

# AREAS OF STUDY

## AGRICULTURE

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

## AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

## AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY\*

## BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY

## BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

*Fashion/Retail Merchandising Option*  
*Hospitality & Tourism Option*  
*Human Resource Associate Option*  
*Marketing & Management Option*  
*Photography/Media Option*

## COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

*CISCO Specialist Option*  
*Network Specialist Option*  
*Programming Specialist Option*  
*Security Specialist Option*  
*Visual Communications Specialist Option*

## COSMETOLOGY\*

## CUSTOM PAINT AND FABRICATION

*Custom Paint & Fab Option*  
*General Fabricator Diploma Option*

## 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*

## LAW ENFORCEMENT (NEW FALL 2014)

## 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

*Civil Drafting Technician Option*  
*Civil/Mechanical Drafting Technician Option*  
*Survey Option*  
*Mechanical Option*

## WELDING TECHNOLOGY

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## E-Degrees

Agri-Business Option  
Computer Information Systems  
Financial Services  
Mechanical Drafting  
Nursing  
Ranch Management Option

Commodity Merchandising Option  
Dental Assisting  
Marketing & Management Option  
Medical Lab Technician  
Precision Machining  
Robotics

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



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## Alumni & Friends *Newsletter*

### LATI Named Top 4 Two-Year College!

In its second national awards presentation recognizing outstanding achievement in community colleges, the Aspen Institute named Lake Area Technical Institute one of the 2013 Top 4 two-year colleges in the nation! LATI earned a finalist-with-distinction honor for the second year in a row during the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C. on March 19. For its achievement, the Aspen Institute awarded LATI \$100,000 for program support.

Lake Area Tech learned last September it was a Top 10 finalist for the prestigious award based on outstanding achievement in four areas: student learning outcomes, degree completion, labor market success in securing

good jobs after graduation, and facilitating minority and low-income student success.

LATI President Deb Shephard and Vice-President Michael Cartney represented the school at the presentation. President Shephard said the award is a great honor that comes with responsibility.

“The award is a nice accolade and it keeps the pressure on us,” she said. “When we get this kind of recognition, we want to keep the momentum going and we don’t want to let anyone down. Students are going to expect more from us when they come to Lake Area Tech because of this award so we’ve got to deliver.”

The Aspen Institute recognized that three of every four full-time

students who begin at Lake Area Tech graduate or transfer within three years – a rate among the highest of any community college in the nation. LATI was recognized during the selection process for high achievements including:

- 76% of first-time, full-time students graduate or transfer to four-year colleges within three years, compared with the national average of 40%.
- Recent graduates earn 40% more on average than other new hires in the area.
- 41% of first-time, full-time students receive Pell grants, the main federal financial aid program for students.

“From the moment students enroll, Lake Area Technical Institute is structured so that students have a great chance of both completing

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### LATI Wins Educational Advertising Awards!

#### SILVER!

It's Your World Student Profile Cards

#### BRONZE!

Everything About Us...Is About You Magazine Ad

#### BRONZE!

Start Your Journey. Welcome to Your World TV Ad

WE WERE THE ONLY SOUTH DAKOTA COLLEGE RECOGNIZED!

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## LATI Named Top 4 Two-Year College!

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their degrees and gaining the hands-on skills needed to land a good job,” said Josh Wyner, Executive Director of the Aspen Institute’s College Excellence Program. “With clear, rigorous programs aligned to available jobs, LATI shows the way to not just high graduation rates, but degrees with high value for both students and employers alike.”

President Shephard acknowledged the award is the result of a collective effort among many groups of people. “This award is not just for Lake Area Tech staff and students,” she said. “It’s for so many stakeholders, starting with the Watertown School District administration, all of our business partners, state government, and the community. We’ve been building on this for decades.”

LATI shares the finalist-with-distinction honor with Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, NY. Co-winners of the 2013 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence are Walla Walla Community College in Walla Walla, WA and Santa Barbara City College in Santa Barbara, CA.

## LATI’s Law Enforcement Program Begins Fall 2014

It’s official! The South Dakota Department of Education approved Lake Area Tech’s application to begin a Law Enforcement Program beginning Fall 2014 where students will earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Law Enforcement.

Lake Area Tech’s decision to apply for the program stemmed from a projected shortage of law enforcement officers in South Dakota. In addition to that projection, there isn’t a technical school in our area that offers this program.

“Southeast Tech has indicated they don’t get many law enforcement students from our region,” LATI President Deb Shephard said. “This program will fill a void in northeast South Dakota, and prevent South Dakotans from traveling to another state for the same education.”

The new 18-month program will offer a solid educational foundation in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law/

Procedures, Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Evidence Collection, Juvenile Justice, First Responder Procedures, Communication, Technical/Report Writing, and Firearms. Students will also learn how the legal and criminal justice systems work in tandem with local, state, and federal government agencies through classroom instruction, lab experiences, industry field trips, and capstone projects.

Practical applications such as weapons training labs, field practice techniques, emergency scenarios, and evidence storage will complement the program coursework.

Law Enforcement program staff members will work closely with an advisory board composed of industry representatives from potential



employers in the field. The advisory board will discuss and recommend equipment purchases, curriculum options, and aid in forming partnerships to assist Lake Area Tech with innovative curriculum and cost-sharing measures.

More information about the new program, including the course outline, can be found on our website. Applications for this program will be accepted beginning September 1, 2013.

## A Unique Internship & A Unique Experience

Many programs at Lake Area Tech require students to complete internship credits in order to graduate. Students may work in an office, healthcare facility or even at a fire department...but one program internship took two LATI Business Associate students to Uganda, Africa. Jennifer Dille and Jennah Dunlap had the opportunity to do their internship in another country, working with LATI adjunct instructor Mary Redlin and her *Two Sides of the Same Coin* program. The students learned of this program through the Personal Management class that Mary teaches at LATI.

*Two Sides of the Same Coin* is an empowerment project that works with women in Uganda to create a successful business that will provide them with the tools to generate an income to support themselves and their families. Jennifer and Jennah were able to assist the women in creating their business plans and attended their graduation.

“Helping Mary’s students with business plans and seeing what they need and what we take for granted was really an eye opener. This was an



awesome and wonderful learning experience!” Jennifer Dille said.

For more information on this program check out the Facebook page, *Two Sides of The Same Coin* or their website at: [www.twosidesofthesamecoin.bbnow.org](http://www.twosidesofthesamecoin.bbnow.org)

INTERESTINGLY  
ENOUGH...

OVER THE PAST  
48 YEARS:

17,720 Students Graduated  
from LATI

OVER THE NEXT  
10 YEARS:

21,249 Students will  
Attend LATI\*

OVER THE NEXT  
15 YEARS:

34,972 Students will  
Attend LATI\*

\*Assumes a modest 3% annual increase in Enrollment (“modest” because enrollment has increased 38% since 2008)

# Heros' Scholarship Fund Started at LATI



## Honoring those who served and their dependents.

For the past four consecutive years, Lake Area Tech has been named a Military Friendly School as one of the top 15% schools nationwide that deliver the best experience for military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

In honor of the men and women who have served our country and their dependents, Lake

Area Tech has created the Heros' Scholarship fund to help service members and/or their dependents with tuition assistance.

The fund has been established with \$2,700 in proceeds from an auction item at this year's Festival of Trees scholarship fundraising event. It is our hope the fund will receive contributions over the coming years from like-minded alumni and friends who wish to assist our Heros. As the fund balance grows it will become endowed, enabling more and more scholarships to be awarded from the interest on the principal of the account.

You can make a contribution to the Heros' Scholarship fund online at [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu) by clicking on the Foundation tab and the "Give Now" button or make a check payable to LATI Foundation Heros' Scholarship fund, PO Box 730 Watertown, SD 57201. The LATI Foundation is a 501-c-3 organization.

# Unique Gift from Harvest Creates Lifetime Impact

## Family donates 1,850 bushels of soybeans to LATI.

In December 2012, Merlin and Barbara Hagen of Wallace, SD donated 1,850 bushels of soybeans from their harvest to Lake Area Tech in memory of their son, Kevin D. Anderson, who passed away in November of 2011 after a battle with cancer.

The value of the soybeans, just under \$25,000, fully endowed the **Kevin D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship** fund, providing a \$1,000 annual scholarship award from the interest earned on the account. The principal of the account will remain intact and the interest will provide the award in perpetuity.

Kevin and Merlin farmed together. Gradually, Kevin farmed more land, bought several pieces of machinery and raised cattle. In honor of Kevin's loves, the Hagens directed the scholarship to be awarded to students enrolled in the Agriculture, Diesel or Welding programs and who have demonstrated financial need with preference given to those from the Wallace, Florence or Webster, SD areas.

The Hagens said, "This is a real good way to put what Kevin loved to do, to good work...helping young people with their education, something that will remain with them for a lifetime."

For information on establishing an endowed account, contact the Lake Area Tech Foundation office at 605-882-5284.

# The GAP, Inc. Partnership



When you hear the name GAP what do you think of? Clothing, right? Gap, Inc. is so much more than just clothing!

The Gap, Inc. for Community Colleges Program came to campus on February 6th and 7th, 2013. They did an outstanding job of providing information that is pertinent to developing a skilled workforce for American's future...something Lake Area Tech also believes in!

The Gap, Inc. team presented information to 28 regional high school students during the first day of Gap Camp.

The second day focused on the entire Lake Area Tech Business Associate program student body. One hundred and thirty students attended a full-day session on job search to job offer, effective communication and time management. They also discussed the importance of leadership.

Baily Schmidt, a Business Associate student said, "The seminar presented by Gap, Inc. was incredibly enlightening. Not only did it provide insight to the company's roots, but the lessons learned through success, failure and change were great pieces of advice to keep close to heart."

The Gap, Inc. experience doesn't just stop at the end of the full-day session. There is also an opportunity for students to gain valuable insight by participating in Job Shadow assignments in the stores.

Lake Area Tech students were totally engaged and were appreciative of the opportunity to be exposed to such a great program. Another perk: with the grant money given to LATI by Gap, Inc. for Community Colleges Program, we awarded two-\$500 scholarships and an iPad Mini to the High School students and four-\$500 to LATI students! Thank you Gap, Inc.!

# Schuneman Equipment Company Donates Engine to Lake Area Tech's Diesel Program

A big thank you to Schuneman Equipment Company for the donation of a 13.5L John Deere, diesel engine to our Diesel Technology program for training on Tier IV emissions, fuel systems, preventative maintenance, and engine overhaul. Pictured for the presentation were (from left): Tom Paulson, LATI Foundation Executive Director; John Hopper, Store Sales Manager; Melanie Wiegert, SPHR HR Manager; Tom Schuneman, General Manager; Schuneman Equipment Company, Dan Zimprich, LATI Diesel Instructor; Carl Tesch, LATI Diesel Department Supervisor; Bill Schuneman, owner; Jared Knudson, After Market Manager; and Jill Schuneman, owner.



# Bringing Donors and Students Together

## 11th Annual Scholarship Recognition Event

The Lake Area Technical Institute Foundation was established in 1990. One year later it awarded three scholarships for a total of \$963. To date, the total amount awarded by the Foundation has grown to \$1.6M. To keep pace with increased enrollments, this year 251 students were awarded 319 scholarships totaling \$242,000 representing a 16.5% increase over the previous year.

In February 300+ students and donors attended the annual scholarship recognition event. Dave Moffatt, President and CEO of Moffatt Products, Inc. provided insight during the keynote address. Moffatt spoke about his business and products, his company's connection to LATI as an employer of graduates and part-time students, the benefits he sees in technical education and how technology has driven their product mix.

Moffatt related that information to what he believes employers are looking for in technical students. "Besides the basic requirements of job skills, emotional maturity, and demonstrated achievement, I believe that everyone is a "ten" out of ten in the right job" he said. "I encourage you to seek that job where your particular set of abilities and attributes make a great match, and avoid situations where that's not the case." Moffatt continued, "Everyone has the potential to be excellent, in the right situation where they can use their God-given abilities and education-based skills".



Angus-Palm employees attended the luncheon on behalf of the Chad Peterson Memorial Scholarship. From left: Ken Heyn, Welding Lead; Matt Sawyer, Onboarding Coordinator; Andrew Hoffman (Leola, SD), scholarship recipient and Jame Payer, HR Generalist.

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## LATI's Aviation Students Builds UAV

The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in the military, law enforcement, and for scientific purposes is rapidly proving their practicality and public acceptance. The capabilities of UAVs in various missions piqued the interest of Lake Area Tech's Aviation Maintenance Technology program. In particular, the potential need for climate change research from low-level altitudes prompted staff and students to pursue the design, construction, and operation of its own UAV.

LATI was not alone in its efforts. The UAV's research, design, and construction featured cooperative sharing among LATI, SDSU, and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. SDSU defined the mission (climate research) and the School of Mines provided the airfoil design for lifting heavy loads. It also extended an open invitation for our students to participate with them in small, pilotless aircraft design and operation activities.

Armed with the knowledge learned in the classroom and from the collaborative efforts, the students applied their skills and built an operational UAV using raw materials and equipment. The aircraft was designed around a two-cubic foot cargo container featuring rapid payload change-out capabilities.

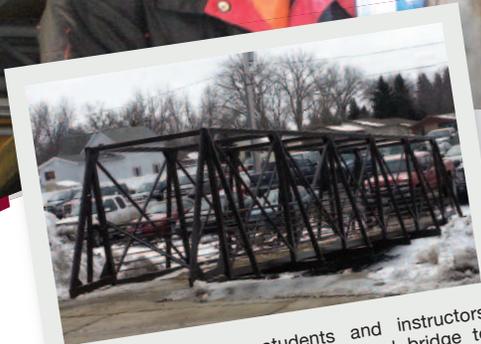
Initial flight tests have proven the aircraft's viability and the expectations set forth by the Aviation program either have been met or exceeded. Specifically:

- Flight characteristics: exceptionally short takeoffs and reasonably short landing rolls; stable and reasonable maneuverability
- Workmanship: proven structural durability during flight
- Finished empty weight: slightly heavier than expectations, however flight testing has proven a reasonable payload capability
- Effective use of limited resources: minimum purchase of materials - composites

purchased from the department's budget and the engine and radio control equipment are on loan from the instructor

What's next? Work will begin on a GPS system for the aircraft, a flight control system featuring manual control of the aircraft (during takeoff and landing), and a GPS guidance during the data collection phase of the flights.

"This project is only one example of great things that happen when LATI seeks, or is sought out to cooperate with universities to accomplish tasks that benefit our students and the common good," Greg Klein, LATI Aviation Maintenance Department Supervisor said. "The excitement, enthusiasm, and pride of the students who built and will fly our UAV are inspirational and contagious."



Welding Technology students and instructors designed and constructed this steel bridge to connect a new parking lot to the southwest end of the MET Building. They used 9,500 pounds of steel to construct the bridge! The bridge looks like a replica of a railroad bridge, since it has been placed over old railroad tracks.



As a part of "I Hate Winter Week," students participated in a frozen t-shirt contest.



Hypnotist David Renes was on campus February 28th to entertain LATI students...this student believes he has an electric current going through him!

## Teams Compete in Amazing Race – LATI Style

Typically, late afternoons are quiet on campus but Tuesday afternoons last semester were quite the opposite. It wasn't unusual to hear and see groups of LATI students racing up and down the halls, searching for clues leading them one step closer to being the Amazing Race – LATI Style Champions!

The weekly game challenged teams with puzzles, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, and other competitions. Some challenges lead the teams off-campus - like the Pantry Fill - where teams hurriedly shopped for items that were used to help stock a local food pantry. Other challenges kept the teams on campus.

Week after week, one team was eliminated leading to the final challenge between a Physical Therapist Assistant team (PTeAm) and an Ag team (Walleyes). Both teams met at the Donor Wall, selected three businesses, and raced off to snap a team picture at each business. When they returned, each team had to put the Endowed Scholarship plaques in an alphabetical list.

Congratulations to all of our teams including the winners, the PTeAm, who won the \$1,000 prize and the title of Amazing Race – LATI Style Champions!



Congrats to our Amazing Race – LATI Style winners, the PTeAm! From left, Brenda Norton - PTA instructor, Ashley Zantow - Student Activities Coordinator, and team members Jamie Wagner, Lexi Bierman, Jason Fernholz, Adam Fischbach, and Jeremy Mikkelsen.

## CALENDAR

**Junior Tech Day**  
April 18th

**LATI Graduation**  
May 10th  
Watertown Civic Arena 4:00pm  
Keynote by: Dr. Rick Melmer

**New Student Orientation/  
Summer Semester  
Begins**  
May 14th

**Memorial Day**  
LATI Closed May 27th

**Boulder Memorial  
Golf Tournament**  
June 15th

# PROGRAM UPDATES

**AGRICULTURE** new Ag Center opening August of 2013! Students are in the process of updating and revitalizing a John Deere 7000 Corn Planter.

**AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY** installed a new Dynamite Dynamometer, a 1300 series two-wheel drive chassis dyno capable of 100 HP and 200 mph. 

**AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY** See story on page 3. 

**BUILDING TRADES TECHNOLOGY** second-year students attended the IBS show in Las Vegas. They had the opportunity to see the latest tools as well as products that will be coming out in 2013. "Green" building is the hot topic. 

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE** is utilizing the latest technology, allowing students to take classes from adjunct instructor Mary Redin (a Watertown, SD native), who is teaching from Uganda. See story on page 1. 

**COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS** changed the name of the web specialist option to "Visual Communications Specialist" as the name is more in-line with the curriculum for the option. 

**COSMETOLOGY** updated the salon area with new custom-built vanities and remodeled the facial/esthetics labs. 

**CUSTOM PAINT & FAB** installed a new 4-post 360 degree chassis liner frame rack. The program also has acquired a new water-born PPG paint mixing system. 

**DENTAL ASSISTING** is updating the clinical and radiography laboratories. As a result of a donation from Delta Dental of SD the department's radiography instruction has gone digital.

**DIESEL TECHNOLOGY** added a new course for all first-year students: DT152 Power Trains II. DT152 concentrates on hydraulic-shifted transmissions used in modern Ag tractors and construction equipment with plans to incorporate Allison automatic transmissions for trucks. 

**ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY/ROBOTICS** has over 40 jobs available to students in the area between Sioux Falls, SD and Fargo, ND as well as a few into Minnesota. There are also an increased number of businesses requesting internships with students. 

**ENERGY OPERATIONS** created a "still" for ethanol production (approved by the ATF!) and are currently modifying it to improve alcohol content. 

**ENERGY TECHNOLOGY** is completing a small scale "Heat Recovery Steam Generator," which will be powered by a jet engine. 

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP** students attended a recent entrepreneurship conference in Brookings, SD. The students had an opportunity to visit with other entrepreneurs to discuss current trends and methods relating to their fields of interest.

**ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY** has expanded OSHA Regulatory Compliance class makes students more marketable after their first year.

New Photo-Ionization Detector (PID) and other materials allow students to conduct more accurate indoor air quality assessments. 

**FINANCIAL SERVICES** will be adding an Agriculture Accounting course to the curriculum beginning fall semester 2013. 

**HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIAN** is pursuing an agreement with the SD Social Work licensing board to be an approved program towards the test for the social work associate licensure. 

**MED FIRE RESCUE** is working toward completion of accreditation of the firefighting portion of the program. When complete, MFR will be the only program in the state to possess accreditation for both Paramedic and Firefighting! Currently developing an online EMT class, with an estimated start of Spring of 2014. 

**MEDICAL ASSISTING** have developed new sites who have opened their doors to the program giving more options for graduates. Students took a trip to St Paul, MN in March to the Body Worlds Exhibit.

**MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN** is developing a simulated microbiology and blood bank lab with funds from a \$1.15 million grant. The simulated lab will take place on campus for approximately 3 1/2 weeks each semester, will be part of the students' clinical practicum experience.

**NURSING** is awaiting a new virtual phlebotomy system arm for practicing blood draws. The summer and fall graduates (total 63) have 100% passage rate on

the NCLEX board exam for licensure!!! 

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT** students will host a Sensory Camp this summer at Joy Ranch. Children will be invited to the camp to engage in various sensory activities fabricated by the OTA students. 

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT** program was able to purchase a SoloStep to demonstrate how to use a harness for instructing ambulation to patients who have impaired balance.

**PRECISION MACHINING** has acquired a Hardinge Conquest T51 CNC turning center. Second-year students have designed and assembled a small anodizing station that will apply various colors to machined aluminum parts. 

**SURVEYING/MECHANICAL CAD** students have been doing solid modeling. They are practicing reverse engineering. Students have also created several topographic maps for the SD Game Fish & Parks and will be starting one for Joy Ranch this spring. 

**WELDING** acquired a new plate roller and tubing roller. Also built a bridge to connect new parking lot to the MET Center parking lot (see page 4).

 **CHECK THESE PROGRAMS OUT ON FACEBOOK!**



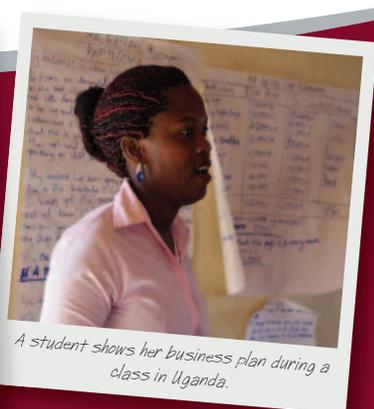
This picture displays first year Physical Therapist Assistant students Kyle McIntire (Clark, SD) and Joey Bednarek (Ivanhoe, MN) trying out the SoloStep.



First year Automotive Technology students with the new Dynamite Dynamometer! From left: Lance White (Castlewood, SD), Rickie McRae (Brookings, SD), Alan Kramer (Howard, SD) and Hunter Heidebrecht (Centerville, SD).



Second year Building Trades Technology students attended the IBS Show in Las Vegas, NV.



A student shows her business plan during a class in Uganda.

# TOOL BOX RAFFLE

Snap-on donated the KRA 24-11 tool chest to Lake Area Tech and the Terry Redlin family authorized wrapping it with Terry's beautiful "Harvest Moon Ball" painting. The Tool Box Raffle Raised \$10,190 to assist in "Building a Better Lake Area Technical Institute" through campus improvement projects and scholarship assistance! The winner of the raffle was Randy Owen of Watertown, SD.



*Pictured are Randy Owen (left), winner of the Snap-on tool box and Mitch Magnus, Snap-on Industrial Account Manager.*

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

**1970 Graydon (Chip) Elverud** (Diesel Technology) recently retired from Butler Machinery after 40 years of employment with the company working in both Sioux Falls and Rapid City, SD. He resides in Rapid City, SD.

**1986 Wayne Anderson** (Electronic Systems Technology) is employed at Intel Corporation. He resides in Chandler, AZ.

**1986 Jim Kolesar** (Diesel Technology) is employed at Enid Mack Sales, Inc. in Enid, OK. He resides in Kremlin, OK.

**1986 Curtis Nomeland** (Aviation Maintenance Technology) went to work for Rockwell Int. in Palmdale, CA building the B-1 Bomber, then briefly worked on the Space Shuttle Program. In 1987 he started working for American Airlines working in overhaul and then moved to the line station and is currently working there today. He resides in Dallas Fort Worth, TX.

**1989 John Gerving** (Diesel Technology) works for Holt CAT. His message to LATI Alumni... "Texas is looking for Diesel Technicians!!"

**1999 Wade Fligge** (Physical Therapist Assistant), Doctor of Physical Therapy at Big Stone Therapies in Watertown was recently presented the "Rookie of the Year" award for his efforts during his first year of employment with Big Stone Therapies.

**2002 Jennifer Swenson-Ackerman** (Cosmetology) is employed at Cigna in Sioux Falls, SD. She resides in Valley Springs, SD.

**2005 Justin Dahl** (Diesel Technology) and wife Kaci (Wieber) (2006 Computer Information Systems) welcomed their

daughter, Kylee Lynn, on May 24, 2012. They reside in Clear Lake, SD.

**2005 Brandon Long** (Engineering/ Architectural Drafting) works for the City of Brookings in the Engineering Department. He resides in Brookings, SD.

**2009 Adam Griese** (Automotive Technology) and Mallory Jacobs (2009 Dental Assisting) were married on September 15, 2012. They reside in Aberdeen, SD

### In Memory Of:

**Douglas Niemann** (1986 Electronic Systems Technology) of Watertown, SD passed away on January 13, 2013.

**Carl Robson** Lake Area Tech Automotive Technology Instructor passed away Saturday, January 26, 2013.

**David Clark** (1997 Automotive Technology) of Lake Norden, SD passed away on February 7, 2013.

### LOST ALUMNI

Help LATI reconnect with "Lost Alumni" by going to: <http://www.lakeareatech.edu/alumni/lostalumni.asp>



## FIRST EVER ALL-CAMPUS READ LAUNCHES

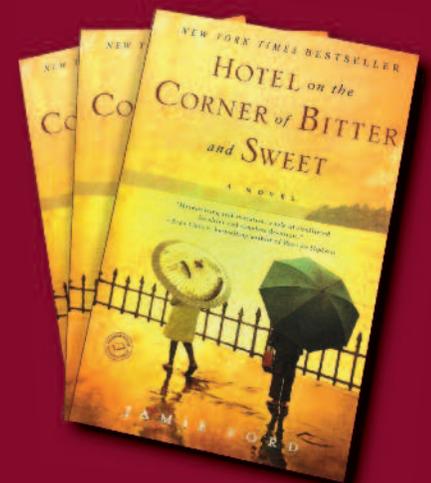
Taking time out of a busy day to read for pleasure might be challenging, but for members of a new group at Lake Area Tech, it's been nothing but fun!

The *LATI All-Campus Read* kicked off on February 19th to promote literacy and enjoyment through reading. Staff, students, and the public were invited to pick up a copy of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford and start reading. A Facebook page (LATI All-Campus Read) was created through which online discussions are ongoing. In addition, guided discussions, musical entertainment, a guest speaker, and a creative arts contest

are happening throughout the semester in conjunction with the book.

The book, which takes place during World War II, was also the inspiration for a display case on campus showcasing WWII and Japanese memorabilia. It's located by the Timmerman Library entrance and will be there through the semester.

The All Campus Read's events conclude the first week of May with the announcement of the creative arts contest winners and a special menu in Market 65.



# Excellence By Design

UPDATE FOR ALUMNI

*Changing Lives and Launching Careers*

**PROGRESS**

[SINCE 2008]

- \* FIRST THREE BUILDINGS COMPLETED
- \* ENROLLMENT INCREASES 36%
- \* SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS INCREASE 33%
- \* TOP 4 TWO-YEAR COLLEGE IN AMERICA BY THE ASPEN INSTITUTE IN 2013 (second award cycle)
- \* TOP 5 TWO-YEAR COLLEGE IN AMERICA BY THE ASPEN INSTITUTE IN 2011 (first award cycle)

## CAMPAIGN ACCOMPLISHMENTS



\$8.8 million | Completed 2009: Diesel, Welding and Energy facilities

63,000 square feet of cutting-edge training space with classrooms and laboratories



\$4.4 million | Completed 2010: Automotive Technology and Building Trades Technology facilities Anatomy Laboratory

42,996 square feet of space includes state-of-the-art auto labs, classrooms, spray booth and the only two-year facility in the state with cadavers in the anatomy laboratory



\$6.3 million | Completed 2012: Student Center

55,657 square feet features a centrally located food service, bookstore, student services, conference rooms and large group meeting areas

*Your help is needed...*

Be a part of helping make the **LARGEST** investment in the institute's history possible!

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Campaign Initiatives to be Completed

Phase 4  
Ground Breaking  
August 2012

9th Consecutive  
Record  
Enrollment

Top 4  
March 2013



Endowment  
Initiative  
2013



\$12 million I Will Open Fall 2013:  
Agriculture Center

71,372 square feet facility including classrooms, laboratory space, grow room and seed lab

Need Beyond Buildings...

33% Scholarship awards have increased 33% since the project began in 2008.

The campaign will endow \$1.5 million to fund future scholarship support.

Scholarship awards reach \$242,000 during the 2012-13 year, compared to \$95,794 just ten years ago.

You have graduated from one of the Top 4 Two-Year Colleges in America!

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