

THE MAGAZINE OF TRINE UNIVERSITY

TRINE

FALL 2022



**President and Mrs. Brooks reflect on their service,
legacy at Trine University - SEE PAGE 26**



Trine University Basic Utility Vehicle team members — from left, Braeden Wallen-Frye of Kendallville, Indiana; Wesley Gates of Stilesville, Indiana; Derik Gunthorp of LaGrange, Indiana; Dr. John Liu, faculty advisor; Adam Ellert of Angola, Indiana; and Manuel Urcino of Frankfort, Illinois — make measurements and adjustments to their vehicle’s design using equipment in the university’s Virtual Reality lab. The team was one of several Trine University engineering teams to take a top award in competitions this spring. Read more on Page 8

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By now, you have likely heard that I will retire as the 16th president of Trine University at the end of May. It has been a privilege to lead the university during this period of unprecedented growth. We continue to break enrollment records, expand facilities and academic programs, increase our financial strength, and above all, prepare students to succeed, lead and serve. I also cherish the relationships I have built with our Board of Trustees, alumni, faculty, staff and students as we have worked together to make this a better university year after year.



In this issue, you'll read my reflections on my tenure here. While it's impossible to condense everything into these pages, I hope you are able to get a sense of how proud I am of all we've accomplished and how grateful I am for everyone who has been part of this journey.

One unsung hero who has played an integral part in our success is my wife Melanie. This magazine will give you the opportunity to get a rare glimpse as she reflects on her time as first lady of Trine University.

Even though my chapter of Trine University's history will soon close, the story of this institution will continue to get more exciting. In this issue you'll read about initiatives that will shape Trine University into the tenure of its 17th president and beyond, including the new Steel Dynamics Center for Engineering and Computing, Best Hall expansion and Trine University Fort Wayne campus.

As always, you'll also read about the many accomplishments of our students and alumni, who have reached the pinnacle of athletic and academic competitions, grown successful businesses, impacted the lives of elementary, middle and high school students, and even saved lives.

Thank you for all who have shared kind words about my service to the university. If you have the opportunity, please feel free to stop by my office over the next several months. I will be there, continuing to work diligently to build what I believe is one of the premier institutions in the Midwest.

Sincerely,

Earl D. Brooks II

Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D.
Trine University President

26
23 Years of
Success



6
SDI Center opens



12
New Fort Wayne facility



22
Commencement

15 Campus News
37 Class Notes
42 Thunder's Final Roll
46 Eye on the Storm

ON THE FRONT COVER:
Trine photographer Dean Orewiler photographs this issue's front cover with Dr. and Mrs. Brooks.



THE MAGAZINE OF TRINE UNIVERSITY
TRINE

Publisher
Trine University, Angola, Indiana, trine.edu
This magazine is published twice yearly by University Marketing and Communications.

Editor-In-Chief and Chief Copy Writer
James Tew, 2019 MSL

Contributor
Lauren Banks, Communication '23

Art Directors
Travis Bowersock
Steve Faramelli

Project Coordinator
Lily Walker, 2022 BSMKT

Photographers
Dean Orewiler
Steve Faramelli
Patrick Redmond

Sports Information Director
Nicholas Duffy

Send class notes and address changes to:
Office of University Advancement
260.665.4114
alumni@trine.edu

Social Media Communities
trine.edu/socialmedia

University Administration
President

Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D. | brookse@trine.edu

Vice President for Enrollment Management
Kimberly Bennett | bennettk@trine.edu

Vice President for University Marketing and Communications
Dave Jarzyna | jarzynad@trine.edu

Vice President for Administration / Chief of Staff
Gretchen M. Miller | millerg@trine.edu

Vice President for Student Affairs
Cisco Ortiz, 1999 BSCJ | ortizf@trine.edu

University Provost and Senior Vice President
John Shannon, Ph.D. | shannonj@trine.edu

Vice President for University Advancement
Kent D. Stucky, J.D. | stuckyk@trine.edu

Vice President for Academic Affairs
Catherine Swick, Ph.D. | swickc@trine.edu

Vice President for Finance
Kayla Warren, 2006 BSBA | warrenk@trine.edu

Board of Trustees
Rick L. James - Chairman • Lynn A. Brooks - Secretary
Jerry L. Allen • Michael D. Axel • James D. Bock • Keith E. Busse
John Cerasani • William D. Dubois • Michael J. Eikenberry
James P. Fabiani • David M. Findlay • Lawrence A. Franks
Tomas Furth • William A. Gettig • Timothy J. Haffner
Rick Henvey • Joe Jordan • Dennis Kruse • Mark Music
Richard L. Oeder • Derek S. Reiners • Larry E. Reiners
Elizabeth F. Rooney • Jason Stechschulte • Jeff Turner
Keith M. Turner • Theresa E. Wagler

Please visit trine.edu/magazine to download a digital version of Trine Magazine.





SDI Center

provides creative space for students, classes

The Steel Dynamics Inc. Center for Engineering and Computing opened Aug. 22, providing a new crown jewel for Trine University's Angola campus and much-needed space for its growing engineering and computing programs. The new facility features bright, open spaces, state-of-the-art technology, flexible labs and classrooms, and an active learning lab with a maker space.



Trine *engineers* excel in competition

Once again, teams of Trine University engineering students shined in spring competitions, with several taking top awards.

NASA Rover team second overall

Trine University's NASA Rover team took second place overall in the college and university division of the 2022 NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC), the highest finish for Trine in the competition's history.

Announced virtually on April 29, the finish also marked the third year in the row the university has received a major award in the Challenge.



Team members, all design engineering technology majors, were Ben Alston of Adrian, Michigan; Emma Daniels of Plymouth, Indiana; Tony Greenman of Jasper, Michigan; Steph Hartpence of Elkhart, Indiana; Hunter Klein of Shipshewana, Indiana; and Connor Malmquist of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Trine BUV team wins again

Though three years had passed since the last Basic Utility Vehicle (BUV) competition was held, Trine University was able to pick up where it left off.

After winning the event outright for the first time in 2019, a new team of Trine seniors did the same at this year's event, the first held since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 23.



Team members Adam Ellert of Angola, Indiana; Wesley Gates of Stilesville, Indiana; Derik Gunthorp of LaGrange, Indiana; Manuel Urcino of Frankfort, Illinois; and Braeden Wallen-Frye of Kendallville, Indiana, all mechanical engineering majors, were able to improve their design process by implementing virtual reality technology.

Combat robot, micromouse win at National Robotics Challenge

Two robots created by Trine University engineering teams took first place in their respective competitions at the 2022 National Robotics Challenge, held April 7-9 in Marion, Ohio.

Trine's combat robot team won the beetleweight division for machines weighing 3 pounds or less, defeating challengers from six schools. Team members were mechanical engineering seniors Connor Brentlinger of Granger, Indiana; Dylan Keating of Decatur, Indiana; Daniel Shivley of Churubusco, Indiana; and Alex Walters of Mishawaka, Indiana.

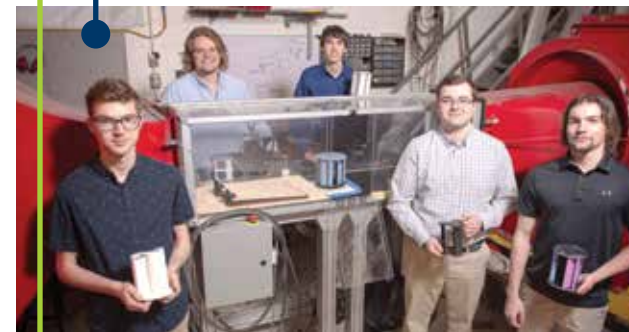
Another Trine team took first place out of 10 college and university entries in the Micromouse contest, where robots were designed to be the first to reach the center of a maze. Trine Micromouse team members were software engineering major Brayton Niccum of Wabash, Indiana; electrical engineering major Nick Rogge of Plymouth, Indiana; and software engineering major Spencer Seim of North Hope, Indiana.



Trine team honored for paper at AIAA

A Trine senior design team took first place with a paper they presented at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Region III Student Conference, held March 25-26 at Purdue University.

Mechanical engineering majors Dylan Habig of Kokomo, Indiana; Timothy Mayer of Endicott, New York; Trevor Ransbury of Medina, Ohio; Brandon Frymire of Schaumburg, Illinois; and Luke McClung of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were recognized along with faculty co-advisor James Canino, Ph.D., for the top paper in the team category for "Optimization of a Lenz Style VAWT Geometry Utilizing CFD and Genetic Algorithms."



The team's senior design project was to optimize a rotor for a vertical axis wind turbine (VAWT) design. The team used a combination of wind tunnel tests and computational fluid dynamics (CFD) along with a genetic algorithm to complete the task.

Trine ChemE Jeopardy, car teams qualify for nationals

Eighteen chemical engineering students from Trine University took part in competitions at the North Central Student Regional Conference of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), with two Trine teams qualifying for national competition.

The event was held April 8-9 at the University of Akron (Ohio).

The university's ChemE Jeopardy team finished in first place. Team members were: Jonah Blanchard, a senior from Wauseon, Ohio; David Deniston, a junior from Bowling Green, Ohio; Adam Dumas, a junior from Swanton, Ohio, who served as captain; Sherrie Riser, a senior from Anderson, Indiana; and Laura Weller, a senior from Munster, Indiana.



Allen Hersel, Ph.D., professor in the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, was advisor for the project.

Trine's ChemE car team finished in second place, also qualifying for nationals. Team members were: Dean Campbell, a freshman from Batesville, Indiana; Luke Crowner, a freshman from Saline, Michigan; David Deniston, a junior from Bowling Green, Ohio; Parker Gillespie, a senior from Solsberry, Indiana; John McClelland, a sophomore from Oak Forest, Illinois; and Madison Ruen, a freshman from Antwerp, Ohio. John Wagner, Ph.D., professor in the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, was advisor for the project.

Civil engineers 2nd at symposium

Trine University placed second overall in competitions at the inaugural American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Indiana-Kentucky Student Symposium, held April 7-9 and hosted by the university.

Three Trine teams took first-place awards:

- ASCE Sustainable Solutions: Hannah



Murray of Shelbyville, Indiana; Corey Phillips of Westfield, Indiana; Drew Parsley of Kendallville, Indiana; and Este Alieme of Franklin, New Jersey.

- Quiz Bowl: Arizona Lenski of Merrillville, Indiana; Aspen Fisher of Ossian, Indiana; Austin Zank of Nashville, Michigan; and John Nash of Channahon, Illinois.

- Mechanically Stabilized Earth Wall: Nick Stevens of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Luke Shively of Churubusco, Indiana.

Trine football robot places 3rd

Though a rookie to the event, one of Trine University's first football robots managed to capture third in a drill at the Collegiate Robotic Football Conference (CRFC) 2022 National Championship and Combine.

Held April 2 at St. Mary's College, the event is the annual conclusion of the CRFC's season.



The Trine robot, designed by software engineering major Christopher Ferguson and computer engineering major Elliot Wannemacher, both of Defiance, Ohio, placed third in the three-cone drill with a time of 12.4 seconds.

Making the Sale:

Trine student 2nd in national competition

Nikki Maroney says she loves the competitiveness of sales.

The Trine University sport and recreation major proved how well she thrives in competition, finishing second in the annual National Collegiate Sports Sales Championship, held Feb. 7-8 at State Farm Arena in Atlanta.

Open only to graduating seniors and graduate students, the championship began with team competition, held via Zoom in November. In addition to Maroney, of New Buffalo, Michigan, Trine's team included Hayden Jones, a sport management major from Richmond, Indiana; Caleb Gonya, a sport management major from Angola, Indiana; and Alyssa Moore, a sport management major from Pendleton, Indiana.

Trine finished 12th out of 37 colleges and universities nationwide, placing highest among NCAA Division III schools and



schools from Indiana.

Following the team competition, the top 100 students were ranked, with each school choosing their top two students to advance to the single-elimination, 64-student

“I felt very good about my pitch and, no matter the outcome, I was proud of the progress I had made throughout the competition.” - Nikki Maroney

championship. Maroney ranked 11th and Jones ranked 64th to qualify.

“When I came back to school in January, I hit the ground running with preparing for the championship round,” Maroney said, “I wanted to break into the Top 10 to show that I had taken in the feedback I had received from the first round.”

A few days before the championship was to begin, another spot opened and was given to Gonya. Moore, who was taking part in a Living Sport 10-day internship at Super Bowl LVI, did not make the trip to Atlanta.

Facing off with other students

Each student competed against one other student from another school in each round. Winning brought the opportunity to stand out to job recruiters in addition to bragging rights.

Jones fell in the first round to a Kansas State University student who advanced to the quarterfinals. Gonya was defeated in the first round by Kyle Gaspari of Arizona State University, the eventual champion.

The championship round, between Maroney and Gaspari, was held on a stage on the Atlanta Hawks practice court, in front of everyone in attendance.

“I felt very good about my pitch and, no matter the outcome, I was proud of the progress I had made throughout the competition,” Maroney said.

Maroney received multiple job offers during the event. Brandon Podgorski, associate professor of sport management, who serves as advisor for the team, said Jones and Gonya also interviewed and networked with professional and college teams.

“No matter where you go to school, if you are willing to put in the work and prepare, you can be successful in the sporting industry,” Podgorski said.



Making a difference: Trine design project helps veteran enjoy kayaking

They majored in biomedical engineering to help people, and three Trine University graduates got to see the impact they can make firsthand when they handed off their senior design project May 13 to a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Supported by a BAE Systems program, Kortney Helm of Muncie, Indiana; Madison Howard of Pleasant Lake, Michigan; and Connor Moon of Toledo, Ohio, designed and built a system to help Chris Billmyer, a double above-the-knee amputee from Dubuque, Iowa, better enjoy kayaking.

Challenges in the outdoors

Billmyer served as an Infantry Assault Marine from 2007-2012 and was injured in Afghanistan on his third deployment. He spent two years in a hospital and now uses a wheelchair to get around.

With kayaking, Billmyer suffered excess shoulder and back strain from lifting the kayak into and out of the water, in addition to getting wet while launching.

Working under the mentorship of engineers from BAE Systems' Fort Wayne facility and Trine faculty advisors, university senior design teams completed two projects this past year through BAE's Tech Power: Innovating for Impact program. In addition to Billmyer's kayaking system, another team of Trine biomedical engineers designed a device that detects elevated heart rate and sounds an alarm to wake veterans experiencing nightmares related to post-traumatic stress disorder.

Applying skills from class

Helm said the process provided the students the opportunity to apply skills learned in class, including “a lot of statistical analysis, CAD modeling (and) finite element analysis modeling.”

The Trine group eventually decided on a system including a collapsible crane that fits in the back of Billmyer's truck to lift the kayak, a collapsible dolly cart with bag to transport an inflatable kayak, and customized waterproof waders.

During the spring semester, the students built the system and tested it for safety and fit.

Moon, whose father served in the military for 25 years, said he majored in biomedical engineering with the hope of one day being able to help disabled veterans as a full-time career.

“It wasn't about our grade, it wasn't about the frustrations we were going through, it was about serving a customer and delivering a product to him at the end of the year that would improve his life greatly,” he said.

Billmyer planned to try out the new system the next weekend or the weekend after.

“The world's not very accessible, so all the things you can do to make it more accessible and help you push down that barrier to get out and do things are great,” he said.



Major gifts support new facility to expand Fort Wayne health education



Working in close partnership with Parkview Health, Trine University will greatly expand its capacity to help meet healthcare needs in Allen County and the surrounding region through a new \$40 million, 120,000-square-foot academic facility housing programs in its College of Health Professions.

The university has received major gifts toward construction of the facility, which will be designated Trine University Fort Wayne, including a \$5 million pledge from The James Foundation.

Serving the College of Health Professions

Once fully operational, Trine Fort Wayne will employ 100 faculty and staff and serve nearly 700 students in Trine's College of Health Professions (CHP), which currently includes its physical therapy, physician assistant, speech-language pathology, nursing and surgical technology programs. The new space will allow CHP to add new programs including occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, medical science and emergency medical sciences.

"With healthcare delivery needs increasing

In addition to state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, the new facility will feature an innovative Simulated Patient Care Center (SimCenter) including mock surgery and Emergency Room suites and exam and patient rooms. The building also will contain ample resources for student support, including a library, bookstore, gathering area, academic support and counseling services.

"With its leading-edge academic programs and facilities, Trine Fort Wayne will transform healthcare training in northeast Indiana, further establishing Fort Wayne as a leading center for healthcare and for provider education," said Trine University President Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D. "We are excited and proud to partner with Parkview Health to make this investment in the health and economic vitality of Fort Wayne, Allen County and this region, and look forward to the dividends it will pay in the years to come."

Trine will move its physical therapy, physician assistant and surgical technology programs from their current location in Trine's Health Sciences Education Center on the Parkview Randallia campus, and the speech-language pathology program from its Fort Wayne Education Center on Dupont Road.

"We have been grateful for Parkview's generous support for our healthcare programs at its Randallia campus, but both parties have realized for some time that space has become and will continue to be a limiting factor at that location," said Brooks. "We are excited to expand our alliance with Parkview to benefit not only both our organizations, but the region as a whole."

66 *My Tri-State College equipped me to have a successful life and career, and Judy and I are glad to give back to not only support future generations of students, but the health, economy and quality of life of northeast Indiana.* - university Board of Trustees member Larry Reiners

Dr. Rick L. James, a 1977 Trine University graduate and chair of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Dr. Vicki L. James, established the James Foundation, Inc. to enhance the quality of life in northeast Indiana and around the country through enhancing existing social platforms and providing new educational and cultural opportunities.

"As both the recipient of a Trine University education and a witness to all the university has provided for our region, I am proud to support its mission and vision, and Trine University Fort Wayne in particular," said Dr. Rick L. James. "We hope this gift will not only make a lasting impact on the university's students and the regional economy, but that it will encourage others to donate to this vital project."

Alumnus and Board of Trustees member Larry Reiners, 1965 BSCE, and his wife Judy, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, also committed \$2.5 million toward the project.

"My Tri-State College equipped me to have a successful life and career, and Judy and I are glad to give back to not only support future generations of students, but the health, economy and quality of life of northeast Indiana," said Larry Reiners.

Construction will begin as soon as all necessary approvals are received, with the building projected to open in Fall 2024.

across the nation and certainly in our region, we applaud Trine's leadership and this bold approach to shaping the education of our future healthcare professionals," said Dena Jacquay, Chief Administrative Officer for Parkview Health. "Parkview continues to partner with area colleges and universities to strengthen not only our workforce, but also our communities. Trine Fort Wayne is a wonderful complement to our Parkview Regional Medical Center campus and the positive impacts this project will have on the health and well-being of our region."





University adding more than 36,000 square feet to Best Hall

Trine University has begun an additional expansion to its Best Hall of Science to support growth in health occupations and science majors on its Angola campus.

The more-than-36,000-square-foot, three-story addition will feature about 20 offices as well as 13 classrooms, including six specialized laboratories, and collaborative learning space. Total cost of the project, including equipment, will be \$16 million.

The university expects to have the new section open by Fall 2023.

The expansion will help accommodate growth in Trine's Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences, which is housed in the building. The school includes the university's exercise science program, which launched in 2010 and now enrolls more than 200 students.

Many students within the Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences go on to graduate programs in Trine University's College of Health Professions (CHP) in Fort Wayne, including direct admit options to Trine's Doctor of Physical Therapy

and Master of Physician Assistant Studies programs. Those programs are seeing growth as well, with Trine University and Parkview Health announcing a 120,000-square-foot, \$40 million facility near Parkview's main campus that will allow for continued growth in the CHP and its programs. (See Page 12.)

"All trends point to explosive growth in the population of older adults and in the need for trained healthcare professionals to serve them and others," said university President Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D. "This expansion to Best Hall, coupled with our new facility supported by Parkview Health, will equip more graduates to help meet that need in this region."

"In addition, this expansion will serve overall growth on Trine University's Angola campus. Most every student comes through Best Hall

for science classes during their time at Trine, and this new expansion will help us continue to provide state-of-the-art facilities for all our students as our numbers grow."

Dedicated in 1967, Best Hall of Science honors John G. Best, a 1947 Tri-State College (now Trine University) alumnus and trustee. Best served as chairman of the board for CTS Corporation, an international manufacturer of electronic equipment.

The building previously received a 26,000-square-foot addition in 2016. That \$6.6 million project included seven laboratories, 12 offices and group study spaces.

“...this new expansion will help us continue to provide state-of-the-art facilities for all our students as our numbers grow.” - university President Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D.

8 promoted to new roles

Reflecting the growth in Trine University and its programs, the university recently promoted eight staff members to new roles.



John Shannon, Ph.D.

John Shannon, Ph.D., has assumed the newly created position of university provost and senior vice president. The position was created to provide additional leadership resources to accommodate growing enrollment and expanded academic offerings, and to enable the university to fully explore and embrace exciting opportunities, both short- and long-term.



Catherine Swick, Ph.D.

Catherine Swick, Ph.D., has been named vice president for academic affairs, filling the role vacated by Dr. Shannon's promotion. Dr. Swick had been serving as dean and professor in Trine's growing Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences.



Cisco Ortiz

Cisco Ortiz BSCJ 1999 has been promoted to vice president for student affairs. In his new role, Ortiz will direct Trine University's newly reconfigured Office of Student Affairs, which will have responsibility for essential student services that include student life, campus housing, campus safety, health and wellness and student success.

In addition, the university named the following staff to new positions:

- **Shane Steele, DPT**, assistant vice president of the College of Health Professions.
- **James Tew 2019 MSL**, assistant vice president for content and communications.
- **Michael Black, Ed.D.**, dean of students.
- **Evan Gustin 2022 MBA**, associate dean of student affairs.
- **Deborah McHenry**, executive director of student affairs.
- **Keirsten Eberts**, associate vice president and dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and Office of International Services



Shane Steele, DPT



James Tew



Michael Black, Ed.D.



Evan Gustin



Deborah McHenry



Keirsten Eberts



New programs include extended reality, industrial engineering

Trine University launched a Bachelor of Science in extended reality (XR) degree program this fall, one of the first in the nation to prepare students to apply the technology across multiple disciplines.

The program is offered in person to students on Trine's Angola campus as well as fully online.

New online associate and bachelor's programs in industrial engineering technology will equip graduates to work in industrial settings. These programs equip graduates with skills to apply methodologies and tools to real-world manufacturing and design processes.

The university also has added a game design and VR concentration within its Bachelor of Science in computer science and information technology (CSIT) degree. Graduates will be prepared to professionally design video games and virtual reality (VR) environments.

For more information, visit trine.edu

Trine awards innovative high school students

Physical and art therapy businesses and an accessory to prevent damage to cell phone charging ports and cords took the top prizes as a record number of high school students participated in Trine University's annual Innovation Challenge competition.

Held Feb. 9 on the Trine campus and presented by Trine innovation 1 and Fifth Third Bank, this year's contest included projects by 53 students.

For the first time, the business division of the contest ended in a tie, with Eleanor Young of St. Johns High School in St. Johns, Michigan, and Litzy Munoz of Lakeland High School in LaGrange, Indiana, each receiving a \$750 prize.

Young's business concept, "Advanced Physical Therapy for Athletes," is an athlete-focused holistic physical therapy clinic to be located in Northwest Michigan. "Palate de Amor," Munoz' concept, is an art therapy venue in LaGrange, Indiana, designed to benefit the mental health of its customers and help the environment by utilizing wood, ceramics, recycled materials and pottery from Mexico.

Starr Dust, a student at Career Academy of South Bend, won the \$1,000 first prize in the technology division for "Bent Be Gone," a phone accessory that attaches to the charge port of a cell phone and prevents the charging cord from being bent, which can damage the cord and the port.



Starr Dust presents her phone accessory invention, "Bent Be Gone."

Trine Day draws record number of donors

A record number donated during the annual Trine Day fundraiser, supporting scholarships, academic and athletic needs, and student organizations at Trine University.

Held April 22, Trine Day saw 689 make donations during the 24-hour period, an increase of more than 100 from last year. Contributions exceeded \$132,000 and came from alumni, staff, faculty, parents, students and friends.

TrineOnline programs recognized in US News national rankings

Trine University's online degree programs once again placed among the best in the United States, joining only a select few programs in Indiana in rankings released Jan. 25 by U.S. News & World Report.

The U.S. News & World Report Best Online Programs rankings include online degrees from public and private institutions nationwide. The 2022 edition marks the fourth year in a row Trine University, which groups its online programs under TrineOnline, has been recognized.

For the first time, Trine joined the U.S. News Best MBA rankings for online programs. Trine was one of only six Indiana universities ranked in that category.

Trine was one of only two Hoosier schools ranked for Best Graduate Engineering Degrees, and one of four ranked in Best Graduate Business Degrees, non-MBA.

U.S. News also ranked Trine's online programs in the Best Bachelor's Degrees and Best Online Bachelor's Degree Programs in Business categories.

Trine honors faculty with annual awards

Trine University honored faculty members with its annual year-end awards during a special ceremony April 25 in Sponsel Administration Building on the university's Angola campus:

- **Linda Conley**, associate professor in the Ketner School of Business, Prof. Gerald H. Moore Overall Excellence in Teaching Award and Charles William, Nelle Paris and Mary Ann McKetta Excellence in Teaching Award in Business.
- **Alison Todd**, assistant professor in the Franks School of Education, Helen Smith McKetta Excellence in Teaching Award.
- **Anna Glowinski, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Department of Science, Robert Ewing and Gail Stewart Smith Excellence in Teaching Award in Arts and Sciences.
- **Jennifer Lloyd**, director of the surgical technology program, Merle J. and Anna Mae McKetta Thomas Excellence in Teaching Award in Arts and Sciences.
- **Sean Carroll, Ph.D.**, professor in Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Charles and Sue Ragan Gelet Excellence in Teaching Award in Engineering.
- **Wendy Yagodinski**, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, Steve and Mary Yacynch McKetta Excellence in Teaching Award in Engineering.
- **Jeffrey Raymond**, laboratory technician and instructor for the McKetta Department of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, Frank and Julia Gelet McKetta Excellence in Teaching Award in Engineering.
- **John Patton, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Bock Department of Biomedical Engineering, John J. and Mary Gelet McKetta Excellence in Teaching Award in Engineering.
- **Rocky Lo, Ph.D.**, lecturer in the Department of Psychology and Social Sciences, Robert Andrew and Anne Ewing Smith Excellence in Teaching Award in Arts and Sciences.
- **Emilio Vazquez, Ph.D.**, associate professor and medical director of the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program, Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Health Professions.
- **Erikson Conkling**, Outstanding Adjunct for Main Campus.
- **Cheryl Kline**, Outstanding Adjunct for TrineOnline.
- **Christina Waddell**, Outstanding Adjunct for Graduate Programs.
- **Samuel Drerup, Ph.D.**, associate professor in the Department of Science, Barrenbrugge Award for Faculty Excellence.
- **Kendall Teichert, Ph.D.**, associate professor in the Wade Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Jannen Renaissance Scholar Award.
- **Andrea Bearman**, director of instructional design and development, Open Education Resource award.
- **Von Plessner, Ph.D.**, adjunct faculty, CGPS Faculty Service Award.
- **Isabel Soto**, administrative assistant in the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, and **Tracey Floto**, executive director for assessment and accreditation and accreditation liaison officer, Academic Service Awards.

Golf outing raises more than \$100,000 for scholarships

Trine University alumni and friends contributed more than \$100,000 for student scholarships at the university's 32nd Annual Alumni & Friends Scholarship Golf Outing.

Held Aug. 5 at Zollner Golf Course, the event welcomed 66 teams that played golf and ate meals prepared by Bon Appetit catering.

The event raised \$105,062, with more to come from the Sig Cup competition between alumni of the Kappa Sigma and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternities. The total is already more than an \$18,000 increase from last year's outing.

The 2023 outing is scheduled for Aug. 4.

Big Man on Campus raises more than \$24,000

The Theta Phi Alpha sorority at Trine University raised \$24,347.18 for the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer at this year's Big Man on Campus (BMOC) event.

Caleb Kruse, a mechanical engineering major from Auburn, Indiana, representing the Christian Campus House, was crowned Big Man on Campus, while **Lance Williamson**, a civil engineering major from Decatur, Indiana, representing Student Government, was awarded Mr. Pink Ribbon, the contestant chosen by the other competitors for showing the most enthusiasm and sportsmanship during BMOC week.

Lynda Houk, executive director for the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer, shared about the foundation during the pageant.

This year's guest speaker was Sasha Williamson, mother of Theta Phi's **Lily Williamson**. Sasha shared about her struggle with breast cancer and how she overcame the disease.



Eighteen members of Trine University's High Voltage Dance Team and Trine mascot Storm, dressed in his finest, were part of a LaGrange County special event to celebrate those with disabilities. The eighth annual Night to Shine, founded and supported by the Tim Tebow Foundation, took place nationwide on Feb. 11. The event provides a prom night experience for tens of thousands of people ages 14 and older who have special needs. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 version was held as a "Shine Through" parade and virtual celebration.

Alum speeds to the top with golf cart business

Though **Sloan Whitaker** knew he would always go into business for himself, he didn't expect to be leading a multimillion-dollar company by age 28.

"I didn't think I would be this young and do this so quickly," he said. "I'm very happy with the way it worked out."

The 2016 marketing graduate is co-owner of BA Carts, a Van Wert, Ohio, company that builds and sells custom golf carts.

Started at an early age

His entrepreneurial bent comes from his father, Lynn, who founded Custom Audio Concepts, an audio/visual design and installation company, in 1993. The oldest of four children, Sloan said he quickly became exposed to running a business.

"I was using tools and working on things," he said. "My dad also sold cell phones, so I was selling phones when I was in fourth or fifth grade."

The opportunity to play basketball drew him to Trine University. He also liked that it was fairly close to home and that, even in 2012, it was nicer than most campuses he visited.

He started as a computer engineering major, but quickly realized he did not want to sit at a computer all day. He liked the versatility a business degree offered.

"Everything's a business, so a business degree made the most sense," he said. "I've always been a sales guy, so marketing was right up my alley."

After graduation, he worked in corporate sales for a year. Though he excelled at his job, all he could think about was "how much money they were making on me."

"An account of mine would order \$100,000 in supplies and I would make three hundred bucks, and as time went on I kept thinking more about the big picture. I wanted a more challenging career that either failed or succeeded based on my efforts. I was ready to

start taking risks, and push myself instead of being at a comfortable corporate job," he said.

Carts begin to take off

He returned home intending to buy into Custom Audio Concepts. However, BA Carts, which his father had started as a side business, was exploding thanks to Ohio legislation that made it legal to drive golf carts on public roads.

"When I got home, the first week, we had 50 couples come in to look at golf carts," he recalled. "The more the business came in, because the market grew, the more interested I became."

BA Carts began by restoring used golf carts, quickly setting itself apart from competitors.

"A lot of people who were doing carts were putting lipstick on a pig: They were pulling the body off, power washing it, putting a new body on it and calling it restored," he said. "They were putting three or four hours of work into them. We put 30 hours into every cart we built."

Though BA Carts' products were more expensive as a result, they also lasted longer. The company soon built a reputation for quality and became a dealer for new carts.

Moving to the high end

However, as Sloan saw photos of "high-end" custom golf carts on social media, he realized there was another untapped market, especially with BA Carts' roots in audio/visual.

"I'm seeing all these companies build high-end carts and installing cheap speakers," he said. "We're talking \$20,000 to \$30,000 golf carts with cheap speakers, the sub woofers aren't installed correctly, the speakers aren't installed correctly and the lights aren't installed correctly. So I finally told my dad, 'We're more skilled than all these golf cart builders are in audio and wiring LED lights. We really need to step up our game and I can't do without you.'"

After decades of installing car audio, however, his father was reluctant to make the leap as he had grown tired of that industry. So Sloan gave him a little push.

"I sold a cart on promises to a customer," he said. "That was the only way I could get my dad to do it: 'Hey, I sold a \$30,000 golf cart. It needs to be done in two weeks.'"

As Sloan shared photos of the company's high-end carts online, demand continued to build. Clients have included the Discovery Channel's Diesel Brothers; BA Carts built extra-tall carts to match the stars' larger-than-life trucks.

"The carts sell themselves," Sloan said. "We keep building carts thinking no one's going to buy them and the next thing you know, someone buys them. And then we build something cooler."

As BA Carts has grown, Sloan has enjoyed opportunities like serving as a sponsor at this year's Alumni Scholarship Golf Outing. He's also glad the company's growth has allowed his father to take an occasional break.

"He's worked very hard his entire life, and BA Carts wouldn't be where it is today without him. It brings me great joy knowing that our hard work has at least allowed him to consistently take vacations with my mother while making deliveries around the country," Sloan said.

But he said the most rewarding aspect is seeing the smiles on customer faces.

"Golf carts are a fun thing, and people are so excited when they see their new golf cart for the first time," he said. "Selling golf carts for a living is a very fun thing to do. I'm very lucky."





#TeachersByTrine: Education alumni make impact

Whether impacted by their own teachers or inspired to have an impact on others, they all came to Trine University to become educators. And they have had their own impact, as teachers and administrators in Indiana and elsewhere. Here are quick looks at a few #TeachersByTrine.

Angela Gruner,
Elementary education, 2001
Third-grade teacher, Hendry Park Elementary School, Angola

Angela was a shy student in her early years, but was able to come out of her shell thanks to positive encouragement from her elementary teachers.

“They were patient and kind. They helped me find my strengths as a student. This was



an experience I wanted to give back to my students,” she said.

She chose Tri-State because she wanted her professors to actually know her instead of just being a number in the system. Being able to get into the classroom from the very beginning helped her realize what worked well and what didn't.

“I love that every day is different from the last. I love working with a student and seeing a big smile spread on their faces when they get the topic I taught,” she said.

Robby Morgan,
Elementary education, 2003
Superintendent, Central Noble School Corporation

Robby's journey in education led him from swim lessons at age 15 to school corporation superintendent today.

“During my first year teaching swim lessons I experienced the joy of helping someone achieve a goal or



objective. That really ignited the love of teaching inside me,” he explained.

An offer to play baseball and family at nearby Crooked Lake made Tri-State an attractive college choice, and meeting Sue VanWagner, Ph.D., then dean of the Franks School of Education, sealed the deal.

“She made it seem like home,” Robby recalled.

His Tri-State education provided many opportunities for teaching practicums, and those experiences prepared him for the classroom

“During my first year teaching swim lessons I experienced the joy of helping someone achieve a goal or objective. That really ignited the love of teaching inside me.” - Robby Morgan

after he graduated. He taught fourth grade for nine years at West Noble Community Schools before serving two years as a TOSA (teacher on special assignment with administrative duties) at Goshen Community Schools.

He continued in administration, becoming an assistant principal at Prairie Heights Middle School and then at Goshen High school before serving the last six years as principal at Central Noble Primary. In May, the Central Noble Board of Trustees announced Morgan as the new superintendent for the school corporation.

“Mostly, I'm looking forward to improving Central Noble from good to great!” he said. “We have incredible certified and classified staff that are dedicated to our students and want the best for them and our community.”

David Armstrong,
English education, 2005
English teacher, Las Animas High School, Colorado

David always had an interest in education.



“I don't know if it is because my grandmother taught, so it is a genetic thing, or what,” he said.

Growing up in the small town of Gosport, Indiana, he chose

Tri-State because of its smaller atmosphere.

“I was accepted to IU and Purdue, but TSU was more my style,” he said.

He arrived on campus as a science education major, but realized quickly that “chemistry and I were not friends” and changed his major to English education.

After graduating, he took a position at Las Animas School District in Colorado, and has remained there since. He said the support he received while a student at Tri-State allowed him

“to jump into my classroom and start making adjustments and connections with content and students alike.”

“I was especially grateful for the emphasis on building relationships with my students, as that set me apart from some of my colleagues who came from other schools,” he said.

Those relationships have continued with some former students who are now colleagues.

“I actually had my first grand-student this year. That's a whole new feeling of old,” he said.

Laura Harris,
English education, 2006

English teacher, Fremont High School

Laura chose to go into education because she'd been inspired by her own teachers throughout her education.

Laura chose Tri-State because it was close to home. She'd also heard great things about the Franks School of Education.

“Trine students are lucky to get out into classrooms early on and learn from the teachers they are paired with for practicums,” she said. “I enjoy hosting practicum students in my



classroom now because I know what a beneficial experience it is!”

She now hopes to be able to inspire her students in the same way she was inspired by her own teachers.

“Every day is an adventure, and no two days are the same,” she said. “It's a challenging job, but it is also extremely rewarding.”

Alex Gregg,
Math education, 2012
Algebra 2/Precalculus teacher, Brownsburg High School

Alex chose education after being inspired by his biology teacher at Zionsville High School.

“Mr. Cripe was so fun and energetic, and clearly loved teaching. He cared deeply and built strong relationships with his students,” he said. “All those attributes encouraged me that I could do the same for my future students.”

Alex was looking for a smaller university with a strong education school and a lacrosse team. After his first visit, Alex knew Trine was where he wanted to be.

“I wouldn't be the teacher I am now without the professors at Trine,” he said.

The Franks School of Education made Alex an expert in lesson planning. From the get-go, education students were creating their own lessons, and though it was tough work at the time, the practice made it easier to do down the road.

“I absolutely love my students. It is amazing to me how much fun we can have learning math,” he said. “Building strong relationships since day one has made my job such a pleasure.”



Conviction, perspective, service:

Tebow's challenge to Trine graduates



“

I hope every single one of you are successful. That would be my hope and prayer. But more than that, I hope every single one of you are significant. Success is about us. Significance is about other people. I want you to know that you have a great calling, a great purpose, say yes to it and go make a difference.”

Tim Tebow

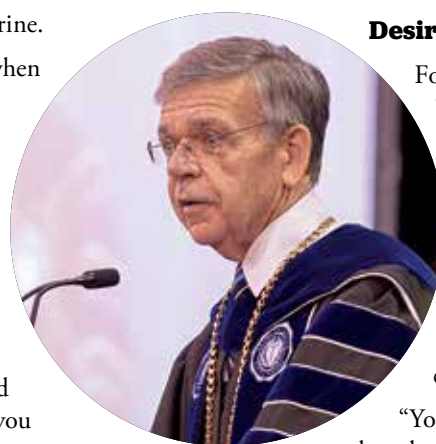
On a day that included many emotional moments, Tim Tebow charged Trine University's graduating students to guide their lives by convictions rather than emotions.

“If your emotions lead your life, congratulations: The rest of your life will be a roller coaster,” the Heisman Trophy winner, former NFL player and philanthropist told a packed Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Inc. Athletic and Recreation Center on May 7.

Trine University President Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., began the Commencement ceremony, which honored the 923 members of the Class of 2022, by noting that the COVID-19 pandemic

shaped students' time at Trine.

“But I truly believe that, when you look back on your undergraduate experience, you will think mostly about other things,” he said. “Take pride in how you weathered the storm. But mostly, savor the great times you had on this campus, the relationships you made and the world-class education you received.”



Desiring inspiration

Following a video introduction, Tebow began the Commencement address, quickly moving from behind the podium and gesturing frequently as he spoke.

He said he hoped all in attendance would be inspired rather than just feeling encouraged.

“You know what inspired means?” he asked. “It means to fill someone

with the urge to do something. And I would rather be someone that did something than felt something.”

In addition to following convictions over emotions, Tebow challenged graduates to seek perspective into what really matters.

He told the story of meeting Kelly Faughnan, whom he met the night before the Home Depot awards ceremony for top college football players his senior year. Faughnan suffered from brain tumors and resulting tremors, and Tebow was so inspired by meeting her that he asked her to be his date to the awards ceremony.

He confessed that after being knocked out of

national championship contention by Alabama and being passed over for six individual awards he was nominated for, his attitude was not what it should have been. But realizing what the night meant for Kelly helped him keep perspective.

“Years later, I don't even remember what those awards were for, but I remember Kelly and I'm still friends with her to this day,” he said.

Making a difference

He also challenged graduates to be ready to make a difference. He told the story of his father, a missionary who, when confronted with a group that was sex trafficking young girls, took

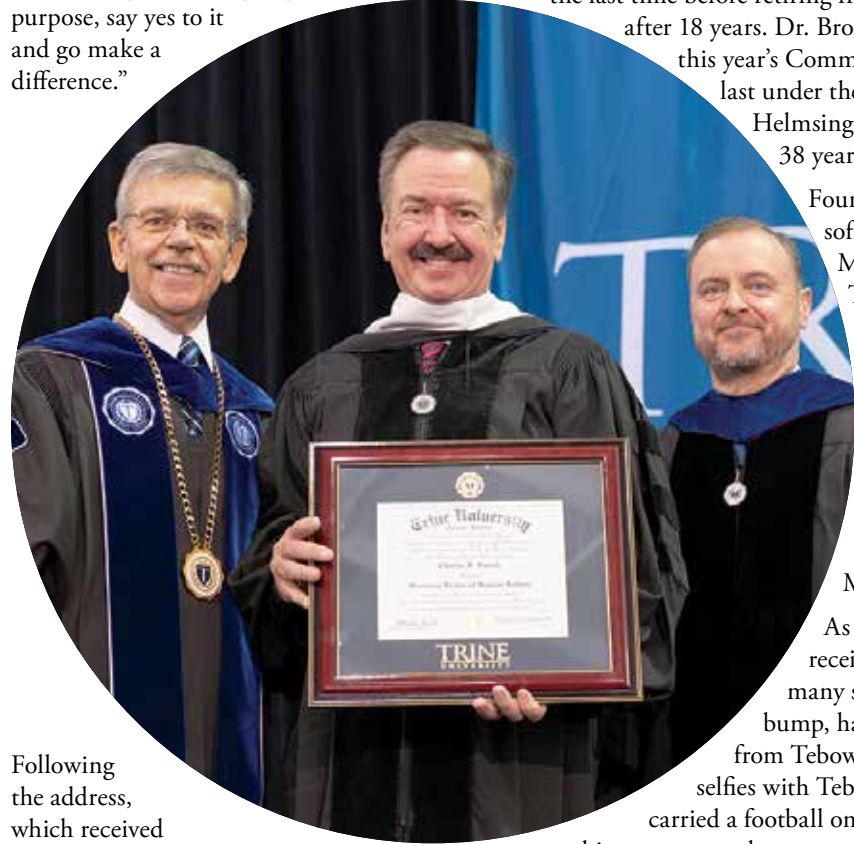
out all the money in his wallet and purchased the girls' freedom.

“I hope every single one of you, whenever it comes, wherever it comes, when you know this is what I'm supposed to say yes to, you say yes to that urging and divine invitation to say yes to a particular task,” he said.

He closed with a story about George Jenkins, founder of the Publix supermarket chain. Generous throughout his lifetime, Jenkins was asked by a reporter on his deathbed what he thought he would be worth if he hadn't given so much away.

“George Jenkins thought for a moment and then looked and said ‘Son, probably nothing.’” Tebow recounted, “because George Jenkins understood that there is a difference between success and significance.

“I hope every single one of you are successful. That would be my hope and prayer. But more than that, I hope every single one of you are significant. Success is about us. Significance is about other people. I want you to know that you have a great calling, a great purpose, say yes to it and go make a difference.”



Following the address, which received a standing ovation, the university presented honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to Tebow and to Chuck Surack, founder and chairman of the board

of Sweetwater. In addition to his role as head of Sweetwater and other businesses under the Surack Enterprises umbrella, Surack and his wife Lisa volunteer in numerous roles and generously support more than 600 organizations annually, including Trine University.

The Class of 2022

John Milliken, assistant vice president for academic success, read graduates’ names for the last time before retiring from the university after 18 years. Dr. Brooks also noted that this year’s Commencement was the last under the direction of Deb Helmsing, who retired after 38 years as registrar.

Four graduating softball players — Mercede Daugherty, Taylor Murdock, Alexis Clark and Ashley Swartout — received their degrees first in order to leave for the Thunder’s noon start against Calvin in the MIAA tournament.

As graduates received their degrees, many stopped by for a fist bump, handshake or hug from Tebow. Some took selfies with Tebow and one carried a football onto the stage for him to autograph.

The parents of Cody Beeks received a standing ovation as they accepted a degree awarded to him posthumously. Beeks died in a 2020 ATV

accident and would have graduated with the Class of 2022.

Help on the journey

Following the presentation of degrees, Rachel Troutman, president of the Trine University Alumni Association, inducted the new members into the association and welcomed them as Trine alumni.

In her response, Meghan Schrader, recipient of the Robert B. Stewart Award for the Class of 2022, thanked all who helped the Class of 2022 through their Trine journey.

“We could not have gotten here today without all of you: You who supported us, you who answered our 1 a.m. emails or our panicked phone calls, who eased our worries and guided us along in our journey,” she said.

Recapping events over the last four years that included the Polar Vortex that canceled classes, campus losing power due to a raccoon “that got too friendly with a transformer,” and smaller occurrences such as trying to beat a train crossing campus before it blocked the path to class, Schrader said those memories created a special bond for the Class of 2022.

“We went through a lot together, and it’ll be those memories that we take with us when we leave this place,” she said.

In closing, Dr. Brooks told the graduates that, having achieved one set of goals, it was now time to move on to others.

“Your family and friends have joined you today because they have given much of themselves to see you reach this pinnacle in your life,” he said. “Remember them and then strive to do the same for others.”



23 Years of Success

Dr. Brooks reflects on many accomplishments as he prepares to retire.



Dr. Brooks, Megan (Brooks) Hyer, and Melanie Brooks at the 2000 inauguration.

He arrived as the youngest university president in the state of Indiana.

He leaves having served longer than most current Trine University students have been alive, even more remarkable considering the average college president's tenure is currently about six years.

When Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., leaves his desk in C.W. Sponsel Administration Building for the last time as Trine University president on May 31, 2023, it will mark the end of an unprecedented era of growth and change in university history.

His presidency has included extensive physical transformation, academic expansion, financial stability and a student-first mindset that has fueled continued growth.

Quick progress, culture change

When he arrived in 2000, his desk wasn't even in Sponsel Hall, which was shuttered due to fire damage. Despite that and many other facility needs, Dr. Brooks said he saw enormous opportunities, not challenges, when he became Tri-State University's 16th president.

"There was a very solid foundation of academic as well as athletic programs, and a very committed faculty and staff that I've been impressed with since day one," he said.

However, he noted, "I realized there was no playbook when I began on the first day."

Knowing funding was sorely needed to renovate and add to campus facilities, Dr. Brooks led the university to work with a firm to get updated information for some 25,000

to 30,000 lost alumni and begin establishing lines of communication. Tri-State then began a comprehensive capital campaign, the beginnings of about a quarter of a billion dollars raised during Dr. Brooks' presidency.

"I've always been involved in advancement and development work. It's something I immensely enjoy," he said. "Along with our Board of Trustees, we've been very successful in fundraising, and that's made a huge difference in allowing us to transform the institution."

Though he entered the presidency with an aggressive, 16-point vision, he said the university quickly accomplished those goals, which included adding graduate programs, forming community partnerships and transitioning athletics from NAIA to NCAA Division III.

As those milestones were achieved, the university worked on changing the culture at large.

"We began looking at how we could impact culture here at the university to where students are first. They and their families are highly valued customers and we treat them as such," Dr. Brooks said. That focus and dedicated efforts to follow up with and truly engage students once they are on campus have led to a 20-percentage-point increase in student retention since he arrived.



From left, Dr. Ralph D. Trine, Dr. Sheri G. Trine, Melanie Brooks and Dr. Brooks in 2010, after Ralph Trine was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash.

Getting down to business

He brought a leadership style he described as transformational, rooted on qualities such as respect and trust, and above all, committed to bringing positive change.

"If you're not growing, you're moving backward," he said.

Humility was a key element in his leadership, reflected in a popular quote from Ronald Reagan he still keeps on his desk: "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

“

Dr. Brooks' shoes will certainly be difficult to fill, but the tremendous, transformational, work he has done over the last 23 years has put the university in an outstanding position. - Dr. Rick L. James, alumnus chair, Trine University Board of Trustees

He also brought a business sensibility to his role, noting that while institutions like Trine are not part of the for-profit world, they still must be strong financially to remain viable.

"There are only two sources of revenue in higher education: tuition coupled with room and board dollars and fundraising," he said. "Growth is a necessity. Declining enrollment actually leads to a decline in strength and financial stability."

He said the business model Trine uses includes

an emphasis on efficiency. The university also has developed strong relationships with business and industry, and keeps nimble and flexible in order to adapt quickly to market needs, graduating students with skills that allow them to easily get jobs and immediately contribute in the workplace.

“Once we see a change in market trends we respond pretty quickly, whether that’s adjusting current programming, dropping unsuccessful programming or adding programs we think are of high value to the market,” he said.

“There was a clear need to re-brand,” Dr. Brooks explained. “There are over 30 different Tri-State regions around the country so there was nothing unique about our name. The ‘State’ also confused folks as to whether we were public

Thunder Ice Arena, MTI Center and Steel Dynamics Inc. Center for Engineering and Computing have given Trine’s Angola campus a radically different appearance than it had in 2000.

End of an era

Though he said he still has plenty of ideas, vision, plans and energy, he decided after his last contract renewal five years ago that it would be best to retire rather than to stay too long.

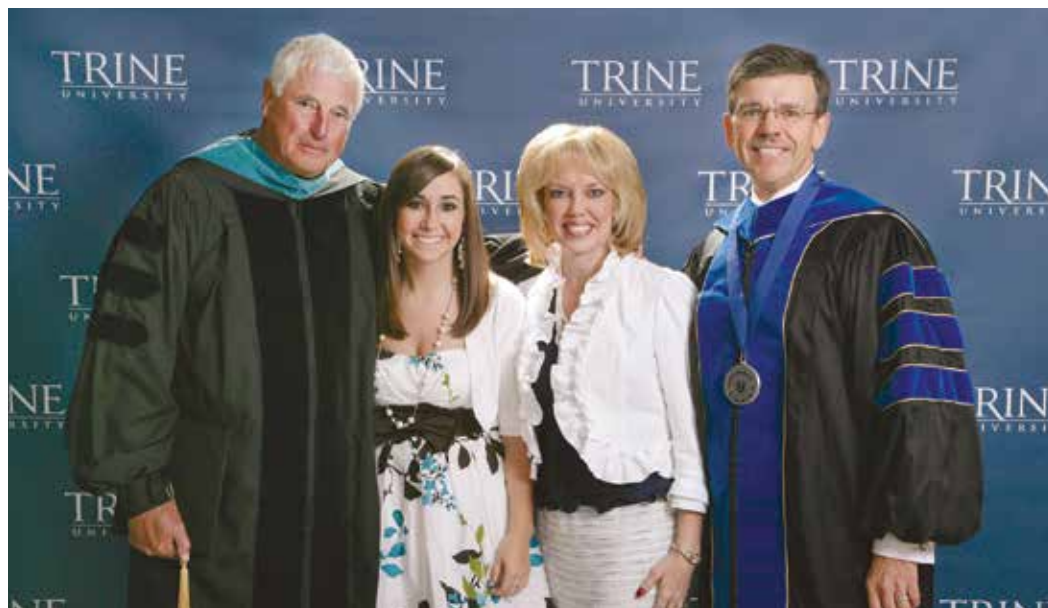
He’ll continue to focus his efforts in his final year on fundraising, and looks forward to the dedication of the Steel Dynamics Inc. Center for Engineering and Computing this fall and continued progress on the Best Hall expansion and the Trine University Fort Wayne campus.

He also plans to continue to work with the administrative team to draft a solid university strategic plan covering the next three to five years.

“I’m looking forward to being part of a smooth transition to the new leadership, making sure things are in place for that leader to come in, sit down, take over and know the university is in a very, very sound position,” he said.

“Back when I started, the average tenure of a president was about 10 years. In 2006 it dropped to 8-1/2 and today I think the average tenure is six years,” he said. “I had no idea I would outlast the average tenure and did not think I would be here nearly four-fold what the average tenure is today.”

Though there have been inquiries from other universities over the past 22 years, he said he has remained because of the opportunity to continue to make a significant difference at Trine. The



From left, speaker Bob Knight, Megan (Brooks) Hyer, Melanie Brooks and Dr. Brooks, at the 2010 Commencement.

Though the university adopted a business model for operations, its focus has remained on teaching students in the classroom. Dr. Brooks is proud that growth hasn’t come at the cost of Trine’s small-campus identity, with the student-to-faculty ratio remaining at 16-to-1, or on the backs of students, with average student debt remaining below \$27,000 after graduation.

Coupled with the university’s eight-year 99% job placement rate, it creates a strong return on investment for students and families.

It’s a Trine thing

In 2008, the university took its boldest step forward, changing its name from Tri-State to Trine University.

versus a private institution.” “It was a clear new brand and with that came a new direction, a new plan, a new vision for the university that everybody embraced. That was the kickoff to where we are today with growth.”

Though he said the name Tri-State will always have meaning and is a proud part of the institution’s history, the benefits of the name change have been obvious. The university has experienced substantial growth in student enrollment since 2008, becoming one of the fastest-growing private institutions in the Midwest in recent years. More than 8,000 students are attending this fall.

Trine has also seen explosive growth in residential enrollment, athletic programming and the institutional budget and endowment. Fundraising also has continued to expand, as supporters have seen and responded to the university’s ongoing growth.

“Success breeds success, and I think people want to be involved in something very good,” he said.

That involvement has provided residential, academic and athletic facilities to serve the increased numbers. In addition to Sponsel Administration Building, renovations to Ford Hall and Best Hall and new facilities including the Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center, T. Furth Center for Performing Arts,

“

I couldn’t be more appreciative of the way you’ve helped establish Trine University as a national model for innovation and excellence. Our state is so proud to be home to Trine University and all the success and talent you’ve attracted as the captain of this mighty ship.” - Eric Holcomb, governor, State of Indiana

university’s Board of Trustees has played a strong role in making that difference.

“We’ve developed a vision and plan to move Trine University forward together,” he said. “We’ve had the opportunity to bring great leaders to our board, including our current board chairman Dr. Rick L. James, who’s done a masterful job of leading the institution forward during such a critical time and in a very positive manner during his tenure.”

Looking ahead

As the Board of Trustees begins the search process for Trine University’s 17th president, Dr. Brooks says he is leaving the new leader with an institution that is in its strongest financial position ever, and with “the most talented administrative team in higher education.”

“They deserve as much or more of the credit for our success as I do,” he said. “The table is clearly set for new leadership to come in and at the same time bring a fresh set of eyes and new ideas and vision for the university.”

He sees health sciences continuing to be an area of growth for the university, and expects enrollment in the College of Health Professions to surpass the Allen School of Engineering and Computing within the next three to five years.

“Our engineering strength will remain a hallmark and health science is just one of those additional growth opportunities we have built,” he said.

Personally, he plans to step back and spend time with his wife Melanie, son-in-law and daughter Evan and Megan, and granddaughters Emma and Elizabeth.

And he will be excited to see what happens in the post-Brooks era.

“I’m anxious to sit back and watch from afar what the future holds here,” he said. “I’m curious to see what new ideas and vision bring, and how that continues to catapult Trine University into what I feel is one of the strongest institutions in the Midwest.”



From left, Melanie Brooks, Kenny Rogers, Regis Philbin and Dr. Brooks during Commencement weekend in 2015.



From left, Dr. Rick L. James, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Vicki L. James, and Dr. Brooks at the dedication of the MTI Center in 2018.



From left, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, Dr. Brooks and Dr. Rick L. James, after Dr. Brooks was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash in 2018.



From left, Dr. Clifford W. Sponsel, Dr. Brooks and Dr. Juliette C. Sponsel at the dedication of the Sponsel Mural inside the Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center in 2012.



From left, Larry Reiners, member of the Board of Trustees, his wife Judy and Dr. Brooks at the Reiners Hall dedication in 2015.



Trine University supporters, administrators and trustees at the groundbreaking of the Best Hall expansion in 2016.

“

Dr. Brooks’ contributions include strategic growth in doctoral, master’s and undergraduate degree programs. He has enhanced the campus infrastructure and built academic partnerships to support career development and job placement. He has also provided support to faculty to achieve the highest level of accreditation.” - Cathy Swick, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs



Q&A:

First Lady Melanie Brooks played a significant role in Trine University's success



I'm proud of what she's accomplished as a mother and grandmother, and as my wife, but also very proud of many, many contributions she's made to the university, often quiet and unnoticed." -

Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D.,
Trine University President

Dr. Earl D. Brooks II is always quick to point out that he could not have accomplished what he has at Trine University without the support and contributions of his wife Melanie.

"I'm proud of what she's accomplished as a mother and grandmother, and as my wife, but also very proud of many, many contributions she's made to the university, often quiet and unnoticed," Dr. Brooks said. "That's just the way she goes about doing things."

As she prepares to wrap up her time as Trine University's first lady, Melanie Brooks offered her unique perspective on the transformation of the university and the important role she played.

When you arrived here in 2000, did you think you would be here 23 years?

I knew when we interviewed here that I really liked the community, opportunity, board members and their spouses. We just seemed to fit in, and that was very important to me. We have had many great members of the Board of Trustees in these 23 years. They welcomed us, and I knew my husband could do great things



here with time. We were supported and given chances to make changes to benefit the school. I've learned a lot in my time here, and there's a difference between the kind of person I am now than when I first started my role here. I feel satisfied in what I have contributed to make this a better university for many years to come. Our daughter, Megan, was in fourth grade then, and I wanted her to finish her school here and I really didn't want to leave. So I guess I wanted to stay, and it felt like home for us.

What was your first reaction when you arrived at Tri-State?

You have to remember in 2000 we were very

excited about all the possibilities that could be here. I liked the campus, and everyone was welcoming, and I knew Earl's ideas could help the university grow. He was ready to take this challenge on, and I was ready to fully support him. So I guess excitement was my first reaction.

What has it been like to see the changes to the university over the past 22 years?

I have seen many changes behind the scenes and what you see now. There are so many I can't think of them all. We have been here so long and I have enjoyed each change. I guess the change of the name was the hardest, but it was

think of family first. When we first started it was lots of visits with trustees and alumni. I guess in my role, I tried to help him build the identity he wanted for this university. I feel maybe I helped as being by his side and being a sounding board. I think I have always tried to just be myself and always took time to say "Hi" to someone. That's important.

How has that role changed over the last 22 years?

At the beginning, we would meet with lots of people on a daily basis, getting to know them. I would do many things here on campus to help students and with events for faculty and staff,



Wives of members of Trine University's Board of Trustees gathered for lunch at the home of Dr. Earl D. Brooks II and Melanie Brooks during the trustee meetings in May 2019. Pictured, from left, are: standing, Kathy Oeder, Babara Dubois; seated, back row, Jorja Allen, Debbie Busse, Joan Bock, Debbi Rhoads, Patti Brooks, Melanie Brooks, Sue Shaw; front, Judy Reiners and Lynn Reiners.

for the best and my husband knew that. I admire him for doing what he felt was best, and now everyone sees the results. We had few buildings on campus when we toured, with many of them in need of renovation. We are so thankful for all the wonderful donors who believed in Earl's dream for this university and what it has become today. I also enjoy seeing Earl thrive as a leader in his work and be able to make significant contributions through his honest leadership.

Dr. Brooks says he could not have accomplished what he has without your support and sacrifice. What do you feel your role has been in his work here?

We support each other. We always have. What is good for one is good for the other. We always

hosting many parties, even cooking myself! I would say it was hard at first, and time-consuming. However, I enjoyed it and never let it get in the way of raising our daughter. I was very hands-on and did everything at home so he could focus on what he wanted and needed to do at the university. I hope now as I leave also that I have somewhat contributed to better events for everyone to enjoy for years to come.

What are some of your favorite memories from your time as first lady?

I would say one of my favorites was when Jack Shaw presented me with the Woman of Distinction award. I was very surprised, but coming from a great friend and board member, it was incredibly special. We have made some



From left, Dr. Brooks, Melanie Brooks, Gov. Eric Holcomb, Megan (Brooks) Hyer, Emma Hyer and Evan Hyer at the Touchstone dinner in 2018.

great friends here. I have always enjoyed hosting the spouses of the board members. We have been on many, many trips in 22 years. I have enjoyed so much getting to know them and appreciate how nice they have been to my family. Starting the Scholarship Gala is what I'm most proud of, and changing the faculty/staff Christmas party. I really love those events. I hope that tradition will carry on. I have enjoyed traveling and spending time with my husband, and watching him grow as a leader of this great university.

You played a key role in launching the Scholarship Gala. How has it felt to see that event grow and raise millions of dollars for students?

Yes, that's my favorite event Earl and I started. It has come a long way. We held the event in Auburn, Indiana, the first year because we didn't have anywhere to host on campus. I am very proud of that event, and the staff here do a great job raising funds, and the evening is beautiful. I feel the community looks forward to that event each year. I have always wanted to keep the auction items at low prices for everyone. I don't want anyone to feel left out and want them to know they can find a special something at the Gala. The date was chosen around Valentine's Day because there was nothing like that in this community. It has raised millions of dollars for students, and they benefit from that event in many, many ways. And again, that's why we are here — for them.



From left, Dr. Brooks, Melanie Brooks, Sue Shaw and Jack Shaw, trustee emeritus, at the 2012 Scholarship Gala.

wanted to stay here. I felt a genuine love for and from them. We have had many trips, lunches, lots of talks, etc. and I appreciate them all and I will hold those memories with me for life. I hope they have seen me in the years I have been here as a positive role model, a friend and as a supporter for them and to my husband.

You've also traveled with Dr. Brooks on fundraising calls and been active in events like Homecoming and Touchstone. How have you balanced all that with maintaining a home and family life?

When we first started here, our daughter Megan was in fourth grade. I did have a lot to balance with her and Earl's active schedules. I just did what I had to do, because I feel in my role, being by the president's side is very important. Megan would travel with us a lot to visit with people, so being with her on those trips was an added bonus. We as a family have enjoyed our time here and this is where we raised Megan. We will always be grateful for the community accepting us.

What are you looking forward to as Dr. Brooks retires?

I am looking forward to spending more time with our family, and I can't wait to be there for the activities our granddaughters will do. I love being a Mamaw and I love to cook for my family. Family is important to us, and I am so



From left, Dr. Brooks, Melanie Brooks and Lou Holtz, trustee emeritus, at the 2018 Scholarship Gala.

happy retirement is now while we can enjoy it together. We are looking forward to fly fishing more. A few years ago we started going to Idaho fly fishing on Snake River, and we thoroughly enjoy that together. We are looking forward to traveling with our family and also spending some time in Montana, which is a place we love. Earl is looking forward to going to the Grand Ole Opry, country concerts and definitely seeing Tennessee football finally!

What will you miss the most when he retires?

I will miss our family memories we have made here. We lived in two homes here and each home held many memories in it. I will miss seeing faculty and staff, and seeing the board members and their wives. I am very proud when visitors offer compliments for events on campus, so I will miss just talking to the people I have gotten to know and hearing their stories and where their life has taken them.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

A quote I read: "May you be proud of the work you have done, the person you are, and the difference you have made." And a little funny quote: "Retirement: That's when you return from work one day and say, Hi honey, I'm home — forever." I will be happy Earl is home and the time has finally come to just enjoy our family and our future together.



From left, Melanie Brooks receives the Woman of Distinction Award from trustees Jerry Allen and Jack Shaw in 2011.



From left, Tim Tebow, Melanie Brooks and Dr. Brooks, at Trine's 2022 commencement.

Timeline: The Presidency of Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D.



Centennial Hall renovated and renamed Forman Hall/Trine Welcome Center

2001

First Master of Science in Engineering Technology students graduate
Ingledue Honors Villas open

2005



Rick L. and Vicki L. James University Center, C.W. Sponsel Administration Center and Moss Street and Kinney Street student apartments open

2007

Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Inc. Athletic and Recreation Center (ARC) opens



2009



Jim and Joan Bock Center for Innovation and Biomedical Engineering opens

2013

Vision for the Future capital campaign exceeds \$90 million goal, reaching \$93 million

SportONE/Parkview Softball Field and Ben Davis Memorial Press Box dedicated

The renovated Ford Hall, home of the Ketner School of Business, reopens

Larry and Judy Reiners Residence Hall opens

Judy A. Morrill Garden Wall and Ryan Tennis Center completed

2015

MTI Center opens, including men's and women's basketball, bowling, esports and Ryan Pro Shop

Stadium Hall opens



2018



The Invest in Excellence capital campaign exceeds its \$125 million goal, raising more than \$137 million

The new Fabiani Residence Hall opens

2021

2000

Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., inaugurated as Tri-State's 16th president.

2002

Tri-State accepted as a new member in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) and approved to grant graduate degrees

2004

Ketner Sports Complex and Trine Honors Villas open

Tri-State attains NCAA Division III provisional membership



2008

Tri-State renamed Trine University

Construction begins on Golf Course Village



2010

Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium and Ryan Skywalk open



2012

The Depot opens



2014

T. Furth Center for Performing Arts and Ryan Concert Hall open with concert by award-winning writer and country singer Lee Greenwood

Health Sciences Education Center opens in Fort Wayne, Indiana



2016

Expansion to Best Hall of Science opens



2017

Trine's first Doctor of Physical Therapy class graduates

Fall enrollment tops 5,000 students for the first time, the fourth straight year of record enrollment

Thunder Ice Arena opens



2022

Trine University enrolls 8,446 students for the fall semester

Steel Dynamics Inc. Center for Engineering and Computing opens

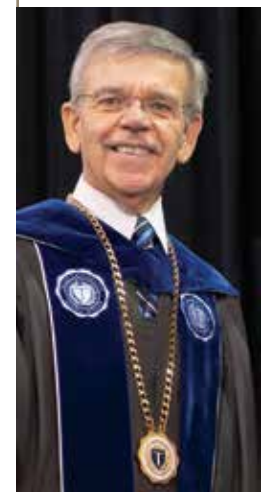
Second Best Hall expansion begins, to be completed in Fall 2023

In close partnership with Parkview Health, construction begins on Trine University Fort Wayne, College of Health Professions to be completed in Fall 2024

2023

The university projects its third consecutive year of 20%+ net cash flow

Dr. Brooks will retire as president on May 31



Comparing 2000 to 2022

ECONOMIC IMPACT \$35 million to \$175 million

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET \$21 million to \$77 million

ENDOWMENT \$6 million to \$55 million

NET ASSETS \$25 million to \$198 million

RETENTION 60% to 80%

RESIDENTIAL CAPACITY 450 to 1,650

ENROLLMENT 1,300 to nearly 8,500 students

Over 12,000 degrees awarded





Drs. Rick and Vicki James honored with Red Coats

The Mad Anthonys Foundation honored Dr. Rick L. James, alumnus and president of the Trine University Board of Trustees, and his wife Dr. Vicki L. James with the 2022 Red Coat award during its annual gala on May 21 in Fort Wayne.

The foundation, a charitable organization comprised of business leaders and professionals, awards Red Coats each year to those who have made a positive impact on northeast Indiana and the state as a whole. Rick and Vicki James were honored along with Purdue's men's basketball coach Matt Painter.

A 1977 business administration graduate, Rick James founded Metal Technologies, Inc., a global metal casting company, in 1997. He stepped back from day-to-day management of Metal Technologies in 2012 and founded the James Foundation with Vicki in 2011.

The James Foundation is built on a belief that, by serving as civic stewards, quality of life will be enriched, acting as a catalyst to undertakings that strengthen both families and community.

Rick and Vicki James were honored as Sagamore of the Wabash recipients in 2016. In 2012, Trine University bestowed Rick with its highest honor, the Pillar of Success Award, and the university honored Vicki in 2014 with its Woman of Distinction Award.

In 2013, they both received honorary doctorates from Trine University.

Rick James recently was named chair of the National Park Foundation.



Family members celebrate with Drs. Rick L. and Vicki L. James at the Mad Anthonys Foundation Gala. From left, son Matt Fetter, son-in-law Eric Buss, daughter Jessica Buss, Drs. Rick L. and Vicki L. James, daughter Stephanie Foote and son-in-law Jared Foote.



class notes

keep connected with alumni and friends

Share what is happening in your life with your fellow alumni. Class notes, including births, marriages, promotions, additional education, relocations, etc., may be submitted to alumni@trine.edu.

Join us on social media: **Facebook** (facebook.com/TrineUniversityAlumni), **Twitter** (twitter.com/trinealumni) or **Instagram** (instagram.com/trineuniversityalumni)

1960s

Lance Johnson, 1969 BSCE, will run for re-election as justice of the peace for District 1 on the Washington County Quorum Court. This would be his third term on the court, after being first elected in 2018.

1970s

Terry Capuano, PE, 1970 BSME, recently retired again, but remains incredibly busy in his retirement. Terry credits his Trine education for putting him way ahead of others from Ivy League schools and preparing him to pass his PE license on the first try. He sold his "last" startup manufacturing company and retired (the first time) in 2000, and recently he has sold his "last, last" startup to enter retirement once again. He started the Capuano Foundation to help children's causes, and runs a consulting business, a real estate company, an investment company and small water utility.



Mohammed Sayyah, 1978 BSChE, worked in chemical engineering for nearly nine years and realized he wanted to start a family business.

He opened MAACO Indianapolis in 1988. It has been turned into a family affair as the entire family works at the location in some capacity.

1980s

Brian Ness, 1980 BSCE, officially retired after 13 years as director of the Idaho Transportation Department. During his tenure, he supervised over 1,600 employees and managed an annual budget of approximately \$800 million. Brian

has had much success in his career and has received numerous awards and served on board of directors for multiple agencies.

Sandy Kiesel, 1985 BSChE, is running in this August's primary race as a Republican candidate for Michigan's House District 54. She resides in Lake Orion and has been married for 37 years to her high school sweetheart.



Mark B. Schwemer, 1988 BSMKT, announced his candidacy in March for judge of the Domestic Relations Division of the Hardin County Common Pleas Court. He will run as an Independent candidate and will



face the winner of the Republican primary in the Nov. 8 general election. Mark has been a practicing attorney for 20 years. On top of that he has served as the head coach of the Cory-Rawson High School ladies' soccer team and previously served as head coach at Kenton High School.

1990s

Ryan Williams, 1997 BSME, was appointed president of the Anderson division of Anderson Corp. The Anderson division serves



the new residential, home improvement and light commercial market segments for the window manufacturing company. Prior to this, Williams served as president of global food conveyance for Danish industrial company Danfoss Power Solutions.



Andrew Hein, 1998 BSChE, currently serves on the university Alumni Board of Directors and was awarded Lawyer Monthly's Property Lawyer of the Year. Andrew is founder of Crown Point Advisors LLC, concentrating on

patent litigation. He has been recognized as one of the world's leading intellectual property strategists.



Kevin Boyd, 1990 BSBA, was hired as University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Women's Soccer Head Coach. Prior to this position, Kevin spent years in the PAC-12 as head coach at Arizona State and University of California-Berkeley. Kevin has a

career record of 214-148-48 at the Division I level and appeared in the NCAA tournament 13 times. He has had many players appear in the pro level. While at UC-Berkeley one of his last recruiting classes included Alex Morgan, who went on to play for the United States National Team and was drafted in the 2011 Women's Professional Soccer Draft.

2010s

Brittney Harvey, 2010 BSCE/2018 MSOL was named head coach of the Hope College softball team.



Brittney most recently served as assistant head coach for the Trine Thunder softball team, Trine Senior Women's Administrator and advisor for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

At the time of her graduation, Brittney ranked as the school's all-time leader in slugging percentage and second in career batting average. While a player, she was part of two MIAA Championship teams and as a coach she helped lead the Thunder to four MIAA titles.

Greg Janisse, and **Ashley (Runyon) Janisse, 2011 BSCJ**, welcomed their daughter Virginia



Helen to their family on Nov. 9, 2021. She joins big brother Steve. They reside in Noblesville, Indiana.

Evan Long, 2011 BSMEd, serves as the



Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) community service coordinator and the Links mentor coordinator. The program helps keep kids from being incarcerated and find ways to be involved in the community. It also provides mentorship and community resources to children that end up in juvenile detention situations.



Derek Gilreath, 2012 BSEIEd, was announced as the Wawasee Warriors girls basketball head coach.

Megan Geisleman, 2014 BSBA, was



appointed as the new Leadership Development Candidate (LDC) at Trelleborg Sealing Solutions. The position was created to provide young professionals an opportunity for leadership in business. Previous position

holders have been promoted to roles in engineering management. Previous to this role acceptance, she worked as a Project Manager on the Project Leadership Services Team. Prior to joining Trelleborg, she worked for Parkview Health in the project office coordinator role.

Allison (Broucek) Basner, 2015 BSEXS,



and Eric Basner were wed Nov. 13, 2021, in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the Ann Arbor City Club. They themed their wedding around the University of Michigan Wolverines with navy blue and sunflowers. For their honeymoon

they traveled to Costa Rica. They have adopted their first Golden Retriever puppy named Howie. They are incredibly thankful for all the Trine friends they had in attendance.

John Streeter, 2017 BSMGT, officially reported to duty at The Indiana State Police Toll Road Post in June 2022.

Derek Scott, 2017 BSEXS, married Lacey Schuble on June 21, 2022. Derek was a member



of the Trine Thunder football team and now lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Lucas Drerup, 2017 BSET / 2020 MBA, and **Kari Guthrie, 2018 BSMGT**, were married Nov. 20, 2021



in Sedona, Arizona. They currently live in Kendallville, Indiana. Lucas works for his family company, Reliable Production, Machining and Welding in Kendallville, and Kari works for Master Spas in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They expected their first child, a girl, in September 2022.



Brandon Fry, 2018 BAM, was hired as a client service representative at Sym Financial Advisors.

Lucas Richardson, 2018 BSCE, continues



to pursue his love of baseball while playing for the Manistee Saints. Lucas started playing for the team in 2013 and continued throughout his time at Trine University. He currently works for the Spicer Group in Manistee.

Stephanie Rothbauer, 2018 BSEIEd, and **Jeff McFerron, 2019 BSCE**, were married at Potawatomi Inn in Pokagon State Park in Angola,



Indiana, on June 18, 2022. They both currently reside in Fremont, Indiana.



Sarah Melinda Taylor, 2019 MSL, was named to the Michiana Forty Under 40. This list identifies and recognizes talent in the area, including some of the brightest in the region. Honorees are also recognized for their contributions to the community and desire to give back.



Wendy Hoering, 2019 MSL, was named the new Executive Director of Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House, a nonprofit dedicated to providing accommodations for critically ill children while the child receives medical care.

2020s



Max Green, 2020 BSCSIT, and Rachael (Finchum) Green were married Oct. 9, 2021. Max currently works for Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as an IS Analyst, and Rachel is studying for her doctorate at West Virginia

University in Morgantown, West Virginia, where they currently reside.



Grace Roberts, 2021 BSMGT, was selected as a new board member for the Girls on the Run, a nonprofit organization "dedicated to helping every girl know and activate their potential to boldly pursue her dreams." Girls are taught self-confidence, relationship building and positive self-talk skills. Grace is currently a Realtor with Hauska Home & Farm.



Alyssa Moore, 2022 BSSM,

recently accepted a position with the Indianapolis Indians. While attending Trine, she interned with the athletic department, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants and Living Sport, which resulted in her

attending Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. This past summer she helped facilitate a Trine Alumni event at Victory Field.



Sydney Stephan, 2022 BAGS,

has moved to North Carolina and has accepted a position with the Board of Education of Mecklenburg County as a Legal Assistant. While at Trine, Sydney was a member of

Student Government and the Trine University Cheer team, among many other organizations.

Interested in graduate school?

Learn what TrineOnline has to offer you.

Choose from six online options

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Business Analytics
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Engineering Management
- Master of Science in Information Studies
- Lou Holtz Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

Complete your degree in as little as a year

For more information, email online@trine.edu or visit trine.edu/online

TRINEONLINE

Associate, Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Trine University.





Stephen R. LaHood, center, receives his trustee emeritus award from Trine president Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., left, and Rick L. James.

1970s: LaHood honored as emeritus trustee

Trine University honored alumnus **Stephen R. LaHood, 1970 BSBA**, as trustee emeritus during its alumni reception Jan. 20 in Longboat Key, Florida.

Steve had been named trustee emeritus in fall 2020.

He served on the board from 2004-2010 and again from 2014-2020. His tenure included service as chair of the Alumni Engagement Committee, Audit and Executive committees.

“It is an honor and privilege to thank you for your friendship and efforts to promote Trine University and our mission,” Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine University president, told LaHood during a recognition ceremony. “We are forever grateful for the time that you spent as a member of the Trine University Board of Trustees and look forward to your continued future involvement as a trustee emeritus.”

A former member of the Alumni Board of Directors, LaHood received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from Trine in 2007 and the Alumni Spirit Citation award in 2016.

He and his wife, Wendy, have generously supported the Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium, the Keith E. Busse/Steel Dynamics Athletic and Recreation Center, the annual fund, the Scholarship Gala and the Ketner School of Business.

He also has supported the Kappa Sigma fraternity, which he credits with developing his leadership skills while he was a Tri-State student. He played a key role in raising \$1.2 million for the Kappa Sigma house and partnered with fellow alumnus John Goudy to launch the Sig Cup golf event, which has raised \$80,000 for Trine student scholarships.



2020s: Copeland earns recognition for heroism

When **Myles Copeland**’s roles as firefighter and basketball player collided, the story of his heroism quickly went viral.

On June 11, the 2020 biochemistry graduate and former Trine Thunder basketball standout finished his shift as a firefighter in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio, grabbed a few hours of sleep, and drove to Jamestown, New York, to play forward for the Glass City Basketball Club in a playoff game.

Late in the first quarter, referee John Sculli collapsed on the court and was unresponsive. Myles quickly leaped from the bench, checked Sculli’s vital signs and began performing CPR until paramedics arrived.

Myles was credited with saving Sculli’s life, and the story and video from the game quickly spread to media outlets such as ABC and ESPN.

Though briefly a celebrity, Myles said not much has changed since that game. Glass City’s season ended in the second round of the playoffs, and he goes into work as always at the fire department.

But being able to save Sculli’s life was confirmation that he is on the right path in life.

“It’s something I can always look back on and be proud of,” he said. “The fact that I was able to have such a positive impact not only for John, but those around him, makes me feel extremely happy.”

He also was grateful to have a national platform to promote the need for CPR training.

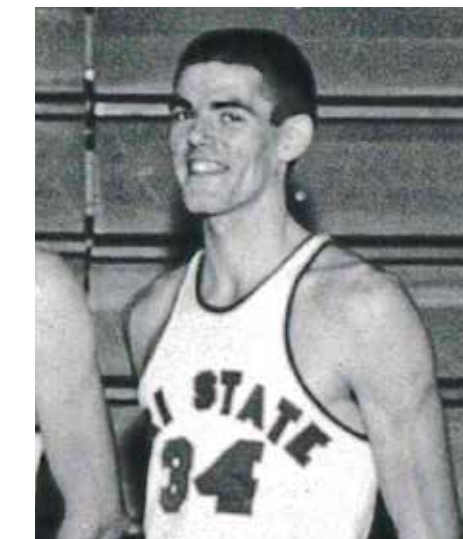
“You never know if, when or where someone could collapse, but you can prepare to know what to do to help until paramedics arrive,” he said. “That could be the difference between life or death.”

Myles was part of Trine’s first MIAA championship team in 2019 and was named first team All-MIAA in 2018. He was USBWA National Player of the Week in Feb. 2018 and scored more than 1,300 points during his Trine career.



Simple acts of kindness have a lasting effect

After two years at LeTourneau College in Texas, Tom and Kathy Newport moved to Angola in 1962 with their daughter, Kerrie, so Tom could play basketball and study engineering at Tri-State College. But they needed a place to live.



Tom Newport

Physician Knight L. Kissinger, M.D. lived by himself in Angola with his prized husky. Dr. Kissinger delivered generations of area children and served with organizations to improve community health care. A basement “apartment” in his home at 411 Gilmore Street was small but livable for the family. Kathy answered the doctor’s evening and weekend phone calls in exchange for rent; one from a local bar asked the length of an elephant’s gestation period! (Answer: 18-22 months.)

Tom enjoyed two successful years of basketball at Tri-State, alongside lifelong buddies Jim Dehaven and Ray Lothery, and made great friends like Ed Lavens in the engineering department. He stayed in touch with Coach Mark Peterman throughout his lifetime.

The Newports stayed through Tom’s graduation in 1964. “Doc” delivered Tom and Kathy’s second child, Troy, gifting him

with boxing gloves that still hang on Troy’s wall.

The acts of kindness toward the family led to Tom’s thriving surveying business near Logansport, Indiana, and one more son, Trent, born in 1969. Trent followed in his Dad’s footsteps by earning his civil engineering degree from Tri-State. Trent’s professional engineering company, CrossRoad Engineers, has hired nearly 20 Trine University graduates, including Trent’s nephew Derek, yet another Trine graduate from the Newport clan.



Knight L. Kissinger, M.D.

Dr. Kissinger passed in 1989 at 82. Hopefully, Doc would be proud of the impact of his kindness on the Newport family and Trine University.

Tom Newport died in December 2021, at 80, but not before sharing many stories about Tri-State College. Not coincidentally, Tom was also a kind, generous man.



Tom Newport

THUNDER'S FINAL ROLL

(current as of July 13, 2022)

1930s

Ruth A. Stroh, 1934 SEC, Hudson, Indiana, 2002

1940s

Margaret L. Chester, 1941 SEC, Hillsdale, Michigan, Jan. 20, 2022

Paul J. Lewis, 1943 BSCE, Pembroke, Ontario, August 16, 2003

LeRoy W. Breeler, 1947 BSME, Aurora, Ohio, Nov. 30, 2021

William J. Anderson, 1948 BSRE, Kent, Ohio, Feb. 12, 2022

Harold H. Stilson Jr., 1948 BSRE, Clinton, Ohio, April 16, 2019

Robert G. Toonen, 1948 non-degree, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, Dec. 19, 2018

Darrel K. Calkins, 1949 BSAE, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Sept. 8, 2009

Harold F. Campbell Jr., 1949 BSCE, Katonah, New York, March 1, 2022

Charles T. Montagna, 1949 BSME, Manchester, New Jersey, Jan. 7, 2022

Donald R. Morreall, 1949 BSME, New Hartford, New York, March 3, 2022

Robert H. Mott, 1949 BSRE, Fremont, California, August 14, 2019

Herbert H. Ritenour Jr., 1949 BSBA, Indianapolis, Indiana, Dec. 9, 2021

Donald V. Shank, 1949 BSACC, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Jan. 5, 2022

William J. Unger, 1949 BSME, Granger, Indiana, May 17, 2022

Billy J. Wheat, 1949 BSME, Bicknell, Indiana, May 2, 2022

1950s

Giles R. DeWitt, 1950 BSAE, Leesburg, Florida, June 15, 2022

Donald Johansson, 1950 BSRE, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Nov. 10, 2015

John F. Slack, 1950 BSRE, Newport News, Virginia, May 2, 2022

Harlan J. Demers, 1951 BSCE, Menominee, Michigan, April 12, 2022

John D. Stein, 1951 BSCE, Saginaw, Michigan, Jan. 24, 2022

John A. Strommer, 1951 BSME/1955 BSCE, Webster, New York, June 17, 2017

Meredith W. Fry, 1952 BSCE, Anderson, Indiana, March 25, 2022

Ralph Nupp, 1952 BSRE, Westminster, Maryland, May 1, 2019

George L. Rosol, 1952 BSRE, Brunswick, Maine, May 2, 2022

Robert J. Tholen, 1952 BSBA, Hemet, California, August 8, 2008

Alan E. Wilkis, 1952 BSME, Florissant, Missouri, May 21, 2021

Roland B. Cope, 1953 BSCE, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, March 26, 2022

William Larson, 1953 BSME, Dunkirk, New York, Dec. 23, 2021

John C. Manon, 1953 BSCE, Auburn, Indiana, March 3, 2022

Gordon R. Meyer, 1953 BSEE, Sturgis, Michigan, Feb. 25, 2022

William R. Stiefel, 1953 BSME, New Castle, Indiana, Dec. 11, 2021

Albert A. Guilford, 1954 BSCE, Angola, Indiana, Dec. 21, 2021

Michael L. Lee, 1954 BSME, Greenwich, Connecticut, June 2, 2021

Isao E. Nishiguchi, 1954 BSACC, Pearl City, Hawaii, Feb. 20, 2022

Lyle M. Shaffstall, 1954 BSCE, Akron, Ohio, Jan. 30, 2022

William T. Flanigan, 1955 BSAE, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 17, 2022

Glenn E. Gray, 1955 BSME, Gnadenhutten, Ohio, Dec. 31, 2021

Edward F. Meier, 1955 BSME, Grand Blanc, Michigan, Nov. 27, 2021

William F. Shield, 1955 BSCE, Norwood, Maine, May 13, 2022

Howard A. Sisson, 1955 BSBA, 2021

Dayle R. Stevens, 1955 BSEA, Largo, Florida, March 8, 2022

Donald K. Tebo, 1955 BSACC, Ostrander, Ohio, Feb. 20, 2022

Arman D. Akarakian, 1956 BSEE, Los Angeles, California, Jan. 21, 2022

Raymond R. Breckenridge, 1956 BSCE, Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, Nov. 7, 2021

Jarrard Maxwell, 1956 BSRE, Durham, North Carolina, Sept. 16, 2014

Benjamin J. Sheffler, 1956 BSACC, Stuart, Florida, May 25, 2019

Hubert N. Weikart, 1956 BSME, O'Fallon, Missouri, Feb. 7, 2022

Cass A. Zemenick, 1956 BSME, Clarkston, Michigan, May 23, 2016

Francis X. Ball, 1957 BSCE, Naples, Florida, July 2, 2022

Joseph J. Cebula, 1957 BSRE, Elyria, Ohio, May 5, 2022

Raymond J. Dussia, 1957 BSAE, Saint James City, Florida, June 6, 2021

William D. Elton, 1957 BSCE, Warrington, Pennsylvania, June 7, 2022

William R. Gerhardt Jr., 1957 BSRE, Hyannis, Massachusetts

Edwin S. Gernant, 1957 BSRE, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, May 16, 2009

Terence J. Marz, 1957 BSME, Jackson, Michigan, Dec. 20, 2021

Ellery S. Shields, 1957 DDT, Rochester Mills, Pennsylvania, Feb. 12, 2022

Harley Weiss, 1957 BSAE, North Liberty, Indiana, June 2, 2021

Kermit D. Anderson, 1958 BSEE, Boiling Springs, South Carolina, Dec. 17, 2021

George W. Baird, 1958 DDT, Atlanta, Indiana, May 4, 2022

James W. Davie, 1958 BSChE, Washington, Pennsylvania, Dec. 2, 2021

Emmanuel L. Engleson, 1958 BSEE, Lawrence, New Jersey, March 17, 2022

Lawrence A. Stubbe, 1958 DDT, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Dec. 20, 2021

Robert J. Brunette, 1959 BSCE, Huntley, Illinois, Jan. 28, 2022

Mario A. Cima, 1959 BSME, Barrington, Illinois, Feb. 3, 2022

Ralph H. Held, 1959 BSME, Newark Valley, New York, Nov. 21, 2021

Vernon J. Herzing, 1959 BSME, Battle Creek, Michigan, June 16, 2022

Donald G. Link, 1959 non-degree, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Oct. 8, 2020

Larry A. Priem, 1959 BSAE, Goshen, Indiana, Jan. 6, 2022

1960s

Howard A. Holland, 1960 BSAE, New Berne, North Carolina, Dec. 19, 2021

Douglas M. Hursey, 1960 BSEE, Anderson, South Carolina, March 12, 2019

Nicholas Matiash, 1960 BSCE, Scottville, Michigan, July 11, 2022

Thomas G. Mest, 1960 non-degree, West Chester, Pennsylvania, May 14, 2018

Charles L. Strode, 1960 BSEE, Denver, Colorado, Feb. 19, 2022

Douglas E. Uptegraft, 1960 BSAE, East Lansing, Michigan, July 26, 2015

Francis L. Witucki, 1960 BSCE, Mount Vernon, Illinois, Jan. 10, 2022

Alvin N. Darbee, 1961 BSME, Buffalo, New York, March 1, 2022

Robert L. McCormick, 1961 BSCE, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 5, 2022

Robert S. Mociulewski, 1961 BSBA, Utica, Michigan, Feb. 24, 2022

Frank D. Moore, 1961 BSME, Tallmadge, Ohio, May 26, 2022

Theodore W. Baer, 1962 BSME, Waterford, Michigan, Feb. 12, 2021

Douglas H. Clevenger, 1963 BSAE, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, May 16, 2022

Jack W. Cook, 1962 BSCE, Waterloo, Indiana, Feb. 14, 2022

Francis J. Diagostino, 1962 BSBA, Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 10, 2022

Thomas E. Force, 1962 DDT, Troy, Ohio, April 5, 2022

Thomas W. Griffiths, 1962 BSCE, Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 20, 2022

James F. Hummel, 1962 BSCE, Conroe, Texas, April 16, 2022

Gary L. Kruger, 1962 BSCE, Effingham, Illinois, Sept. 6, 2021

Herbert F. Rickert, 1962 BSBA, Silver Spring, Maryland, Jan. 27, 2022

Phillip J. Schrepferman, 1962 BSME, Kokomo, Indiana, Feb. 17, 2022

Richard L. Sweet, 1962 BSEE, Goddard, Kansas, Sept. 7, 2021

John F. Harlow, 1963 BSAE, Okeechobee, Florida, July 1, 2015

Robert E. Raverman, 1963 BSCE, Grand Ledge, Michigan, Dec. 21, 2018

Maj. Peter Robitaille (Ret.), 1963 BSEE, Wichita Falls, Texas, Sept. 30, 2019

James G. Sapak, 1963 BSCE, Saginaw, Michigan, May 24, 2022

John J. Sheridan, 1963 BSCE, Voorhees, New Jersey, March 25, 2020

Donald J. Shriver, 1963 BSME, Beaver, Pennsylvania, Jan. 19, 2022

Michael Brennan, 1964 BSBA, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, March 23, 2014

John B. Bryerton, 1964 BSME, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, April 6, 2022

Stanley J. Gaby, 1964 BSAE, Mystic, Connecticut, Jan. 4, 2019

Richard W. Haight, 1964 BSME, Kawkawlin, Michigan, Jan. 17, 2022

Thomas L. Newport, 1964 BSCE, Galveston, Indiana, Dec. 10, 2021

Joseph A. Ricci, 1964 BSME, St. Louis, Missouri, Jan. 1, 2022

David E. Wood, 1964 BSEE, Hurricane, West Virginia, Dec. 19, 2021

Donald A. Orr, 1965 BSBA, Parry Sound, Ontario, May 20, 2019,

Gary R. Siler, 1965 BSBA, Rushville, Indiana, April 29, 2022

Richard S. Tetro, 1965 BSME, Saratoga Springs, New York, April 26, 2022

Dale L. Bowers, 1966 DDT, Rock Hill, South Carolina, Feb. 18, 2022

Terrence Charland, 1966 BSME, Wolcott, New York, April 6, 2022

James A. Hurtekant, 1966 BSEE, Hartselle, Alabama, Nov. 25, 2018

Gary L. Marvel, 1966 BSME, Delray Beach, Florida, May 30, 2011

Norman D. Owens, 1966 BSME, Lynn, Indiana, June 24, 2022

Thomas W. Ross, 1966 BSCE, St James City, Florida, April 18, 2022

William L. Schlatterbeck, P.E., 1966 BSME, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, Dec. 25, 2020

John P. Bires, 1967 BSME, Beaver, Ohio, April 27, 2022

Robert H. Pamer, 1967 AME, Canton, Ohio, Dec. 26, 2021

Robert E. Burns, 1968 BSBA, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Jan. 31, 2022

William G. Dailey, 1968 BSBA, Angola, Indiana, Dec. 26, 2021

William C. Erich, 1968 BSBA, Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, Nov. 30, 2021

Paul F. Bultinck, 1969 BSBA, Mishawaka, Indiana, Jan. 3, 2022

Donald E. Meister, 1969 BSME, Lagrange, Georgia, Feb. 25, 2022

1970s

Gordon L. Coy, 1970 BSBA, Bryan, Ohio, Feb. 15, 2022

David L. Flint, 1970 BSME, Macedon, New York, March 12, 2020

David M. Hines, 1970 DDT, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 9, 2021

Robert L. Kriete, 1970 BSME, Columbia, Missouri, June 8, 2022

Morris J. Raquet, 1971 AME, New Palestine, Indiana, March 11, 2022

Ronald J. Stosak, 1971 BSCE, Hartford, Connecticut, Dec. 8, 2021

Peter J. Vivona, 1971 BSEE, Royersford, Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 2010

Herbert Kaufman Jr., 1972 BSME, Treedale, Pennsylvania, Jan. 28, 2009

Henry Verwohlt, 1972 BSBA, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Dec. 20, 2021

Robert L. Fraser, 1973 BSBA, Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 21, 2022

Jerry L. Sager, 1973 ABA, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, June 30, 2022

Tomas W. Sloan, 1973 BSCE, Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania, Dec. 25, 2021

Gary G. Landrum, 1976 BSBA, Marion, Indiana, Dec. 17, 2021

Glenn R. Doppes, 1977 BSME, Andover, Connecticut, June 12, 2022

1980s

Tamera L. Green, 1981 BSGS, Blue Hill, Nebraska, Feb. 4, 2022

Kimberly A. Gnagy, 1982 BSACC, Hamilton, Indiana, Feb. 8, 2022

Nancy K. Hilliker, 1982 BSACC, New Palestine, Indiana, April 3, 2022

Scott S. Lundie, 1982 BS BIO, Baguio, Philippines, Oct. 27, 2021

John M. Flynn, 1983 BCME, Edon, Ohio, Jan. 31, 2022

William S. Evens, 1984 BSMGT, Granger, Indiana, Dec. 30, 2021

Brian L. Gunn, 1986 BSCS, Montpelier, Ohio, May 7, 2022

Daniel F. Vegh, 1986 BSCS, Cleveland, Ohio, March 18, 2022

Matthew A. Brake, 1988 BSME, Kokomo, Indiana, Jan. 9, 2022

1990s

Cory N. Derbyshire, 1993 BSHIS, Angola, Indiana, Dec. 9, 2021

Vicki L. Walker-Wammes, 1994 BSEIEd, Hillsdale, Michigan, June 8, 2022

Corbin G. Glidden, 1995 BSME, Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 11, 2022

Ann K. Kong, 1997 BSCE, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2022

Andrew J. Whitaker, 1997 BSEE, Indianapolis, Indiana, Dec. 21, 2020

2000s

Lannie D. Maloney, 2000 BAM, Columbia City, Indiana, July 12, 2021

James D. Justice, 2001 BSACC, Angola, Indiana, April 14, 2022

Tyler P. Emery, 2007 BSMGT, Goshen, Indiana, Dec. 13, 2021

Paula M. Hulett, 2009 BAM, South Bend, Indiana, April 5, 2022

University mourns loss of student Luciano Bonaveri

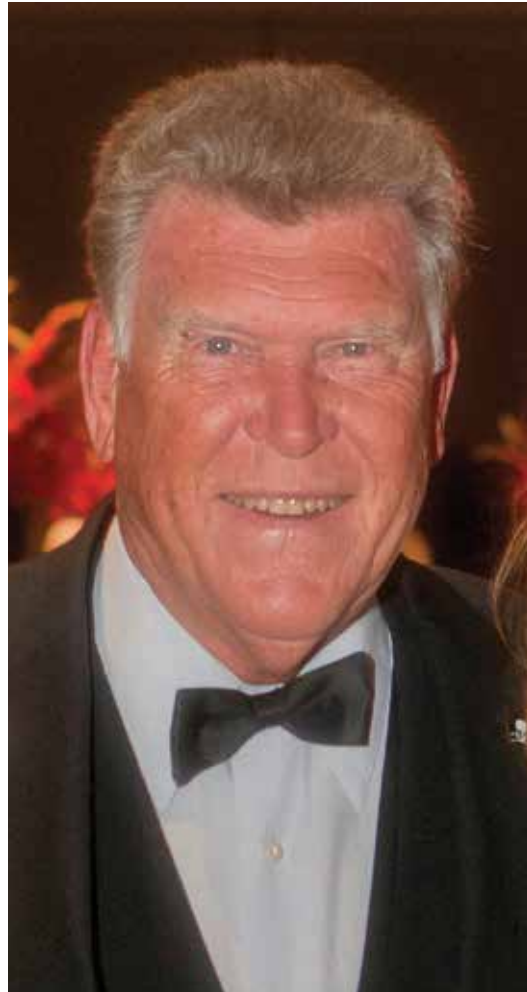
The Trine University family is mourning the sudden loss of a student who passed away July 15.

Luciano Bonaveri, 21, a civil engineering major from Barranquilla, Colombia, was killed in an automobile accident in Arizona.

Luciano was a member of the Multicultural Student Organization, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He also worked on campus at the Depot.

He is survived by his parents Pablo and Mónica, and his sisters Paulina and Francesca.





University mourns death of alumnus, trustee Rhoads

Trine University is mourning the loss of **Mitchel Rhoads**, an alumnus and member of the university's Board of Trustees.

Rhoads passed away Jan. 10 following a battle with cancer.

After graduating from Tri-State College in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, Rhoads took a job with Kaiser Steel and Gulf Oil Co. before serving three years with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam.

After completing his military service, Rhoads went to work in the restaurant industry, first with the Collins Foods International Franchise of Kentucky Fried Chicken in southern California. He stayed with Collins Foods KFC and Sizzler Family Steakhouses, working as a foreign supervisor in Australia, until A&W Root Beer hired him as vice president of operations at age 29.

He went on to serve as executive vice president of worldwide operations for Burger King, president of Technicolor Corporation retail division, and a court-appointed trustee of International House of Pancakes. He was named Food Service Executive of the Year in 1987.

In 1992, Rhoads purchased LePeep, a once-struggling breakfast-brunch-lunch restaurant in Denver, Colorado. Today, LePeep restaurants are in 13 states and thriving.

He joined the Trine University Board of Trustees in 2006, most recently serving on the Campus Planning Committee and Committee on Trustees.

He and his wife Debra donated funding for naming rights to a private suite in the Fred Zollner Athletic Stadium and the Rhoads Center for Entrepreneurship in the Ketner School of Business. He also was a speaker in the university's Distinguished Speaker Series. In 2008, he was recognized with the Distinguished Service Alumni award for his outstanding service to society, his profession, and to his alma mater.

A Kappa Sigma brother while a student at Trine, Rhoads remained involved with the fraternity long after he graduated.

In addition to his service at Trine, Rhoads, along with his wife, were board members for the Community Humane Shelter of Steuben County for many years. He also served as chairman of the Colorado State Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, chairman of the Colorado Art Foundation and chairman of the KRMA (Denver PBS) Business Connection. He was one of 250 invited members of the National Republican Senatorial Committee's Republican Presidential Roundtable.



Longtime faculty member passes away

Albert Alexander Guilford, 87, of Angola, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola, Indiana.

Albert was born June 20, 1934, in Angola to Francis M. and Olive P. (Warner) Guilford.

Albert graduated from Angola High School, received his bachelor's degree at Tri-State University in civil engineering, his master's degree from Michigan State and completed his doctorate thesis at LeHigh University in Pennsylvania.

Albert returned to his alma mater, Tri-State University, and taught civil engineering for 47 years.

Albert was first initiated in 1957, to Beta Sigma Tau, in 1961 to Pi Lambda Phi, both predecessors to Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), where he was later initiated in 1967. He advised and befriended the TKE group and its predecessor organizations for 64 years.

Albert was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, Indiana. He was also a member of Angola Elks Lodge, and a Silver Life Master with the American Bridge League. He was survived by several nephews and nieces.

Memorial donations may be made to the Reiners Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Trine University.



Trine University mourns death of trustee Weaver

Trine University is mourning the loss of university trustee R. Wyatt Weaver, Jr., M.D., who passed away Aug. 22.

Dr. Weaver had served as a member of the Trine University Board of Trustees since 2004.

"Through decades of support, Doc made a huge impact on Trine University, particularly our athletic programs, as well as on Angola and Steuben County," said Earl D. Brooks II, Ph.D., Trine president. "He was a great friend of this university and his presence will be greatly missed. His many friends and family are in our thoughts and prayers."

Dr. Weaver, an Angola physician and member of Parkview Physicians Group, donated his medical services to Thunder student-athletes for more than two decades, putting in long hours at sporting contests and events. In 2004, he was inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame for his service.

In addition, Dr. Weaver and his wife Judy, who passed away in 2020, helped with fundraising efforts to benefit the university's athletic department and were loyal, dedicated members of the Thunder Club. The Weaver Soccer Field

at Trine University was named in their honor in 2013.

In addition to his service at Trine, Dr. Weaver's community involvement included serving as president of the Steuben County Board of Aviation Commissioners and president of the board of the Steuben County YMCA, and serving on the Indiana The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Board and the boards of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, the Angola Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners Association.

He also was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 170, Scottish Rite & Mizpah Shrine, in Fort Wayne.

He served as a volunteer clinical assistant professor for the Indiana University School of Medicine, where he earned his medical degree. His business experience included acting as chief executive officer for River Valley Distributors in Defiance, Ohio, and serving on the advisory board for Key Bank.

Former president Elliott dies at 100

Trine University is mourning the loss of its 11th president, Carl Elliott, who died April 1, shortly after his 100th birthday.

A World War II veteran, Elliott began his career as an assistant professor at Miami University in Ohio after the war ended. From there, he moved on to Purdue University, where he earned his Ph.D. in Industrial Psychology.

After working in industry, he returned to the Purdue Calumet Center, now Purdue Northwest, serving as director for 16 years before becoming president at Trine, then Tri-State College, in 1975.

Under his leadership, the college became a university and experienced growth in student enrollment. The university received approval for its elementary education program and added degrees in computer science and marketing during his presidency.

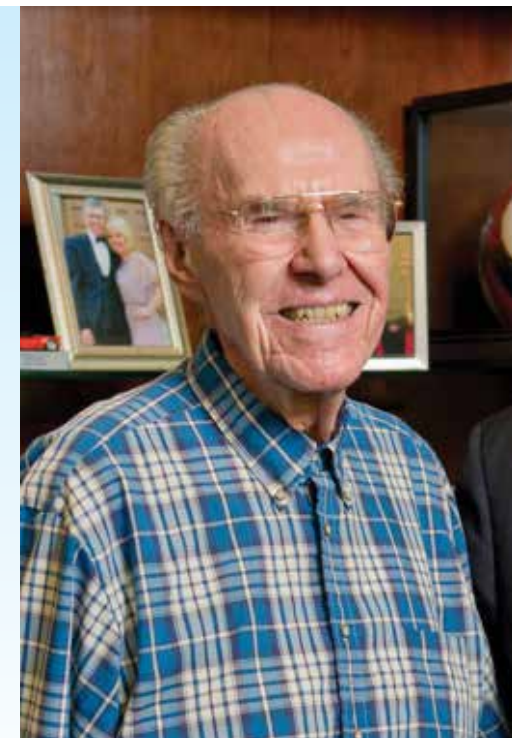
His tenure also saw the addition of the Howard P. Conrad Chemical Engineering Laboratory to Fawick Hall and the launch of WEAX radio station, the forerunner of today's Trine Broadcasting Network.

Elliott also established the university's first endowment fund.

The first endowed chair at Tri-State University, the Laurence L. Dresser Chair of Engineering, was established during his tenure.

Elliott retired in 1983 to care for his wife Elizabeth, who was seriously ill, taking loving care of her until her death in 1984.

He continued to generously support the university after his retirement, providing a major gift to the Invest in Excellence Capital Campaign in 2016. Elliott Drive, the street to the Golf Course Apartments on Trine University's Angola campus, was named in his honor in 2009.





Softball finishes 2nd in the nation

After starting the season with seven straight losses, the Trine University softball team finished by winning 20 of its 22 final games on the way to a MIAA championship and a runner-up finish in the 2022 NCAA Division III Softball Championship.

The season began with the team competing in the 2022 NFCA D3 Leadoff Classic, an invitational tournament featuring the best teams in the nation. The competition was too much for the team, with the Thunder dropping all of six of their games at the event. After the intense start to the season, the team began to improve, going 10-3 to finish out their non-conference slate and entering the MIAA portion of the season 10-9 overall.

The real turnaround came after back-to-back losses in the middle of April, the second in the first half of a doubleheader against Kalamazoo College. That loss was the last of the regular season, as the team finished with nine straight MIAA wins to secure their 11th conference championship. Three more victories made Trine the MIAA tournament champion, earning a spot in the national championship.

The win streak continued through the NCAA tournament with Trine picking up regional and super-regional victories to advance to Salem, Virginia, and eventually into the program's first NCAA Championship Series. The Thunder would suffer two straight losses in the best-of-three series to finish the season as the second-best team in the country, the best finish in the program's NCAA history.

Taking the forefront for the team were junior **Ellie Trine** and sophomore pitcher **Adrienne Rosey**, who swept the MIAA MVP awards and eventually earned NFCA All-Region honors. Ellie Trine led conference players in multiple offensive categories, while Rosey was a dominant presence in the circle throughout the season. She became just the third Thunder pitcher to finish a season with multiple no-hitters and also earned NCAA Regional and Super-Regional Most Outstanding Player awards.

Five other Trine student-athletes earned spots on All-MIAA teams: seniors **Taylor Murdock** and **Ashley Swartout**, juniors **Amanda Prather** and **Anna Koepl**, and sophomore **Lauren Clausen**.



Ellie Trine



Adrienne Rosey



Taylor Murdock



Ashley Swartout



Amanda Prather



Anna Koepl



Lauren Clausen



2022 DIVISION III
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
SALEM, VA • Old Dominion Athletic Conference and City of Salem, Hosts



TRINE THUNDER NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP



First NCAA Final Four berth highlights women's basketball season

The Trine University women's basketball team finished the 2021-22 season with a record of 28-4, breaking the school record for most wins in a single season while also reaching the NCAA DIII National Semifinal game for the first time in school history.

In the fourth installment of Trine versus Hope on the season, the Thunder used a ferocious second half comeback to keep things close with the Flying Dutch, but Hope advanced to the National Championship game with a 57-52 victory.

Trine won four NCAA Tournament games to advance to Pittsburgh for the National Semifinals. Trine hosted the first and second rounds of the event and the Thunder moved on with wins over Immaculata University and John Carroll University. The team ventured to Lexington, Kentucky, next for the sectional rounds, upending Springfield College and Transylvania University.

In the regular season, the Thunder clinched a share of the MIAA Championship by obtaining a 15-1 record. Their biggest win of the conference slate came at Hope College, where the team beat the Flying Dutch on their home floor, 70-62, to snap Hope's NCAA-leading 61-game winning streak.

Statistically, it was a banner year for Trine women's basketball. The 2021-22 squad broke the program record for lowest opponent three-point field goal percentage, forcing the opposition to shoot a minuscule 22.1% from deep over the course of the season. Individually, senior **Tara Bieniewicz** tied the school record for most three-point field goals in a game (8) and broke the records for most makes from beyond the arc in a single season (85) and career (212).

Bieniewicz also became the second NCAA All-American in program history when she was tabbed by both WBCA All-American and D3hoops.com Fourth Team All-American following the season. Regionally, Bieniewicz was First Team All-Region, while senior classmate **Kayla Wildman** was Second Team All-Region.



Kayla Wildman



Andy Rang



Kelsy Taylor

Head Coach **Andy Rang** received Co-Head Coach of the Year in Region VII by D3hoops.com as well. Three Thunder student-athletes were named All-MIAA, with Bieniewicz and Wildman each taking a spot on first team and **Kelsy Taylor** earning second team All-MIAA honors.



Tara Bieniewicz





Miller leads track and field success with national championship

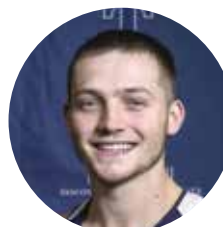
The Trine University men's and women's track and field programs had a very successful season with an individual NCAA DIII National Champion for the second consecutive year and three MIAA Championships between the indoor and outdoor seasons.

At the 2022 NCAA DIII Outdoor Track and Field National Championships, **Evie Miller** took home first place in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, to secure her first career national championship with a meet record time of 10:07.22. Miller was a three-time All-American in 2022 with two coming in the indoor season (mile run and 3000-meter run) and one in outdoor (3000-meter steeplechase). She finished her career an eight-time track and field All-American, achieving the status in five different events, and holds 13 school record times.



Seth Ware

Miller and assistant coach **Seth Ware** won Regional Women's Track Athlete of the Year and Men's Regional Assistant Coach of the Year in both the indoor and outdoor seasons from the USTFCCA. Miller won the Cheryl L. Coons Award for Top Female Student-Athlete at Trine.



Jake Gladieux

Jake Gladieux was a two-time All-American in 2022, with one coming in each season. In outdoor, Gladieux placed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.31 seconds and for the indoor season, he was fifth in the 60-meter hurdles at 8.06 seconds.



Valerie Obear

He broke his own school record in each of those events in the 2021-22 track and field season.

Valerie Obear qualified to compete in the NCAA DIII Track and Field National Championships for three different events in 2022. In the indoor season, she competed in the weight throw, and during the outdoor season, she was in action in the discus and hammer throw. She was 20th in both the weight and hammer throw at nationals. During the season, she broke school records in all three events in which she qualified to compete at nationals.

As a team, the Thunder men and women's teams won the MIAA Championships during the indoor season and the men made it five championships in a row with a win at the outdoor championships.



19-win season sets men's hockey record

The Trine men's hockey team turned in the program's best season thus far during the 2021-22 campaign, shattering the past program record with 19 wins. The team tallied 300 points, including 114 goals and 186 assists during the season, all of which are new benchmarks for the program. The Thunder also received votes in the USCHO.com rankings for the first time.



Hunter Payment

The team went 11-7 in NCHA play, securing the fourth seed in the end-of-year Harris Cup Playoffs, earning the right to host its first postseason competitions. The Thunder would sweep visiting Lawrence University to advance to the semifinals, where their season would end against the eventual tournament and national champions from Adrian College. Overall, the team finished the year 19-9.

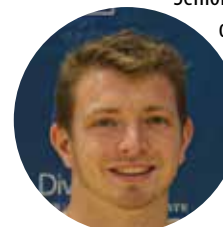


Bobby Price

A pair of student-athletes earned end of year honors from the NCHA. Senior **Hunter Payment** became just the second player to receive a spot on the All-Conference team and freshman **Bobby Price** became the third freshman named to the conference's All-Freshman Team. Payment anchored the defensive effort while also posting the best offensive season by a Trine defender with 18 points. Price posted new highs for a freshman with 31 points, 15 goals and 16 assists.

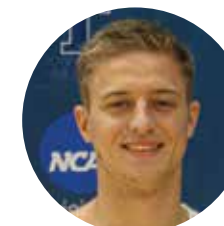
Men's basketball falls in MIAA semifinal

The Trine University men's basketball team wrapped up the 2021-22 season with an 18-9 overall record and 10-4 mark in the MIAA. The team earned the right to host a first-round game of the MIAA Tournament and defeated Adrian College in the quarterfinal round 92-63, but were topped by Calvin University in the semifinals.

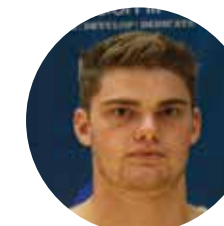


Nick Bowman

Senior **Nick Bowman** took home a variety of awards this season after averaging a team-high 18.3 points per game. He won the Robert L. Greim Award for Top Male Student-Athlete at the university and was a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, one of the most prestigious national prizes in NCAA DIII athletics.



Bryce Williams



Mitchell Geller

The trio of Bowman, **Bryce Williams** and **Mitchell Geller** were named All-MIAA prior to the start of the conference tournament. Williams received Second Team honors for the second time of his career and Geller received the first Second Team All-MIAA award of his career.

Women's lacrosse makes first trip to MIAA finals

It was a record-breaking season for the Trine University women's lacrosse team in the spring of 2022 under new head coach Kevin Cooke. The Thunder recorded a program-high 11 victories in an 11-5 year and finished in a tie for second in the MIAA standings with a 5-2 conference record.

The team reached the MIAA Tournament Finals for the first time, but a late rally at Saint Mary's College was not enough as the team missed out on a berth into the NCAA Tournament, 19-15. The team collected their first postseason win 18-17 at Albion College in the semifinal round.

Four student-athletes from this year's team were named All-MIAA. **Calista Richmond** (Rookie of the Year) and **Liv Ghent** were each on first team and **Brooke Hoag** and **Madison Howard** were representatives on the second team. As a freshman, Richmond broke the single season and career assist records with her 50 assists this year. Ghent's 77 goals and 89 points this season are program records as well.



Calista Richmond



Liv Ghent



Brooke Hoag



Madison Howard

New high marks for Acro and Tumbling

The Trine acrobatics and tumbling team shattered program scoring records during its second season of competition. The team set new benchmarks in every scoring category, including posting the best overall score in its final competition of the regular season. Trine scored 242.175 points in a close loss to Concordia University Wisconsin, surpassing the previous program record by nearly 10 points.

The team went on to compete at the inaugural NCATA Division III Acrobatics and Tumbling Invitational, where they came in third among the four participating teams. The team opened with a close loss to event hosts Adrian College before defeating Stevenson University in the third-place match.

Men's golf narrowly misses out for national tournament

After placing third in the MIAA in the fall season, the Trine University men's golf team qualified to compete for the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA DIII National Championship event. In the three-round automatic qualifier tournament, the Thunder were second, missing out on going to Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, by 10 strokes to Hope College. The team had the best combined round in the second of three rounds with a 297.



Mark Civanich

Trine was led by sophomore **Mark Civanich** with a three-day total of 227. His lowest round was a 73 on day two. Junior **Mitch Lowney** put up an even-par 71 on the final day of action at Stonewater Country Club and finished one back of Civanich at 228.



Mitch Lowney



2nd straight MIAA appearance for men's tennis

The Trine men's tennis team made their second straight appearance in the MIAA Tournament, competing as the three-seed with their best-ever finish in regular season play. The Thunder finished with a 10-7 overall record and a 5-2 record in the MIAA, third best among their competitors. The team fell in the opening round of the tournament to Hope College.



Cole Goodman



Aaron Streit

A pair of student-athletes were recognized by the conference as All-MIAA selections. Freshman **Cole Goodman** was named to the first team after finishing the MIAA with a 4-3 record in No. 1 singles and 5-2 in No. 1 doubles. Junior **Aaron Streit** came in on the second team after finishing 5-2 in No. 2 singles and No. 2 doubles during the MIAA season.

Men's lacrosse improves to 9-5

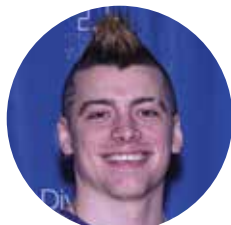
The Trine men's lacrosse team improved its win total by four over last season under the guidance of new head coach **Ryan Kuhn**, who became the program's fourth head coach in August 2021. He coached the team to a 9-5 record, the best first season for Trine coach.

The team started strong, winning eight of its first nine games, including the first three of the season. After winning their first two MIAA contests, they dropped the next three but finished the season with a win against Kalamazoo, earning the fourth seed in the 2022 MIAA Tournament. Their season concluded in the opening round of the tournament with a loss to top-seeded Hope College.

Senior **Dave Keptner** posted a record-breaking effort for the team in his final year. He finished the season with 46 caused turnovers, a single-season program record, giving him 108 in his career, another record. He was named to the All-MIAA first team.



Ryan Kuhn



Dave Keptner

Men's volleyball advances to conference semis

Under first-year head coach **William Dowdy**, the Trine University men's volleyball team went 12-14 overall and was 4-4 in the MCVL. The Thunder appeared in the MCVL Tournament Championship Semifinals, where they lost to Fontbonne University on their home floor. Trine started the year a tumultuous 0-7, but rebounded for five consecutive wins from there and were playing their best volleyball down the stretch.



William Dowdy



Hunter Haas

Sophomore **Hunter Haas** repeated as the MCVL Defensive Player of the Year in 2022. He and **Ted Hofmeister** were named First Team All-MCVL. Graduating senior **Kyle Dixon** will leave Trine as the career leader in points (751) and kills (652). The Thunder also set a few single game records, with **Carter Steffgen** notching six aces versus

Lawrence Tech and **Landon Barrow** recording eight blocks against Concordia University Chicago. The team managed to combine for 12 blocks in that match, a team single game record.



Ted Hofmeister



Kyle Dixon



Carter Steffgen



Landon Barrow

Spirrison, Cole set women's tennis marks

The Trine women's tennis team finished the season 11-7 overall and 4-4 in the MIAA, coming in fifth and just missing out on a spot in the postseason tournament.



Ashley Spirrison



Ellie Cole



Erin Kolar

Senior **Ashley Spirrison** finished her career with another amazing season. Arguably the best women's tennis player in program history, she posted an 18-2 singles record to improve to 63-9 in her career, the most wins and best winning percentage in the program's NCAA history.

Joining her for doubles matches was classmate **Ellie Cole**. The pair went 18-3 this season to become the best doubles pair in the program's history. Spirrison owns the most career wins with 55, with Cole coming in second. Cole owns the doubles winning percentage record, with Spirrison just behind her.

Spirrison made her third straight appearance on the All-MIAA first team and became the third Thunder student-athlete to receive the Karen Caine Scholar-Athlete Award.

The season was also notable for head coach **Erin Kolar**, who surpassed 100 career wins, combined between the men's and women's programs, during the spring break trip with an 8-1 victory by the women's team over King's (Pennsylvania) College.

Three honored for women's hockey

The Trine women's hockey team fell in the opening round of the NCHA Slaats Cup playoffs to post a season overall record of 9-17-1, having finished the NCHA regular season 6-9-1 and in sixth place. Individual student-athletes ended up being the highlight of the season. For the first time, three members took home NCHA end-of-year honors.

Freshman **Ryleigh Furlong** was named to the All-Freshman Team following a strong season in net. where she posted a .907 save percentage.



Ryleigh Furlong

Senior **Kirsten Vandenheuvel** was named to the NCHA All-Conference Team, becoming one of the first two from Trine to earn that honor. She finished first among defenders during NCHA play with 14 points.



Kristen Vandenheuvel



Brandi Wilson

Senior **Brandi Wilson** took the forefront for the group, earning a spot on the NCHA All-Conference Team and being named Player of the Year for the conference. She set new single-season program records in all three offensive categories. She also became career leader in points and assists.

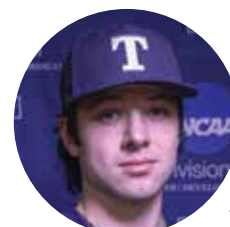
Wilson and Vandenheuvel were named CCM Hockey/AHCA All-Americans and Wilson was named CoSIDA Academic All-District and CoSIDA Academic All-American, all firsts for the program.

Two earn All-MIAA nod for baseball

In the 2022 season, the Trine University baseball team finished 14-23 overall, 9-14 in MIAA play. They were fifth-place finishers in the league, two games out of making the postseason tournament.



Josh Hoogewerf

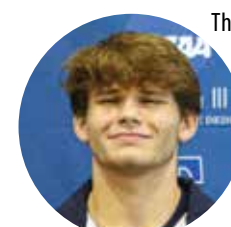


Brenden Warner

Two players represented Trine baseball as All-MIAA recipients: sophomore starting pitcher **Josh Hoogewerf** and senior outfielder **Brenden Warner**. They were both honored on the MIAA Second Team, the first time either was listed as an All-MIAA student-athlete.

Hoogewerf had the third-lowest earned run average in the MIAA at 4.04 and was third in most innings pitched with 62.1. He allowed two or fewer runs in starts seven times this season. Warner was fifth in the MIAA in hits with 51 on the year. At .359, he led the team and was seventh in the conference in batting average.

Boots leads wrestling efforts



Jett Boots



Owen Conklin



John Browning

The Trine men's wrestling team finished their season third among MIAA competition with a 2-2 record during conference play with wins over Alma and Albion and a near miss against the MIAA champions from Olivet. Sophomore **Jett Boots** went on to lead the team at the 2022 NCAA Division III Men's Championship Central Regional by posting a sixth-place finish, the lone student-athlete to compete on the second day of the event.

A pair of grapplers were recognized by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) for their work on and off the mats. Senior **Owen Conklin** and freshman **John Browning** were both named Scholar All-Americans by the organization.

Women's golf wins two head-to-head meets

The Trine University women's golf team competed in seven spring events after a seventh-place finish in the fall. The Thunder were 2-0 in head-to-head competition, defeating Piedmont University during the team's spring break trip and Albion College to retain the Trine/Albion Cup.

Battling the elements was critical for Trine women's golf as they took on the competition and brutal cold temperatures for the Trine Spring Classic and windy conditions at the Adrian Invitational. The final event of the season, the Steven Tyler Memorial, saw junior **Maire Sullivan** win individual medalist honors with a score of 81.



Maire Sullivan

Morrison wins 2 at women's wrestling nationals

The Trine women's wrestling team took the mats for the second year in the program's young history. Once again, the standout for the team was **Riley Morrison**, who represented the Thunder at the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships for the second year in a row. She earned her spot with a fifth-place finish at a regional event before nearly making the consolation bracket finals at nationals. She wrestled her way back from an opening-round loss, recording two straight pins before nearly posting a third to make the finals.



Riley Morrison



Watch Trine athletics live on the



livestream.com/trinebroadcastingnetwork

Class of 2022 Memories..

“My favorite memory is late night laughs and adventures with my best friends.” - Brooklyn Bowen, Elementary and Special Education



“My favorite memory at Trine would be having picnics with my roommates when the weather was nice and being on the Homecoming court!”

- Meghan McGonagle, Chemical Engineering



“My favorite memory was feeding a goat cotton candy ice cream from my hand after one of my golf meets.”

- Lily Williamson, Golf Management



“My favorite memory at Trine is probably when I had an accidental 22nd birthday party in my dorm building’s common room. I had just been hanging out with my roommates when random people we somehow knew periodically walked through the common room (just passing through) learned it was my birthday and decided to stay for a bit until we somehow amassed 20 or so people in that basement. It was odd and so coincidental that so many people we knew (some we hadn’t talked to in months) walked through the door that night. I know it’s only been four years, but in a lot of ways, Trine is where I grew up. It’s where I fell in love and met my best friend and started the journey toward figuring out who I am. Before I graduate, I’ll have celebrated four birthdays here, and I’m grateful for everyone.”

- Meghan Schrader, English and Communications

“My favorite memory would have to be the choir concert in Fort Wayne in the spring of 2019, where Trine’s choir was combined with Purdue’s choir and the church’s choir. We performed the piece Requiem for the Living.”

- Cort Eicher, Electrical Engineering

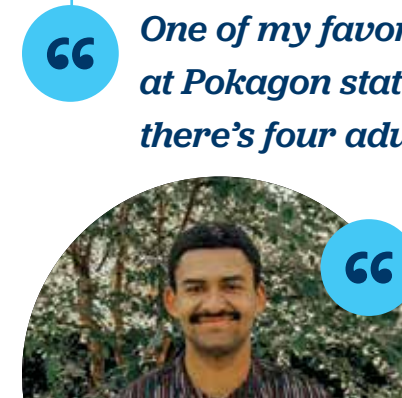


“My favorite memory at Trine was playing in the NCAA D3 Women’s Basketball Championship Tournament in the Final Four at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Although we did not win, we made history and left our legacy at Trine. It was amazing, and I can forever relive that moment through photos and videos.” - Kelsy Taylor, Marketing



“My favorite memory from Trine University isn’t defined in a single moment. It is a series of moments that are outlined with the opportunities Trine offers and the people I have surrounded myself with. From sledding with my sorority sisters to attending student government meetings to working events on and off campus, I will cherish this series of moments forever.”

- Nikki Maroney, Sport and Recreation

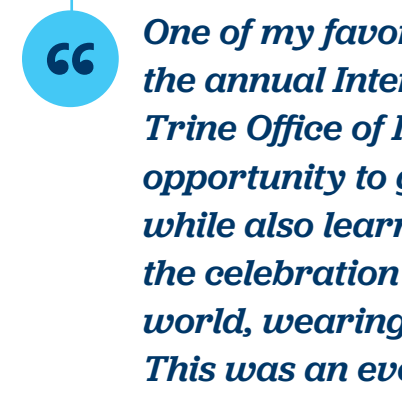


“One of my favorite memories was going down the toboggan run at Pokagon state park with four people! You go pretty fast when there’s four adults huddled together.” - Justin Raymond, Biology

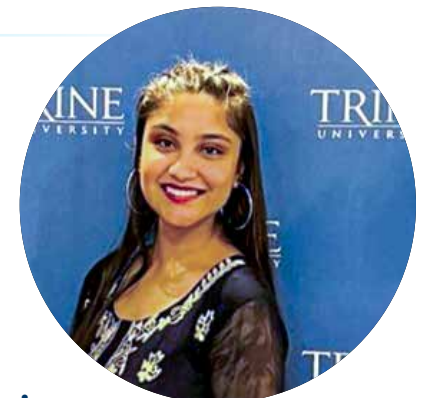


“My favorite memory during my time at Trine has been meeting new people through student groups, such as baseball and the HAC Media Team. I’ve made lifelong friends here, and I’ll always remember the time we’ve had together.”

- Cooper Lee, English and Communications



“One of my favorite memories during my time at Trine is the annual International Night celebration organized by Trine Office of International Services. Every year, I got the opportunity to give everyone a glimpse of my Nepali culture while also learning about world culture. My favorite parts of the celebration include trying food from different parts of the world, wearing ethnic outfits and performing cultural dance. This was an event that brought the Trine Community together in an interactive way.” - Angela Pokharel, Biomedical Engineering





One University Avenue
Angola, Indiana 46703

Change Service Requested

19th annual

Scholarship

GALA TRINE
UNIVERSITY

***Saturday,
February 11, 2023***

**Keith E. Busse/Steel
Dynamics Inc. Athletic
and Recreation Center**

Enjoy a special guest speaker, live and silent auctions, wine tasting, live music, a gourmet meal and more as we gather in person to provide scholarships for Trine University students.

Learn more, register or give now at **trine.edu/gala**