

THE Compass

A newsletter for alumni and friends of Dunwoody College of Technology



“When I go home and am sitting with my family and they ask me ‘what was the most important place where you were today?’

I will say, unflinchingly, it was at Dunwoody College of Technology.”

MAYOR R.T. RYBAK

Dunwoody Launches \$30 Million *Good to Great* Campaign

On September 27, with the help of Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Dunwoody College of Technology announced its comprehensive \$30 million *Good to Great* Campaign. Over 200 of Dunwoody’s alumni, board members, faculty, staff, students and donors were in attendance to celebrate the kick-off event. Campaign Chair Gary Petersen announced that Dunwoody has already raised \$20.1 million toward the \$30 million goal. A \$1 million leadership gift was received from Robert W. Carlson with an additional \$500,000 received from Joel Elftmann, a 1960 Machine Tool alumnus.

Dunwoody’s purpose is to help every student who steps on campus to maximize his or her full potential. Not to be just good at what they do, but to do their best — to be great. The *Good to Great* Campaign will enable this 92-year old institution to better prepare the next generation of industry workers and leaders. Dunwoody will continue to raise the bar on student achievement while providing facilities

and services to help them excel. Improved classrooms, labs, and a student center to assist with tutoring in math, computers, and communications are just some of the tools that are being provided as a result of the campaign. The new Carlson Commons, which created spaces for a new student lounge and game room, will round out the Dunwoody experience.

Campus development is an immense beneficiary of the *Good to Great* Campaign. Projects that have been completed as a result of campaign funding include: the Elftmann Student Success Center; a remodeled Warren Building, home of Automotive, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning, and Welding programs; remodeled classrooms and labs; reconstructed parking lot; and campus-wide beautification and landscaping projects.

Dunwoody programs have historically been the best in the field. This campaign will continue to enhance current offerings and bring on new programs in such areas as Food Technology, Interior Design, and Graphic Design.

>> Turn to page two and three to read more about the *Good to Great* Campaign and Robert W. Carlson Commons.

“Great institutions are those who have enduring success because they are able to preserve their core purpose and values while stimulating progress and adapting to an ever-changing environment.”

JIM COLLINS, *GOOD TO GREAT*



▲ Guests of the event enjoyed a fireworks display outside the new Carlson Commons before entering the new area for a tour.

Celebrating the *Good to Great* Campaign Kick-off

The *Good to Great* Campaign Initiatives

This comprehensive \$30 million campaign seeks to enhance Dunwoody College of Technology’s performance as a private technical college by improving the educational experience offered to students. The *Good to Great* campaign includes these key initiatives:

Student Achievement

Offering higher quality educational outcomes and life skills preparedness to all students through improved learning support

Advancing Student Life

Creating meaningful student experience through facility improvements that allow better interaction within a community of learning

Campus Development

Providing a facility that reflects the excellence in teaching and learning that goes on within, through campus improvements in staff and student areas including the new Elftmann Student Success Center

Program Enhancement

Expanding programs to meet the accelerating pace of technological change as well as the expansion of the Gateway program and the Youth Career Awareness Program which serves minority, at-risk youth

Robert W. Carlson

Through the generous support of Robert W. Carlson, chairman of Quadion Corporation and a long-time member and former chair of Dunwoody’s Board of Trustees, the new Robert W. Carlson Commons officially opened during a dedication on September 27.

Robert W. Carlson is a true entrepreneur. His early career in sales rapidly grew into his ownership and leadership of the world-wide manufacturing businesses of Minnesota Rubber, Tool Products, and QMR Plastics, which he has consolidated into Quadion Corporation. Under his direction, Quadion Corporation continues to serve the needs of global customers from strategic manufacturing and sales centers located throughout the world; it is an acknowledged industry leader. At the same time, Mr. Carlson has involved himself in many other business ventures, most notably in the founding and growth of Davanni’s and Woody’s restaurants, which are located throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Throughout his life Mr. Carlson has been known for his intense focus on unsurpassed

“If you don’t have goals, you will never achieve them. If you have a goal, you can always move it.”

ROBERT W. CARLSON



“My purpose is to provide for all time a place where youth can learn different handicrafts and useful trades to fit themselves for the better performance of life’s duties.”

WILLIAM HOOD DUNWOODY

▲ Dunwoody’s *Good to Great* Campaign Chair Gary Peterson (left) and President Ben Wright (right) publically announce the campaign.

and Dedicating the Robert W. Carlson Commons



“Dunwoody’s philosophy of say what you’re going to do and do what you say is a tribute to its growth and development, resulting in a best-in-class organization.”

ROBERT W. CARLSON

◀ The Robert W. Carlson family (l-r): Mike Smith (son-in-law), Dana Smith (daughter), Robert Carlson, II, Virginia Carlson (wife), Amy Carlson (daughter-in-law), and Robert Carlson, III (son).

customer service, quality, delivery, and value. His personal vision and leadership in a quest for excellence have shaped his many business endeavors, just as they distinguish the man.

Mr. Carlson joined the Board of Trustees of Dunwoody College of Technology in 1989. He has been one of the college’s most generous, dedicated and active leaders. In 1992, he received Dunwoody’s Institutional Advancement Award in recognition of his exceptional volunteer leadership in fundraising and marketing. During his tenure as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1996 to 1998, Dunwoody launched the highly successful *Living the Promise...Fulfilling the Dream* Campaign, which raised \$25 million for the college.

To recognize Mr. Carlson for “extraordinary commitment and service to the educational mission of the college,” Dunwoody awarded him an Honorary Degree of Distinction in 1999. In 2001, Mr. Carlson made a key leadership gift to kick off the *Good to Great* Campaign, funding a program of continuous quality improvement for Dunwoody students and employees. Students successfully completing this curriculum receive the Carlson Quality Certificate.

The Carlson Commons is a 24,000 square-foot building addition providing much needed space for the growing student population. Mr. Carlson was recognized during the Robert W. Carlson Commons Dedication, along with his wife Virginia and family.

Thank You!



Good to Great Campaign Faculty and Staff: 98% Participation

The Dunwoody faculty and staff continued to display their exceptional commitment to the college by making financial contributions in support of the college's *Good to Great* Campaign.

Employee campaign chairs John McShannock, purchasing manager, and Steve Reinarts, Automotive instructor, hosted two gatherings for faculty and staff who committed to be campaign volunteers. These 22 volunteers, plus John and Steve, were charged with helping employees understand how this campaign has already improved the college, and how employees can get involved.

The team volunteers who joined John and Steve in a leadership role were: Mike Anderson, Rich Arboleda, Bob Brandon, E.J. Daigle, Kent Esby, Timothy Flugum, Eris Fritz, Jowharah Harris-Reid, Tom Kleinman, Brenda Lester, Molly Malone, Mary Meador, Andhi Michaux, Tony Nechanicky, Leo Parvis, Carol Paulus, Bruce Polaczyk, Bob Ricke, Kevin Skow, Laura Solarz, Arcelle Taylor and Sabrina Thaldorf. When asked about employee giving, Eris Fritz, Gateway instructor commented that "the generosity of employees through giving changes the world of many — our students — for the better."

On June 1, 2006, with new employees who joined the Dunwoody team over the summer pushing the employee percentage to 98%, over \$245,000 has been raised.

Thank You!

See
What's
New!



Dunwoody Now Offers a Bachelor of Science Degree

How is your career progressing? Are you ready to move to the next level? Check out Dunwoody's new Bachelor of Science in Applied Management starting December 5, 2006. This new program is designed to offer any technical school graduate the opportunity to earn a four-year degree, receiving credit for the first two years through their Associate's degree. Fill out and send in the attached postcard pull out in this issue of *The Compass* to receive additional information, or contact Mike White at: (612) 381-3339 or mwhite@dunwoody.edu.

This issue's Student Scope focuses on five students who were chosen to receive the Dunwoody Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament Scholarship. This scholarship is a need-based \$1,000 award given to a Dunwoody student of any program to be used during his or her second year at the college. This year, thanks to an increase in tournament players and hole sponsorships, the Golf Planning Committee awarded five scholarships to students.

Chris Swanson

Chris is in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance program and maintains a 95% attendance record. In addition to school, Chris is working for Priority Electric, Inc. as an electrician's apprentice. Electrical instructor Brad Cleland observed, "Chris is a very personable, mature, hard-working young man with a good sense of humor. He is always setting the bar for everyone in class."



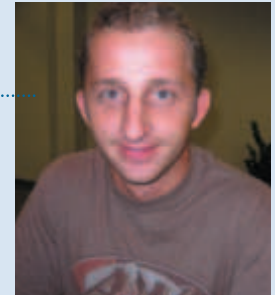
Karen Hanson

Karen is a Graphics and Printing Technologies student with a 99% attendance record. Karen was the student worker who produced all of the golf tournament hole sponsor signage through Dunwoody's Print Services Center. She was recommended by Shelley Grevillius, Dunwoody's Gateway director, who commented that Karen always helps "at the drop of a hat."



Doug Lecheler

Doug is an Automated Systems and Robotics student with a 99% attendance record. Doug was voted president of Dunwoody's Institute of Packaging Professionals student chapter (a national professional organization representing the packaging industry). He is treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa, a two-year college honor society, and Dunwoody's Student Government.



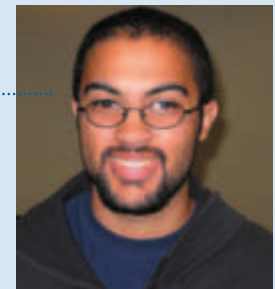
Bill Pelzek

Bill is in Dunwoody's Construction Supervision program and has a 97% attendance record. Bill recently completed an internship with M.A. Mortenson Company this summer. Instructor Bruce Polaczyk commented that Bill "is always ready to accept a challenge and even in the most difficult learning situations, shows an eagerness to work through a problem."



Jeremy Williams

Jeremy is a student in the Electrical Construction program maintaining a 99% attendance record. Jeremy is a student worker at the college as both a Gateway program tutor and Cultural Diversity Project assistant. Instructor Brad Cleland said that "Jeremy is a responsible, hard-working young man with a good head on his shoulders."



6TH ANNUAL KATE DUNWOODY LUNCHEON

Celebrating Women at Dunwoody

Over 130 women attended the Kate Dunwoody Luncheon held on September 26 in Dunwoody's McNamara Center. This annual event is held to honor Kate L. Dunwoody, the wife of William Hood Dunwoody (the college's benefactor), and the women who came after her for their commitment to technical education and non-traditional careers for women. Dunwoody's female students, faculty, staff, supporters and community friends enjoyed a lovely afternoon filled with food, a recognition program and tours of the college. Donna Wright, wife of Dunwoody President Ben Wright, emceed the event and Andrea Newman, chair of Dunwoody's Board of Trustees (and first woman to serve as chair of the Board), presented three female students with scholarship awards.

Dunwoody's Board of Trustees includes seven women. Pictured (l-r) Dolores Fridge, Andrea Newman, Kay Phillips, JoAnne Anderson. Sue Bennett, Barbara Jerich, and Talla Skogmo not pictured.



When Pam Spence returned to Dunwoody, she toured the Automotive programs, met with students, and reacquainted herself with Chuck Bowen, 1962 Automotive alumnus and Automotive instructor at Dunwoody when Pam was enrolled.



Alumni Achievement Award

Pam Spence was recognized during the Kate Dunwoody Luncheon with the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award for being a pioneer for women. Spence was the first woman to graduate from Dunwoody in 1973. She received a degree in Automotive Electric.

ALUMNI JOURNEY

A Pioneer for Women

Pam Spence wanted to be an auto mechanic. She figured that working in an office pushing papers was not for her. Having already finished high school in her home town of Kankakee, Illinois, and serving in the US Army, Pam was attending classes at St. Cloud State University when she learned of Dunwoody's Automotive Electric program. Even though other schools were less expensive, Pam applied at Dunwoody because of the school's strong reputation. However, Pam did not get in.

Since Dunwoody was an all male school, Pam's initial application was denied. Because Pam didn't think this was fair, she persisted with school officials. A few months later, Dunwoody revised its policy and Pam was invited to attend school.

In January of 1972, Pam Spence became the first female student at Dunwoody Industrial Institute. Pam had become a part of a leading-edge wave of women who were moving into nontraditional occupations in America throughout the 70s.



◀ **PAM SPENCE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**
 Sara Snyder (left), a fourth quarter student in the Automotive Technician Apprenticeship program, was awarded the Pam Spence Annual Scholarship newly established by Dunwoody to recognize alumna Pam Spence for pioneering the way for women in non-traditional careers. Sara currently works as an apprentice for Saturn of Mounds View and takes Automotive classes at night. She is excited to have a job offer waiting for her when her Dunwoody training is complete.



▲ **KATE L. DUNWOODY SCHOLARSHIP**
 Gianna Madison, first quarter Interior Design student with an A.A.S. degree in Architectural Drafting & Estimating received the Kate L. Dunwoody Scholarship. Gianna has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, her church and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Dunwoody. It is her dream to open a business that will provide help to low income families. Pictured above (l-r): Donna Wright, wife of President Ben Wright; Gianna Madison, scholarship recipient; and Andrea Newman, chair of Dunwoody's Board of Trustees.



▶ **BOB AND MARY PECK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**
 Karen Hanson, fourth quarter Graphics and Printing Technologies, received the Bob and Mary Peck Annual Scholarship for her outstanding leadership in the classroom. Karen stays active with Dunwoody by assisting in outreach for prospective students, volunteering for alumni events, and helping students in the Gateway program. Karen also works in the Print Services Center at Dunwoody. Pictured right (l-r): Mary and Bob Peck with Karen Hanson.

Pam says that it was not easy being the only woman at Dunwoody, but she promised herself that she would not quit. "I was willing to work three times as hard as a man to achieve success," she commented. And Pam made top marks at Dunwoody and instructors described her with phrases like: "Sharp student. Good attitude. Works fast. Thorough. Reliable. Sincere. Diligent. Confident."

After graduating from Dunwoody in 1973, Pam worked as an apprentice on Buicks and Chevrolets. After her apprenticeship, Pam became a journeyman for BART, the San Francisco Bay Area transportation system. A few years later, ready for a change, Pam became a journeyman on a three-million acre ranch in Queensland, Australia.

In 1984, Pam returned to the US and opened Phoenix Auto in a former car dealership in Oakland, California. The beginning was rough; Pam worked as the only auto mechanic by day and commuted to San Francisco to teach classes in industrial maintenance at night. Pam found that as a woman in a

traditionally male industry she had the freedom to experiment. She marketed Phoenix Auto as a woman-owned business and offered employees a four-day, 10-hour work week. Her shop was also one of the first to computerize.

Pam Spence has been a champion for women in nontraditional careers. She served as president of California Christian Women's Job Corps in San Leandro, has been a speaker on topics about nontraditional careers for women, and has taught numerous classes in auto repair for local colleges. Pam has held an ASE Master Auto Technician certification since 1978 and has been a member of the Automotive Service Councils of California.

Pam retired in 2004. She and her husband James Brown live in Georgia. They enjoy retirement and are traveling around the US in their RV.



2ND ANNUAL GRAND RAPIDS SUMMER GATHERING HELD

The Saw Mill Inn in Grand Rapids, Minnesota was the venue for Dunwoody's August 24 Grand Rapids Alumni Gathering. Forty-two alumni and friends attended the event as a way to reconnect, reminisce and hear about the great changes at Dunwoody today. Bob Poupore, former director and vice president of educational programs, exchanged stories with some of his former Automotive students. Gary McInerney, 1962 Architectural Drafting & Estimating, reconnected with his instructor Wayne Kampaus during the event as well. Attendees at this year's event included:

Automotive: Steve Kovacovich, 1969; Allen and Georgianne Larson, 1960; Bruce and Ingrid Lesticco, 1970; Bob and Shirley Poupore, 1950

Architectural Drafting & Estimating: Wayne and Kathy Kamphaus, 1956; Will and Mary Laraway, 1951; Hubert Lauhala, 1956; Gary McInerney, 1962

Civil Technology & Land Surveying: Dennis Brown, 1963

Electrical Construction: Steve and Lynette Bryant, 1968; Ken and Hazel Hanson, 1948; Bob Holmbeck, 1967; Russ and Judy Hukriede, 1954; Dick Nick, 1965; Olaf Norbert, 1957; Dennis and Kathy Simonson, 1961

Electronics: Roby Hobbs, 1962

Engineering Drafting & Design: Bill Epple, 1964; Keith and Dona Lightfoot; 1952 Joe and Hazel Nosie, 1953

Machine Tool: Brad, 1988, and Shelly Belich; Marv Gustafson, 1972

Dunwoody staff: Ben Wright, president; Frank Starke, president emeritus; and Becky Seemann, alumni stewardship manager



▲ Students from Automotive Services, Shauna Galloway and Gene Jenkins, are grateful for the help they receive from scholarships and grants.

DUNWOODY'S FIRST SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON HELD

Dunwoody hosted its First Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon on October 26. This unique event gave donors an opportunity to meet with students who have received their scholarship gifts. About 80 scholarship donors and scholarship recipients attended the event where they enjoyed getting to know one another over lunch. Last year, thanks to contributors, students received more than \$832,000 for scholarships.

The keynote speakers for the event included Karen Reamer from the WCA Foundation and two student scholarship recipients, Mosely Ayinde and Rebecca Schroedl. **Electrical student Mosley Ayide said, "My appreciation goes out to our scholarship donors. These are the people who give a wingless bird like me the wings to fly. Thanks for making a difference in the world and helping make dreams come true."**

The student scholarship recipients participating in the luncheon had a chance to show their gratitude, tell their donors a little bit about themselves, and share future endeavors with their donors. Donors left the luncheon with a heightened sense of the importance and impact their scholarship contributions have on Dunwoody students; it was truly a special day for donors to witness just how much they touch the lives of students.

DUNWOODY'S LEGACY ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED AT LUNCHEON

The Dunwoody Legacy Association is a group of special friends of the college who have made provisions for future gifts to the school through a will, trust, or estate plan. These individuals were recognized at the 14th Annual Legacy Luncheon on October 4. Current Dunwoody students participated at the luncheon by sharing their Dunwoody stories with Legacy members. Kenneth Hengler (see photo) was inducted into the Legacy Association during the afternoon luncheon.



▲ Kenneth Hengler, a special friend of Dunwoody, was inducted into the Legacy Association during the luncheon held on October 4. Pictured with Kenneth are current Dunwoody students: Anthony Carlson and Chris Gram, both first-quarter Architectural Drafting & Estimating students; Tim Hein, fifth-quarter Electrical Construction; and Ryan Williams, first-quarter HVAC.

NEI ANNUAL PICNIC IN AUGUST



▲ NEI alumni and friends had a great time at the Annual Picnic in August held at Dunwoody. Meg Muelken won the big door prize, a new iPod. Pictured above (l-r) are Meg and Mark Muelken (1976 Electronics) with Rick and Julie Chodek (1981 Electronics).

DUNWOODY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS PICNIC FOR GRADUATES

As a way to recognize and congratulate Dunwoody graduates, the Alumni Association sponsored the first official Graduation Party on May 31 for the spring quarter graduating class and another in August for the summer graduates.

Joined by some Alumni Board of Managers members, graduates gathered outside of the new Robert W. Carlson Commons for a BBQ-style picnic and to network with successful Dunwoody alumni.



In addition to the party, the Alumni Association provided each graduate with a \$2.06 gift to represent their class of 2006. The gift was intended to provide each graduate the opportunity to give the gift back to the school as their first charitable contribution as an alumnus.

WILLIAM HOOD DUNWOODY'S FISHING CABIN



In July, President Ben Wright visited William Hood Dunwoody's fishing cabin on Barnum Island, part of Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior.

Any Dunwoody alumni interested in volunteering to participate in a possible Dunwoody cabin restoration project should contact Becky Seemann at: (612) 381-3057 or bseemann@dunwoody.edu



Third Annual Golf Tournament a Success

On Friday, September 15, Dunwoody hosted its Third Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament. Through this year's tournament, Dunwoody was able to raise over \$5,500 to provide scholarships for Dunwoody students. One hundred golfers came out for a day of golf and camaraderie with friends. The tournament was a scramble format with first place (foursome pictured above) going to the **Parsons Electric** team: Jim Herlofsky (friend of Dunwoody), **Jim Lawler** (1989 Electrical Construction), **Chad Heid** (1995 Electrical Construction) and **Dave Todd** (1995 Electrical Construction). Golfers also enjoyed contests throughout the tournament such as longest putt, won by **Chuck Bowen**, longest drive, won by **Drew Johnson**, and closest to the pin, won by **Jerry Loomis**.

A special thank you...

to all of the 2006 Dunwoody Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament Sponsors:

Dyste Williams	Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors
Egan Companies	NECA - Minneapolis Chapter
Goodin Company	Parsons Electric
Harris Mechanical	Sexton Printing
Horwitz, Inc.	Swanson & Youngdale
IBEW-292	UPS
ICI Paints	Vanman Architects and Builders, Inc.
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McGough Construction	

Planning has already begun for the 2007 Dunwoody Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament. For sponsorship or registration information, contact the Alumni Relations office at: (612) 381-3064.

Thank you: Alumni Association Board of Managers

Paul Archambault, 1976 Electrical Construction alumnus and president of MTEC, presented a resolution of appreciation to **Harlan Hallquist**, 1978 Architectural Drafting & Estimating alumnus and vice president of marketing for J.E. Dunn North Central, for his outstanding leadership as president of the Alumni Association Board of Managers from 2004 - 2006. At the annual meeting in July, Paul Archambault was elected president.



▲ Paul Archambault (left) and Harlan Hallquist (right).

During Harlan's tenure as president, the Alumni Board of Managers initiated the Dunwoody Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament, the 40-Year Club Reunion, the "Graduates of the Last Decade" alumni event, academic achievement awards for graduating students, and picnic celebrations to recognize graduating students. During his tenure, the Alumni Board of Managers achieved 100% support for Dunwoody's Annual Fund Drive for the 16th consecutive year.

Thank you to all members of the 2006-2007 Alumni Board of Managers:

John Adamich, 1954	Jennifer Larson, 1997
David Anderson, 1971	Gerry Leukam, 1975
Peter Anderson, 1997	Bill MacPherson, 1976
Paul Archambault, 1976	Bridget Murphy, 2000
Bob Bach, 1977	Doug Olson, 1968
Emily Bollensen, 1996	Bob Prell, 1976
Chuck Bowen, 1966	Larry Raasch, 1977
J.J. Carbonneau, 1979	Steve Robinson, 1960
Steve Cunningham, 1994	Vicki Sandberg, <i>Friend of Dunwoody</i>
Al Einberger, 1978	Dave Schlueter, 1978
Mark Falconer, 1968	Bob Strom, 1963
Ted Ferrara, 1977	Chris Swingley, 1981
Jim Frisell, 1975	Gib Syverson, 1974
Harlan Hallquist, 1968	Jim Tilbury, 1974
Ann Harty, 2002	Jennifer Wrobel, 2004
Derick Haug, 1998	Don Zoubek, 1986
Tim Hayes, 1977	
LaMont Herman, 1983	
Mark Jessen, <i>Friend of Dunwoody</i>	

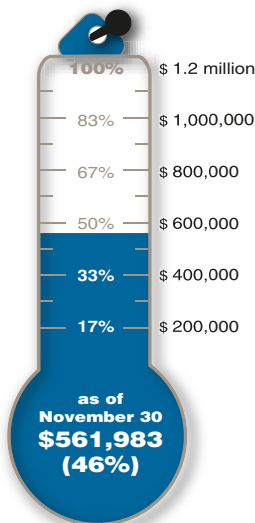


Alumni and Students Support the Annual Fund Drive

Alumni and students play an important role in Dunwoody's Annual Fund Drive. This year's goal is to raise \$1.2 million. A great group of student workers helped with this year's annual Alumni Phonathon with more than 450 alumni making pledges to Dunwoody's Annual Fund. Contributions made during the phonathon help to keep tuition affordable and provide student services such as financial aid and career placement. Pictured above are: (front) Naketa Willis, Graphic Design; (first row) Lee Danielsen, Automotive; Katie Keljik, Interior Design; Joe Brady, Electrical Construction and Maintenance; (back row) Reg Hammond, HVAC Service; and Aaron Escher, Electrical Construction and Maintenance.

Have you made your gift this year to support students at Dunwoody? To make a gift to Dunwoody's Annual Fund, send your check, made payable to Dunwoody College of Technology, to: Office of Development, Dunwoody College of Technology, 818 Dunwoody Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55403. Or call Mary Meador at: (612) 381-3048.

DUNWOODY'S ANNUAL FUND



New Tax-Saving Opportunity for Donors Age 70 1/2 or Older

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, you can make a lifetime gift using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) without undesirable tax effects. Your gift can be accomplished simply and will enable you to jump-start your legacy and enjoy the benefits of your generosity to help students at Dunwoody. You may contribute funds this way if:

- You are at least 70 1/2 years old
- The gift is not more than \$100,000 per year
- You make the gift on or before Dec. 31, 2007
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA to a public charity, but not a supporting organization or donor advised fund

How to make a Gift:

Contact your IRA custodian to transfer your desired gift amount to the charitable organization of your choice. It is always wise to consult a tax professional if you are contemplating a gift under the new law. Please feel free to call Becky Seemann at (612) 381-3057 with any questions.



Give to future generations of students...

Make a gift in your will to Dunwoody

For more information, contact Becky Seemann at bseemann@dunwoody.edu or (612) 381-3057.

The Employee Highlight is a new section of The Compass dedicated to recognizing Dunwoody instructors and staff for their commitment to helping students achieve success.

| **Jeff Ylinen** |

Dunwoody Alumnus, Instructor, Director and Dean of Learning

Jeff Ylinen was recently interviewed about his time spent as a Dunwoody student and his 24-year career with the college. Jeff started at Dunwoody in 1978 in the HVAC Design program, spent time as an instructor, a department head, and now as the college's dean of learning. Below is a recap of Jeff's memories of the college and what he sees now as dean of the school.

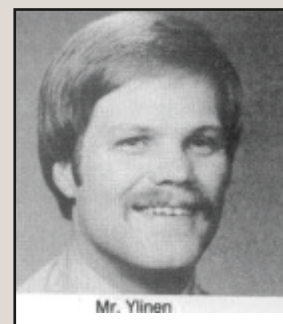
Q: Jeff, tell us a bit about your background and how you first chose to attend Dunwoody College of Technology.

A: I grew up on the eastside of St. Paul and was working for TKDA Engineering while in high school. I saw the design aspect of things while working in this field and took interest in mechanical engineering and design. One day my neighbor, Keith Hill, was giving me a ride to high school while he himself was on his way to Dunwoody. Keith was in the HVAC Design program and, through that whole ride to school, told me all about Dunwoody and the program. That was it. I applied to Dunwoody and enrolled in the HVAC Design program. I don't even think I visited the campus until my very first day of class. I thought of it as a two-year way to get into design and engineering and start making money right away rather than waiting four years at the University of Minnesota, as I was first planning to do.

Q: What are some of your Dunwoody memories as a student?

A: I can remember the gun range Dunwoody had in the basement. It was not uncommon for students to bring their guns to school and do target shooting during the day. The school had a gun club, but almost anyone was invited to participate in target practice. During Thanksgiving time, the Printing department would print targets with turkeys on them and there would be a student

turkey shoot—the winner took home a frozen turkey. We punched time clocks every day and eating in the cafeteria was like eating a home-cooked meal; it was so inexpensive that I remember my mother used to say, "I can't even make you a lunch for that cheap!" Oh, and the bakery sales. Every day the baking students would open the bakery for a few hours in the afternoon and we were able to purchase the bake goods from that day. You could buy a two to three layer cake for fifty cents, take it down to break and feed almost half your classmates!



Q: Upon graduating in 1979, what did you do?

A: My first job was working for Lindsay Brothers Company. I spent almost three years there until coming back to Dunwoody to teach.

Q: And what made you decide to leave industry and become an instructor?

A: Actually, it had never crossed my mind. I enjoyed my job at the time, but one day I got a call from a former instructor of mine, Bill Jordan. He asked me if I had ever considered teaching and I told him "no." He told me to at least consider it and called me back a while later. It actually took having lunch with my wife, who was a first grade teacher at the time, to convince me that teaching would be something I would probably enjoy and be good at. I agreed, and did it for the next 20 years of my life. It was something I truly enjoyed.



Jeff Ylinen (left) with students in the HVAC lab.

Q: Was there a big change leaving industry?

A: There's a story that I tell a lot: I enjoyed my work, but I kept a large bottle of Tums in my drawer and would eat them every day as though there was nothing to it. I just thought I had stomach problems. So, when I started at Dunwoody, I brought that bottle of Tums with me. And I'll tell you, in the 20 years that I taught, I never finished that bottle of Tums. Something was just right about being an instructor at Dunwoody.

Q: Having been a student first and then an employee of the college, what are some of the similarities and differences that you have noticed over the years?

A: The differences are obvious—they're the things you can see when coming on the campus—the parking lot, the building structure, the student services and activities. One thing has always remained the same through the years, though, and that is the college's focus on learning, especially hands-on learning and in-the-classroom training. Dunwoody has never lost the ability to provide the technical training our students seek.

Q: In your current role as the dean of learning, are there similarities to the responsibilities you had as an instructor?

A: I liked teaching a lot—that is what it's all about. However, one thing that I carry over from the classroom is the ability to help students. As an instructor, I could only affect 20 or so students a year, but now I am able to positively affect the entire student population — getting to know more students in a bigger fashion and help them on more than one level.

Q: And as a new class of Dunwoody students graduates, what advice do you give them?

A: There is no doubt that they'll leave here with a good technical education. But, what they also need to do is remain positive in the work force with good attendance and a willingness to do good work and display a good work ethic. A willingness to help others, be reliable and show up on time with a good attitude is what employers are looking for. I think we strive hard to teach this to our students.

>> Jeff Ylinen now resides in Lake Elmo with his wife, Laurie. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and has served on CREED (Communities for Responsible Energy/Environment Demonstration Project). He holds six industry certifications and licenses.

Do you have a great story to tell? Have you recently been married? Had a baby? Retired? Received a promotion? Moved? Send any and all alumni news updates and/or pictures with captions to: kchristopherson@dunwoody.edu or Dunwoody Alumni Department, Attn: Kat Christopherson, 818 Dunwoody Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55403. 612-381-3064

1940

Merrill Engquist, Air Conditioning alumnus and former Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning instructor and department head, recently celebrated his 88th birthday. If you would like to send good wishes to Merrill and tell him what you're doing these days, please write or email *The Compass* (address located on back page). Merrill would be delighted to hear from you.

1953

Joe Nosie, Architectural Drafting & Estimating, is retired after having a successful career in architecture. Joe owned his own architecture firm for 20 years.

1959

Ray Lustig, Electronics Technology, has been enjoying retirement since 2003. Lustig has had a long career with such companies as Collins Radio

Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Fargo, *The Forum* of Fargo, North Dakota; the *Milwaukee Journal*; *Sentinel Washington (DC) Star*, 16 years; *Washington Post*, 22 years (15 years as capitol hill beat photographer). Also attended U of M for education, fine arts, and journalism.

1962

Dave Dethmers, Air Conditioning, is looking to reconnect with his former classmates. Dave worked in Rochester, Minnesota with a utilities sales company until 1968 when he moved to Boulder, Colorado to work for Boulder Metal until 1981. At that time, he went into business for himself doing HVAC work until his retirement in 1998. Dave enjoyed a home in Prescott, Arizona for five years and is now back in Boulder, Colorado. Classmates may reach him at: 3585 Ivy Circle, Boulder, CO, 80304.

1963

Tony Nechanicky, Automotive Service, has taught Automotive Service at Dunwoody for 34 years. In 1998, Tony graduated from Bemidji State University with a degree in Industrial Technology. Although he is semi-retired for two years, Tony is still very active at Dunwoody, playing a key role in promoting the school's programs. In addition, he teaches Home Appliance Repair courses at South High School. Tony is an outstanding faculty member and will be greatly missed when he retires in January 2007.

2004

Alison Maas, Home Appliance Technician (HOAT), has been very successful in her career since graduating from Dunwoody. She loves what she is doing and is working at a prominent Twin Cities dealership.



▲ Dale Hartman (left) and Tony Nechanicky (right).

Top Notch Volunteer: Dale Hartman

Big time thanks to **Dale Hartman**, '46 Electrical, for his volunteer effort to design and assemble eight electrical training boards for Dunwoody's appliance repair program for South High School students. Dale spent 40 hours of his labor and donated \$160 to purchase parts for the project. Dale had some outstanding ideas as to how to assemble the boards and his work is of top quality. Dunwoody is promoting technical education and career exploration to high school students by providing classroom presentations at South High, with hands-on training in the area of Home Appliance Repair.

Thank You!

In Memoriam

Dunwoody extends its sympathies to the families and loved ones of the following alumni and friends who have recently passed away:

Kenneth L. Anderson

1948 Pipefitting
Notified October 1, 2006

Harold C. Ayers

1938 Baking
May 4, 2006

Patrick G. Bryan

1967 Air Conditioning
June 19, 2006

Daniel J. Burt

1985 Civil Technology &
Land Surveying
October 2, 2006

Paul E. Carlson

1948 Automotive Service
Notified October 1, 2006

Dwayne O. Erickson

1959 Printing and Graphics
August 20, 2006

Earl W. Gierke

1942 Engineering Drafting & Design
September 16, 2006

John T. Guptill

1937 Machine Tool
June 18, 2006

Harry Hatada

1947 Baking
June 22, 2006

Michael J. Hess

1968 Air Conditioning

Russell Irving

1941 Machine Tool
Notified October 6, 2006

Glen Jacobson

1965 Auto Electrical
October 20, 2005

John M. Keating

1963 Architectural Drafting &
Estimating

Vernell C. Kelsaw

1935 Automotive Service
Notified October 11, 2006

Evan H. Kilian

1971 Architectural Drafting &
Estimating
August 1, 2006

Jerome P. Klun

1960 General Mechanics
July 15, 2006

Edwin M. Kuzma

1949 Printing and Graphics
August 24, 2006

Earl R. Myers

1957 Architectural Drafting &
Estimating
June 23, 2006

Donald O. Newstrom

1942 Electrical Construction
August 15, 2006

Robert O'Brien

1954 Automotive Electric
November 9, 2006

George L. Perkins

1962 Architectural Drafting &
Estimating
June 1, 2006

Howard H. Peterson

1961 Refrigeration
August 15, 2005

Fred Pond

1947 Sheet Metal
Notified October 24, 2006

Irving Roeber

1941 Sheet Metal
April 16, 2006

Marlo W. Sandin

1959 Baking
Notified October 17, 2006

Hugo N. Thompson

1953 Printing and Graphics
August 17, 2006

Thomas J. Walker, Jr.

1965 Automotive Service
July 1, 2006

Vincent R. Woods

1949 Engineering Drafting & Design
Notified August 30, 2006

Joshua M. Moum, 2001 Electrical Construction, passed away on September 5, 2006 at the age of 25. Josh was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman who loved nature and animals. He was in his last year of his electrical apprenticeship.



George V. Doerr, Jr., a long-time supporter of Dunwoody and step-father to Dr. C. Ben Wright, passed away on November 8, 2006, at the age of 91. Mr. Doerr was a member of Dunwoody's Legacy Association and had great respect for and commitment to Dunwoody. He was a philanthropist who was committed to other organizations such as the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Blake School, and Opportunity Partners. Mr. Doerr made a special legacy gift to Dunwoody of a 50% remainder of the interest of his winter home in Naples, Florida. He was an avid golfer and maintained friendships with a wonderful group of friends over his 91 years.



George V. Doerr, Jr. (left) and President Ben Wright (right).

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Calendar of Events

Be sure to save the date for these exciting upcoming events!

Unless otherwise noted, events listed will take place on Dunwoody's campus at 818 Dunwoody Boulevard, Minneapolis.

For information on a particular event, contact Dunwoody at 612-381-3064 or 1-800-292-4625, or e-mail us at alume-newsletter@dunwoody.edu

JANUARY 2007

- 9 Tuesday Tour
- 16 Egan Companies Alumni Gathering
- 20 Florida Alumni Gathering
Naples, FL
- 25 Open House for Prospective Students
- 31 Alumni Board of Managers
Quarterly Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 9 Arizona Alumni Breakfast
Sun City, AZ
- 10 Arizona Alumni Reunion
Mesa, AZ
- 20 Winter Graduation Party
- 20 Tuesday Tour
- 22 Open House for Prospective Students

MARCH

- 19 Start of Spring Quarter
- 20 Tuesday Tour

APRIL

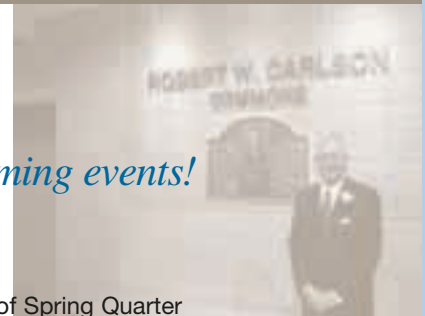
- 18 40-Year Club Alumni Reunion
- 24 Tuesday Tour
- 25 Alumni Board of Managers
Quarterly Meeting

MAY

- 15 50-Year Club Alumni Reunion
- 22 Tuesday Tour

JUNE

- 5 Tuesday Tour
- 8 Spring Graduation



Tuesday Tours at Dunwoody

Come back to see what is happening today at Dunwoody. Tours start at 10:00 a.m. and last through noon. To make a reservation, call Becky Seemann at 612-381-3057 or 800-292-4625.