Thank you!

Your Generosity Makes a Difference
Greetings,

One of the biggest keys to success in life is the help and support received during the journey. It is very difficult to accomplish anything great without the generosity of others along the way.

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary during the 2018-19 academic year, it is important for us to recognize many of the individuals who have been crucial to the great things we have been able to accomplish over the first 48+ years at Normandale.

The most important part of that equation is the help and support that has gone towards making sure our students achieve their goals and are successful.

In this issue of Creating Futures, you will read about the lasting legacy of Donald and Ramona Johnstone and Philip and Doris Danielsen, and the impact their generosity will have on Normandale students for years to come. You will also read about our scholarship recipients, scholarship donors and our Scholarship and Donor Recognition Event.

Another group that has done so many amazing things at Normandale is the Japanese Garden Committee. In this issue, you will see a recap of another great Japanese Garden Festival. One of the special moments of this event was the introduction of a new installation honoring all the Japanese Garden donors and committee members of the past and present who have helped make it one of the unique landmarks in the City of Bloomington.

As we prepare for our 50th anniversary, the primary theme is “Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Future. Fifty Years of Being Your College. Your Community.” You will see a few key dates for next year’s celebration, along with some opportunities to get involved.

We realize that so much of what we have accomplished would not be possible without your help. We invite you to get involved and support us as we prepare for the celebration in 2018-19. If you would like to get involved, please email us at celebrate50@normandale.edu or call the Foundation Office.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Creating Futures, and we thank you again for your amazing support.

Joyce C. Ester, Ph.D.

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President, Normandale Community College
The Japanese Garden started to take shape in 1968, just as Normandale Community College was opening its doors. A handful of intrepid gardeners in the area decided to take on a challenging project, and asked the fledgling community college if they could have some land for the project. They received two acres of swampland, and proceeded to create an incredible landscape that has graced our campus ever since.

This year’s Festival sought to honor this amazing community undertaking by dedicating their new Donor Recognition installation, which stands outside the southwest Garden walls. It lists monetary contributions from individuals, businesses, and organizations over the years. One pillar lists gifts made in honor and in memory of loved ones over the years. One pillar contains the annual giving recognition list, including koi donors. In the center stands the Volunteer list, with all the committee members and Affiliated Garden Club members who toiled tirelessly to fundraise, prune, educate, give tours and act as hosts to countless groups.

The Festival also showcased the traditional contributors: dancers, musicians, martial arts, ikebana displays, origami displays, children’s activities, gift boutiques and Japanese arts and crafts. Food trucks offered Asian menus, including fresh juice drinks that were a hit on the unseasonably hot day.
Many of our readers may remember Don Johnstone and his friendly hugs at his Richfield Pharmacy on 60th and Nicollet. Following Don's passing last November, customers, neighbors, friends and family wrote of their admiration and love for this warm-hearted man.

Don Johnstone was born in Minneapolis on September 20, 1928, the youngest of three brothers. Education was important to Don. He was the first in his family to attend college and obtain a degree. In high school, Don worked part time running errands and cleaning a local drug store. This is where his dream to become a pharmacist was born.

After graduating from Minneapolis Washburn High School in 1947, Don wanted to attend college, but needed to figure out a way to pay for it. He had saved as much money as he could at his drug store job and bought a Dairy Whip franchise. His business was a success. Don entered the University of Minnesota about two years later. He was very proud of earning the money he needed for his college education. Don graduated with a degree from the School of Pharmacy to fulfill his dream of becoming a pharmacist. After working several years for Walgreen's Pharmacy, Don bought Richfield Drug where he worked until he retired. Even after retirement, Don's passion kept him busy at work at several pharmacies.

In 1969, a mutual friend introduced Don to Ramona Alber. Following a nine-year courtship, they married in 1978. Don and Ramona lived in Bloomington and frequently could be seen riding bikes through Highland Park or walking their cherished dog, Max. Ramona retired from Northwestern Bell where she spent a career as a telephone operator. Before Ramona's passing, they enjoyed many years of boating on the St. Croix River and traveling throughout the U.S. and various places around the world.

Don was a member of the Bloomington Born Again Jocks, a group of like-minded seniors who played racquetball, tennis, baseball and other sports. As season ticket holders, the couple enjoyed theater productions at Normandale Community College.

"Donnie and Mo" wanted to support their local community college and strengthen the college's mission. Don knew the importance of having an opportunity to fulfill a dream. Don and Ramona did not have children. They hoped their financial support would in some way help many students obtain the same success that they were afforded.

The Donald and Ramona Johnstone Estate is expected to be settled in the coming weeks. It will be the largest one-time gift in the history of Normandale Foundation, exceeding $1 million. Following Donald's passion for the medical field, the Johnstone wills designated that their bequests be used to support medical-related scholarships at Normandale.
Relationships. Building strong, robust, sincere relationships is key to successful, long-term friendships. Strong relationships can also lead to surprising, enormous generosity that will change the lives of many. Such is the case involving the friendship of Philip Danielson, a Chicago engineer, inventor and entrepreneur, and Del Smith, a retired Honeywell engineer, now a Normandale vacuum and thin film technology instructor.

In 1980, Del met Phil Danielson, the owner of Danielson Associates, a manufacturer’s rep company in Illinois. “Phil served as a mentor to many people in the field,” Del states, “myself included.” Among his many accomplishments, Phil built custom vacuum systems and invented an important device, still in use across the world, to enhance the removal of water vapor from vacuum systems.

“Phil played an important role in my development as a Senior Principal Engineer specializing in vacuum technology,” shared Del. “He was always just a phone call away and happy to provide advice to deal with challenges we encountered. The instruments and equipment he designed and built were very high quality. He was always willing to share his expertise with everyone he met.”

Phil and his wife, Doris (also an entrepreneur), were very interested in promoting vacuum technology education. They were impressed that Bloomington, Minnesota’s Normandale Community College is the only known school in the U.S. that provides an Associate of Applied Science Degree and certificates in Vacuum and Thin Film Technology.

When Phil retired, he donated his entire technical book collection to Normandale’s Vacuum and Thin Film Technology program. “While thanking Phil for this donation,” says Del, “he mentioned that he and Doris wanted to do more to advance the program at Normandale.” No one realized what a huge difference their desire would make in the lives of Normandale students.

The Danielsons chose to include the vacuum technology program at Normandale in their wills.

After Phil passed away in April 2015, Doris became very involved working with Normandale Foundation’s Executive Director to support Phil’s legacy at Normandale. During months of long phone conversations, a new strong relationship was built—this time with Doris. Agreements were reached to utilize more than $500,000 from Phil’s bequest to provide dozens of annual vacuum technology scholarships to Normandale students.

Doris was thrilled that, through the magic of telepresence teaching, students from around the country (“And someday the world!”—she exclaimed.) would benefit from her husband’s legacy.

Phil wrote a series of articles about specific topics in vacuum technology that are a valuable reference source in the vacuum industry. Per Doris’s request, these articles are now available on Normandale’s website.

Everyone who has benefited from vacuum technology — that includes every person who uses any electronic device, phone, TV, or even energy efficient windows — owes a debt of gratitude to Phil Danielson.”

- Del Smith, Normandale Faculty

Phil Danielson made significant contributions to the field of vacuum technology during his lifetime, and his legacy lives on in the dozens of annual scholarships now available to Normandale students.
Joseph James O’Donnell – Retirees Scholarship

JJ O’Donnell appreciates the power of a scholarship to provide that final boost to get you closer to your dream. Having struggled with mental health and housing for many years, he understands how employment completes the final component of stability. “My employment history has spanned from casino cashier, convenience store clerk, a ‘swimming with dolphins’ photographer, custodian and TSA security officer. I was also married, divorced and underwent a couple surgeries before I settled down as far as living arrangements go.” He goes on to describe how depression held him “captive in his own head” for many years.

About three years ago he saw the story of Malala Yousafzai, the young woman who spoke out against the Taliban in Pakistan for denying girls an education, and was shot for it. “This story made me ask myself ‘what had I done with my life?’ What cause would I risk my life for? I decided I wanted to help people understand other cultures in order to bring peace to our country and around the world.”

He got some help at the VA through the vocational rehab program, and during the process came up with the goal of becoming a social studies teacher with a stint in the Peace Corps. He enrolled at Normandale, has a 3.6 GPA, participates in the Pillars of Leadership program, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, America Reads and Counts tutoring program for children, and enjoys the Philosophy club and Cultural Exploration & Travel clubs.

His scholarship enabled JJ to free up resources for car repair and other neglected obligations, which greatly reduced stress and allowed for time to study to complete his degree as he gets ready to transfer to Metro State this spring. “People take that little stuff for granted, but it means the world to people like me. Thank you to all the donors for this gift.”

Na Lee Vue – Retirees Scholarship

Na Lee Vue felt stuck—she was caught in an endless procession of temp jobs doing data entry, and could not see any way to make progress without a degree of some kind. She had moved to Bloomington from La Crosse to get married, and found herself in the neighborhood of Normandale, so she decided to give it a try.

Two years later, she is set to graduate in May, is taking 17 credits for Fall and will have earned her Associate of Applied Science degree in Healthcare Systems Technology. She is on the Dean’s List with a 4.0 GPA. Enrolled in the Leadership Through Service program, Na Lee is volunteering over 200 hours at the local Health Partners clinic.

“As a first-generation college student, there are obstacles you do not know to anticipate. A scholarship frees up your time and money, and makes you want to work harder”, she says.

Lissette Miguel – Education Scholarship

Lissette spoke at this year’s Scholarship and Donor Recognition Event on Oct. 5th, as a recipient of the Mae and Sylvester Weiss Education Award, and her theme was the impact of education.

She described how her parents would always encourage all their children to take education seriously because of the endless possibilities it provided. At first, she was agreeable, but then she started noticing how their lives were affected by having no education, and it started to make sense.

Lissette enjoyed going to school, and had positive relationships with her teachers, whose love of teaching made her love learning. She then realized that she, too, wanted to become a teacher and help others unlock the magic of learning. She started volunteering as a teacher assistant for a classroom of second graders, and realized that children would also benefit from having teachers from diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. “They will start believing they can accomplish their dreams, because they see their teachers were able to.”

The scholarship allowed Lissette to end the cycle of taking breaks from school in order to work and save money for tuition, plus it allowed her the time to study and help care for younger siblings. She described the best golden birthday present ever for her, last March 20th: “I checked my email and saw that I received the Weiss award, and I began to cry. Not only was I blessed to spend my birthday with the people who love me and support my dreams, but I got a gift from a donor who also believed in my dream to become a teacher. My donor’s gift of giving is contagious. I will pass the message on when I am able to give back to my own students with the education I received.”
Delta Dental Advanced Practice Scholarship Program

In keeping with our role as being an innovator in promoting best practices in the evolution of public health, Metropolitan State University and Normandale Community College are offering innovative advanced degree programs for dental hygienists:

- While completing our associate degree program, students can now simultaneously enroll in Metropolitan State’s Dental Hygiene baccalaureate degree.
- The master’s degree program provides the theoretical and applied skills needed for eligibility to be licensed as a dental therapist and credentialed as an advanced dental therapist in the State of Minnesota.

Advanced Dental Therapists are a new, emerging role in the field of healthcare. Their role is comparable to being a Physician Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner. They perform the traditional duties of a hygienist, but are also trained to perform routine restorative treatments for teeth, including extractions and fillings. This role is seen as crucial to helping fill healthcare gaps, especially in underserved communities.

This year, for the first time, the Delta Dental Foundation donated $75,000 to this joint partnership to three students as they embark on this new frontier in dental hygiene, public health and successful higher education partnership. Yuliya Kartaev, Haley Reed and Danielle Rodgers represent this first cohort.

We were proud to welcome Sharon Oswald, project manager for DDF, at this year’s Scholarship and Donor Recognition Event.

“Delta Dental Foundation is delighted to create this partnership with Normandale as we fulfill our mission to provide quality dental care access across Minnesota.”

RETIREE LUNCHEON HELPS LAUNCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Over 30 Normandale retirees gathered on October 19th to reacquaint themselves and enjoy a nice lunch. The speakers were two of the recipients of the Retirees Scholarship, Na Lee Vue and JJ O’Donnell. They both expressed a great deal of gratitude for their awards and shared a little about themselves.

The 50th Anniversary Committee is planning a series of Jubilee events throughout 2018, culminating in 2019.

There was a call for volunteers to help identify archived photos for a timeline display and to consider purchasing an engraved brick for the 50th Anniversary Brick Garden.

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SCHOLARSHIP & DONOR RECOGNITION 2017

Donors: Normandale Retiree Don Reznicek, Dental Hygiene Instructor Deb Stahl and Normandale Retiree Bernie Bryant

Volunteers hard at work,

Donors: Ernie Lindstrom and Dean of Health Sciences Colleen Brickle

Finish Line Graduates and Normandale Alum Paul Winchester (left), encourages Finish Line scholarship recipients

Scholarship recipients picking up their certificates, Founding Board Member of Normandale Estates Vice President Roger Corso

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Student speaker and scholarship recipient Lissette Miguel

New Disabled American Veterans Award

Normandale Foundation Board Secretary Ajiel Stolley and vice president

History instructor Lisa Rude and student speaker Lissette Miguel

Finish Line Graduate and Normandale Alum Paul Winchester (left), encourages Finish Line scholarship recipients
**SUMMER SCHOLARS ACADEMY HITS A HOME RUN, THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS**

Summertime is synonymous with relaxing, vacations and recreation. A group of young scholars decided to turn summer on its head by jump-starting their college career with an academic basic skills boot camp instead.

Dick and Bev Fink approached then Minnesota State Chancellor Rosenstone with a desire to make a difference for students. The result was the Summer Scholars Academy, aimed at high school seniors interested in pursuing higher education but who had some skill deficits that would normally land them in a series of developmental courses before they could tackle college-level work. Not only does that add time, but additional expense as well toward earning a useful degree. Both of those are significant obstacles for emerging students.

Students took the College skill assessment test in June, in order to qualify them for 16 hours of tuition-free classroom instruction in Reading, English, Math or any combination of the three. They also received a stipend for transportation, course materials, and $150 upon completion, with mandatory attendance. Normandale Foundation offered to cover the $75 application fee if students qualified for financial aid.

Even though the pilot planned for 25 students, Normandale Director of Pre-College Programs Marissa Machado recruited 35, with a 95% completion rate and 100% retention rate, as every student enrolled in the fall semester. Of the 35, 68% qualified for entry-level college courses. The first cohort of students collectively saved $10,600 in tuition and $5,500 in books supplies. One student took a two-hour bus ride each day just to take advantage of the program.

Machado summed it up this way: “One of the most notable aspects of managing the Summer Scholars Academy was watching the students growth in confidence and trust in their ability to successfully complete the program. These students worked and had home responsibilities in addition to their course work yet still managed the expectations of each aspect of their life. Their tenacity was a daily reminder of the importance of supportive programs and the positive impact a high touch model can have on people.”

“This is the kind of partnership that makes a profound difference in helping us achieve our mission in this community,” says President Dr. Joyce Ester. “Sometimes just getting through the front doors is the hardest part for many people. Once they do walk through, we are able to support and guide them to success, based on their hard work. We thank the Finks for their vision and generosity, and look forward to building on this success.”

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**THE FINISH LINE ISN’T FINISHED YET**

Normandale Foundation decided to pick up the checkered flag for the Finish Line Program. The original program was started by a generous grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation three years ago. When the program ended earlier this year, the Finish Line coordinator Njia Lawrence-Porter approached Normandale Foundation about sponsoring the program, since it had been so wildly successful.

The Finish Line targets students who are within two semesters of graduating, but who have slowed down in their progress toward that goal. The Finish Line invites them into a cohort of similar students who are rewarded with micro-grants as they reach each milestone. They receive guidance on networking skills, transfer logistics, career options and more. Last year it served 138 students, 60% of whom graduated within 2 semesters, 78% within 4 semesters, and 30% qualified to become members of PTK, the honor society. Over 55% transferred to four-year institutions to continue their education. Each student was eligible for up to $2000 in aid per semester, and 97% of participants met each requirement to earn that amount.

This year’s cohort is smaller, because the Foundation cannot commit the resources that the original grantor did. The micro-grants are smaller as well, but the program structure and formula remain the same. “I’m hoping that during this year we can raise funds for the Finish Line Scholarship to ensure its longevity here. We’ve create a wonderful brand and the model has allowed us to develop specific strategies on how to better support students for degree completion,” said Lawrence-Porter.
How has this grant shaped your Hospitality Pathways program?
The grant has assisted our program with creating a pathway for adult students to study and work in hospitality and tourism. This tuition-free program teaches students the competencies needed to be an effective leader in the ever-changing hospitality and tourism industry. Additionally, the program has strengthened our relationships and partnerships with the local hospitality and tourism community.

In what ways does the program look like a scholarship, and how does it function as a Program?
Students that are accepted into our Hospitality Pathways program pay no tuition. Therefore, each student receives a full scholarship. The generous grant pays for tuition, books and industry certification from American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute.

Is Hospitality Pathways a prescribed set of courses that lead to a certification? What does it include?
Hospitality Pathways is a 6-month program that consists of two academic courses – HSMA 1103 - Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism Management (4 credits) and HSMA 2096 – Hospitality Management Internship (4 credits), and industry credentials – i.e. certified in guest service from American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute. These 8 credits lead to a certificate in either Hotel Operations, Food and Beverage Management, Hotel Marketing & Sales or Tourism Operations & Management – all of which are 20 credits total). Therefore, students that complete Hospitality Pathways have only 12 credits left to complete one of the aforementioned certificates.

How many students have benefitted from the grant in the past year?
30 students

What are your Department goals with the Hospitality Pathways program? Does the grant help you meet those goals?
Our goal is to serve the local hospitality and tourism community. Hospitality Pathways has allowed us to serve a number of different populations – such as new Americans, people changing careers and people already in entry level positions in the industry, that are looking for additional training to help them progress in their career.
GETTING A GREAT START, THEN PAYING IT FORWARD

ALUMNUS ERIK BURNS

Erik Burns had very low expectations of himself, and he brought those with him from Lakeville High School North to Normandale Community College in the year 2000. A tumultuous family life kicked him into survival mode, which led to priorities other than school. After high school, he did not have a clue on what to do as he saw classmates heading for prestigious four-year universities. With no skills to navigate the future, he decided to give Normandale a try, despite an abysmal high school record.

After taking Normandale’s placement test, which indicated he start with developmental ed classes before tackling college-level coursework, he had a quick change of mentality. “I can’t take college courses and get at least a 3.0, then I’m off to the Marines,” he said to himself. He chose courses that looked interesting, took a full load of credits, and put more effort into them than he ever had in school.

To his utter amazement, he discovered a love of learning, which he attributes to his instructors. He thrived, maintained and exceeded that 3.0 GPA, and after two years was able to transfer to Winona State University to study mass communications. “I was afraid to actually walk across a stage at Normandale and receive my diploma, because a part of me didn’t trust myself to keep going,” he confessed. Two years later, he walked across the stage at Winona to receive his four-year degree, and entered the job market “with an inflated sense of myself”, he laughed, but ready to tackle the world.

After spending time working for ad agencies, Erik realized there was so much he didn’t know, and looked for a graduate degree program where you could work while you learned. He selected the College of St. Scholastica’s program for working adults got a Master’s in Management. That led to managing ad agencies for a while, but then Erik realized he was hampered “not knowing the business side of business”, so he pursued an MBA from St. Scholastica.

His career path then took him to University of Minnesota’s Children’s Hospital as a marketing consultant for the pediatrics specialty units of Hematology and Oncology. Despite his great success there, he started to realize that the sum of his experiences were steering him in a different direction. “I saw myself as a change agent, someone who wants to come in, implement a solid continuous improvement process plan, then move on. I remembered my goal to have my PhD by age 30, and it all came together for me,” he stated.

Earning his EdD from St. Mary’s University made it all come together as he wrote his dissertation on the value proposition of continuing ed for adults. He proposed that adult learners are change agents for post-secondary programs, and that marketing should be targeted at individuals, not organizations, for programs to grow.

You can find Erik today working at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Division of Pharmacy in Professional Development.

He is passionate about the role that alumni can play in Normandale’s future: “My vision for Normandale rests within contract between the organization and those current and future alumni. Normandale has, and should continue to provide our community with education, culture, and access and so far this has been done with precision. However, the other side of the contract rests with us, the alumni community.

It is the duty and responsibility of the alumni to harvest those tangible and intangible resources. While the responsibility of any organizational leader is to set immediate vision, we alumni are responsible for getting involved and shaping that vision for how we see the college impacting their the immediate community, our personal and professional networks, as well as our for and non-profit organizations. Bottom line, my vision is for every alumnus to have a connection to this ‘quiet gem’ through giving, involvement, or mentoring. The college is nothing more than a building, the alums’ experiences and knowledge help carry the message to the community.

I challenge each and every alumni to watch, listen, and ingest what is happening at Normandale and intentionally apply, espouse, push, or advocate those happenings...No matter if it is PSEO access, AA or BA/BS degree programs, credit courses, professional development or enrichment. If we as alumni don’t harvest the rich marrow of this community resource, it can only go so far. The community needs to feel, taste, and experience the valued culture that is the Normandale Experience...and this happen through the messenger, the Alumnus.”
As a two-year community college, Normandale wants to change some preconceptions about how study abroad programs can play a role.

Enter the new project of the World Languages Department that brings those goals together in a new way by trying to answer the question: “In a global, multicultural society, how do we fit in?” Research tells us that study abroad increases retention, encourages degree completion and dramatically enhances cultural competencies. A typical program easily encompasses several cross-referential areas of study like art, art history, history, religion, geography, political science and language.

Even though off-campus study demonstrates immense impact, it is costly and prohibitively out of reach for many two-year students. This proves to be especially true for those who intend on transferring to complete a four-year degree, because once they transfer, they need all four semesters to complete their degree. Typically, a study abroad course lasts an entire semester. To make a more affordable experience, Normandale is offering a short-term immersion option to non-European countries like Senegal, Peru and China that puts language in a new context.

The Accessible Global Immersion Learning Experience project (AGILE), funded by a grant from the US Department of Education will establish an International Experience certificate that includes the new study abroad courses, world language and culture courses, and courses from other departments that meet learning outcomes related to intercultural and international studies. This certificate will be eligible for financial aid, providing students with additional resources to pursue the credential.

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“We are grateful for the opportunity to develop affordable, content-rich experiences for students to grow in their understanding of our local and global communities as they hone their linguistic and intercultural competencies,” said AGILE project director and French faculty member Jen Bouchard.

Normandale is proud to be able to offer this kind of opportunity for students to study liberal arts in a way that dramatically increases their fluency with the modern global community.
**Space Grant Midwest High-Power Rocket Competition**

A team of Normandale students finished fifth in a field of 18 teams in the Space Grant Midwest High-Power Rocket Competition run by The Minnesota Space Grant Consortium (MnSGC) in North Branch, Minn. this past summer.

The Normandale students who participated in the competition were Maxwell Beck, James Jones, Sam Kitzerow, Ali Minhas, Calib Sigfrid and Vadim Staviskiy. University teams that this group of Normandale students finished ahead of included, University of Minnesota (two of three teams), University of Minnesota-Duluth, Virginia Tech, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Iowa, University of Illinois and the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Normandale Fab Lab CLA Martin Stickney and Physics instructor Susan Kasahara managed the team of students. The team received generous grants from the Normandale Foundation and a Perkins Grant totaling $3,400.

“This was a really remarkable achievement for the Normandale team of students,” said Kasahara. “The group of Normandale freshmen and sophomores were competing against senior teams with well-established rocket programs and facilities.”

In this competition, college/university student teams were tasked to design and construct an “adaptable” single stage, dual deploy high-power rocket system that would fly to the same highest possible altitude on two motors (one I-class and one J-class, or else one J-class and one K-class) that are as different as possible from one another. The rocket needed to be recovered safely and in flyable condition.

Normandale’s team completed three written reports, an oral report, and an outreach project along the way. The team’s outreach project saw them build a pressurized rocket launcher to launch paper rockets at the Works Tech Fest. This project was featured on Twin Cities Live.

**Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference (AMUNC)**

Thanks to a grant provided by the Normandale Community College Foundation, Normandale students were able to participate for the fourth year in a row in the annual Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference (AMUNC) hosted by Lake Superior State in Marquette, Mich.

This event was a gathering of regional colleges and universities from Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin to take part in a simulation of a United Nations General Assembly (they also simulated the Security Council, which is not part of the General Assembly, but a separate structure within the UN). The Human Rights Council, another organ of the UN, was also simulated.

Normandale, the only two-year college to participate in this event, was joined by Lake Superior State University (host); Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; University of Wisconsin-Madison-Superior, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin-River Falls; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Olaf College, St. Cloud State University, Winona State University; and South Dakota State University.

Normandale student Kristen Uhler received the Best Delegate Award for the General Assembly Economic and Finance Committee, and Naima Omar was given special recognition at the awards ceremony for her passionate and informative speech on her resolution on “Sexual Violence As A Weapon of War” in the General Assembly Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee. The participation in this conference was part of a Model United Nations class taught by Klages and students from the Politics and Law Club.

Department members were recognized for their work on the Accessible Global Immersion Learning Experiences (AGILE) project, which is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education through the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) program.

An International Experience certificate, established by The World Languages and Cultures Department, will include the new study abroad courses, world language and culture courses, and courses from other departments that meet learning outcomes related to intercultural and international studies.

The award was presented to the World Languages and Culture Department on October 16 at the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) Fall Leadership Conference.

**Normandale Community College’s World Languages and Cultures Department** received the 2016-17 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Academic and Student Affairs award for Innovation in Global Education.
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Scott Taylor is a partner at Drazan Henke and Associates, PLLC and has both CPA and MBT degrees. He specializes in tax planning and compliance. He has served as the Treasurer for the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors since 2012. Scott says, “I believe everybody who wants to go to college should be able to go.” He’s looking forward to this opportunity to give back. Scott is a “big sports fan” and really likes playing golf in his spare time.

Andy Kannenberg comes to us from TCF Bank as the Vice President of Syndicated Loans and Asset Sales. He has an extensive background in finance, and we are excited to welcome his expertise. He says, “I’m a big believer in education, and the opportunities it brings. Normandale does this really well.” Andy is an avid golfer, continues to play hockey and has been a mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters for seven years. He is hoping that his “Little Brother” will attend Normandale next year!

Mark Adkins took the helm as Chair of the Board of Directors this year. Since joining the Board in 2015, Mark has served on both the Finance and Executive Committees. He is a Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor for Merrill Lynch in Bloomington. He says “The number one priority of the Foundation is to help as many Normandale students as possible achieve academic success. Our objective is to double and even triple the number of scholarships we provide to our students.” He enjoys community service, experiencing different cultures through travel, golf, gardening and spending time with his kids and grandkids.

ERIN GONZALEZ,
NEW STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Erin Gonzalez is a second-year student at Normandale Community College. Her goal is to become a physician and specialize in pediatrics. She is currently Vice President of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa, the Honor’s Society on campus. “I would like to be the voice of the students around me. I’m interested to see the process in which the Board makes decisions for the school and get to meet some incredibly successful people.”
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- Businesses: 3.6%
- Foundations: 20.9%
- Japanese Garden: 1.3%
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- Foreign Consulates: 0.2%
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In fiscal year 2017, Normandale Foundation distributed $873,018 through scholarships, emergency financial aid and program support. This represents more than double the amount awarded in 2013!

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The total amount of money raised in 2016-17 was more than three times the amount raised in 2013 and 4-1/2 times more than 2012!

WITH NEW ESTATE GIFTS ARRIVING THIS YEAR AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, THE 2017-2018 TOTAL WILL SKYROCKET!

Additional Normandale students will benefit from your much-needed support. With more than 14,000 students being served annually at Normandale, the need for financial assistance is ever-present.

More than 250 scholarship recipients and guests attended the Scholarship and Donor Recognition Event on October 5, 2017.

The following graphs illustrate the total revenues and support per fiscal year:

- **Total Revenues and Support per Fiscal Year**
  - 2010-11: $394,065
  - 2011-12: $520,130
  - 2012-13: $793,524
  - 2013-14: $1,090,957
  - 2014-15: $942,536
  - 2015-16: $1,315,148
  - 2016-17: $2,348,672

- **Scholarship, Emergency Aid and Program Support**
  - 2010-11: $370,011
  - 2011-12: $371,836
  - 2012-13: $320,567
  - 2013-14: $585,921
  - 2014-15: $625,771
  - 2015-16: $806,315
  - 2016-17: $973,063
Anna Wetmore, ’15

Wetmore graduated from Normandale in 2015. After she graduated, she attended the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management and received her Bachelor of Science in Business Degree in Entrepreneurial Management. Wetmore co-founded a business called Able Mindworks that created a product to enhance student’s ability to focus in the classroom and supported their learning. The product is a uniquely designed educational tool, TOPPI, that allows for silent, more discreet fidgeting in group settings based of research that links fidgeting to an increased ability to focus. She did several classroom visits with the product to elementary, middle and high school classrooms and received positive feedback from both students and teachers.

Lynne Zotalis (Bristol), ’69

Graduated Normandale in 1969. She is a member in the Iowa Poetry Association, and her poetry has been published in Lyrical Iowa for ten years running. Since 2008, she has participated in the Peace and Social Justice Writers Group at the Loft in Minneapolis, where two of her pieces were included in the group’s chapbook entitled, Peace Begins. Her children’s book, Kenny and Sylvia’s Day Out, champions kindness toward all. This year, she was one of six winners in the R.H. Cunningham Short Story Contest now published as Life Dances, with Willowdown Books. Two of her poems were published in Tuck Magazine. “I still remember the impact my English professor had on my life’s trajectory. The support she expressed for my writing is embedded in my memory.”

Megan Wilson, ’11

Attended Normandale from 2008-2011. After an internship at Wells Fargo and her first permanent office position working for Iverify, she moved to Duluth where she began working as an HRIS Support Center Specialist for Ascena Retail Group, the largest women’s specialty retail company in the world. She has moved up to HRIS Analyst of HR Analytics and Project Management. “My education at Normandale continues to help me every day, especially my Interpersonal and Small Group communication courses. Thank you!”

Terry McNiff, ’77

Graduated from Normandale in 1977. He also graduated summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota, and earned his Juris Doctor degree at UCLA. “Normandale started me on a great education and fascinating career. The college provided excellent teachers in core subjects, including English, with many 500-word themes, History, with the entertaining Chuck Chalberg, and Spanish.” McNiff landed at the law firm of David Kagon, who had won the landmark case of Marvin v. Marvin the year before. Many Marvin or palimony cases and regular family law cases followed for over 30 years. He created a unique visual guide to divorce, and was invited to speak by Dr. Colette Brunschwig at the University of Zurich’s Multisensory Law Conference in 2014. “I was honored to speak among the foremost leaders of Multisensory Law in the world. And it all started for me at Normandale.”

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Anthony Remnick, ’08

Graduated Normandale in 2008. Remnick eventually went on to complete a B.S. in Psychology and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He graduated with his law degree in 2016 and is now an attorney. “I dropped out of high school in 11th grade. Then I took a few years to realize that maybe an education would be useful in life. I attended Normandale in the evenings after work and obtained a two-year AA degree.”

Josiah Kennealy, ’10

Is the young adult pastor at Cedar Valley Church working with college students, young adults and young couples ages 18-30. “This is truly my dream job!” This year, he finished his master’s degree in Strategic Leadership from North Central University in Minneapolis. For his graduate school capstone project, he published with Amazon Books his first book entitled, Debtless: Helping Students Take On Less Debt.
Dear Friends of Normandale,

During this Thanksgiving season, we have so much to be thankful for. You—our friends, supporters, neighbors, alumni, faculty, staff—are the lifeblood to the success of what we witness every day. You have made a tremendous impact on the lives of Normandale students, their families, and the economic health of our whole community. You are changing lives! Learning—from cradle, to career, and beyond, is a lifelong proposition. By working together, we are providing creative, innovative and timely learning opportunities for students of all ages...and stages. Your support helps increase enrollment and retention of students on our campus. Thank you for being part of a community that notices, cares, and takes action.

Your faithfulness warms our hearts. As I approach my 5th year at Normandale, I wish to express what a blessing it is to work with each of you, to build and share true friendships, all while making a mark and leaving a legacy for our students!

With sincere gratitude and warmest wishes to you always,

Colleen Simpson, Normandale Foundation Executive Director

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