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# Alumni AND Friends

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## Families Endow Memorial Scholarships

**BROWN CLINIC 3 / PAUL A. FLAHERTY PH.D.  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Paul A. Flaherty, who passed away in 2006, was an early innovator in Internet search engine technology. After graduating with his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford in the mid-1990s, Flaherty went to work at Digital Equipment Corporation's Network Systems Lab in Palo Alto, CA. He came up with the idea of indexing web pages that made AltaVista, one of the most popular search engines of the 1990s. The AltaVista web site was made public in December, 1995 and within weeks was processing several million searches a day.

"Paul was a great brother and the "cool" uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Our family is happy to name this scholarship for him and grateful for the help of LATI's Foundation office in creating this memorial,"

commented the Flaherty family in a written statement.

The scholarship will be awarded initially to a second year student in the Computer Information Systems program, but may rotate to second year students in other LATI programs in the future.

**SCOTTY A. MOES MEMORIAL FUND**

The Scotty A. Moes Memorial Fund is being established at Lake Area. Scott "Scotty" Moes, 35, of Goodwin, passed away March, 2016. Scotty had a strong connection with the Lake Area Tech agriculture program faculty, staff and students as co-owner of MoDak Dairy, Chairman of the Midwest Dairy Association and a member of the South Dakota Dairy Producers.

All gifts to this fund are designated for the Agriculture Program-Dairy Option.

## Endowment

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Greg Moes, Scott's father said he is only now realizing how many lives Scott had been able to reach. "We are getting letters from all over, including as far away as Holland, from people who interned on our farm and have fond memories of Scott," Greg said. "I guess you never know what sort of impact you might have on others. In a small way, Scott will live on through this memorial fund."

### DAVID SMITH MEMORIAL AG SCHOLARSHIP

Article provided by Lisa Smith on behalf of the Smith Family.

We can plan and plan, but not one of us can predict the future. We mature and find our passion. For our family, agriculture is our passion, and my brother was nothing short of an amazing example of a young, up-and-coming agriculturalist. On one last snowmobile trip to Colorado before calving season was to begin, traveling only with family members, his passion for agriculture in this earthly world ceased. On Tuesday, February 2, 2016, our world was turned upside down as David was caught in an avalanche, but we have faith that he is guiding us as we continue living out our passion in the golden age of agriculture.

David attended LATI from August 2011 to May 2013 and earned an AAS degree in Agri-Business. For the first time in his thirteen years, he did not mind going to school. He bragged about his teachers knowing him on a first name basis and valued all of his experiences in the shop, in the classroom, and those spent with successful individuals in agriculture.

Lake Area will forever hold a special place in our lives, and we are grateful for the experience and success that nurtured David. Thank you to the Lake Area staff and students for all they do to continue to preserve agriculture. The David Smith Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded annually to an Agri-Business or Agri-Production second year student who has a passion to continue to build the agricultural economy.

**For more information about developing an endowment in memory or honor of someone, please contact the Foundation at 605-882-5284.**



## LATI Students Share Their Talents in Haiti

The excuse to miss a week of school was a pretty commendable one for Lake Area Tech students Amanda Schumacher of Fulda, MN, and Maria Lewis, of Britton, SD. The duo travelled to Haiti in January to help build a new roof on a local church near Miragoane. Even though using construction tools wasn't in their wheelhouse, the two quickly mastered the art of using a drill from their fellow Haitian construction workers.

While they were there, Amanda and Maria experienced the vast differences in culture and formed many new friendships along the way, for which they'll always remember and be grateful. They acknowledge the generosity of Reliabank Chairman David Johnson, who coordinated the mission trip via his church in Ft. Meyers, Florida, where he winters.

"The mission trip to Haiti was an experience I will never forget," Amanda said. "The mission team and the people I met in Haiti will forever hold a place in my heart. They were the ones that really made the trip one to remember. Someday I hope to go back. If you ever get the chance to go on a mission trip, I really recommend it."

Amanda will be transitioning to the Occupational Therapy Assistant program next fall and Maria is a Business Associate/Photography student.

## Save the Date

A TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT GATSBY  
NIGHT AT THE GOSS OPERA HOUSE

**08.27.16**

### A ROARING 20s THEMED FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Ladies start shopping for your flapper dresses and Gentlemen dust off those zoot suits! More information and event details to follow!

Event Proceeds will endow the  
Raymond Sturm Memorial Scholarship (Welding Program)  
and create the Hauck Scholarship  
(Law Enforcement & Fire/Med Rescue Programs)

# Lake Area Tech Students Place at State SkillsUSA Competition

Congratulations to the following Lake Area Tech students who placed in their respective categories in the South Dakota State Leadership and Skills Conference competition held on the campus this spring:



**FIRST PLACE:**

Chance Britain (Hot Springs, SD) Welding Fabrication; Justin Brunick (Watertown, SD) Urban Search and Rescue; Brett Gartner (Interior, SD) Welding Sculpture; Matthew Harty (Aberdeen, SD) Cabinet Making; Dylan Hill (Onida, SD) Welding; Wyatt Holmstrom (Castlewood, SD) Welding Fabrication; Ryan Homan (Beardsley, MN) Practical Nursing; Kaitlin Janssen (South Shore, SD) Internetworking; Daniel Kallemeyn (Lake Benton, MN) Welding Fabrication; Joshua Lamb (Onida, SD) Automotive Service Technology; Laura Mcvey (Watertown, SD) CNC Milling Specialist; Tyrel Minor (Brookings, SD) Crime Scene Investigation; Christian Olson (Huron, SD) Crime Scene Investigation; Steven Remington (Black Hawk, SD) Diesel Equipment Technology; Elex Rust (Lake Norden, SD) Carpentry; Jerred Schreur (Sioux Falls, SD) Crime Scene Investigation; Mason Sheehan (Watertown, SD) Urban Search and Rescue; Amberiah Smith (Woonsocket, SD) Esthetics; Zylar Thompson (Watertown, SD) Cosmetology; and Jesse Thorne (Huron, SD) Criminal Justice

**SECOND PLACE:**

Jarrold Boll (Ward, SD) Carpentry; Alexis Buysse (Tracy, MN) Crime Scene Investigation; Trevor Dietrich (Flandreau,

SD) Collision Repair Technology; John Heupel (Sioux Falls, SD) Cabinetmaking; Allie Hilgemann (Eureka, SD) Crime Scene Investigation; Christopher Kliegel (Watertown, SD) Internetworking; Heidi Lunders (Roscoe, SD) Welding Sculpture; Alex Maltaverne (Tea, SD) Diesel Equipment Technology; Whitney Schaack (Henry, SD), Cosmetology; Darian Whitlock (Watertown, SD) Crime Scene Investigation; and Shane Yost (Madison, SD) Criminal Justice

**THIRD PLACE:**

William Benson (Sisseton, SD) Internetworking; Makenna Boss (Faulkton, SD) Cosmetology; Brandon Jensen (Blue Earth, MN) Collision Repair Technology; Will Leitheiser (Emery, SD) Diesel Equipment Technology; Riley Potter (Faulkton, SD) Carpentry; Lee Stuessi (Beresford, SD) Automotive Refinishing Technology; and Tyler Varns (Watertown, SD) Criminal Justice

All first place recipients are eligible to advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference June 20-24 in Louisville, KY, where more than 6,000 students will compete. SkillsUSA is a national organization that serves trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations students in high schools and postsecondary technical institutes.



## Lake Area Tech Among Top 10 Tech-Savvy Community Colleges

We're very honored to earn a spot in the Top 10! The Center for Digital Education (CDE) announced this spring the winners of its Digital Community Colleges Survey in which Lake Area Technical Institute earned a Top 10 spot in the Small Colleges category (under 5,000). In its 11th year, the survey analyzes how community colleges use a range of technologies to improve services to students, faculty, staff and the community at large. Award winners demonstrated innovative uses of technology, including online courses and mobile environments, mobile apps, secure platforms and wireless networks.



### Welcome back, Rollie Lynde!

We were very honored to have a member of Lake Area Tech's very first graduating class at the 2016 graduation ceremony! Rollie Lynde of Rapid City was in attendance for his granddaughter Malorie's graduation from Lake Area Tech's Dental Assisting program. Rollie graduated from the nine-month Office Machine Repair course and has worked in that industry ever since. "It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed going to school there," he remarked. "When I started, there were 16 students and today there are over 2,000." Rollie enjoys reading the alumni newsletter and even visited campus at LATI's 40th anniversary celebration. "It's a great school and it was great for me and for a lot of other people." Rollie is pictured here with his granddaughter Malorie, who graduated this spring and is now working in the dental field in Sioux Falls. Rollie and his wife live in Rapid City.

## 13th Annual Boulder Memorial

Held June 18th at Prairie Winds Golf Course

Thank you to all who sponsored and played in the Boulder Memorial. All proceeds fund the Boulder Memorial Scholarship for students at Lake Area Tech.

**1st Place Gross**

Stuart Stein / Mark Stein

**2nd Place Gross**

Brad Jacobson / Ted Horning

**3rd Place Gross**

Mike Neuroth / Mary Neuroth

**4th Place Gross**

Mark Williams / Michael Anderson

**1st Place Net**

Brian Denham / Mike Lawrence

**2nd Place Net**

Amy Nawroth / Bruce Fish

**3rd Place Net**

Scott Hardie / Dan Crocker

**4th place Net**

Cullen Prasek / Ricky Aslesen



# LATI HAPPENINGS

1. Lake Area Tech's 20,000th graduate walked across the stage during the 2016 graduation ceremony. Congratulations to Joshua Lamb of Onida, an Automotive Technology student, who was recognized for the milestone by SD Secretary of Education Dr. Melody Schopp, Watertown School District Superintendent Dr. Lesli Jutting and by LATI President Mike Cartney who presented Joshua an honorary scholarship commemorating the occasion. Congrats on being part of LATI history! 2. Our Business Associate students hosted the first Google - Let's Put our Cities on the Map work sessions this semester. During the sessions, local business people were invited to attend and learn how to help people locate their company on Google Search and Maps. 3. Thank you Valley Queen Cheese

and Mark Leddy for providing some delicious cheeseburgers during Cheeseburger Days in Milbank. Looking forward to the Cheesemobile coming to Lake Area Tech on New Student Kick Off Day! Pictured left to right: Mark Leddy, Valley Queen Cheese, Shane Ortmeier, and from Lake Area Tech: LuAnn Strait, Brad Heesch, and Julie Stevenson. 4. Who can resist taking a selfie? Not President Mike Cartney with the Class of 2016! Looking good everyone! 5. Dean Matthys, a Medical Lab Tech student, received the Don Lindahl Outstanding Student scholarship. Dean is pictured here with Faith Lindahl & Max Lindahl. 6. This Aspen Scholarship was established using a portion of the prize money that Lake Area Technical Institute received from the Aspen Institute upon being designated as one of the

Top 5 community colleges in America. The award is based on nominations, and given to a graduating student who voluntarily made a significant commitment of personal time and talent to help a fellow student succeed during the current academic year. Pictured is Diesel instructor Kevin Medenwald, recipient Jacob Sechser and nominator Tisha Weber. 7. Dental Assisting Department Supervisor Rhonda Bradberry (left) is retiring after a phenomenal 40 years of service in the Dental Assisting program at LATI and Health & Safety Coordinator Deb Ernst is retiring after 32 years of exceptional service in our health programs.

# Lake Area Tech Car Club Raises Funds for Operation Black Hills Cabin

Students in Lake Area Tech's Car Club ended the year on a high note by hosting the 11th annual Car Show for a Cause. An estimated 1,000 people attended the Car Show that featured 94 entries. Proceeds raised at the event totaled \$3,655 for Operation Black Hills Cabin. Combined with the \$1,012 raised during the fall Car Care 40-Point Inspection event, the total raised for OBHC during the school year was \$4,667! The check presentation to Operation Black Hills Cabin representatives was held in May.

1. Automotive Tech, Custom Paint & Fab, and High Performance Engine Machining students presented a check for \$4776 to Carol Johnson representing Operation Black Hills Cabin. Category winners (pictured below) were: 2. People's Choice – Ryan VanDusseldorp, 1948 Chevy Pick Up; 3. High Performance Engine Machining Choice – Dave Marlow, 1957 Ford Custom 300; 4. Automotive Tech Choice – Bruce Moser, 1969 Chevy Camaro; 5. Custom Paint & Fab Choice – Wayne Zumny, 1979 Ford Bronco; and 6. Best of Show – Kelvin Korth, 1956 Lincoln Premiere 2-Door Convertible.



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## DeBerg Family Continues Tradition of Scholarship Development

At the Governor's Luncheon; John DeBerg, his wife Avis, and three of John's four daughters join the Governor for a photo while being recognized for the development of two new endowed scholarships through the Foundation . . . The Dorothy DeBerg Memorial Scholarship given in memory of John's first wife Dorothy and the DeBerg Family Scholarship in honor of John and Dorothy's daughters: Betty, Kathy, Sally and Amy

## 14th Annual Governor's Luncheon UNLOCKS DOORS for Students

Addressing the crowd of 325 guests at the Governor's Luncheon, Governor Dennis Daugaard highlighted the strengths of LATI in the area of work force development.

"There's no question that young people are South Dakota's most important asset," Daugaard said. "But the question is: How can we help them get to Lake Area Tech?"

Citing the LATI job placement report that demonstrated a 99.12% placement rate for 2015 grads, the Governor stated that the key to successful student graduation rates and job placement is helping students unlock doors through scholarship opportunities.

Lee Schull, Foundation Past-President agreed, "Very few colleges throughout the country can say they have had twelve consecutive years of enrollment growth. Our success is attributed to our exceptional faculty and staff, great partnerships with industry and strong statewide support for our students."

This spring, the Foundation received a record number of scholarship applications (double the 5-year average). Schull noted that as enrollment rises, the responsibility of the Foundation also must increase to meet this student financial need.

**Please join us in Unlocking Doors to expand student scholarships with the envelope enclosed.**



Photo: (left to right) Jane Jaspers, Farm Credit Services, Lake Area Tech Ag Instructors, Brian Olson, Jason Karels, Darrel Woolery.

## Ag Farm Receives FCS America Grant

Lake Area Tech received a \$1,000 Working Here Fund grant for its Ag Demonstration Farm. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund for Agriculture Education. The LATI demonstration farm offers 70 acres divided into four fields featuring specific crop demonstration purpose for the growing year. The hands-on demonstrations are all based on new agriculture practices that have been recently introduced into the market.

"To optimize planting, fertilizing and harvesting strategies at the farm, precision technologies are incorporated," said Brian Olson, Lake Area Technical Institute. "All agriculture students, regardless of which ag-related option they choose, participate in activities on the demonstration farm."

"At FCSAmerica, we appreciate the opportunity to support the future generation of agriculture producers" said Matt Lindgren, regional vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Watertown office.

# First-Ever Mega Health Simulation Held April 28

It was a snowy day in late April, but that didn't deter eight LATI programs and the USD Nursing program from putting their skills into motion during the highly anticipated Mega Health Care Simulation event.

The Mega Health Care Simulation was in the developing stages since the completion of the new Health Simulation Lab in 2014 and incorporated most of the Lake Area Tech health programs as well as the University of South Dakota nursing program. During the event, the students mimicked a medical situation and responded with the appropriate health care. The Law Enforcement and Med/Fire Rescue students kicked off the event as first responders to an automobile accident north of campus. Transport with the Lake Area Tech ambulance proceeded to the "Lake Area Tech Hospital Emergency Room". From there, the RN/LPN nursing, medical lab technicians, and medical assisting students provided the appropriate treatment to the patients along with follow-up from the other health programs. Extensive use of the Lake Area Tech Health Care Simulation Lab and sim patients was implemented. The pictures below show each stage of the simulation and the various programs that were involved: Law Enforcement, Med/Fire Rescue, LATI and USD Nursing, Med Lab Tech, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Assisting, and Medical Assisting. Special thanks to the LATI Photography students for documenting the event.





# Introducing

## LATI "New Alumni" Giving Club

The Lake Area Technical Institute Foundation in conjunction with the Alumni Association is announcing a new giving opportunity especially designed to partner with our newest grads!

The LATI "New Alumni" Giving Club distinguishes and recognizes annual leadership donations among our newest alumni. Gifts will be utilized for student scholarships, program enhancements and campus improvements.

"We understand that the giving ability may be different for alumni who are in the beginning stage of their careers or starting a family," noted LATI Foundation Board Member, Jay Boomsma of Complete Ag/Agri Partners Inc. Boomsma, a 1997 Ag Business graduate continued, "Many of my fellow alumni have noted that they want to give back. They are so appreciative of their educational experience at Lake Area Tech and the scholarship opportunities they were given. They simply want to make an impact to assist current and future LATI students."

Giving levels for the LATI "New Alumni" Giving Club are based upon the number of years since graduation from LATI. Those who donate to the Giving Club will be recognized annually on a plaque provided through the Alumni Association and in the Alumni and Friends newsletter!

Year(s) Since Graduation	LATI New Alumnus Annual Gift
1 Year	Gifts of \$100 or more
2 Years	Gifts of \$200 or more
3 Years	Gifts of \$300 or more
4 Years	Gifts of \$400 or more
5-9 Years	Gifts of \$500 or more
10 Years	Gifts of \$1,000 or more

Join the LATI "New Alumni" Giving Club, please contact the Foundation Office at 605-882-5284; Development Director Morgan Fitts (Ext. 308) or Foundation Director Julie Stevenson (Ext 268).

**Take advantage of the new interactive employment page on our LATI website!**

Post jobs or search current openings at [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu)

## Lake Area Tech Named South Dakota ACT Exemplar

We received great news this spring! Lake Area Technical Institute was selected the South Dakota ACT Career Preparedness Exemplar by the South Dakota ACT Council. Lake Area Tech received the award for its demonstrated commitment to community partnerships and its success in career preparation and placement for its graduates. The award process is part of ACT's fourth annual College and Career Readiness Campaign, its largest yet with 40 partner states.

ACT's criteria for award consideration includes:

- Student success indicators, including retention, graduation, and four-year college transfer rates (especially for underserved student populations)
- Strength of relationships with local employers and high schools
- Accessibility of career readiness assessments and career preparation programs
- Support structure in place for students, especially those from underserved populations

Lake Area Tech will now be considered for National Semifinalist status by an ACT Selection Committee, which will narrow the field to four National Semifinalists. A National Selection Committee, composed of national education and workforce leaders, will choose from the Semifinalists the four National Exemplars, one per category. These National Exemplars, along with all state exemplars and semifinalists, will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the National Gala on College and Career Readiness on June 22, 2016.

# Giving Form

I want to play a role in "Building A Better Lake Area Technical Institute" with a tax deductible gift to the Lake Area Technical Foundation!

**I/We would like to make a contribution as follows:**

- My/Our gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- My/Our pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_, will be provided as \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

How often would you like to receive an invoice?

- Annually  Semi-Annually  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- I have made a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ online at [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu)

- I wish my gift to remain "Anonymous"
- Please direct this gift to where it is most needed.
- Please direct this gift to \_\_\_\_\_

- I am an Alumni of LATI
- Join the "New Alumni" Giving Club

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Areas OF Study

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Agri-Aviation Option  
Agri-Business Option  
Agri-Production Option  
Commodity Merchandising Option\*  
Dairy Option\*  
Equine Management Option\*  
Large Animal Technician Option\*  
Precision Technology Option  
Ranch Management Option\*  
Swine Management Option\*

## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

### AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY\*

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Agri-Aviation Option

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### BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Entrepreneurship\*  
Human Resource Associate Option\*  
Marketing & Management Option  
Photography/Media Option\*

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Network Specialist Option  
Programming Specialist Option  
Security Specialist Option  
Visual Communications Specialist Option

### COSMETOLOGY\*

### CUSTOM PAINT & FABRICATION

Auto Body Technician Option  
Diploma Option

### DENTAL ASSISTING\*

### DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

CAT ThinkBIG\*  
CNH Forging the Future\*  
Tractor Option  
Truck Option

### ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

### ENERGY OPERATIONS\*

### ENERGY TECHNOLOGY\*

### ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY\*

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

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Child Development Option  
Developmental Disabilities Option  
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Youth Offender Option

### LAW ENFORCEMENT VIRTUAL ACADEMY

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Emergency Medical Specialist Option  
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### MEDICAL ASSISTING

### MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN

### NURSING

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT\*

### PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT\*

### PRECISION MACHINING\*

### ROBOTICS

### WELDING TECHNOLOGY

\* Indicates these programs are unique to Lake Area Tech in SD.

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### BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Entrepreneurship  
Marketing & Management Option

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

### DENTAL ASSISTING

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

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Emergency Medical Technician Certification

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### NURSING

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