



LAKE AREA  
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

# Alumni & Friends *Newsletter*

## GREAT and GROWING

Excitement is in the air as Lake Area Tech adjusts to a record spring enrollment, Aspen's TOP FIVE national ranking, new phases of construction, and much more!

In the world of technical education, it's hard to imagine a better place to be than LATI. After being recognized in a national competition as one of the top performing two-year colleges in the nation, Lake Area is taking advantage of the energy; moving forward with new ideas, new options, and the passion to keep improving!

If the increase in foot traffic and phone calls is any indication, Lake Area Tech has not seen the end of a steady growth in student enrollment. Admissions representative Shane Thorstenson says, "Most visitors have heard about the "Top Five" award and are interested in being a part of the big-time student success it represents."

(The LATI graduation rate is almost twice the national average, programs lead directly to real jobs, and graduates earn 22% more than other new hires in the regional labor market.)

One program affected by the student-boom is Agriculture, where students are piling into the existing seven options and quickly outgrowing the current facility. Two additional Ag options – Equine Management and Ranch Management will begin this fall. With a fresh crowd of horse enthusiasts and young ranchers soon to join the hundreds of enrolled Ag students, the groundbreaking for a new Agricultural complex (scheduled for

summer 2012) couldn't be timelier. "The new building will be big and diversified enough to create learning experiences we have not had before," says Ag Department Supervisor Jim Clendenin. The complex will house classrooms, training equipment and lab space for all of the Ag program's options.

This January saw a partial opening of the Phase III Student Center, which has been in construction since September 2010. The impressive new facility sits mid-campus and holds the beating heart of LATI student activity. The building provides a campus "front-door" and welcoming space, centralized Student Service offices,

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Lake Area Tech has been presented with the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service award! LATI has received this award every year that it has been offered and is the only two-year institution to be one of the eleven top finalists. Over 1,500 LATI students did over 19,000 hours of community service!

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## GREAT and GROWING

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a large new kitchen/student commons area called "Market 65", a revamped campus bookstore called "Stax" and even "The Mind Grind" coffee shop! The official grand opening party will be held on April 23rd from 2-6:00 p.m.

Eager to stay on the forward-moving track, Lake Area recently gained Aspen's feedback in a special conference call from competition officials. During the call, Aspen officials repeated their praise of LATI's student completion rates and the school's "genuine" partnerships with industry. They highlighted the fact that so many low-income students graduate from LATI – a significant achievement since experts believe income level is a better predictor of student success than race.

Aspen suggested LATI could work on special remediation programs for disadvantaged students and refresher courses for non-traditionally aged students. All in all, Aspen concluded what LATI is doing in technical education can be replicated at other schools and is "deeply relevant" to improving two-year colleges.

## SimMan Essential, Makes a Real Difference for Nursing

LATI Nursing students have a new tool to use in simulated patient-care scenarios – a top-of-the-line manikin that breathes, bleeds, and says "ouch!"

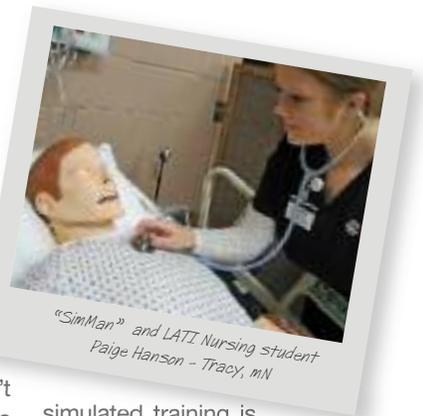
The body lying on the bed in the LATI Nursing lab looks almost real. Dressed in a hospital gown, his eyes flutter open and closed, his chest rises and falls as he breathes. "SimMan" – a new purchase for the nursing department – may not be a genuine person, but he is a valuable patient. Unlike individuals in actual clinical settings, this life-size manikin can be used by nursing educators to re-create specific patient care scenarios – over and over if necessary.

Purchased with a \$75,000 grant from the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program, the SimMan unit includes a variety of interchangeable "parts" and instructor / student monitoring software. From a remote computer, instructors can control SimMan's pulse and make him speak. In addition, this particular SIM model

is a "bleeder" version, with an internal system that releases red liquid through open wounds. After two days of training, nursing staff say they don't expect to master all SimMan's functions anytime soon. (Even the term "man" is optional. If the situation calls for it, SimMan can be converted into a female.)

Despite the fact that experts praise the effectiveness of simulated healthcare training, nursing instructor Patty Foley says LATI will continue to observe state-regulations on how much time students spend in the virtual world. "SIM does not replace face-to-face patient care," Foley says, "Our students will still spend most of their 692 hours in actual clinical situations."

One of the great benefits of



"SimMan" and LATI Nursing student  
Paige Hanson - Tracy, MN

simulated training is the hands-on environment. "Most of clinical time is observing and waiting," Foley explained. "In SIM, every student is constantly doing something." Foley explains that the goal of a simulation is "to teach students to take the right action, right away." LATI SimMan will soon have his own room equipped with video surveillance, so instructors can watch and record a student's performance and "debrief" them afterwards. Foley says the process will benefit future patients. "SIM allows students to experience a wide variety of medical conditions, better preparing them to care for real patients."

## Campus Crusade

When it comes to student-driven organizations, LATI is bustling with activity. Take the most recent addition – Campus Crusade for Christ. Ben Graf, a PTA student, knows "the importance of staying centered" and wanted to see the international organization started at Lake Area Tech. He approached school administrators and before long students were gathering every

Wednesday evening in the new Student Center for fun and fellowship. "It's getting bigger and bigger," says Graf. "We see a few different faces every week, which is great!"

So far the group has shared testimonies, enjoyed music by the local Strive Ministry, and had a movie night. Graf says that LATI's Campus Crusade is still in the

"meeting and growing" stage, but he hopes they can eventually reach out to the community through service projects.



Ben Graf, Physical Therapist  
Assistant student and CCC organizer,  
from Milbank, SD

## SPRING ENROLLMENT

With 1,421 students enrolled this spring, LATI has achieved a record 25.4% student increase for spring semester over the past three years. President Shephard comments, "Due to the record enrollment fall semester, we have several

areas that typically accept new students in the spring that just couldn't allow anymore at this time. Lake Area Tech's enrollment continues to be very strong, which is excellent news for the State's employers." Considering the ongoing

growth of the institute, school officials estimate total 2011-12 enrollment will hit 1,700 students by the beginning of summer session.

# A Difference that Lasts

For many at Lake Area Tech, scholarships are crucial. A surprising 82% of incoming students have financial need, and depend on assistance to make their training and education possible. In answer to this need, the LATI Foundation continues to facilitate student success by awarding over \$200,000 in scholarship funds each year.

One very special form of scholarship is the endowed scholarship, a permanent fund that keeps giving. "It's a way," says LATI Foundation Executive Director Tom Paulson, "to make a lasting impact in education."

## Where do endowments come from?

Endowed accounts can be created by businesses, families or individuals. The first two endowed accounts at LATI were established in 1995. Since then the Chad Peterson Memorial Scholarship has been awarded each year to an incoming Welding Technology student with preference to applicants from the Florence, SD area. Additionally, the Watertown Area Building Suppliers Scholarship has been awarded each year to a second-year Building Trades Technology student. Both funds have been providing a life-line of encouragement to students for over 15 years!

## How does it work?

Endowed accounts may be established by a one-time gift or by gifts given over several years. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned on the principal balance of the fund. For example, an endowed fund with a balance of \$20,000—using a 5% payout— will provide \$1,000 each year in scholarship awards.

Part of the process of creating an account is deciding the amount of the annual scholarship, who will be eligible, what criteria will be used for selecting recipients, and other specifics. Once established, a permanent



plaque is displayed on the Foundation Recognition Wall in the Student Center. It is also listed on the LATI website, in the President's annual report, through press releases, and at the annual Scholarship Recognition Event.

Vern and Audrey Luken and their family established the Luken Family Scholarship Fund in 2002 and say, "We realized not everyone has the opportunity to attend college and without scholarships some would never attend. We believe Lake Area Tech does a wonderful job of training students in hands-on programs for the regional workforce. We enjoyed having our wishes met by being able to assist single parents with our endowed scholarship. Over the years, our endowed fund has grown and now provides multiple scholarships. We have been so pleased with the caliber of students who receive our scholarship. We also enjoy getting a glimpse into the lives of the students through their thank you letters and meeting them at the recognition dinner... knowing we are making a great impact in their lives."

The LATI Foundation currently makes awards from 49 endowed accounts. To learn more about endowed scholarships and how you can make a lasting impact, contact Janelle Wishard, LATI Foundation Development Officer at 605-882-5284, ext. 308 or Janelle.Wishard@lakeareatech.edu.

# Lake Area Tech Foundation Endowed Funds

- Agriculture Department Scholarship Fund - 2011
- Alliance Scholarship Fund - 2000
- Alumni Association Scholarship Fund - 2000
- Boss Hoss Cycles, Inc. Scholarship Fund - 2008
- Brown Clinic Scholarship Fund - 1997
- Ortwin K. Buss Scholarship Fund - 2009
- Dale & Diane Christensen Scholarship Fund - 2005
- Citibank Scholarship Fund - 1996
- John Dagele Scholarship Fund - 2001
- Clint DeGeest Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1997
- Ray & Lois DeWall Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2008
- Colleen & Glenn Edland Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2009
- ESCO Manufacturing/Stein Sign Display Scholarship Fund - 2008
- Dee (Delores) Feuerstein Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2000
- Dee (Delores) Feuerstein Seminar Fund - 2000
- D.L. Fie Family Scholarship Fund - 2001
- Fryslie Family Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1996
- Robert A. Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2003
- Horton, Inc. Scholarship Fund - 2003
- Human Service Agency Foundation Scholarship Fund - 2005
- Suzanne Jacobson Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1999
- Herb Jenson Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1998
- Dale & Cecilia Knox Family Scholarship Fund - 2008
- Donald G. Lindahl Outstanding Student Scholarship Fund - 1997
- Donald Loterbauer Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2010
- Vern & Audrey Luken Family Scholarship Fund - 2002
- Nick Mortenson Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2002
- Jon Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2004
- Otter Tail Power Company Scholarship Fund - 2007
- Chad Peterson Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1995
- Physical Therapist Assistant Scholarship Fund - 2011
- Prairie Appreciation Scholarship Fund - 1998
- Dorothy Schooley Scholarship Fund - 1999
- Lester E. Schull Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2002
- Jim & Janice Sharp Family Scholarship Fund - 2003
- Elva Sigurdson Scholarship Fund - 2001
- Solberg Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Darlene Solberg - 2005
- Tanner Stokes Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2011
- James Tellinghuisen Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2005
- Dennis Tesch Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1998
- Mary Tesch Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2003
- Leonard & Ardell Timmerman Scholarship Fund - 1998
- Twin City Die Castings Co. Scholarship Fund in memory of Steven James Harmon - 1996
- James Von Eye Memorial Scholarship Fund - 1997
- Watertown Area Building Suppliers Scholarship Fund - 1995
- Watertown Area Dentists Scholarship Fund - 2003
- Carrie Weier Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2009
- Gary Williams Distinguished Honor Scholarship Fund - 2006
- Paul Young Scholarship Fund - 2011

## STUDENT SURVEY DECEMBER 2011

Building the Lake Area Tech "Tradition"

42% of current students have had another family member attend Lake Area Tech!

Making It "Work"

75% are employed while attending Lake Area Tech!

Of those: 42% work 20 hours or less per week

51% work 20-40 hours per week

7% work 40+ hours per week

"Impacting" the Area

Student spending (in 9 months) while attending LATI = \$21.49 million!

(Housing, Food, Clothing, Utilities, Cable, Phone, Gas, & Entertainment)

# Bringing Donors & Students Together

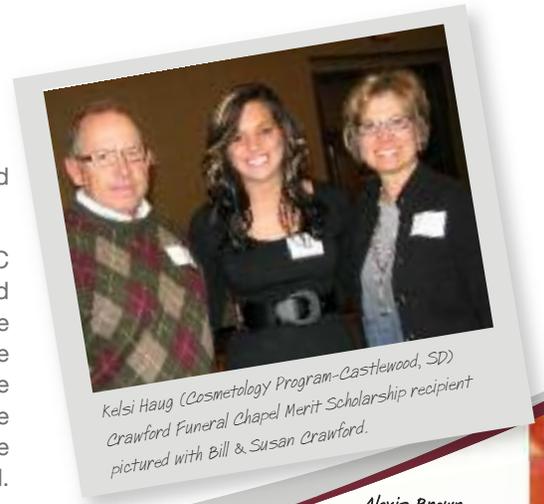
## 10th Annual Scholarship Recognition Event

The Lake Area Technical Institute Foundation was established in 1990. One year later it awarded 3 scholarships for a total of \$950. To date the total amount awarded has grown to \$1.6M. To keep pace with increased enrollments, this year 234 students were awarded 288 scholarships totaling \$207,000 representing a 29.1% increase over the previous year.

For ten years, the Foundation has brought donors and scholarship recipients together at an annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon.

This year 320 students and donors attended the event.

Don Roby, Partner of R&R Investments, LLC and Foundation Board of Director provided insight during his keynote. "I would stress to the students, always ask for advice and guidance from people you respect and who have experience that could benefit you. To the donors, I say thank you for assuming the responsibility, for going above and beyond. Thank you for paying it forward."



*Kelsi Haug (Cosmetology Program-Castlewood, SD) Crawford Funeral Chapel Merit Scholarship recipient pictured with Bill & Susan Crawford.*

*Alexis Brown - Aberdeen, SD*



*Danine Anderson - Watertown, SD*



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*McKenzie Kamrath - Canby, MN*

## And Now, The "Rest of the Story"

The spring 2009 issue of the LATI Alumni and Friends newsletter featured a story about Moses Deng Johnhial II, a 2008 graduate of LATI's Aviation Maintenance program. Since that time, Moses has been busy, but a little background is needed first...

Moses (born in 1978) was one of forty thousand "Lost Boys of Sudan", who walked barefoot for 1,000 miles across a desert into Ethiopia following attacks on their villages in 1987. "Many of my brothers were left in the desert," says Moses as he recalls the deaths of thousands from disease, wild animals, and a lack of food and water.

After reaching Ethiopia, the "Lost Boys" lived in a refugee camp for four years. When Ethiopia's Civil War began, they again fled. This time, the dangerous waters of the crocodile-infested Gilo River and unfriendly fire killed thousands more.

Fortunately, Moses survived. After a year of wandering, he settled in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, where he lived from 1993-2001. At age 14, he started school for the first time under the shade of a large tree, writing his lessons in the sand.

Through a refugee resettlement program, Moses was one of 3,800 "Lost Boys" who were offered permanent residency in the USA and, on September 10, 2001 he left Nairobi to begin his journey to America. He had never seen electricity, an indoor restroom or running water from a tap.

Realizing the impact of the education he received under that African tree, Moses applied himself. He attained an adult high school diploma and received his second associate degree when he graduated with an Aviation Maintenance Technology degree from Lake Area Tech.



*Moses and members of the Panyang community express their thanks.*

During his second year at LATI, Moses and other supporters began raising money for South Sudan as a project to provide textbooks and pencils for school children. Soon that dream grew to building a water well, a corn grinding station and school for his native community, Panyang. Many LATI students, faculty and staff contributed to the project along with community churches, businesses and individuals. In the end, Watertown had provided enough money to dig a well.

In 2009, Moses traveled to his homeland and was reunited, after 20 years, with his father and other family members. Following days of celebration, he spent the next four months of the dry season overseeing construction of the water well, the grinding station and the beginning stages of the school.

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## Picture This...

Snap shots through the lens of  
LATI Business Associate Photography/  
Media Option Students

Alexis Brown - Aberdeen, SD



Kelly Bohn-Ortmeier - Faulkton, SD



Holly Nelson - Watertown, SD



CAB raised \$4,700 for the 2012 Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics. Over 40 students participated and more than half "jumped for the cause"! From the left are Cosmetology students: Chasity Owen-Amos (Watertown, SD), Courtney Peery (Blunt, SD), and Brittany Beutow (Watertown, SD).



200 high school seniors and their parents attended Sr. Tech Days on January 26, 2012.



2nd Annual Alumni Association Cake Decorating Contest was held on Valentine's Day 2012. The winning cake was created by Human Services Technician students, Stephanie Mack (Hayti, SD) and Kaitlin Hommel (Webster, SD). Cash prizes were awarded to the top four teams.



Ashley McCormick - Gary, SD

## Students Create a TOP FIVE Experience

From orientation to graduation, CAB improves the "entire student experience" at Lake Area Tech.

Elected each year by fellow students, the members of LATI's Campus Activities Board (CAB) plan and sponsor dances, trips and free food events for the whole student body. Tom Mulholland, CAB Advisor, says this year's CAB events are seeing "incredible" participation – and new student-driven groups with new ideas are springing up everywhere!

The burst of student enthusiasm is credited to what Mulholland calls the "special energy and passion" of this year's CAB members. "The dedication of CAB is what makes LATI special," says Mulholland.

"The students of CAB are just as invested in the student body as the faculty and staff of LATI...they want to see every student flourish."

To help reach a diverse group of students, CAB plans a wide selection of activities. Some, like this year's Christmas and Valentine themed dances, have attracted large crowds from all programs. Profits from CAB events are donated to local charities or are invested in campus improvements for the students to enjoy. CAB recently designated funds to purchase four flat-screen T.V.s, a gas fireplace, and seating

in the fireplace area for the new Student Center. Mulholland says CAB made the purchases in order to keep the new space focused on comfort and fun.

Dustin Kearney, Diesel Technology student (Piedmont, SD), a CAB member says, "Most students want to be involved in school activities, but some of us need a push...CAB gives students that push. CAB members believe in LATI and are not afraid to rally their program (peers) and keep the students of LATI active and very involved on campus."

## CALENDAR

**Easter Break**  
April 6th and 9th

**Good Friday**  
LATI Closed April 6

**Jr. Tech Day**  
April 12th

**State Skills USA Competition**  
April 13th

**LATI Graduation**  
Watertown Civic Arena 4pm • May 11th  
Keynote by: Josh Wyner,  
Executive Director, The Aspen Institute

**New Student Orientation/  
Summer Session Begins**  
May 15th

**Memorial Day**  
LATI Closed May 28th

## Grads Get Jobs

LATI was recently recognized by the Aspen Institute as having the highest placement rate in the nation among two-year colleges. According to the latest job placement information, **the overall placement of LATI graduates has stayed at 98% for the class of 2011, the same percentage as last years' report. Of the 2011 graduating class, 91% chose to stay and work in South Dakota.** Lake Area Tech Vice President, Mike Cartney states, "These numbers demonstrate a lot of hard work by a lot of people. They are a testament to the quality of our students, instructors and programs. But most of all, it reinforces the importance of industry partnerships and responses to workforce demands."

Programs that saw 100% placement of their graduates were Occupational Therapy Assistant, Medical Lab Technician, Agriculture, Automotive Technology, Environmental Technology, and Precision Machining. In addition to excellent placement numbers across the board, five programs reported average salaries of over \$18 per hour. This data reflects the graduates' status approximately six months after graduation.

## Why Think About An E-Degree?

To the student who needs more flexibility, Lake Area Tech now offers seven unique E-Degrees. Based on a "blended" model of learning, these alternative degrees combine the best of both worlds – virtual and on-campus. A busy working mom for example, could take a variety of classes through the LATI eLearning system. She would also travel to campus for condensed versions of hands-on lab or clinical experience.

Trudi Niedert, a Business Accounting student, says E-Degree has made it possible for her to realize a long-time goal of going back to school. "I have a family and a job and I live out of town," she said. "These factors make it impossible for me to travel to campus for a set schedule of

classes." With the E-Degree option, Niedert says she can "attend" classes when it's convenient. "The instructors have been super-supportive of the fact that I am juggling school and a lot of other things," Niedert says. "I can do assignments at a time and pace that works for me. That being said, there are deadlines, and knowing that helps keep me on track!"

LATI currently offers E-Degrees in: Business Associate, Computer Information Systems, Dental Assisting, Financial Services, Medical Laboratory Technician, Practical Nursing, and Robotics.

By special request of the SD Governor's Office of Economic Development, LATI is also adding

online options in Welding and Precision Machining. These are great advancement options for individuals already employed in manufacturing!



For more information on E-Degrees contact Lake Area Tech Admissions Representatives at [www.lakeareatech.edu/future/admissions/contact.asp](http://www.lakeareatech.edu/future/admissions/contact.asp)

## And Now, The "Rest of the Story"

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"The villagers didn't know what I was writing in the fresh concrete," Moses explained, describing his dedication of the well. "They wanted to keep smoothing it out again, but this was a water well built from the generosity of the people of Watertown. It's Watertown's water well, isn't that something?"

Moses traveled back to Sudan in 2010, eager to continue his work, but the rigorous schedule came at a personal price. After four months of work, Moses was stricken with a life-threatening infection, which would make him endure even more than he had as a refugee. After multiple critical surgeries and months of recovery, he was ready to resume college in the fall.

In May 2011, another of Moses' dreams came true when he and a team returned for the celebratory opening of United Panyang Primary School. Additionally, through Moses' efforts, a second well has been dug, three churches have been built, four corn grinding stations and two electric generation systems have been installed in the Panyang area. Moses' future plans include establishing the community's first medical clinic and women's center in January, 2013.

He has since earned a private pilot's license which enables him to fly into Panyang as there are not roads. Today, he attends South Dakota State

University, where he majors in Aviation Maintenance Management and is pursuing a commercial pilot's license.

His journey continues...  
Moses can be reached at [mosestraffic@yahoo.com](mailto:mosestraffic@yahoo.com).



The Watertown water well in Panyang, South Sudan, Africa.

## SNEAK PEAK – A SOLAR POWERED CAR?

The eleven LATI technical programs are exploring what it will take to design and build a solar powered car. The programs hope to participate in the "American Solar Challenge" – a futuristic competition featuring the best solar technology the nation has to offer. The Lake Area Tech programs involved are:

Aviation Maintenance Technology, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Drafting Technology, Electronic Systems Technology, Energy Operations, Energy Technology, Precision Machining, Robotics, and Welding. Instructors and students from these areas are collaborating on designing and building a

race-worthy solar car that can compete on a national level with other colleges and universities during the 1200-1500 cross-country time/distance rally event. Stay tuned-details to follow.

## Lost Alumni

Help LATI reconnect with over 2,400 lost alumni by going to [lakeareatech.edu/alumni/lostalumni.asp](http://lakeareatech.edu/alumni/lostalumni.asp)

# We want to hear from U

Did you meet your spouse at LATI?  
Does your family have a long line of LATI graduates?  
Did you get your start here? Tell us your story...  
or share a funny memory... We want to hear from u

Email feedback and photos, to [Janelle.Wishard@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:Janelle.Wishard@lakeareatech.edu).

### Tim Gapp - 1984 Computer Operations Tech

"As an alumnus, if you haven't been on campus for several years, I recommend you take the time to tour the campus. I was amazed by what I saw on my tour and am truly proud to be an alumnus of Lake Area. What a great asset for Watertown and the region."

The Alumni Office would enjoy giving you a tour of the ever-changing campus! To schedule YOUR tour of Lake Area Tech please contact Janelle Wishard at 605-882-5284, ext. 308 or email at [Janelle.Wishard@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:Janelle.Wishard@lakeareatech.edu)!



Tim Gapp, President/CFO - Peoples State Bank, Summit, SD (1984 Computer Operations Tech)

## ALUMNI UPDATE

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

**1974 Effie McDonald** (Child Development Tech) is self-employed in Maryland. She would be interested in making contact with former classmates or friends she met during the year of 1973-74 and may be reached at [effie.mcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:effie.mcdonald@gmail.com).

**1979 William (Bill) Howell** (Aviation Program) recently joined the Federal Aviation Administration in Rapid City, SD. His new title is an Aviation Safety Inspector, maintenance specialty.

**1983 Laurie (Loban) Mills** (Dental Assisting) and husband Ron celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on July 30th, 2011. They have three grown sons; Christopher (27), Tyler (24) and Trevor (22). Laurie works at the Same Day Surgery Center in Rapid City and is currently working to complete her Master's Degree as a Nurse Practitioner. The couple reside in Rapid City, SD.

**1988 Mike Kallas** (Automotive Technology) and wife, Jodi, reside 12 miles northeast of Leola, SD and have been farming for the past 21 years. Mike and Jodi have two children. Kayla is a senior at NDSCS in Wahpeton, studying dental hygiene and Steven is currently enrolled in the (Diesel Technology Program) at LATI. Like father like son!

**1988 Tobey Vander Laan** (Automotive Mechanics) and wife, Sandra, have two daughters, Shellby and Jenna, and reside in Mound City, SD. Tobey owns Wild Dutchman Seeds.

**1990 Catherine Hintz** (Home Health Technician) and Chad Hintz ('90 Automotive Mechanics) have been married for 21 years and have three children; Chance (20), Cody (18) and Cayla (14). Catherine works at the Wakpala School and Chad is the Lead Maintenance Worker with the

SD Dept. of Transportation. The couple reside in Mobridge, SD.

**2005 Jacquelyn Lindner** (Cosmetology) currently accepted a new position as Manager of Hair By Stewarts in Sioux Falls following six years employment at Regis Salon in the Empire Mall.

**2006 Dustin Schmeling** (Agri-Business) and Becky Davis were married July 9, 2011 in South Shore, SD. Dustin is employed at Syngenta Seeds and Becky is employed at First Bank & Trust in Brookings, SD where the couple reside.

**2006 Brooke Bohls** (Financial Services) and husband Todd proudly announce the birth of their son, Kyler Rodney Lee, born October 6, 2011. Kyler joins big sister Kaydence!

### In Memory Of:

**Mary Fiksdal** (1972 Medical Assisting) passed away December 4th, 2011 at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol, SD.

**Peter Schmidt** (1987 Banking/Finance) of Dell Rapids, SD passed away unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack on July 21, 2011.

**Geraldine 'Gerri' (Engels) Anderson** (1976 Respiratory Therapist) passed away peacefully while surrounded by family and friends January 26, 2012 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

## STUDENT FOR A DAY 2012

The 9th Annual Student For A Day was held on Tuesday, February 28th, 2012. Twenty local and regional community members attended LATI as a "student", participating in classes in an assigned Lake Area Tech program. They also went on a walking-tour of the campus and heard a presentation by President Deb Shepherd of where Lake Area Tech has been and where it is going.



Pictured from left to right: Isaac Hoelsing (flight instructor) Student For A Day participant Dave Moffatt (Moffatt Products, Watertown, SD), Dan Berryhill (Aviation Student Ambassador, Spearfish, SD) and Chris Nicolaisen (Aviation Student Ambassador, Menno, SD). Dave got a flying lesson as a part of his experience.

## AREAS OF STUDY

### AGRICULTURE

Agri-Business Option  
Agri-Production Option  
Commodity Merchandising Option  
Dairy Option  
Environmental Option  
Equine Management Option **NEW Fall 2012**  
Large Animal Technician Option  
Precision Technology Option  
Ranch Management Option **NEW Fall 2012**

### 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

### DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY

Civil Drafting Technician Option  
Civil/Mechanical Drafting Technician Option

### 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**

### HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIAN

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

### MED/FIRE RESCUE

### MEDICAL ASSISTING

### MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN\*\*

### NURSING\*\*

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT\*

### PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT\*

### PRECISION MACHINING

### ROBOTICS\*\*

### WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Programs denoted with an \* are unique to South Dakota. Programs denoted with an \*\* also offer an optional online hybrid format, see [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu) for detailed program by program E-Degree information.



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