conlin to David Gorski ’06, June ’08
Chelsea Cohrs to Jeff McAlexander, Dec. ’08
Carin Willette to Brady Hanson ’06, March ’09
Deanna Kuss to Steven Enstad, July ’08
Lindsey Bestick to Stephen Knapp ’06, May ’09
Danielle Simpson to Tim Pellitteri, May ’09
Erin Oberton to Chris Gervais ’04, May ’09
Lynn Rotchadi to Christopher Coopman, May ’09
Dana Lyndgaard to Kris Schneider ’04, Sept. ’09
Gina Anderson to Kirk Henchen, Aug. ’09
Andrea Carlson to Gary Mayeux ’06, Dec. ’08
Kathy Swart to Tony Bakeberg, June ’09
Sara Smith to Cole Jansen ’06, Sept. ’08
Jodie Tappella to Tony Capecci ’06, Sept. ’09
Brittany Lehnen to Zach Reif ’07, Aug. ’09
Barbara Borrell to Nicholas Wegner, Oct. ’09
Bridget Donnelly & Eric Hanson ’06, June ’09
Clarey McKeown to Brendan McNulty ’07, June ’09
Jenna Kay to Scott Schafer ’07, June ’09
Angie Seidel to Mark Schultz, June ’09
Holly Kunkel to Brandon Hurrle, July ’09
Anne Wessel to Shwone Hodges, July ’09
Erin Rude to Tyler Curran, July ’08
Megan Groneberg to Matthew Logering ’07, Feb. ’09
Jennifer Pettitt to Jonathan Niefeld, Nov. ’08
Jessica Wetter to Andrew Widen ’07, Nov. ’08
Back row: Anna Ayotte, John Herzog, Elizabeth Herzog, Hannah Herzog Letolfsy, Esperanza Wallander MacMillan, Katie Kaproth, Robyn Mogelson Chrast, Amy Pelfer


2007 Maggie McClellan to Matt Varpness '07, May '09
2007 Nicole Schoonover to Jeremy Mueller, May '09
2007 Katie Pokorny to Ron Kline '07, Aug. '09
2007 Kallie Promersberger to Daniel Everson, Aug. '09
2007 Katherine Hartman to Michael Beckstrand '07, Aug. '09
2007 Brittany Beck to Doug Svendsen '07, Jan. '09
2007 Naomi Sumers to Benjamin Passe '07, Sept. '09
2007 Kellie Bruckbauer to Leon Knodel, Sept. '09
2007 Melissa Rosenthal to Paul Kluesner, Sept. '09
2007 Erica Havlicek to Peter Scheffler '05, July '09
2007 Elizabeth Schmitz to Kevin Gust '05, Jan. '08
2008 Anne Strommen to Luke Keene '08, Jan. '09
2008 Sara Murphy to Scott Bierwerth, June '09
2008 Britti Colebank to Jon Wawra, Sept. '09
2008 Jill Van Havermaet to Danial Rieder, July '09
2008 Kathryn Grukowski to Joseph Mereness '08, Aug. '09
2008 Jennifer Eklund to Adam Love, Sept. '09
2008 Sophia Gossman to Martin Walsh '09, Aug. '09
2008 Nicole Hjelmgren to Peter Banick '09, June '09
2008 Teresa Stangler to Cody Martin '09, June '09
2008 Sarah Rund to Jeremy Lind '04, June '08
2009 Lauren Lewis to David Siegfried, Aug. '09
2009 Sarah Felland to Brandon Baker '09, May '09
2010 Becky Wartner to Noah Mattocks, May '09

Bundles of Joy

1988 Carrie McAndrew Sellner & Tim Sellner '77, Boy, Phillip, Oct. '09
1988 Pauline Maki & Christopher Wrobel, Girl, AnaSophia, April '09
1989 Brigid Murphy & Dennis Winkelman, Girl, Anastasia, Oct. '09
1989 Annie Garry Betts & Jeff Betts '90, Twins, Rachel and Jack, Jan '09
1991 Belinda Miller Topa & Christopher Topa, Girl, Ellyn, April '09
1991 Suzanne Otte Allen & Kevin Allen, Girl, Claire, Jan. '09
1993 Nancy Wuerzt Barrett & Mark Barrett, Boy, Thomas, Dec. '08
1994 Kathryn Wolf Helberg & Chad Helberg, Boy, Lucas, Aug. '09
1994 Molly Hausladen Lopez & Len Lopez, Girl, Gabrielle, Aug. '09
1994 Samantha Kuuk Herrmann & Matt Herrmann, Girl, Paige, March '09
1995 Sarah Herzog & Christopher Borden, Boy, Andrew, Feb. '09
1995 Rosanne Porvaznik Hearn & Eric Hearn, Girl, Madison, Sept. '09
1996 Jen Kapsner Henry & Sean Henry, Boy, Jacob, Oct. '09
1996 Marcie Betker Andrews & John Andrews, Girl, Margaret, Aug. '09
1996 Jenny Meseraul Beach & James Beach '97, Girl, Jesslyn, April '09
1996 Kathryn Kluser DeForrest & Kevin DeForrest, Boy, Walton, July '09
1996 Erin Johnson Krech & Eric Krech, Boy, Ryan, April '09
1997 Heather Winkels Collins & Patrick Collins, Boy, John, June '09
1997 Katrina Dolezal-Mersinger & Hans Mersinger '98, Boy, Robert, June '09
1997 Amy Haugen Brown & Chris Brown, Girl, Elena, Jan. '09
1997 Anastasia Kappahn Nathe & Tony Nathe, Boy, Brenden, April '09
1997 Jessica Kelm Grabiniski & Michael Grabiniski, Girl, Esme, Aug. '09
1997 Tina Pauls Liers & Kurt Lierser, Girl, Mya, Sept. '09
1997 Susan Simcox Steinhagen & Andy Steinhagen, Boy, Wilt, April '09
1997 Nichole Fontaine-Vonesh & Jonathan Vonesh, Girl, Emma, April '09
1997 Noelle Kuitunen Johnson & Richard Johnson, Boy, Asher, June '09
1998 Maureen Collins Flynn & Joshua Flynn '97, Boy, Evan, March '09
1998 Carrie Kisch Paul & Reid Paul, Boy, Morgan, Aug. '09
1998 Anne Bekab Welle & Pete Welle, Boy, Maximilian, Jan. '09
1998 Angie Wood Davenport & Christian Davenport, Girl, Alison, June '09
1998 Janelle Ziwicky Hahn & Darrell Hahn, Girl, Jayna, April '09
1998 Megan Dahlen Antoine & Christian Antoine '95, Boy, Eli, July '09
1998 Shelly Timp-Pilon & Joseph Pilon '98, Boy, Carter, Sept. '09
1998 Jennifer Layton Arnold & Gregory Arnold, Girl, Lydia, May '09
1998 Katie Pearson Westanmo & Anders Westanmo, Girl, Siri, March '09
1998 Laura Marti Schotzko & Joe Schotzko '97, Girl, Carmen, Nov. '09
1999 Charitie Mery Herbst & Adam Herbst '99, Boy, Franklin, Nov. '09
1999 Jennifer Rausch Heyne & Randy Heyne, Boy, Andrew, July '09
1999 Holly Roering Symanietz & Ron Symanietz, Girl, Kaylee, Aug. '09
1999 Nicole Schmucker Apold & Dallas Apold, Girl, Hanna, May '09
2000 Elizabeth Amman & Philip Steger '97, Girl, Anna, Oct. '09
2000 Allison Oldenburg Perske & Chris Perske '02, Girl, Elizabeth, Aug. '09
2000 Elizabeth Amman & Philip Steger '97, Girl, Anna, Oct. '09
2000 Allison Oldenburg Perske & Chris Perske '02, Girl, Elizabeth, Aug. '09
2000 Jessica Wendelgass Rodriguez & Frank Rodriguez, Boy, Tiago, Sept. '09
2000 Joelle Hedin Cognetta & Jason Cognetta '99, Girl, Adrianna, July '09
2000 Monica Milbert Sloan & Blake Sloan, Girl, Mila, March '09
2000 Tara Kill Pool & Kurtis Pool, Boy, Garrett, July '09
2000 Krissy Steil Monnens & Ryan Monnens '98, Girl, Olivia, Sept. '09
2000 Heather Moe Marcus & Eric Marcus, Girl, Greta, June '09
2000 Angela O'Connor Cina & Joseph Cina, Girl, Megan, Nov. '08

Baby Max was born March 15, 2009
to Angela Wiering Kaczrowski '04
and Jeffrey Kaczrowski
ALUMNAE MILESTONES

2001
Caroline Boatz White & Stephen White, Boy, Emmitt, April ’09
Sarah Holker Magnuson & Eric Magnuson, Boy, Grant, Aug. ’09
Lindsay Schwab & Robert Zelada ’00, Boy, Gabriel, June ’09
Ann-Marie Bonach Kenna & Ross Kenna, Boy, Gabriel, Nov. ’09
Amy Mangan Farm & Adam Farm, Girl, Lauryn, May ’09
Amy Mouzolf Patfield & Willy Patfield ’09, Boy, Adam, July ’09
Patricia Tebbe Neal & Paul Neal, Girl, Ava, July ’09
Angela Busse Boylan & Art Boylan ’01, Girl, Charlotte, July ’09
Sara Rischmiller Collins & Joseph Collins ’99, Boy, Alexander, June ’09
Emily Haeg Saunders & John Saunders ’00, Boy, Fritz, June ’09
Colleen Gross Ebinger & Fritz Ebinger ’01, Boy, Benjamin, Aug. ’09
Heather Hinnenkamp Stanley & Christopher Stanley ’02, Girl, Ella, Aug. ’09
Mindy Albers France & Patrick France ’01, Girl, Addison, Aug. ’09
Jackie Cronin Dols & Brandon Dols ’01, Girl, Kyle, March ’08
Chris Kolbinger Lane & Robert Lane, Boy, James, Aug. ’09
Sara Merdan Janda & Matthew Janda, Girl, Elsa, July ’09
Patty McCabe Flowers & Dan Flowers, Girl, Kaitlyn, April ’09
Laura Sufka Campbell & Jeff Campbell ’02, Boy, Jacob, Oct. ’09
Amanda deChambeau Eckerman & Jacob Eckerman ’02, Boy, Henry, Oct. ’09
Polly Kulas Berendes & Chuck Berendes ’02, Boy, Henry, Sept. ’09
Dana Kelly Fitzpatrick & Matthew Fitzpatrick, Boy, James, Nov. ’09
Christin Miller Kassulke & Jed Kassulke ’02, girl, Payton, April ’09
Carla Leithier Bieniek & Ryan Bieniek, Boy, Grady, July ’09
Lori Waiz Geller & Nick Geller ’02, Twins, Hailey & Everett
Kimberly Olson Beyer & Brad Beyer ’02, Boy, Bryce, July ’09

2002
Jessica Holte Huls & Mark Huls, Girl, Lyla, Aug. ’09
Katherine Stumvoll Aligada & Jonathan Aligada ’02, Girl, Maielyn, May ’09
Holly Johnson Lenes & Aaron Lenes, Boy, Clayton, July ’09
Jessica Manthie Woods & Michael Woods, Girl, Abigail, Aug. ’09
Katie Studer Roers & Brian Roers ’01, Boy, Brody, May ’09
Katie Prindle Sternberg & Bryan Sternberg, Boy, Dane, Oct. ’09
Kathleen Penkala Massmann & Ronald Massmann, Boy, Patrick, Aug. ’09
Julie Tellinghuisen Murphy & Matthew Murphy ’02, Boy, Jacob, Oct. ’09
Eden Contardo Boyer & Seth Boyer ’02, Boy, Austin, July ’09
Kate Johnson & Luke Doubler ’03, Girl, Eliee, Oct. ’09
Gretchen Dingsel McQuillan & Frank McQuillan ’03, Girl, Kensley, Nov. ’08
Jessica Lee Newcomb & Kevin Newcomb, Girl, Laila, June ’07
Lauren Guetter & Matthew Novak ’03, Boy, Camden, Oct. ’09
Cory Jelinek & Carlin Salmila, boy, Cedar, Aug. ’08
Bea Egan Hellickson & Mike Hellickson ’04, Girl, Elizabeth, May ’09
Dayna Logering Francis & Alex Francis ’04, Boy, Andrew, June ’09
Melissa Berndt Wagner & Anthony Wagner, Boy, Cade, Sept. ’09
Kathy Wenker Gilk & Steven Gilk ’04, Boy, Isaiah, Feb. ’09
Beth Meierhofer Dixon & Joshua Dixon, Boy, Connor, Aug. ’09
Beth Salzer Plumski & Duane Plumski, Boy, Tyler, Sept. ’09
Rachel Gruber Young & Chris Young, Girl, Laura, March ’09
Mary Glogoe Zenzen & Mark Zenzen ’05, Girl, Julia, Aug. ’09
Leah Wurm Scirto & Mark Scirto ’07, Boy, Caleb, July ’09
Sarah Domine Engdahl & Ryan Engdahl ’06, Girl, Ava, May ’09
Jeri Lynn Roberts Chalmers & Kirk Chalmers ’06, Boy, Kale, May ’09

2003
Abigail Hahn Hoffm & Mike Hoffman, Girl, Brynna, Aug. ’09
Valerie Steinman & Michael Watrud, Boy, Noah, July ’09
Kym Delarosa Allex & Preston Allex ’09, Boy, Teigan, Aug. ’09

2004
Sarah Knoepfle DeLong ’78 received first place in the Iowa Watercolor Societies annual jury show and People’s Choice award for the watercolor “Oaxacan Basket Weaver.”

2005
Abigail Hahn Hoffman & Mike Hoffman, Girl, Brynna, Aug. ’09
Valerie Steinman & Michael Watrud, Boy, Noah, July ’09
Kym Delarosa Allex & Preston Allex ’09, Boy, Teigan, Aug. ’09

2006
In memoriam
1936 Sister Michaela Fuchs, Sept. ’09
1937 Lajean Hurd Anderson, Sept. ’09
1938 Josephine Antony Sharrick, Nov. ’09
1939 Robert Strunk, spouse of Janet Heinen Strunk, July ’09
1940 Kathleen Kelly Belanger, Nov. ’09
1941 Sister Michaela Fuchs ’36, sibling of Geneva Fuchs Schreiber, Sept. ’09
1942 Nelle Grundman Kennedy, Aug. ’09
1943 Lois Bachman Stevenson, June ’09
1943 Ondie Belanger, sibling of Lucille Belanger Rathe, Aug. ’09
1943 Kathleen Traynor, daughter of Betty Antony Traynor, Aug. ’09
1945 Stella Fleischmann, sibling of Esther Yunk Schwindel, Oct. ’09
1946 Frances Trogove, sibling of Virginia Ziebol Lyon, Nov. ’09
1948 Joe Blatz, sibling of Teresa Blatz Walker, Aug. ’09
1949 Donald Nystrom, spouse of Ruth Meagher Nystrom, Sept. ’09
1949 Pat Mayer Wele, Sept. ’09
1949 Edward Gearty, spouse of Lorraine Breher Gearty, Sept. ’09
1950 James Lehman ’56, sibling of Dolores Lehman Nieriengarten, Oct. ’09
1954 Mary Pat Yunker, daughter of Mary Ellen Kasner Dietman, June ’09
1955 James Povolny, sibling of Mary Jane Povolny Gaffney, July ’09
1955 Jerry Madigan, sibling of Patricia Madigan Webster, Sept. ’09
1954 Gary Harm, spouse of Norma Winslow Harm, June ’02
1956 Marmie Deegan Fricke, Sept. ’09
1955 Nancy Bensen Spiczka, Sept. ’09
1956 Glenn Rose, spouse of Carol Bauer Rose, Sept. ’09
1957 Peggy Lodermeier Wilden, Sept. ’09
1958 Bernice Manderfeld, mother of Mary Manderfeld Sullivan, May ’09

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1959  Bartley Hunt, sibling of Mary Ellen Hunt Wertzler, Oct. '09
1960  Robert Inderrieden, sibling of Arlene Inderrieden Opstad, Sept. '09
1960  Bernice Manderfeld, mother of Christine Manderfeld, OSB, May '09
1961  Mary Aksteter, mother of Rita Aksteter Dockry, July '09
1961  Richard Keller '49, brother of Patricia Keller Johnston, July '09
1962  Harold Young, sibling of Irene Young Perrill, Feb. '09
1962  Luella Gohman, mother of Nancy Gohman Paulsen, Aug. '09
1962  Clarence Gohman, father of Nancy Gohman Paulsen, July '09
1962  Emma Donnelly, mother of Patricia Donnelly Ploomen, July '09
1962  Mary Aksteter, mother of Susie Aksteter Morgan, July '09
1962  Penny Dirkswager Ambre '63, sibling of Susan Dirkswager Quispe, Aug. '09
1963  Richard Keller '49, brother of Hilda Keller, OSB, July '09
1963  Michael Blaylock, sibling of Mary Ellen Blaylock Ferguson, Aug. '09
1963  Vince Ferguson, spouse of Mary Blaylock Ferguson, Sept. '09
1963  Paul Mathews '52, sibling of Marilyn Mathews Ogas, Sept. '09
1964  Helen Kraemer, mother of Gloria Kraemer Coker, July '09
1964  Monica Biedermann Mendez '71, sister of Mary Kay Biedermann Stevens, July '09
1964  Donald Thielig, sibling of Janet Thieliges, OSB, Aug. '09
1965  Leslie Serwat Speicher, June '09
1965  Mary Aksteter, mother of Patsy Aksteter Pierson, July '09
1965  Mary Caroline Sisterman, May '09
1965  Dave Schulte '65, spouse of Diane Murphy Schulte, Sept. '09
1965  Sister Mari Gapinski, Sept. '09
1966  Edward Harrison, father of Dianne Harrison Schlichting, Nov. '09
1967  Matthew Thiibedeau, son of Mary Conoby Schroeder, May '09
1967  Edward Harrison, father of Barb Harrison Rand, Nov. '09
1967  Jeannie Haugen, daughter of Sandy Kadmas Ficek, Aug. '09
1968  Jeff Wagner '67, sibling of Louise Wagner Jones, Nov. '09
1968  Dennis Frank, brother of Virginia Frank Templeton, June '09
1968  Helen Kraemer, mother of Barb Kraemer Hassing, July '09
1968  Jeanne Morris, mother of Christian Morris, OSB, July '09
1968  Sandy Gretz Denne, Sept. '09
1968  Gail Saunders Lee, Sept. '09
1968  Raymond Rozycki, father of Marg Rozycki, Sept. '09
1969  Joanne Bauer Kolloidge '69, Aug. '09
1969  Penny Dirkswager Ambre, Aug. '09
1969  Anges Wyffels Busch, mother of Nancy Wyffels Vershey, June '09
1970  Beulah Osborne, mother of Donna Osborne Feldman, March '09
1970  Caroline Donakowski, sibling of Claudia Poppa Baldwin, Nov. '09
1970  Grace McDowell Grant, mother of Liz Grant Ferlich, July '09
1970  Bernadette Mareck, mother of Jane Mareck Victor, June '09
1970  Michael Blaylock, sibling of Jean Blaylock Hockman, Aug. '09
1970  Sandy Gretch Denne '68, sibling of Mary Jo Gretz Hanscom, Sept. '09
1970  David Dubois, father of Jeanne Dubois Woodward, Oct. '09
1971  Monica Biedermann Mendez, July '09
1972  Claude Legatt, father of Diane Legatt Hunt, Oct. '09
1972  Alan Ruvelson, father of Connie Grell Schutta, Oct. '09
1972  Frank Anderson, father of Barb Anderson Heinz, Sept. '09
1972  Josephine Lang, mother of Mary Jane Lang Jantzer, May '09
1972  Constance Slater, mother of Janet Slater Mandel, June '09
1973  Lois Bachman Stevenson '43, mother of Marilyn Stevenson Storhaug, June '09
1973  George Rudolph, father of Pat Rudolph Dwyer, May '09
1973  Patricia Mayer Wyle '49, mother of Anne Wyle Weber, Sept. '09
1973  Alan MacDonell, father of Mary Allyn MacDonell Belisle, Oct. '09
1973  Al Simonett '72, sibling of Cleo Simonett, Oct. '09
1973  Dorothy Volkenant, mother of Jane Volkenant Hoese, Oct. '09
1974  Jane Scanlan, mother of Molly Scanlan Valerius, Oct. '09
1974  Almon Hoye, father of Betsy Hoye Weber, June '09
1974  Lois Bachman Stevenson '43, mother of Kathleen Stevenson, June '09
1974  Chuck Gaetz, father of Mary Gaetz Scholtz, July '09
1974  Patrick Hart, brother of Lisa Hart Thorvig, July '09
1974  Michael Blaylock, sibling of Marnie Blaylock Ebensperger, Aug. '09
1974  Jerome Vanderlinde, father of Jeanne Vanderlinde, OSB, Aug. '09
1974  Joseph Pavkovich '77, sibling of Toni Pavkovich, Aug. '09
1974  Dorothy Volkenant, mother of Joyce Volkenant Gutkowski, Oct. '09
1975  Josephine Lang, mother of Lucy Lang, May '09
1975  Dolores D'Aquilla, mother of Mary Kay D'Aquilla Phillips, July '09
1976  Michael Blaylock, sibling of Marcia Blaylock Kwiecinski, Aug. '09
1976  Delores Wormas, mother of Sara Wormas Holter, Nov. '09
1976  Edith Underwood, mother of Mary Underwood Kosak '76, June 2009
1976  Constance Slater, mother of Mary Slater Carr, June '09
1976  Helen Kraemer, mother of Marcia Kraemer DeWerd, July '09
1976  Verlett Spanier, mother of Marilyn Spanier Post, July '09
1976  Betty Costello, mother of Donna Costello Meneyee, Sept. '09
1977  Cindy Medina Westby, Sept. '09
1977  Dave Schulte '65, father of Toni Schulte Pruss, Sept. '09
1977  Beulah Osborne, mother of Geri Osborne Clairmont, March '09
1977  Caroline Donakowski, sibling of Cathy Polta, Nov. '09
1977  Dee Blenkush, mother of Marge Blenkush, July '09
1977  Raymond Staloch, father of Sheila Staloch Nolan, July '09
1977  Sylvester Thielman '48, father of Jeanne Thielman Rollert, July '09
1977  Alan MacDonell, father of Maureen MacDonell, Oct. '09
1977  Vonnie Jaeger, mother of Joanne Jaeger Haugen, Oct. '09
1978  Patricia McGlynn, mother of Molly McGlynn Varley, Oct. '09
1978  Kate Hunt Mortenson '94, sibling of Maria Hunt O'Phelan, Aug. '09
1978  George Rahlf, father of Joan Rahlf, Oct. '09
1979  Ronald Marchand, father of Mary Marchand Herges, Nov. '09
1979  Angie Schmidt Cabrera '83, sister of Julia Schmidt, June '09
1979  Betty Condon, mother of Karen Condon, July '09
1979  Robert Olsen, father of Sue Olsen Stovern, Aug. '09
1979  Betty Pollock, mother of Jane Pollock Johnson, Aug. '09
1979  Chester Wozniak, father of Mary Wozniak, Sept. '09
1979  Donald Obermeyer, father of Karen Obermeyer Haglund, Aug. '09
1979  Harry Kaiser, father of Carol Kaiser Brockman, Sept. '09
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1986 John Simon, father of Pam Simon Tietz, Sept. ’09
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1986 Richard Polipnick, father of Karen Polipnick Kemper, Sept. ’09
1986 Nick Kroska ’72, sibling of Amy Jo Kroska, Nov. ’09
1986 Dick Kroska, father of Amy Jo Kroska, Sept. ’09
1986 Joseph Rabaey, father of Joan Rabaey Kutow, Sept. ’09
1986 Mark Lijiedahl, sibling of Nicole Lijiedahl King, July ’09
1988 Verlitt Spanier, mother of Julie Spanier, July ’09
1988 Peter Streiff, father of Katie Streiff Brennen, Aug. ’09
1988 Warren Williams, father of Jane Williams, Sept. ’09
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1988 Dennis Westendorp, father of Heidi Westendorp, June ’09
1988 Kate Hunt Mortensen ’94, sibling of Sarah Hunt, Aug. ’09
1990 Jack Dominik ’46, father of Julie Dominik, July ’09
1990 Harold Mahowald, father of Cheryl Mahowald Skonseng, Aug. ’09
1990 Armella Spanier, mother of Joyce Spanier Borash, Sept. ’09
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1992 Dr. William Funk, father of Jill Funk, June ’09
1995 Janice Larson, mother of Betsy Larson Smith, Aug. ’09
1996 Todd Ryan, father of Shannon Ryan Mooney, Oct. ’09
1998 Leslie Tuohy, mother of Tina Tuohy, April ’09
1998 Joseph Brenny, father of Nicole Brenny Ruhoff, Oct. ’09
1999 Greg Crandall, father of Kim Crandall Morelli, Sept. ’09
2000 Bobbie Jean Ladd, mother of Jennifer Ladd, Nov. ’09
2000 Kathleen Fosbury, mother of Colleen Fosbury Frank, July ’09
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2006 Denis Tappella, father of Jodie Tappella Capocechi, Oct. ’09
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I play with underwater robots

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Describe your work:

The short answer: I play with underwater robots in the Gulf of Mexico.

The long answer: I work for Oceaneering International, Inc., a global provider of services and products used primarily in the offshore oil and gas industry. I operate, maintain, and repair the ROV, which is an unmanned submersible operated from the surface via umbilical. The ROV is capable of attaining depths of 10,000 feet of seawater or more. It’s used for underwater construction, oil well completions, and decommissioning of rigs damaged in hurricanes.

How did you end up doing what you are doing?

I became SCUBA certified in 2001 and moved to Thailand to train and work as a Divemaster in 2002. Eventually I returned to normal work and life in Minnesota but continued part-time in recreational diving because I loved being underwater.

After my 30th birthday, I relocated to Santa Barbara, California, to complete a certificate program in Marine Diving Technology.

I moved to Louisiana in March 2008 and hired on with a small ROV company. I found that women in professional roles offshore were something of an anomaly. Women are less than 5% of the workforce offshore, so not all vessels and rigs are able to accommodate female crew members due to lack of gender-specific facilities and sleeping quarters. Shortly thereafter I signed on with Oceaneering, which is much larger.

Which aspects of your CSB experiences helped you in your later achievements?

I completed my first recreational dive during my semester abroad in France. My guide spoke only a dialect of French I couldn’t begin to understand, and I was actually kind of scared of water, but I made the dive, and loved it.

Generally speaking, though, my time at CSB was eye-opening in the sense that there was always an opportunity to try something new. At CSB, I first understood the extent to which I wanted to dabble, which is sort of my raison d’être, and which is a great characteristic of a liberal arts institution.

What is exciting or rewarding to you in your work?

I love the challenge of learning about something so foreign to me. I love to tinker and fix things, to consult diagrams and schematics, to troubleshoot when something is malfunctioning. I love piloting the ROV underwater. I love the simplicity and focus of working on a rig; I love how much I appreciate daily life when I’m at home.

More than anything, I love that this is my job. It’s hard to explain, but there’s something really gratifying about doing something I never imagined I’d be capable of doing.

Does the public typically misunderstand your work?

The public almost always misunderstands my work! People assume I dive or that the ROV is a submarine or that I work on crab boats for a living, à la Deadliest Catch.

My workdays involve maintaining or repairing the ROV, piloting the ROV underwater with monitors, video and still cameras, lots of computers, joysticks, knobs and buttons, or performing auxiliary jobs like operating a manipulator (a robotic function roughly equivalent to a human hand) on the ROV.

All of this takes place on a large boat or oil rig (which I liken to a floating metal island). We work twelve-hour shifts, seven days a week, and usually stay offshore for three to four weeks at a time. It’s industrial, so steel-toe boots, safety glasses, and a hard hat are required.

Every day is different, whether it’s unexpected repairs to the ROV, new requests from the client, or hazardous weather.

What advice do you have for current students who might be interested in your work – or just general advice to all students?

It’s best to talk to people in the industry about the work, but also about the lifestyle, which is definitely the biggest challenge for most.

My best advice is to keep a positive attitude outwardly (even when you’re not always feeling it), be resilient, and learn to connect with everyone you meet.
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