

## AREAS OF STUDY

### AGRICULTURE

Agri-Business Option  
Agri-Production Option  
Commodity Merchandising Option  
Dairy Option  
Environmental Option  
Equine Option **NEW**  
Large Animal Technician Option  
Precision Technology Option  
Ranch Management Option **NEW**

### AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

#### AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY\*

#### BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY

#### BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Fashion/Retail Merchandising Option  
Hospitality & Tourism Option  
Human Resource Associate Option  
Interior Business Design Option  
Marketing & Management Option  
Photography/Media Option

#### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

CISCO Specialist Option  
Network Specialist Option  
Programming Specialist Option  
Security Specialist Option  
Web Specialist Option

#### COSMETOLOGY\*

#### CUSTOM PAINT AND FABRICATION

#### DENTAL ASSISTING\*

#### DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

CAT ThinkBIG Option  
CNH Forging the Future Option  
Truck/Ag/Industrial

#### ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

#### ENERGY OPERATIONS\*

#### ENERGY TECHNOLOGY\*

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY\*

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES

Agri-Financial Services Option  
Business Accounting Option  
Consumer Financial Services Option

#### HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (NEW FALL 2013)

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE ENGINE MACHINING

#### (NEW FALL 2013)

#### HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIAN

Activity Technician/Mental Health Option  
Child Development Option  
Developmental Disabilities Option  
Youth Offender Option

#### MED/FIRE RESCUE

Emergency Medical Specialist Option  
Paramedic Diploma

#### MEDICAL ASSISTING

#### MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN

#### NURSING\*\*

#### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT\*

#### PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT\*

#### PRECISION MACHINING

#### ROBOTICS

#### SURVEYING/MECHANICAL CAD

(formerly Drafting Technology)

Civil Drafting Technician Option

Civil/Mechanical Drafting Technician Option

#### WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Programs denoted with an \* are unique to South Dakota.



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# Alumni & Friends Newsletter

## New Student Center Opens With a Bang

In true Lake Area Tech style, the official opening of the new Student Center Monday, April 23 wasn't your run-of-the-mill ribbon cutting.

An impressive indoor fireworks display highlighted the event's open house and tour.

Speaking in the new atrium to more than 300 business partners, community members, and LATI staff and students, South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard congratulated LATI faculty, boards, and administration members for their hard work and dedication to the extraordinary new Student Center. Watertown School District Superintendent Dr. Lesli Jutting and LATI President Deb Shephard also welcomed visitors and expressed appreciation for all involved in the planning and reality of the Student Center.

The first floor makes a great first impression to all who walk through the door providing a central location of admissions, registrar, financial aid and administrative offices. Immediately to the right is a cozy seating area, complete with a fireplace and seating that's just right for a few friends to gather. Near that area, visitors hear the sound of gently flowing water coming from the impressive bubbling boulder fountain you can't help but notice from anywhere in the atrium area. Beyond that and to the left, a LATI timeline identifies significant dates in the school's history, and to the right, the Donor Recognition Wall displays individuals and businesses, the names of who

contributed cash, non-cash, endowments and legacy (estate planning) gifts. Both the fountain and timeline were created by a generous donation from the Alumni Association.

Up one floor to the second level, students can relax in the spacious Student Commons area. It's there they will find the new Market 65 foodservice that offers an expanded menu all in one area. If it's caffeine they're after, they'll find it next door at The Mind Grind, LATI's new gourmet coffeehouse offering everything a coffee connoisseur could hope for. And, don't forget the books! The new bookstore, Stax, is that and more. Whether students are in need of



Business partners, community members, and LATI staff and students attend ribbon cutting.

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## E-Degrees

Agri-Business Option **NEW**

Computer Information Systems

Financial Services

Mechanical Drafting **NEW**

Nursing

Ranch Management Option **NEW**

Welding Technology **NEW**

Commodity Merchandising Option **NEW**

Dental Assisting

Marketing & Management Option

Medical Lab Technician

Precision Machining **NEW**

Robotics **NEW**

**E-Degree program is eligible for a \$5,000 Critical Needs Workforce Scholarship** (see story on page 1)

See [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu) for detailed program by program E-Degree information.



"Like" the Lake Area Technical Institute Alumni Association page to receive updates from the Alumni Association and Foundation Office.

www.lakeareatech.edu

## New Student Center Opens With a Bang

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text books, laptops, tools or maybe a new sweatshirt, they'll find it there.

The third floor is the mezzanine level and houses four conference rooms where advisory board meetings, student groups, and other gatherings are held.

Finally, the fourth level features space dedicated to accommodate large and small group meetings, something that's been on LATI's wish list for a long time. The expansive fourth level has already been used for the Robot Games contest, Junior and Senior Tech Days, the annual Feuerstein Series' leadership event and the Practical Nursing pinning ceremony.

The event marked the completion of Phase 3 of the four phase building project supported by the Excellence by Design campaign. The institute continues to seek contributors to assist with the final stretch of Lake Area Tech's first Major Gift Campaign. For more information go to

<https://www.lakeareatech.edu/foundation/support/makegift.asp>

## Lake Area Tech E-Degrees Expand To Manufacturing and Agriculture Programs

Lake Area Technical Institute will be offering a total of 13 online E-Degrees beginning this fall with five of them being offered for the first time.

The Lake Area Tech online E-Degree options have been expanded to meet the needs of students and more recently, employers. The growth in manufacturing in South Dakota has brought attention to the high demand for skilled employees in areas that are considered critical workforce careers.

Lake Area Tech, along with the state of South Dakota, has developed a plan to provide for those interested in these careers, an affordable and convenient education by taking classes online in Robotics, Precision Machining, Welding Technology and Mechanical Drafting in addition to nine other program options being delivered online. Additionally, students who enroll in the online Precision Machining and Robotics programs will also receive a \$5000 SD Critical Workforce

Career Scholarship to apply toward their education. The scholarships are provided through an initiative funded by the South Dakota Legislature in 2012.

Deb Shephard, President of Lake Area Tech says, "We are excited to do our part in helping South Dakota industries grow. The scholarship money is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those who are looking for a better future and for the industries who need these vital employees." Lake Area Tech will also begin new online E-Degrees in the exploding area of agriculture by offering agri-business, commodity merchandising and ranch management. Shephard continues, "The online courses we chose to develop and offer are a result of what business and industry are requesting and where employment opportunities abound."



Robotics student works on robot arm.

The Lake Area Tech online E-Degrees are a hybrid of online theory that the student can do at their convenience with a mixture of hands-on labs at Lake Area Tech or at sites with partner businesses across South Dakota. The online E-Degree programs will begin fall semester. Those interested can go to [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu) and apply for admission and complete the SD Critical Needs Workforce Career scholarship application. Federal financial aid is available as well for these online programs.

## The Feuerstein Series Presents:

Disney's Approach To Leadership Excellence

Each year, the Feuerstein Series enables us to bring speakers to the campus that will invigorate, inspire, and ignite personal achievement and growth for individuals, business leaders, educators and students. The 12th Annual Feuerstein Series presented Disney Institute's Leadership Excellence Training on Wednesday, May 23rd.

One hundred and twenty people from 43 different businesses and 13 communities attended the training to hear ideas and strategies that can help lead organiza-

tions to the same level of success as the Disney brand. Content included:

- Articulate your personal leadership values.
- Recognize opportunities to adapt Disney's leadership strategies and best practices to your own situation.
- Identify the actions you will take to influence positive changes in your organization.

A special thank you to this year's sponsors: The Feuerstein Family, Building Products, Inc.,



120 Disney Institute attendees participate in an activity.

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## LATI Demonstration Farm Provides Ag Students a Hands-On Experience



What better way to learn about farming than to roll up your sleeves and dig in? LATI Agriculture students do just that on the 70-acre demonstration farm north of Watertown.

To optimize planting, fertilizing, and harvesting strategies at the farm, precision technologies are incorporated. Students learn how to use technologies like GPS, yield maps, auto-guidance equipment, and variable-rate application. Their efforts were showcased July 18th during the annual Farm Tour, an event and meal hosted by Ag students and faculty for eighty area farmers and the public.

LATI receives valuable support from local ag industry partners who donate equipment, seed, chemicals, and more. "We are very grateful for the relationships with our industry partners," Ag Instructor Brian Olson said. "Without the logistical support of local implement dealers, the elevator, and seed and chemical companies, our students wouldn't be able to experience cutting-edge farming practices."

The Ag Advisory Board, comprised of area ag leaders, meet during the year to advise

instructors on best practices in the industry such as, crop rotation, farm management, technology, and other aspects important to ag strategies.

To help meet the demand for qualified workers, the Ag Program recently added two new options: Ranch Management and Equine Management. Ranch Management focuses on grazing practices, range ecology, breeding, etc. Equine Management students will experience professional training in equine science, horsemanship, and nutrition. A partnership with Joy Ranch (near Florence, SD) will enable Equine Management students to incorporate their skills on a working horse ranch.

Ranch Management, Agri-Business, and Commodity Merchandising are now available as E-Degrees – an innovative blend of on-campus and distance learning. (See [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu) for information on these new options.)

The much anticipated new Ag Complex groundbreaking for the state-of-the-art facility will take place in August with an estimated completion date of the fall of 2013. The new 70,000 square foot complex will house classrooms, training equipment, a grow room, seed room and lab space. The Environmental Technology program and Heavy Equipment Operator program will also be housed there, along with the Diesel CAT option.

This is the final building of a four phase project which began in 2008. The institute continues to seek contributors to assist with the final stretch of Lake Area Tech's first Major Gift Campaign. For more information go to [www.lakeareatech.edu/foundation/support/makegift.asp](http://www.lakeareatech.edu/foundation/support/makegift.asp)

## 10th Annual Governor's Luncheon



Adam Klumb (Dimock, SD) Precision Machining and Courtney Bostrom (Watertown, SD) Financial Services with South Dakota's 32nd Governor, Dennis Daugaard. Klumb and Bostrom both graduated in May!

SD Governor Dennis Daugaard once again followed through with the tradition of the 10th Annual Lake Area Tech Governor's Luncheon. The luncheon raised \$42,000 in contributions which will help meet a record \$215,000 in scholarship support to be awarded to students during the 2012-13 year.

The Governor discussed how the scholarship assistance he received as a student helped him get through school by "knowing someone was counting on me to do a good job." Those comments were echoed by student speakers, Adam Klumb and Courtney Bostrom.

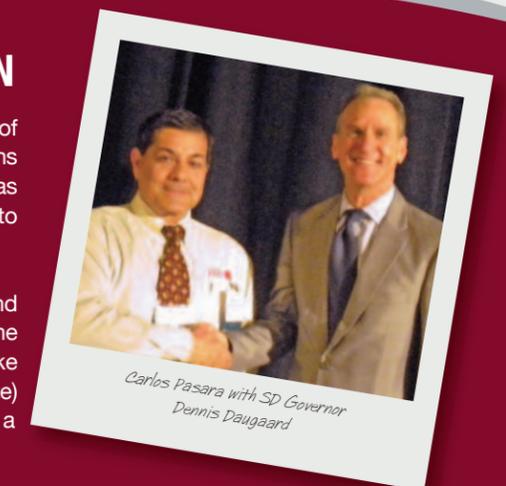
Bostrom noted, "Generous gifts like these motivate me to push myself harder." She also shared that receiving four scholarships allowed her to keep the focus on her studies, "it was a gift that will never go unappreciated or forgotten."

Klumb said receiving scholarships which lessened his debt was a huge weight off his shoulders. "And that is thanks to all of you. So, thank you for your support!"

## GOVERNOR'S GIANT VISION COMPETITION

The 2012 Governor's Giant Vision Competition was hosted by the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Governor's Giant Vision Awards were established to help citizens realize that South Dakota is the very best place to start a successful business. The program was designed as an opportunity for entrepreneurs to compete for seed money and a chance to achieve their dreams.

After a preliminary competition that reduced the field of applicants to 12 qualifying business and 12 qualifying student entries, the competition concluded on April 10th in Sioux Falls, SD. The panel of judges included venture capitalists, financiers, educators and business leaders. Lake Area Tech's Carlos Pasara (Watertown, SD), an Energy Operations student (now LATI Graduate) placed 4th, winning \$2,000 for his idea/company (ASPAR Process & Technologies), a plan for a \$120M Bio-refinery. Congratulations Carlos.



Carlos Pasara with SD Governor Dennis Daugaard

## SNEAK PEAK - LATI PREPARES FOR 2015!

During the next three years the students of the Automotive Technology and Custom Paint and Fabrication programs will restore a 1965 Chevy Bel

Air from bumper to bumper, under the hood and from inside to outside. The car's manufactured year signifies the institute's establishment in 1965. Raffle tickets to win the car will be offered

for sale leading up to the 50th Celebration with the ticket drawing culminating the anniversary in 2015. Stay tuned for updates on the restoration project and the 50th Celebration!



1965 Chevy Bel Air

## “TechVille”

Energy Operations and Energy Technology students are running their very own city in the middle of their lab...appropriately named “TechVille.” This table-top model replicates a town complete with wind turbines, a train, a dam and a coal-fired plant. In reality, TechVille pulls its power from the three small wind turbines on the roof of the Manufacturing, Energy & Transportation Center building.

This training aid teaches the transmission and distribution of three different types of

energy for commercial, industrial and residential use: hydro-electric, coal-fired and wind.

As part of the project, students researched power production at the Oahe Dam, MinnDakota wind farm and Otter Tail Power Company’s Big Stone Power Plant and applied it to “TechVille’s” electrical energy.



TechVille located in the Energy Technology & Energy Operations lab.

Lake Area Tech’s newly designed Donor Recognition Wall and bubbling-boulder fountain are located on the atrium level of the new Student Services Center. See cover story.

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## Lake Area Tech Students Recipients of the Mike Rowe “Dirty Jobs” Scholarship

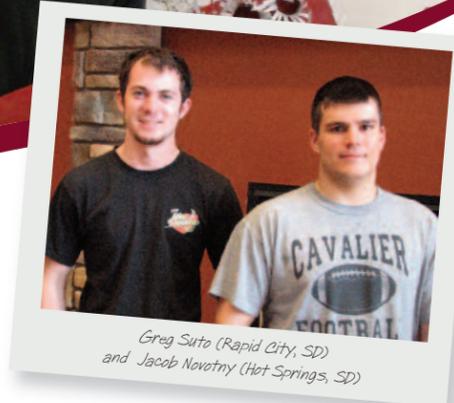
Lake Area Technical Institute Caterpillar ThinkBIG students Jacob Novotny, Hot Springs, SD and Greg Suto, Rapid City, SD, each received a \$1000 scholarship from Associated Equipment Dealers (AED). These scholarships are also known as the Mike Rowe “Dirty Jobs” scholarship. Novotny and Suto are enrolled in the Lake Area Tech Caterpillar ThinkBIG program and are sponsored by Butler Machinery Company.

Both students wanted to thank Corey Mushitz, Diesel Technology Instructor. “Corey kept on us and made sure that we followed through with the application process,” says Suto. Novotny notes, “This is a huge help with our tools, going forward into the real world when we graduate and get jobs.”

The AED Foundation awarded fifty-two equipment technology students \$1,000 tools

scholarships the total amount of scholarships was \$52,000. These scholarships are representative of Mike Rowe’s unique “boots on the ground” approach to technical workforce development. In a time when jobs for many college graduates are hard to come by, the mikeroweWORKS Foundation is working to make students aware of and align them with the excellent opportunities in technical occupations. Rowe is helping students receive financial resources they need to pursue these occupations in career areas where there is great employer demand.

Mike Rowe is the creator and host of the widely-watched and acclaimed show “Dirty Jobs” on the Discovery Channel. Rowe is dedicated to promoting the skilled trades, including the construction-related industries, in an effort to address image and workforce issues. Rowe’s latest project is the recent



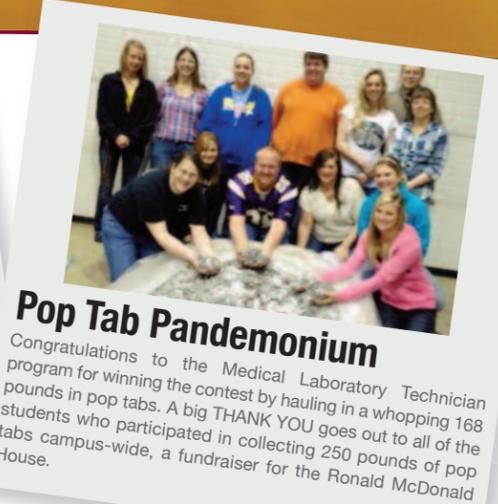
Greg Suto (Rapid City, SD) and Jacob Novotny (Hot Springs, SD)

launch of the “Dirty Jobs” cleaning product line (buydirtyjobs.com). A portion of the sales from all products will go to the www.mikeroweWORKS Foundation. Visit www.mikeroweWORKS.com for more information. As is evident by his involvement with the “I Make America” (www.imakeamerica.com) and “Go Build” (www.gobuildalabama.com and www.gobuildgeorgia.com) campaigns, and the continuing work of the mikeroweWORKS Foundation, Rowe is not just talking about things, he is doing them.

Lake Area Tech scholarship recipients, Novotny and Suto, were selected based on their academic and skill performance in the Caterpillar ThinkBIG program. Both graduated May of 2012 and have been hired by Butler Machinery Company.



**Make-A-Wish Fundraiser**  
 Lake Area Tech’s Automotive Department raised an impressive \$1,192 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Dakota at its 7th Annual “Car Show for a Cause.”



**Pop Tab Pandemonium**  
 Congratulations to the Medical Laboratory Technician program for winning the contest by hauling in a whopping 168 pounds in pop tabs. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the students who participated in collecting 250 pounds of pop tabs campus-wide, a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House.



Student activities event at Tommy’s Lanes

## Driving Simulator Delivers Reality Check

We’ve all heard the excuses: “I only had a couple,” or “I just needed to check my phone quick.” Unfortunately, those are often the excuses law enforcement officials hear on the scene of a fatal accident caused by drinking and driving or a distracted driver. Any amount of alcohol can impair a driver and it only takes seconds for a distracted driver to cause an accident, but how would you be affected?

Lake Area Tech students found out first-hand how they would react under those circumstances when LATI leased two driving simulators from the Sioux Empire Safety Village of South Dakota. For two weeks, students were able to experience on breaks from classes what it was like to drive impaired while they were behind the wheel of the simulator. The message hit home with many students including Medical Lab student, Matthew Aas. “Having the driving simulators on campus provided a unique inside look at the dangers of texting or drinking and driving,” he said. “I felt it was very beneficial to the students at LATI. I

took time to try all the different things it offered from impaired driving to distracted driving and it really opened my eyes to the danger of both; especially distracted driving. I now think twice before taking out my phone while driving.”

According to the National Safety Council, young people ages 15-25 make up 14% of all drivers, yet they are responsible for 27% of all crashes. Of that 27%, 21% die from collisions with other vehicles, 34% die from collisions with a fixed object, and 28% die in non-collision events. Startling statistics, but it shows that distracted driving is dangerous and often deadly.



Mitchell Anderson (Rosholt, SD) and fellow Automotive Technology students try their hand at the Driving Simulator.

## CALENDAR

**New Student Orientation Day**  
 August 21st

**First Day of Classes**  
 August 22nd

**Labor Day Holiday**  
 LATI Closed September 3rd

**No Classes**  
 October 12th

**Senior Tech Day**  
 November 1st

**Veteran’s Day (Observed)**  
 LATI Closed November 12th

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
 LATI Closed November 22nd

## Graduates Set New Record

"Go forth, be successful, and be happy!" This advice was offered from Keynote Speaker Josh Wyner, Executive Director of the Aspen Institute, during the 45th annual LATI graduation ceremony on Friday, May 11.

Wyner congratulated LATI on its outstanding 76 percent graduation rate and said students generally have three expectations. The first is that each day they will learn something and know more than when they arrived. Second, they expect to graduate. And third, they expect their degree has value.

"Lake Area Tech does all of those things," he said. "The instructors make sure students learn. When you discover they are not getting what they need in the classroom or labor markets, you change what you do. And finally, employers want to hire you. Actually Lake Area had the highest employment job placement rate of the top 10 (Aspen Award) finalists. That's really a tribute to all of the work you have done."

A record 640 students graduated during the ceremony that also included remarks from Watertown School District Superintendent Dr. Lesli Jutting, Mark Wilson, State Director of the SD Department of Education and LATI President Deb Shephard.

## Students Receive Prestigious Awards



From Left: Monte Lindahl (son of Don), Faith Lindahl, Kristin Dockter (2012 Don Lindahl Outstanding Student) & LATI President Deb Shephard.



Michael Aas, Dustin Poor (2012 Aspen Award)

as the DonLindahl Outstanding Student recipient.

Don Lindahl was the first Director of LATI. He and his wife Faith established, the Don Lindahl Outstanding Student Scholarship in 1998 to recognize a student of high achievement.

The 2012 Don Lindahl Outstanding Student and Aspen Award recipient were honored at a special luncheon on graduation day.

Kristin Dockter (Milbank, SD) a student in the Occupational Therapy Program was chosen

Dustin Poor (Aberdeen, SD), a Precision Machining student, was chosen as the first-ever Aspen Award recipient.

The Aspen Award will be an annual award, which was endowed with a

portion of the \$100,000 in prize money received by LATI when designated as one of the Top 5 Community Colleges in America. The award is given to a graduating student who voluntarily made a significant commitment of personal time and talent to assist another student to succeed during the current academic year. Students nominate fellow students, based on those standards. Dustin was nominated by fellow Precision Machining student, Michael Aas (Watertown, SD). A review committee chooses each year's recipient.

Congratulations Kristin and Dustin on receiving these special awards!

## LATI Bids Farewell to Retirees

Lake Area Technical Institute said good-bye this spring to two wonderful instructors

**Paula Smith, 14 years of service Medical Assisting Instructor**

**Most significant change in the program...**"When the program started, students worked using learning activity packets. At that time instructors did not provide lectures, so students worked at their own pace. It was difficult to keep up with the students. Changes were made so that you lectured chapters in every course which gave you a better handle on what each of the students was doing and it helped us help the students better, thus increasing our retention."

**First official act of retirement...** A trip to Alaska and she hopes

to be able to attend every sporting event of her 8 grandchildren!

**Cindy Stupnik, 13 years of service, English Instructor**

**Message to the Alumni...**"We instructors teach our specific coursework here at LATI, but it is more than that. Personally, I've enjoyed getting to know students and watching them grow. My greatest reward comes when I see them out in their fields, doing what they were trained to do, and realizing I've had a small part in their professional development."



Paula Smith, Medical Assisting Instructor and Cindy Stupnik, English Instructor

**First official act of retirement...**

To finish the publication of her third book on 1800's Women's History. She will also teach a few classes for LATI and then asks, "So, does that mean I really retired?"

Thank you, Paula and Cindy, for your service to Lake Area Tech and your students!

## LATI RECENTLY GRADUATED ITS YOUNGEST GRAD, EVER

LATI recently graduated its youngest grad ever. Tyler Holinka, started in August of 2007, at the age of 9, as a Dual Status student, taking online and independent study courses. Over the course of the next five years he declared a major and attended classes on

campus...and eventually graduated from Lake Area Tech's, Computer Information Systems (CIS) program, BEFORE graduating High School. It's really an amazing feat when you think about it.

Don Armstrong, Department

Supervisor for the CIS program, said Tyler is a "good kid." and I hope that he continues to learn."

Congratulations Tyler Holinka! At 14 years old, you are the youngest student to ever graduate from Lake Area Technical Institute.

## LATI'S HISTORY WALL

Lake Area Tech's History Wall is located in the atrium of the Student Center. This eight-paneled wall, displays nearly 50 years of history encompassing enrollment and faculty numbers, changes in leadership, new programs, new buildings, the

first-ever major gift campaign, donations to the institute and much, much more. Stop in and see the history wall, it's sure to bring back memories for you.



LATI History Wall

## ALUMNI UPDATE Find out what LATI alumni have been doing.

**1971 Ken Hasner** (Engineering/Architectural Drafting) and wife, Barb ('69 Cosmetology), have four children and eight grandchildren. Both have been employed with the Campus Crusade for Christ organization for 33 years and are currently the Area Directors in northeastern Wisconsin for Campus Crusade's FamilyLife Ministry. They reside in Neenah, WI.

**1972 Ernest Lapre** (Dental Lab Technician) is interested in hearing from other Alumni from his class. Lapre can be contacted via email at ernestlapre@yahoo.com.

**1979 Pamela (Kroger) Dalton** (Dental Assisting) has been self-employed since the birth of her third child in 1993. Pam resides in San Ramon, CA.

**1983 Laurie (Loban) Mills** (Dental Assisting) and her husband have been married for 28 years and have three grown sons. The couple resides in Rapid City, SD. Laurie is employed as an RN-BSN at Same Day Surgery Center in Rapid City. She is working on completing her master's degree as a Nurse Practitioner through Clarkson College in Omaha, NE.

**1984 Miranda (Theye) Crooks** (Engineering/Architectural Drafting) and husband, Kelly, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 20, 2012. The couple resides in Rosemount, MN.

**2001 Michael Duenwald** (Automotive Technology) and Rachael Halverson ('08 Marketing/Management/Sales) were married

January 21, 2012 in rural Mina, SD. Michael is the owner of B&N Body Shop in Hoven, where Rachael is also employed. The couple resides in Hoven.

**2001 Tony Miller** (Welding) and wife Lacey (2006 Medical Lab Technician) had a baby boy, Daxtin Anthony, born on December 28, 2011. He joins his proud big sister, Dasani. Lacey is employed at Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center in Sisseton, SD and Tony is employed at Goodhart Brother's in Browns Valley, MN. The couple and their family reside in Browns Valley.

**2002 Raymond Horsley** (Automotive Technology) and wife Jessica (Geuther) (2002 Dental Assisting)

have four children, Kylene (7), Damen (4), Noah (2) and Kaydence (1). Raymond owns Ray's Garage, since 2008, in Ft. Pierre, SD and in the last year moved into a new larger building. The family resides in Pierre.

**2006 Brooks Jacobsen** (Electronics Systems Technolgy) and Katie (2006 Robotics) welcomed Lenora Kate on April 9th, 2012. She joins big sisters Lily (4) and Lucy (1). The family resides in Castlewood, SD.

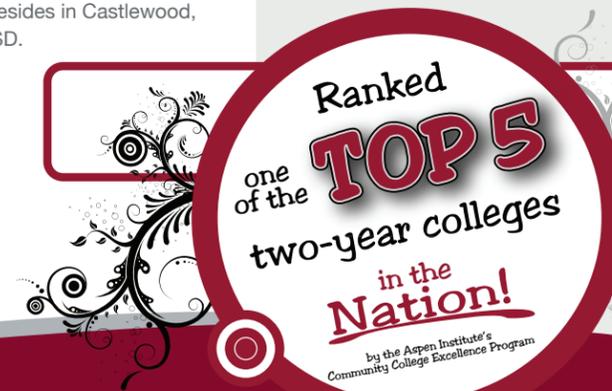
## In Memory Of:

**Terry Amdahl** (1985 Welding Technology) passed away January 24, 2012.

**Gary Frentz** (1969 Building Trades) passed away March 15, 2012 at the VA hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

**Jerry Batien** (1977 Automotive Mechanics) passed away May 23, 2012 at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD, after a ten month battle with pancreatic cancer.

**Kyle Schumacher** (2008 Robotics) passed away May 26, 2012 at his residence in Groton, SD.



## THE \$100,000 ASPEN PRIZE WILL FUND THESE INITIATIVES:

- The Aspen Scholarship** - \$500 prize to a graduating student who was instrumental in other students' success.
- Campus Communications Initiative** - Develop technology to communicate more effectively with students both on and off campus.

- Student Success Initiative** - implement an improved tutoring system so all students will succeed.
- Excellence in Instruction Initiative** - Assist faculty with developing and sharing instructional best practices and fund innovative projects.

## ASPEN INSTITUTE NAMES 120 TOP U.S. COMMUNITY COLLEGES ELIGIBLE FOR 2013 ASPEN PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program announced on April 25th, 2012 that

Lake Area Technical Institute was ranked as one of the nation's 120 best community colleges, and will once again be competing for the \$1 million Aspen Prize Fund. The top 120 was

selected from a national pool of over 1,000 two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes. The next prize winners will be announced in March 2013.



Tyler Holinka, age 14 and LATI President Deb Shephard