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Annual Report

A new decade is on the horizon

2019 marks the beginning of the eighth year of the School of Public Affairs. Born at a time when demographics, competition and technology began to change the higher education landscape, we have grown despite headwinds in our outreach to our communities, in our education of professionals serving in the public interest, and in the partnerships we have developed.

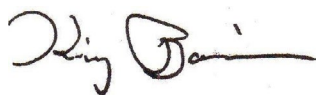
This year saw the culmination of St. Cloud State University's Sesquicentennial. The School of Public Affairs offered a Winter Institute to study immigration. On a day so cold that the rest of the campus was closed, Winter Institute nevertheless enlightened about 160 attendees plus many more who watched online to hear two economists with very different views and a successful author with her own refugee experience. As I was leaving Ritsche Auditorium I turned back towards the stage. Seated in the front row was our last speaker who had worked very hard for the last 90 minutes. Around him were about a dozen students, all eager to ask questions. When I later asked him how he had enjoyed his day, he talked about that experience. "You have really great students," he said.

It's a story that replays in every classroom: a professor doing their best teaching after class is done, at that moment when the student asks his question and gets his answer. It's the purest expression of what we do and what we love. And no amount of headwinds in higher education shakes that.

When you see the student "get it", it's not just the student that is charged up. Traveling with students to the UK last March was moving to me. You watch students who had just met before the trip connect with each other and become lifelong friends, see a place you've been before through their eyes, and it renews you as a teacher or as a dean.

We are proud of a new program under development for training land surveyors with a more affordable curriculum, and we are proud of our new partnership with the National Center for Autonomous Technologies. But every picture of a student you see here has a story of their own, and it's intertwined with a moment outside of a classroom when he or she asked that one extra question, and with a person who explored it with them.

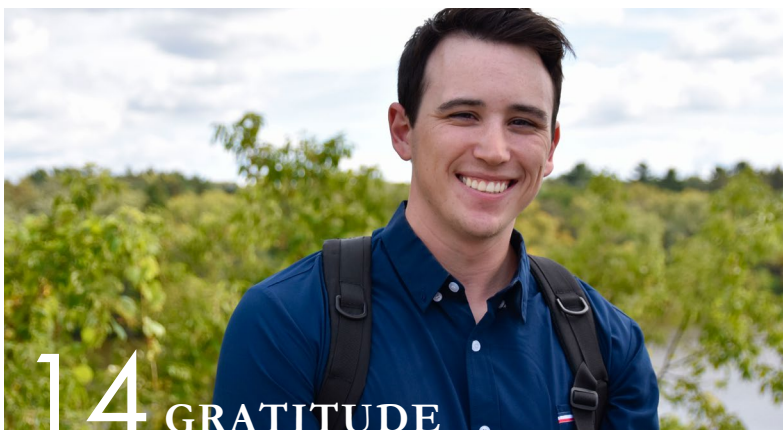
Thanks for reading this report and exploring the School of Public Affairs!



King Banaian
Dean, School of Public Affairs



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Welcome class of 2023!



Many of our incoming freshman and transfer students gathered for a photo during their Huskies First Four orientation.

CORE VALUES

Applied & Experiential Research & Learning

We value our research institute and community partnerships as means to provide students with applied, simulated, and service learning opportunities where they apply theoretical knowledge and practice skills learned in the classroom.

Collaboration: People, Cultures & Disciplines

We value demographic, cultural, and disciplinary diversity in its faculty, staff, and student populations and encourages collaboration among these diverse groups.

Integrity

We value being intellectually rigorous, personally responsible, and civically engaged.

Student-Centered

We value students as its most important stakeholder and actively works to facilitate student success.

Leadership

We value the transformation of students into well-informed leaders in the local and global communities in which they live and work.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Establish efficient and effective pathways for students' success in school and post-graduation and be responsive to the changing community and employer needs.
2. Incentivize and explore methods to create memorable experiences for students.
3. Infuse civic engagement into its programs and into education that reaches across the campus.
4. Be well known in the community and on campus for its success in mission accomplishment and its effective branding and marketing strategies.
5. Create opportunities and incentives for reciprocal relationships between SOPA programs, the SOPA research institute, and community organizations resulting in authentic human connections that leave lasting, favorable impressions for all participants.
6. Create and develop an innovative, interdisciplinary, and creative collaborative learning space.

UNLEASH LEADERSHIP

CentraCare's \$1.5 million commitment launches new SCSU program

by Mitchell Hansen

A \$1.5 million commitment from CentraCare is helping to establish a Graduate Nursing Education program and the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research (CHOPR) at St. Cloud State University.

St. Cloud State President Robbyn Wacker and CentraCare President and Chief Executive Officer Kenneth Holmen made the announcement Sept. 11 inside the renovated Eastman Hall. Eastman Hall is home to the new Center for Health and Wellness Innovation.

"St. Cloud State University is excited and honored to partner with CentraCare and is grateful for its support," Wacker said. "This partnership will benefit St. Cloud State, CentraCare and all of Central Minnesota as it provides support to more effectively meet the health care needs of Central Minnesotans and conduct research to support evidence-based health care delivery."

"CentraCare is proud to support St. Cloud State University and assist in establishing its Graduate Nursing Education program and the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research," Holmen said. "CentraCare's support aligns with our strategic vision to continue to serve the health needs of our communities. We look forward to partnering with St. Cloud State and helping establish a workforce that will benefit many throughout Central Minnesota."

Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research (CHOPR)

The Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research (CHOPR) at St. Cloud State integrates academic and professional growth of both students and faculty with cutting-edge research on public health care topics throughout the state of Minnesota.

The commitment from CentraCare will assist in establishing a collaborative and innovative research culture across both institutions to seize opportunities and quickly address challenges when and where they may arise.

"The power of our two institutions would benefit Central Minnesota by infusing evidence-based practices and original research in a responsive manner," said King Banaian, Dean of the School of Public Affairs. "Such research will empower policy discussions that are unique to the health care landscape of Central Minnesota."

St. Cloud State and CentraCare have a long history of collaboration across a variety of disciplines designed to advance community health. The creation of St. Cloud State's Graduate Nursing Education program and the establishment of CHOPR represents next-level cooperation between two of the community's anchor institutions.



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Our Mission

Through active, experiential and global learning opportunities, we prepare our students to be stewards of the public interest and practitioners and leaders in the public and private sectors.



(Left) CentraCare VP of Acute Care Joy Plamann, Dr. George Morris of CentraCare, Dean King Banaian, President Robbyn Wacker, Dean Shonda Craft, and CentraCare President and CEO Dr. Ken Holmen at the Sept. 11 announcement.

PHOTO Anna Kurth



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PHOTO Nick Lenz

Kashkari Hosts Town Hall in St. Cloud

St. Cloud State University was host to Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari for a Town Hall. Students, faculty, staff, business owners, and community members filled the Ballroom to hear him speak.

Kashkari is one of 12 regional bank presidents and a member of the Federal Open Market Committee who takes information he gathers from constituents to the Federal Reserve system in Washington D.C.

The Town Hall was recorded and may be viewed on the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank's website:

minneapolisfed.org/events/2019/town-hall-with-neel-kashkari-in-st-cloud-mn



LEEDS Conference 2019

St. Cloud State hosted the Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) May 13-16, 2019. North Central States LEEDS provides leadership training for working police chiefs and officers as well as current undergraduate and graduate students looking to go into law enforcement or similar careers. Classes are taught by FBI Academy instructors and others recognized in the field of leadership.



Pintok awarded Distinguished Master's Thesis

Molly Lou Pintok '16 '18 was awarded the 2018 Distinguished Master's Thesis award for her thesis titled "If This Land Could Talk: Reevaluating historical representations of Dakhóta Oyáte in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota." Her thesis was selected by the Faculty Association Graduate Committee and School of Graduate Studies. Read Pintok's full thesis at: repository.stcloudstate.edu.

Riverview Student Spotlight



Rahim Sawadogo was selected to be the first graduate assistant for the new Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research (CHOPR). He is working on his master's in Applied Economics.

Because of his background in economics and data analysis, Rahim was an ideal candidate to understand and process the information coming into the Center.

During the fall of 2019, Rahim worked on the Childhood Obesity Report Update. Outside of the information provided by CentraCare, he worked on a background piece on childhood obesity statistics and trends in the United States, the region, and the state of Minnesota.

His additional research aids in the increasing interest of maintaining statistics on obesity among adults, children, and targeted populations (race-specific, income-specific, health-specific).

At this time, there is not clear data on obesity rates in Central Minnesota. CHOPR's research - with the help of Rahim - will gain a better understanding of trends and may assist in putting plans in place to improve the health of Central Minnesota.

St. Cloud State partners with National Center for Autonomous Technologies

Accurate geospatial locations and GIS Routing and Networking technologies form a core component to Autonomous Technologies.

— Professor Ben Richason

St. Cloud State University will work alongside Northland Technical & Community College and four other partner agencies on a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in the amount of \$7 million. The grant funds the National Center for Autonomous Technologies (NCAT) and will be primarily housed with the aerospace program at Northland.

The NCAT will focus on air, land, and sea autonomous technologies: unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), connected automated vehicles (CAV), and unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV).

A first of its kind in regards to NSF funding, UAS, CAV and UUV are being combined under one grant. Adding a geospatial component to all three of them will advance the technical workforce.

The NCAT has four core areas of engagement; to educate the educators, to promote student involvement, engage the workforce and community, and to act as an education hub for autonomous technology across the country. Funding from the National Science Foundation will support research and programming for five years.

Programming at St. Cloud State will include expanding support for DroneTECH Educator Workshops. The hands-on workshop invites secondary and post-secondary instructors who teach in STEM-related disciplines to learn about UAS and the geospatial technologies, taking that information back to the classrooms.

The College of Science and Engineering and Visualization Lab will provide leadership on the development of a national web presence in autonomous technologies and the School of Public Affairs Research Institute (SOPARI) will provide forecasting analysis including labor supply and demand conditions for autonomous technology industries.

The Department of Geography and Planning, which has been at the forefront of geospatial technologies including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for over 30 years, will further UAS and AT (autonomous technologies) geospatial programming, research, and outreach activities for the grant. Ben Richason, Geography and Planning professor, will serve as co-principal investigator for the NCAT.

“Accurate geospatial locations and GIS Routing and Networking technologies form a core component to Autonomous Technologies,” explains Professor Richason. Additionally, St. Cloud State’s partnership with NCAT will further strengthen its abilities to prepare students and graduates to meet rapidly changing industry needs as they enter the workforce.



SOPARI part of regional airport study

The School of Public Affairs Research Institute (SOPARI) has studied the local economic impact of the St. Cloud Regional Airport (STC). Selected as a sub-contractor, SOPARI was awarded \$25,000 to conduct studies on the economic impact of the airport and a passenger parking assessment.

SOPARI concluded the STC had a \$44.2 million impact on the local economy in 2017. This total includes such factors as employee salaries, housing, health care expenditures, dining, entertainment and retail. STC is responsible for the direct, indirect, and induced employment of 289 people in the tri-county area. Total generated labor income in 2017: \$17.1 million.

Members of the research team surveyed passengers for every outgoing commercial flight as they waited to board the plane — 22 in all. Researches were granted post-security clearance.

A total of 1,076 passenger surveys were completed and included in the analysis.

The majority of passengers flying out of STC were not from the immediate area. The St. Cloud State Geographic Information Systems program assisted by creating a heat map illustrating the distribution of Minnesota residents who use STC.

STC currently does not charge for parking — a rarity for an airport of its size. Residents of Minnesota were surveyed for what would be willing to pay to park at STC. SOPARI concluded that the optimal price point is \$5 per day. At this rate, STC could generate a minimum of \$100,000 in annual parking revenue.

The St. Cloud Regional Airport currently offers direct flights to Mesa, Arizona and seasonal direct flights to Punta Gorda, Florida.

The St. Cloud Regional Airport Study was part of a larger 1.3 million dollar investment by the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation.

New student chapter becomes first in Minnesota

ICMA | student chapter St. Cloud State University

St. Cloud State University has become the first college or university in Minnesota to have a recognized student chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Professor Shawn Schooley says ICMA is “the professional organization for local government administrators.”

The goal of the St. Cloud State ICMA student chapter is to create a system of networking and integrate students into local government management professions. ICMA provides members with career resources, raises the standards of behavior, and maintains key information on topics such as community engagement, economic & community development, leadership & ethics, and public safety. Many of the aforementioned are not available to non-members.

While intended for MPA students, the ICMA student chapter is open to all students interested in public service, local government, or administration. ICMA’s first president, Alfred Kibwota stresses, “the new connection with ICMA will open doors and greater opportunities to students who want to excel in the public service sector.”

Vice-president Christina Brennan says this is a big milestone for St. Cloud State. “It is an honor and privilege to become active on campus and in the community.”

St. Cloud State University has been designated a 2019 Military Friendly Silver School by Victory Media in the 2019-2020 Military Friendly Schools list.

St. Cloud State exceeded Military Friendly standards on every measure. As a Silver school, St. Cloud State came within 20 percent of the score achieved by the 10th overall ranked school in the large public schools category.

This designation joins other veterans-related accolades for St. Cloud State including the 2019 “Best for Vets” ranking by Military Times and the Military Advanced Education and Transportation Top School Distinction in 2017.



COMMUNITY



Recent grad finds path to community impact

Alison Voigt '18 on one of the many active transportation trails she has worked on in the St. Cloud Area.

UNITY

She is passionate about her community and in her short time since graduating from St. Cloud State, Alison Voigt has made an impact around the Greater St. Cloud area by making transportation safe and accessible for all.

By Danae Swanson

As a transportation planner for the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization (APO), Alison (Henning) Voigt's work drives policy and decision making for our roads, highways, bridges, trails, crosswalks and sidewalks located in the communities of Benton, Sherburne and Stearns Counties.

Voigt, a graduate of Tech High School, earned her bachelor's degree in geography with a minor in planning and community development in 2018. With other career paths in mind when she began at St. Cloud State University, she took an urban planning course with Dr. David Wall, where he highlighted how we can impact the future and make changes for the betterment of communities.

She enjoyed learning about the built environment and how policy can affect change.

According to Wall, a common thread in Urban Planning (GEOG 394) is whether or not the actions planners are engaged in would be classified as reactive planning, reacting and trying to solve something that has become a problem, or anticipatory planning, trying to anticipate future problems and take actions now.

Wall recalls Voigt made the most of the class. "Alison was always in class, always positive, always ready to participate," he said.

Voigt couldn't do what she does today without the skills and knowledge she gained while at St. Cloud State. She describes the Department of Geography and Planning as "knowledgeable, caring, understanding, and efficient" and attributes her success mostly to her professors and the hands-on experience she received.

Planning and Community Devel-

opment professor Dr. Luis Estevez served as Voigt's advisor. Estevez said Voigt distinguished herself as a self-driven and self-motivated student.

"Probably a common thread that inspired her and inspired me was that our relationship was driven for having in mind the best interest of her as a student and her classmates," said Estevez. "Alison looked out not only for herself, but also for her peers."

In addition to being active in her classroom studies, Voigt completed an internship at St. Cloud Metro Bus as a marketing intern. While it wasn't in her field on study, she gained a general knowledge about transportation and the community she wanted to work for some day.

"Reading the material is important, but applying it makes it stick," said Voigt.

“Reading the material is important, but applying it makes it stick.” – Voigt

The Saint Cloud APO is small but mighty with a staff of five. The team works together to create and fulfill federally-mandated documents such as: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan; Transportation Improvement Program; Stakeholder Engagement Plan; and the Unified Planning Work Program.

Working alongside local mayors and other public officials who serve on the APO Policy Board, they also create other plans such as Safe Routes to School, Active Transportation and Performance Measure.

Active transportation is beneficial to the community because it provides environmental sustainability, is affordable, can boost a local economy, and improves physical health.

One of Voigt’s projects last fall was an active transportation plan for the area, collecting data to outline what the current infrastructure is in the community and what gaps need to be filled.

“This plan is important for all community members. It will show how to get around without a motor vehicle and hopefully show the connections needed for active transportation users to live in the Saint Cloud APO region harmoniously among other transportation users,” Voigt said.

Voigt gets to experience her work when she commutes on her bike.

She understands that many people do not feel comfortable riding alongside traffic and wants to fill in the gaps that are missing.

“All users should have the opportunity to commute using active transportation regardless of their comfort level and riding ability,” she stresses.

Voigt also had a hand in the local Safe Routes to School planning. In 2018, District 742 teamed up with the Saint Cloud APO on a MnDOT Planning Assistance Grant to gather data and draft plans to make getting to



school safer for students.

Five site-specific schools in either densely populated neighborhoods or with high ratio of students who qualified for free and reduced lunch were selected within District 742. Meetings, conversations and planning soon followed.

With this project, Voigt was able to get out into the community and study the areas around the selected schools. Data on crosswalk distance, traffic speeds, ADA compliance, traffic signals, among others were collected, analyzed, and turned into recommendations.

That data was then put into a map to illustrate, visually, where potential improvements were located.

Voigt finds the politics involved in her work one of the most interesting things so far – beyond what she would experience as a citizen.

“It’s hard not to be an advocate for the community.” – Voigt

“It’s hard not to be an advocate for the community, but in this line of work, the APO’s job is to research and inform our elected officials so they can make multi-million dollar transportation decisions,” Voigt said.

She hopes the work she is doing will allow the St. Cloud area continue to develop into a well-managed metropolitan hub for the future.



Cyclists enjoy a fall bike ride on the Beaver Island Trail along the Mississippi.

LEARN MORE

Visit APO’s new website at stcloudapo.org

Professor, veteran rides for a cause

John D. Baker, J.D. is a professor of criminal justice, a U.S. Marine veteran, and St. Cloud State alum who finds solace in cycling.



Professor of Criminal Justice John Baker completed the ride of a lifetime – a 400-mile bike ride along the coast of California with 50 other disabled veterans, active military, and public supporters.

Project Hero is a one-of-a-kind organization that helps veterans and first responders through outdoor recreation, cycling-based programs and community events. They work to change the way the country treats PTSD/TBI and the resulting mental health issues of depression, anxiety, loneliness, and suicide.

Over the course of six days, the group rode anywhere from 60-90 miles each day with an elevation gain edging on 20,000 feet. From Santa Cruz to Malibu, stops along the way included Carmel, San Simeon, Pismo Beach, Solvang, and Oxnard.

Scheduled stops in communities allowed the riders to talk about their military experience and how they use

cycling to overcome their struggles and disabilities. They were treated to a hero's welcome everywhere they went.

Baker served in the United States Marine Corps from 1980 to 2002 – the last four as a Gunnery Sergeant.

In June of 2018, Baker underwent open-heart valve replacement surgery, necessary because of a blood infection caught while undergoing jungle warfare training.

"I was only able to find out that I had a bad heart valve because I was active and fit. I knew something was wrong," said Baker.

The California Challenge was not Baker's first ride. In 2017, he completed the Great Lakes Challenge, a 500-mile ride from Minneapolis to Chicago. He saw this most recent ride as an opportunity to test himself after surgery. "When major life events happen, you have to stay active and healthy," he said.

Riders have the opportunity to meet fellow disabled veterans and support one another – both on and off the bicycle.

Baker had the honor of meeting two Army special operators who were blown up together in Afghanistan a few years ago. He observed the reluctant partner, who was struggling mentally and socially, get on a bicycle with other men and women who had been through similar situations.

"I don't think he ever stopped smiling," Baker said. "There is nothing better than riding a bike for hours at a time next to someone you can talk to and not be judged."

Planning is in the works for a summer 2020 Great Lakes Challenge. Baker is serving as co-chair.

Learn more about or support Project Hero: weareprojecthero.org

2018-2019 Giving

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a difference!

Tate Rodine is a senior criminal justice major who calls Brainerd and Prior Lake as well as Nigeria his homes. He is passionate about conservation and is looking into careers with the Department of Natural Resources.

Tate tells us about someone in public affairs he looks up to...

One person with a career in public affairs that I look up to is Director Kevin Whitlock of St. Cloud State's Department of Public Safety. Director Whitlock has served 24 years in law enforcement as a Park Ranger Sergeant for Three Rivers District Parks in Hennepin County. Director Whitlock worked a very different path of law enforcement as a park ranger.

Director Whitlock is an inspiration because this is a route that I would love to follow. Not many people know what park rangers, conservation officers, and many other careers in the Department of Natural Resources do and what they mean to the state. It has always been a dream to go down that route and educate the communities on Minnesota's beautiful resources.

The Impact of Scholarships ▶

IMPROVE MY EDUCATION

I am able to dedicate more of my time and energy into learning valuable information and improving my education, which I will benefit from throughout the rest of my career. This scholarship has been an investment in my future, and I am very grateful to have received this generous gift.

Brittany Stevens
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice Scholarship

GIVE BACK

The generosity of my scholarship inspires me to help others and give back to the community.

Shreshna Manandhar
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My scholarship is creating positive change in the world and encourages me to do good things for those around me.

Spencer Melby
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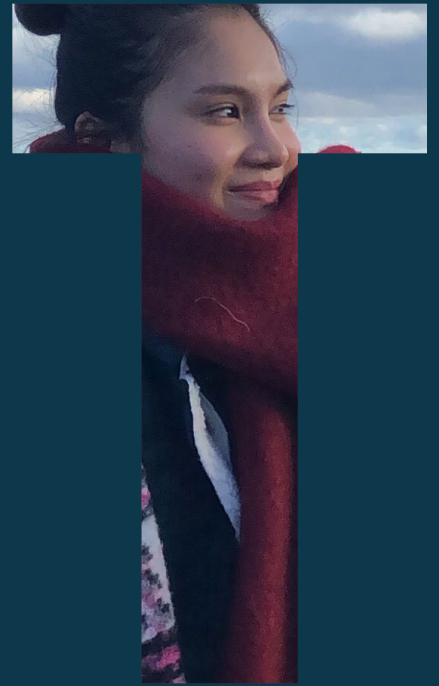
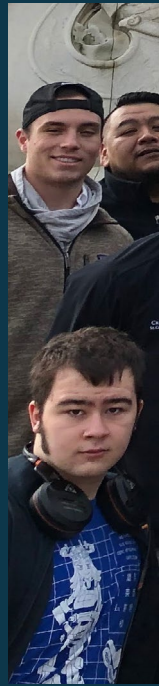
This scholarship was a form of redemption for me.

Joseph White
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GRATITUDE





During Spring Break in March 2019, 20 students from disciplines both in and outside of the School of Public Affairs went to “see Brexit” and talk to people about how it affected them. After deciding on projects and doing background research earlier in the semester, students talked to bus drivers, nurses, professors, farmers – from the metropolis of London to the city of Alnwick (population 8,000) – and returned with minds changed and eyes opened. They showed their research in a special session of the Huskies Showcase designated to student research. Dean Banaian was along and blogged the trip.

4 March 2019

Part of our day was spent at Buckingham Palace. The changing of the guard has many visitors! We were in a rush, but managed to get ourselves to the statue of Queen Victoria.

Then we visited the “Old Lady of Threadneedle Street”, the Bank of England. We had the two monetary economists try their hands at steering monetary policy. The emphasis was on the history of the Bank and its newfound faith in quantitative easing, which acted in the game like an engine you could turn on and off while trimming sails on the boat, and you lost points for having inflation too low as well as too high.

6 March 2019

Moving slowly the next morning after Shrove-tide football, all boarded a bus to see Newcastle today. The first stop was at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art.

We then took the time to look at various exhibits in the Baltic. Different students were interested in different parts of the museum. One was particularly moved by a disturbing image of injustice.

On we went to Northumbria University. We have had a good relationship with Northumbria, and while we were walking we met up with a Husky who is now studying there. She had been a student of Professor MacDonald’s when he taught here in 2017.

We were provided a fascinating display of campaign literature from 2016 and a talk by Dr. Andy Mullen, a senior lecturer in politics who has studied Europe. His talk discussed directly the issue of Brexit from the standpoint of someone who campaigned for Leave. He provided us a very different view with a discussion of sovereignty. Students pushed Andy with many questions and he handled them well.

Brexit, we were told, will make it more difficult for the university to recruit some student-athletes that currently study and play there.



5 March 2019

The first full day in Alnwick started with a walkabout after breakfast enjoying the cobblestones, the central square, and particularly the coffee options on hand. We got to see some of the castle’s state rooms too. Then we had a class not about Brexit, but about Shrove Tuesday.

Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Tuesday (which brings it closer to Fat Tuesday = Mardi Gras) and the St. Cloud State staff here put on a pancake lunch for the committee members. Students mingled and learned about the tradition and asked questions about Brexit.

Our students were keen to play and 14 of them took to the field, a fair portion of one side (the team size is not limited, anyone can play.)



7 March 2019

Thursday found our class with the ever-great Christine, one of our resident faculty at Alnwick. Two students on our trip have been here before and made a beeline to her, and by the end of the day all our students said she was a highlight.

We walked out to Dunstanburgh and, while we had to slog through wet, muddy fields — nothing to it, given our adventures in football on Tuesday! — the payoff was twofold. First, we met a great group of women on holiday from Sheffield. They were a group of nurses and midwives, and when we mentioned Brexit to them we got many stories about their field. We put our nursing student with them and, a half-hour later, she had all the information she would need for her project.

And so we went to Bellshill Farm. In a meeting room we were introduced to its proprietors, John and Helen. They are farmers but, as John quickly taught us, it’s also a business. Students were very impressed with the precise numbers John gave us for the cost of his production and the prices he gets. Our student working on food choices with Brexit learned a great deal; doubly interesting insofar as she believes the rise in food prices with Brexit will increase healthy choices such as veganism and this farm raises livestock! John said he had worked hard to reduce costs to meet the changes coming, and had been doing so for more than three years.

8 March 2019

It is about 4 hours up through the most of Scotland to reach Aberdeen in its northeast. A look into its harbor shows quickly that it is a working town with lots of oil tankers and service ships around and offshore. There are also a large number of windmills along the A1 highway that runs along the North Sea coast; according to British government statistics nearly 20% of electricity consumed in Britain comes from wind.

The history of Aberdeen had long been shipping and shipbuilding, with fishing not far behind. A trip to the Maritime Museum that overlooks the harbor shows that somewhere in the 1970s the focus of this city changed to oil. For a city that maybe (when counting the entire area around it) has 330,000 persons, there is significant wealth here.

We finished the afternoon at NCIMB, a company that stores and finds uses for bacteria and micro-organisms of many types. We connected with this company thanks to our connections with St. Cloud-based Microbiologics, which does the same kind of work with biomaterials of many kinds. The two firms know each other well and their CEOs visit each other regularly. NCIMB's CEO, Dr. Carol Phillips, provided our students with an overview of what their firm does and their opportunities for growth. One of our students is majoring in this field and had a good talk with Dr. Phillips afterward.

9 March 2019

Edinburgh, as every economics student eventually learns, was the home of Adam Smith. He worked here, he wrote *The Wealth of Nations* here. There's a statue of him here as well as his grave.

Professor Rich MacDonald explains Scottish Parliament to students. The building is about 20 years old.

The stop at Scottish Parliament is important to understanding Brexit. Scotland and Northern Ireland voted heavily to remain in the EU. Scots have some power of self-government but it sits within both the UK and the EU and, having recently acquired their delegated powers they are protective of them. We couldn't see the chambers today because there was debate there (commemorating International Women's Day) but students got a sense of the mixture of EU, UK, Scottish and council powers; these overlap and do not follow necessarily a form of federalism like in the US.



10 March 2019

The class took off this morning to Belfast on an early flight from Edinburgh.

We started at the Titanic Museum. I confess to never watching a minute of any movie on this subject, but the story of Belfast's growth and how it ended up the place where the ship was built was interesting. We had investigated three ports in the last three days — Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Belfast — and each was different in what they built besides ships.

But ships they all built at one point or another and this museum interested those of us trying to explain Brexit by showing how busy the seaport is, the shipbuilding was a big part of this place until the 1960s.

Bruce managed to drive us by many, many murals from both the Unionist and Republican sides of the Troubles, the conflict about the status of Northern Ireland that is now at the center of the Brexit debate.

The murals told the story. Bruce took us to the peace wall, and our students saw the huge outpouring of support for peace in the country. This made the stakes of Brexit plain to many of our students, and the indecisive nature of events even at this late date unsettling.

The anticlimax of the trip was the journey to the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic. In short, if you sneeze you'll miss it. There is barely a sign at Carrickcaghan where the border is, so that to mark the point Remainers had to create a mock border. We saw a creek on the northern side, then a sign, and then traveled on to Dublin.

A 5:30 trip to the airport had worn the students down a bit but, by 7 p.m., the group assembled for a last meal together before packing to start the flight back to the States in the morning. We had covered four cities in four days, with learning, listening and looking all along the way. And now it was time to head home to wonder what we had just learned, heard and seen.



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The full blog is available at blog.stcloudstate.edu/brexitsspringbreak2019

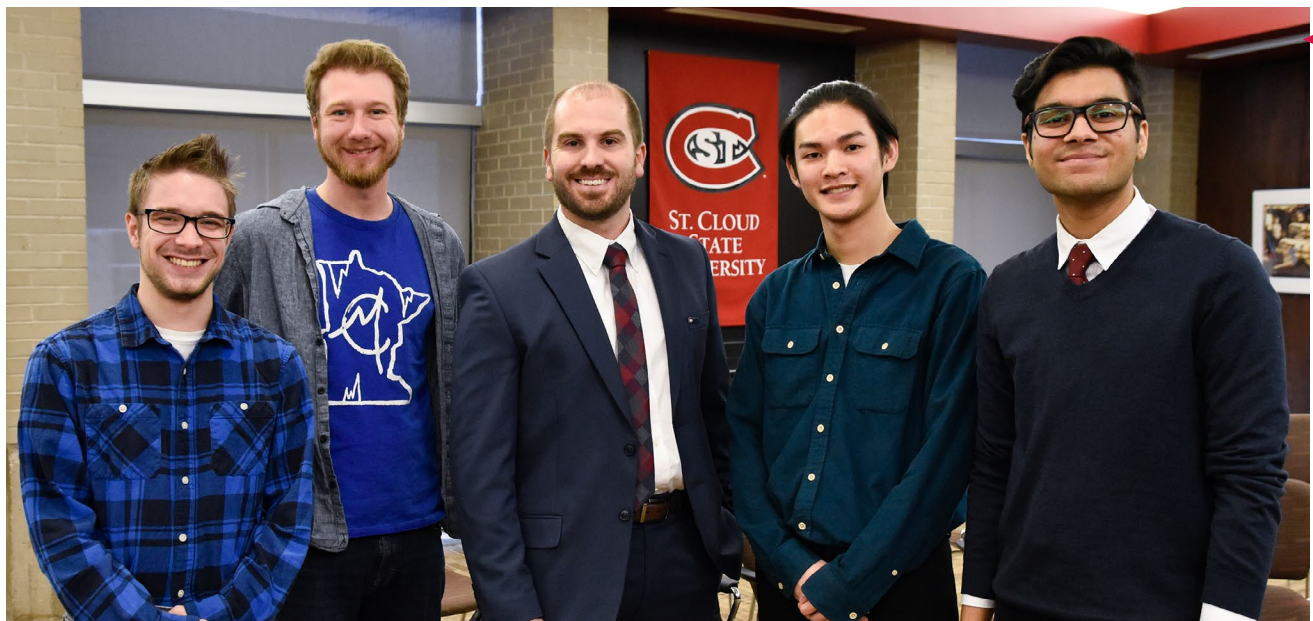


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Jered Magsam '12 takes time for a photos with economics students. From left to right: Chad Clark, Adam Heinen, Magsam, Claude Lee, Hamza Junaid.

The Department of Economics and the Economics Association hosted two Industry Talk sessions during the fall 2019 semester.

The industry talk sessions are designed to showcase the benefits of the applied economics master's degree and data analytics program, how to secure a job post-graduation, and give a real-time update of opportunities at various institutions.

Jered Magsam '12 earned his master's

degree in applied economics from St. Cloud State and now serves as the vice president of quantitative model validation at U.S. Bank.

Magsam shared his journey of how he got to where he is today, the significance of making your presence known to employers, and the importance of being able to think outside the box in the banking industry.

"An economics degree is a balanced degree for someone working in banking," said Magsam.

His down-to-earth and candid career advice to students in the room included: get involved on campus, do an internship, do extra projects to pad your portfolio, network, and do practice job interviews.

Adam Chin '01 spoke at an October industry talk session. Like Magsam, he earned his master's in applied economics from St. Cloud State. He is the vice president of quantitative risk management at Wells Fargo.



Fall 2019 Student Directors of the SCSU Survey: (front) Ujala Chawla, Margaret Oliver, Karen Ortiz, Sydney Breden, Briita Kinnunen (back) Fatou Bio-Sawe, Lily Chamerski, Curran Hansen, Muridatou Ibikounle, Smita Khobragade. Not pictured: Sagar Shahi and Jonathan Wong.

The Winter Institute, an annual celebration of economic education, lived up to its name in February 2019. Significant snowfall was followed by bitterly cold temperatures the following morning. Despite campus closures and poor driving conditions, the Sesquicentennial event to explore the theme of “Immigration Explored” went on as planned.

WINTER IN

Innovative Econ

Thursday evening not only celebrated economics, but St. Cloud State University alumni and their journeys to where they are to where they are today.

Mynul Khan '04, shared his story of coming to St. Cloud State from Bangladesh. Having intentions to transfer to another institution after a year or two, he felt love and friendship in St. Cloud and stayed. “I fell in love with the vastness of the U.S.,” he said.

Upon losing his first job after graduation during the great recession, he has since found great success with the gig economy as founder and CEO of Field Nation.

King Banaian, dean of the School of Public Affairs, felt Khan was an excellent example of the value of international scholarship at St. Cloud State as well as the opportunities for immigrant entrepreneurs to work in the United States.

The president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis also got his start at St. Cloud State. James Bullard '84, gave those in attendance Thursday evening his latest remarks on December's Federal Reserve interest rate hike. Bullard's remarks Thursday were picked up on a national level by CNBC.

Bullard credits St. Cloud State with giving him the foundation he needed for post-undergraduate education. He also acknowledged the professors who encouraged him to go to grad school.

Friday morning attendees were treated to speakers who tapped into the logic, emotion, and ideology of immigration.

George Borjas, Harvard economics professor, reminded audience members that stories can be correct, but incomplete. “Data can be manipulated to get whatever result you want,” he said. In relation to immigration, readers can choose whichever result they want to see.

A Hmong refugee from Minnesota painted images of a refugee camp with excerpt of her book “The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir” (Coffee House Press, 2008). Kao Kalia Yang shared her family's story of immigrating to the U.S. and their struggles and successes since. As the most widely published Hmong writer in the world, “impossible happens every day,” Yang said.

Professor of economics Bryan Caplan of George Mason University presented his argument for open borders. Caplan believes policies ought to be reconsidered. At the end of the day, who benefits most from inventions like the internet or antibiotics? It's not the inventors, but all of us.

Banaian caught a moment after Caplan's presentation that he feels encompasses the Winter Institute: Students gathered around a seated Caplan and began a discussion about his ideology of immigration. Caplan later remarked, “you've got a great group there.”

The 2019 Winter Institute was one of many signature Sesquicentennial events held at St. Cloud State University during the 2018-2019 academic year.



INSTITUTE

James Bullard '84,
President of the Federal
Reserve Bank of St. Louis.



Brian Caplan
of George Mason
University argues
for the economics
of open borders.

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Director of the
Winter Institute,
**Professor Lynn
MacDonald**
welcomes the
Thursday evening
audience.



Economics student
Ivan Jimenez
waves to the camera
prior to Friday
morning's events.



Kao Kalia Yang
a Hmong refugee
reads from her book
"The Late-homecomer:
A Hmong Family
Memoir."



George Borjas
and St. Cloud State
University president
**Dr. Robbyn
Wacker** at the
Thursday evening
networking reception.

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Hospitality and Tourism	Social Studies Education
International Relations	

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Applied Economics	Master of Public Administration
Criminal Justice	Public Safety Executive Leadership
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3

Certificates offered

Data Analytics
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Land Surveying

16

Average upper division class size

12

Student organizations

Criminal Justice Association	International City/County Managers Association (ICMA)
Economics Association	Pi Sigma Alpha
Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity	Social Studies Club
DCORP	Travel and Tourism Club
Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society	UNICEF
Global Disaster Club	

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Full-time faculty with only 5% of classes taught by adjunct instructors

39,865

Internship hours served

10%

International students from 15+ countries

17%

First generation students

16

Graduate assistantships



\$42,550

Scholarships awarded

40%

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The Winter Institute



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93%

of School of Public Affairs graduates are employed in a career related to their major

Source: 2017-2018 Career Center

2.3%

St. Cloud unemployment Rate as of Dec. 15, 2019

115,000

Population of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Area

65

Miles from Downtown Minneapolis



10

Miles from "Up North"

◀ The Ledge, an outdoor quarry amphitheater opening summer 2020



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Awards

Linda Butenhoff and Mary Clifford

International Travel Award

Darla Hamann

2019 Outstanding Article in Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ) for "Does Ownership Matter in the Selection of Service Providers? Evidence from Nursing Home Consumer Surveys"

Grants

Randall Baker

Interagency Agreement Renewal: Explore Minnesota Tourism Highway 10 Travel Information Center

Mary Clifford

Multi-campus Collaboration program for "Community Healing Collaborative" with Debra Leigh, SCSU CARE Director



Lindsey Vigesaa, Mary Clifford, John Campbell:

2019 Midcareer Grant from the Internal Grant Office of Sponsored Programs to work on a Pilot Project to Extract and Organize Data from files of Clergy Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse

Google AI for Social Good Impact Challenge. The Systematic Review and

Analysis of Files of Credibly Accused Priests using Artificial Intelligence.

Victim Researcher-and-Practitioner Fellowship, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Researcher and Practitioner Collaboration to Facilitate Practice-Informed Victim Research and Research-Informed Victim Services.

Publications & Reports

King Banaian & Richard A. MacDonald

St. Cloud Area Quarterly Business Report, Published in St. Cloud Times, Archived in SCSU Repository; March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, December 2019

King Banaian & Richard A. MacDonald

Six issues of Quarterly Economic & Business Conditions Reports each quarter, Published by Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, Archived in SCSU Repository, October 2018, January 2019, March 2019, April 2019, June 2019

Mary Clifford

Prescott Sex Crimes and Offenders: Exploring Questions of Character and Culture, Rowman and Littlefield, pg. 425 with **Alison Feigh '10**

Mónica García-Pérez

Recent Immigrants and Public Charge: Access to Coverage and New Legal Arrivals' Employment, Self-Employment, and Health Insurance After Medicaid Expansions and the Marketplace, The Review of Black Political Economy, Vol 46.

DACA Recipients and Their Health Insurance Dream: Employment, Schooling, and Health Coverage, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, Vol 2.

Lindsey Vigesaa, Mary Clifford, John Campbell

"Final Report. An Evaluation of the Implementation of the Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims (ELERV) Initiative within the Casper Police Department." Submitted to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

"Casper Police Department Internal Personnel Follow-up Survey Outcomes." ELERV Initiative. Submitted to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

"Casper Victim Service Provider and Community Partner Survey Outcomes." Submitted to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

"Casper Community Member Follow-Up Survey Outcomes." ELERV Initiative. Submitted to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

Several presentations to International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Findings from survey research and evaluative reports for Service, Support & Justice:

A Strategy to Enhance Law Enforcement Response Victims (ELERV) Initiative.

Travel

Dick Andzeng

7th International Conference on Victim Assistance
O.P. Jindal Global University and University of Madras, India
October 2018

John D. Baker

Midwest Association of Pre-law Advisors Conference
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 2019

Minnesota Justice Research Center, Reimagining Justice 2019 Conference
Minneapolis, October 2019

Randal Baker

Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth South Africa
March 2019
Short term Study Abroad, London and Paris, May 2019



Mikhail Blinnikov, Gareth John, David Wall

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers; papers presented
Washington D.C., April 2019

Patricia Bodelson

United Nations Peace Conference, Costa Rica



Mary Clifford

Conference on Indigenous Communities Clouds in Water
Zen Center
St. Paul, April 2019

ELERV Grant at IACP Headquarters
Arlington, Virginia, June 2019

Community Healing Collaborative
Minneapolis College, October 2019

Luis Estevez

2019 Impact Summit
Minneapolis, September 2019

Mónica García-Pérez is the 2019 president-elect for the American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE). During her tenure as president, García-Pérez hopes to strengthen the relations between ASHE and other similar associations, focusing on improving the working environment among minorities and women in the profession of economics. ASHE is a professional association of economists who are concerned with the under-representation of Hispanic Americans in the economics profession at a time when Hispanics represent over 16 percent of the United States' population.



Cindy Fitzthum

National Conference on Economic Education; Presented curriculum on revised Financial Fitness for Life: 9-12 (co-authored updates and provided new educational technology tools for specific lessons) Los Angeles, California October 2019



Gareth John

Director, SCSU Alumni Alnwick Experience Alnwick, England July 2019 GTU/GeoClub Camping Trip Big Bay State Park, Wisconsin October 2019

Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the West Lakes Division of American Association of Geographers (WLDAAAG) Cedar Falls, Iowa October 2019

Lynn MacDonald

EconFest and Minnesota Economics Association Meeting Hamline University, St. Paul October 2019



Richard A. MacDonald Alnwick, England to serve as the 2019-2020 Alnwick Academic Director.

Jason Lindsey

First Annual Gromyko Forum at Kazan Federal University Kazan, Russia, October 2019

Nimantha Manamperi

Western Economic Association Meeting San Francisco, June 2019



Minnesota Economics Association Meeting Hamline University, St. Paul October 2019

Morgan Nyendu

Continuing research: Democratic Governance in Ghana Ghana, West Africa May–August 2019

Benjamin Richason III GIS/LIS Annual Conference Duluth, October 2019

Aspasia Rigopoulou-Melcher

49th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Presented: *The Place We Call Home: Our Symbols, Our Cities,...This is "Us"* Los Angeles, California April 2019



APS MN 2018 Upper Midwest Regional Planning Conference September 2019

59th Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Presented: *The Stories Cities Tell: Strategies for Regeneration and Revitalization of Post-Industrial Cities* Greenville, South Carolina October 2019

David Switzer

HLC Annual Conference Chicago, Illinois, April 2019



IMS Global Learning Consortium San Diego, California May 2019

Shawn L. Williams

Professional Peace Officers Annual Conference Camp Ripley, November 2019

Shoua Yang

Education Abroad Program Laos, Thailand & Malaysia December–January 2019



Luis Estevez began his three-year term as director of the School of Public Affairs Research Institute (SOPARI). Estevez is a professor of Planning & Community Development and is passionate about issues in our community. His background will help achieve a new level of engagement with area business, non-profit and public leaders.



The Department of Criminal Justice welcomes Shawn L. Williams, Ed.D. Williams comes with over 15 years experience in law enforcement as well as years of experience as a law enforcement instructor for students and active officers. He serves as the Professional Peace Officer Education coordinator for St. Cloud State. Williams earned his master's degree in criminal justice from St. Cloud State in 2010.



We began to say "see you later" to Professor Ben Richason who began his last year of phased retirement in the fall of 2019. Richason has been instrumental in making the Department of Geography & Planning what it is today, keeping up with the technologies in cartography since the 1960s. Most recently, he has served as principal investigator for the National Center for Autonomous Technologies (NCAT).

70s

Mitchell Anderson '76 is a retired Deputy Sheriff with Hennepin County.

Gary Botzek '72 is the owner/executive director of Capitol Connections. He lives in Roseville.

Robert Crary '76 is an attorney with Crary, Clark & Domanico in Spokane, WA.

Scott Eales '76 is an investigator for the United States Secret Service.

David Frisch '77 is land surveyor for and co-owner of GMS, Inc., Consulting Engineers. He was inducted into the St. Cloud State University Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2018.

Gary G. Gibbs '75 is a retired Ramsey County deputy sheriff. He is married to fellow Husky Gerry Gibbs. They have two sons, Samuel and Benjamin.

Debra (Gobin) Gibson '79 is a lieutenant colonel with the US Air Force.

Randall Johnson '74 retired as geographer and city planner for the Metropolitan Council.

Jamie A. Kylo '75 has been named Best Lawyer in Albert Leah for the fifth year in a row.

Robin (Witte) Martinson '79 recently retired as a probation officer for Hennepin County.

James Reischl '78 is a retired cartographer.

Chris Rodenkirchen '72 has a successful career at American Express as director of human resources.

Dave Takemoto '70 is president of Takemoto Ventures Inc.

Terrence Tomporowski '79 is a retired corrections lieutenant with the MN Department of Corrections.

80s

Robert Besonen '82 recently joined Crystal D as their chief financial officer.

Bob Bissen '82 is senior vice president at Cannae Policy Group in Washington, D.C.

Nancy (Rysavy) Chrisfield '89 is a senior operations officer for the US Department of Justice/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

Mary Elizabeth Donley Edwards '81 is a professor emerita from St. Cloud State (2011).

Joel Hebrink '87 serves as adjunct faculty for the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

Judith Munsch Hession '80 is a registered nurse at Community Hospice and Palliative Care.

Phil Ingrassia '84 is the president of Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association.

Leonard Kirscht '87 is market president for the First National Bank of Elk River.

Timothy D. Larson '83 is retired from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bruce Lunderoff '80 retired from Stevens County Human Services on May 31, 2019 where he was a probation officer.

Lee Mehrkens '82 is the chief financial officer for Ramsey County.

Sharon Kay Sorenson Peck '80 is the supervisor of data management/school finance for the Minnesota Department of Education.

Mary Cardinal Peterson '81 recently retired from the Minnesota Department of Corrections as a clinical program therapist and received the Minnesota Chapter of Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Distinguished Service Award in 2018.

Jill Ann Rudnitski '82 '88 recently retired as the chief development officer for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Scott Schake '89 is the senior vice president for the Central Minnesota Development Company. He is married to fellow Husky, Roberta (Fauk) Schake for 30 years.

Michael Slette '85 is a director at Hormel Foods and married to fellow Husky Julie Dow '85.

90s

Aaron Anderson '99 is a military analyst with the Department of Defense.

Eric Becker '95 is an infrastructure administrator for Connexus Energy.

Charles Berube '94 retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons where he was the supervisor of education.

Nancy Bowman '91 is a public defender for the State of Minnesota.

Stacy (Gohman) Henrichsen '99 works as a support division supervisor for the St. Cloud Police Department.

Matt Isaacson '94 is the chief marketing officer for Authentic Brand.

Angela Haseman Knott '91 is a certified personal trainer and sole proprietor of AK Fitness & Wellness.

Marc Nordberg '93 is the political/economic counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria.



CLASS NOTES

Mary (Haugh) Colleran '90 is the owner of Colleran Property Services.

Jessica Easter Dahl '99 lives in Circle Pines, MN where she is a talent acquisition manager at Allina Health.

Tom Eibes '94 '96 is a corrections security caseworker for the MN Department of Corrections and adjunct faculty for the Department of Criminal Justice at St. Cloud State.

Robert Fish '92 is a network administrator with the State of Florida.

Derick L. Gallagher '95 works for WorkOptional, Inc. in tax and business and private wealth.

Duane Hansen '90 is a buyer for the City of Minneapolis.

Heidi Graves Peterson '93 is a senior associate and financial advisor with Herbert J. Sims.

Julie (Kummet) Pettit '90 is a paralegal investigator with the US Department of Homeland Security - Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

Michael Pietig '97 is the co-founder of Sansoro Health.

Chad M. Roggeman '93 is an attorney-at-law for Rajkowski Hansmeier, Ltd.

Jennifer Schmitz '96 is the vice president at All Clear Emergency Management.

Susan Stigen '96 is a quality engineer for ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Willie Swanson '98 is a probation agent for the MN Department of Corrections.

Tania Syty '92 lives in New Glarus, WI and is an accounting assistant/treasurer for Porchlight Inc./Madison East.

Hayley Unke-Moor '91 is the associate director of purchasing at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Kari Jo (Steege) Zika Wachal '90 retired after 25 years as director of human resources and civil service for the City of Arlington, TX. She now works in human resources at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport.

Tedman Anderson '09 is a residential appraiser for Anoka County.

Thomas Anderson '08 is the director of finance for the Redwood Area Schools ISD 2897. He married to fellow Husky Alyssa Anderson '11 and they have two sons.

Brent Baloun '91 '06 is the chief of police for the City of Becker. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. His eldest daughter recently graduated from St. Cloud State.

Ryan Bassett '01 is a police officer for the City of Thief River Falls.

Diana (Zieglmeier) Bensen '05 is a senior HR business partner with H.B. Fuller Company. She earned her master's in human resource management from Carlson School of Management in 2007.

Nathan Britz '05 is a VP in charge of estimating with S.G. Krauss Co. He is married with two sons. **Scott Buxton '09** is a land surveyor with Wideseth Smith Nolting.

Adam Chin '01 is vice president of quantitative analytics at Wells Fargo.

Marjorie Conigliaro Anderson '02 is a social studies teacher at St. Michael-Albertville School District. She was married in 2018.

Rachel (Heinen) Daniels '07 is a prosecution legal assistant for Chestnut Cambronne.

Laura (Markfort) Dey '07 works in accounts receivable for Dey Distributing. Married to fellow Husky Nate Dey '08 with three pups - Brody, Carson, and Daxton.

Katie (Blakeslee) Fechtelkottter '06 is a planner for the City of Show Low, AZ.

Monte Fronk '01 '07 is the emergency management coordinator with the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department.

Anna (Gruhlke) Gruber '08 is the manager of community at Sourcewell.

Kari Gustafson '08 is a probation officer with Anoka County.

Matthew Heffron '01 is an attorney for the State of Minnesota.

Tracey (DiBattista) Johnson '09 is the executive assistant to the director of the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Katie Patrow Johnson '03 is a marketing supervisor at 3M.

Nicole Kern '96 '06 is the director of community corrections for Morrison County.

Chau Klemestrud '08 is an implementation project manager with SAP Concur. He is married to fellow Husky Michele (Andreen) Klemestrud '08.

Holly (Brekken) LaBoda '05 is a partner and co-founder of Luminaries Consulting.

Jonathan Niefeld '04 is a high school social studies teacher with Melrose Area Schools ISD740. He also manages Meadowlark Country Club in Melrose.

Eric Peterson '96 '03 is a utility operator for the City of Plymouth.

Shanae Phillips '08 is a project coordinator for the City of Minneapolis.

Amanda (Koehler) Rosario '02 is a paralegal for Mottaz & Sisk Injury Law.

Dana M. Saeger, JD '01 is an Authorization Quality Review Specialist with Veterans Affairs.

Bill Schramm '04 is the director of credit research for MetLife Investment Management.

Lori Shogren '02 is the community program and services director at the National Ataxia Foundation.

Andrew Smith '07 is a GIS supervisor for Kinder Morgan.

Zachary Smith '06 is the new senior investment analyst for the University of St. Thomas where he manages the endowment fund.

Andrea (Podpeskar) Sorensen '05 is the assistant principal at Superior High School in Superior, WI. She is married with a young son.

Shawna (Wippler) Stolp '97 '06 is a mental health administrator at Oakridge Woodview.

Willie Swanson '08 works in probation and supervised release for the MN Department of Corrections.

Chris Terwedo '09 is a land surveyor and project manager for Egan, Field & Nowak, Inc.

Rose (Thompson) Tonn '08 is a senior account manager at North Risk Partners LLC.

Stephen Turner '00 is a corrections unit supervisor for Hennepin County DOCCR.

Brian Woodfill '00 is a police officer for the Minneapolis Park Police Dept. Recently married, he welcomed daughter Meara in June 2017.

Brooke Malsom Ziwicki '00 is a special education teacher for the Monticello School District.

Alison Feigh '10 is the director of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, a program of Zero Abuse Project.

Anna Furth '19 works juvenile probation for Crow Wing County. See page 30.

Jesse Hopkins-Hoel '10 is the vice president of development for National Renewable Solutions.

Matthew Ludewig '04 '16 is the quality engineering lead in data and analytics at LexisNexis Ris Solutions.

Ryan Musielewicz '19 works as a community service officer for the St. Cloud Police Department. See back cover.

John Parro '10 is the manager of budget and financial analysis at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He received a master's degree in finance from Harvard in 2014.

Marie Pflipsen '14 is the community development director for the City of Becker. She was named Economic Development Association of Minnesota Emerging Professional of the Year 2019.

Ethan Read '10 is a patrol officer, use of force instructor and firearms instructor for the City of Deephaven.

Richard Smith '03 '11 is assistant principal at Dickenson Public Schools. He and his wife welcomed their third son, Owen, this year.

Stacey (Sullivan) Weinstein '09 '11 teaches in the Physical Techniques Division at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.

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Learning from Experience

▶ With a thirst for knowledge and hands-on experience, criminal justice graduate Anna Furth '19 found a new home in St. Cloud and Central Minnesota.

Criminal justice major Anna Furth just days before her fall 2019 graduation.

Students at St. Cloud State University are encouraged from day one to “get involved on campus” or “join a student organization.” Anna Furth didn’t quite take *that* advice and instead immersed herself in the St. Cloud community.

Furth involved herself in the community working part-time as an on-scene advocate at Anna Marie’s Alliance, completing a full-time summer internship with Stearns County Probation, and most recently participating in the Metro Citizens Police Academy (MCPA).

From New Ulm, Minnesota, Furth majored in criminal justice major and graduated in fall of 2019. As she comes to the end of her time at St. Cloud State, she reflects on her involvement in the community while in school, and how it has made her think St. Cloud is a place she wants to live and work.

Rewind to midway through Furth’s first year at St. Cloud State when she contemplated not returning for a second semester – she didn’t feel it was the place for her. Furth began seeking out advocates to guide her: co-workers,

professors, and supervisors.

“Committing myself to SCSU and the St. Cloud community has set me up for an exceptional future,” said Furth, who was quick to learn that getting involved in the community would make her feel more comfortable – more at home – and able to make the most out of her education.

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Once out in the community, she saw a city that has diversity, opportunities, and a small-town feel. “St. Cloud is a hidden gem,” Furth says.

She is grateful for the educational drive she found at St. Cloud State and the experiences she obtained out in the community. “Get involved, get connected,” she boasts.

Upon graduation, Furth was offered and accepted a juvenile probation agent position with Crow Wing County.

Stearns County Community Corrections

Predisposition reports, pre-sentence investigations, bail studies, sanction conferences, chronological accounts, juvenile adjustment reports, court hearings, meeting with clients, house visits, and even using binoculars with the Stearns County Domestic Violence Surveillance Agent filled Furth's summer of 2019 full-time internship.

Under the supervision of Jeremy Gallagher, a corrections agent with Stearns County, Furth came in eager to learn and excited to familiarize herself with the inner workings of probations. "I wasn't just impressed with Anna's work ethic. I appreciated her genuine desire to help those who are struggling and her desire to be a constant learner."

Furth worked side-by-side with current practitioners on day-to-day practices in various specialty areas such as mental health caseloads, drug court, domestic violence court, and veterans court.

Furth had experiences, demonstrated real-life professional practices, and gained new knowledge about her field that she would not have in the classroom. "Whether your program at SCSU requires an internship, I recommend doing an internship or even shadow a professional in your field."

Anna Marie's Alliance

Combining her need of a part-time job and desire to learn more about the criminal justice field, Furth worked as an on-scene advocate at Anna Marie's Alliance. Anna Marie's is a private non-profit corporation dedicated to providing safe shelter, support, a criminal justice intervention program, and referral services for battered women and their children.

Duties of on-scene advocates include: working with law enforcement to explain the criminal justice process and what will happen in the courtroom to victims and assist them as needed; filling out protective orders with victims; conducting weekly support groups; attending court hearings with victims; answering crisis calls; explaining victim rights, and welcoming walk-ins. They are a general source of "calm" and assistance to victims and tend to their needs.

Furth recognizes the passion people working in human services or public affairs possess. "Working at Anna Marie's has made clear my passion for wanting to spend my life helping others," said Furth.

Aside from the resume material and experience the job provided, Furth found a passion that was absent before she started and a clear direction of what a future career might look like for her.

The job has not come without difficulties – losing your sense as a person. Furth learned very early to take care of herself so she can help others. "When immersed in criminal justice at school and outside of school, it is easy to become desensitized." Furth continues on, "When this happens, I remember my passion and why I got the education that I did."

Metro Citizens Police Academy

The MCPA is an eight-week program aimed to help community members better understand police training, procedures and philosophy through classroom and hands-on training. Furth was one of a handful of community members from St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, and St. Joseph selected to participate.

Furth saw this program as an opportunity to meet officers in her community, learn more about law enforcement practices and build a connection to the St. Cloud area.

The eight Thursday evening sessions gave Furth and other participants hands-on time with defensive tactics, firearms, obstacle driving (with lights and sirens), and more. Theoretical components included ethics, Constitutional law, ordinances, interpersonal skills, diversity, and domestic crisis intervention.

"We had many opportunities where we experienced real-life emotions, thoughts, and ideas that a police officer would in scenes or calls that they respond to," Furth said.

A valued takeaway from this course – Furth was able to see, first-hand, the interactions with law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies. On a more personal level, she put herself into a [new] situation with a diverse group of strangers and finished the program with new friends and acquaintances in the St. Cloud community.

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Criminal Justice major Ryan Musielewicz '19 works on a forensic photography project on the bank on the Mississippi. Upon graduation, Musielewicz accepted a position as a Community Service Officer for the St. Cloud Police Department.



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