

# TECH'S TALK

DIVISION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

## Center for Allied Health Programs Created

The creation of the Center for Allied Health Programs (CAHP) at the University of Minnesota by the Board of Regents during July 2006 marked an historic turning point for the Program in Medical Technology. With that action, the Regents put in motion a transition for programs in allied health from their homes in the Medical School and elsewhere, to a stand-alone academic unit organized within the Academic Health Center.

The CAHP has the authority to do everything a school does. In fact, in its present state, it is an embryonic school, empowered to draft its own policies for faculty appointment and tenure, and charged with developing new approaches to educating students in the allied health professions for the years to come.

This development is important for Minnesota, and important for the program, for several reasons. First, because allied health professionals constitute over 60% of the health care workforce, it is important that there be convenient, accessible, high-quality educational programs that are capable of meeting the growing demands of the state. Second, because the cost of educating high performing health care workers is growing significantly, it is not sustainable for the state to continue to support multiple competing programs that duplicate efforts and thereby add unnecessary costs. Finally, the expectations of students, of employers, and indeed of the public are changing.

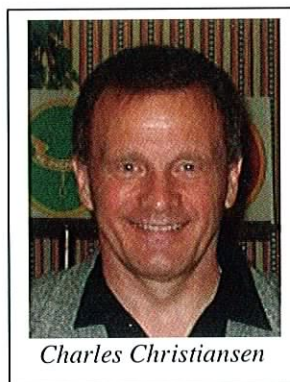
Today's students want accessible, flexible, affordable, and relevant programs that are tailored to their learning styles. They want the convenience and electronic access that they are accustomed to experiencing in the new digital age of the Internet. The Internet has evolved so that it can be experienced as a customized 24/7 genie that literally puts the world at the fingertips of users wherever they may be. People with smart phones and iPods download podcasts and vodcasts

(video programs) and watch them where and when they want. Course lectures can and are being made available to students in this way, and so the expectations for access and convenience continue to grow. Of course, developing and maintaining this technology takes time and money. That drives up costs and makes it imperative that programs share their resources in alliances and partnerships. It's clear that these new developments require a different way of thinking about a very different world.

The Center for Allied Health Programs is expected to be at the forefront of this new age of education. New ways of delivering education will literally need to be invented. Just as the early 20th Century was filled with promise of new technology that moved the horse and buggy to the automobile, from the train to the airplane, and from the radio to television and beyond, so too will the 21st century experience the development of

exciting new technologies, requiring changes in the traditional ways we do things.

With this in mind, in the months ahead, we expect to be working with our colleagues in the State of Minnesota to find new solutions and approaches to the 21st century education of clinical laboratory scientists. We expect our partnerships to be productive, collaborative, learner-centered, and sustainable. In the end, the result will be a statewide approach to education in medical technology that serves students, employers and patients well, and keeps the program at the University of Minnesota, with its distinguished history of excellence, at the forefront of innovation. *(Continued)*



Charles Christiansen

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Over the years, the Program in Medical Technology, soon to be officially renamed the Program in Clinical Laboratory Sciences, has enjoyed unparalleled support from its alumni and its friends throughout Minnesota and the nation. This support has helped the program become among the very few with two endowed faculty positions. Such support contributes to the program's ability to maintain excellence and remain among the leaders of such programs nationally.

Although I am new to the University and the Center, I have already sensed the level of support for the program and personally met many of its longstanding friends and benefactors. I am grateful to these outstanding people for their generosity and continued loyalty to the program.

*This article was authored by Dr. Charles Christiansen, Director of the new Center for Allied Health Programs.*

### **Carl Steffen Rohwer (1915-2006)**

Carl Rohwer passed away on April 5, 2006 at the age of 91. Mr. Rohwer was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred King Rohwer, a 1933 alumna of the University of Minnesota's Medical Technology program.

Mr. Rohwer was born in Lincoln County, Kansas. He received his BA degree from Fort Hays State University and moved to Wichita, Kansas, in 1942. It was there he met his wife, Mildred, and they were married on September 30, 1951. Although Mildred Rohwer did not continue working as a medical technologist after marriage, she remained passionate about the profession. In 1986, Mr. and Mrs. Rohwer contacted the Medical Technology Program to determine what they could do that would be a lasting, meaningful gift for the program. From those discussions, the Mildred King Rohwer Endowed Professorship in Medical Technology was created. The Rohwers felt they had been blessed in their lives, and they were very happy they were able to give such a gift to her alma mater. Carl Rohwer remained in close contact with the Medical Technology Program after his wife's death and would often comment how pleased his wife would have been about how "Millie's Professorship" was being used. Later, in honor of his wife, Carl Rohwer donated funds to make the Professorship an Endowed Chair, the first and only Endowed Chair in medical technology in the country.



*Carl Rohwer and former program director, Donna Spannaus-Martin*

It can be said of Carl and Mildred Rohwer that their generosity extended beyond their lives. The Mildred King Rohwer Endowed Chair will serve as a lasting legacy to both of them.

### **Medical Technology Scholarships**

Students in the professional program are eligible to apply for eight different scholarships administered through the Program in Medical Technology. Criteria used during the selection process include scholastic standing, financial need, and professional potential.

In September 2006, 25 medical technology students received scholarships that totaled \$34,250. These scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$2,000 per recipient and were awarded to students in the junior and senior years along with those doing clinical rotations. These scholarships are made possible through the dedication of alumni and friends who have given generously to the program.

Available scholarships are the:

- ◆Hovde-O'Brien Scholarship Fund
- ◆Yvonne C. Cooke Scholarship Fund
- ◆Gonyea-Stewart Scholarship Fund and the Gonyea-Stewart Emergency Loan Fund
- ◆Betty Rae Kramer McConnell Scholarship Fund
- ◆Medical Technology Alumni Scholarship Fund
- ◆Constance Olson Bakken Scholarship Fund
- ◆Karen Karni Scholarship Fund
- ◆Clarice J. Olson Scholarship Fund

With your help, these funds will continue to grow. Contributions may be sent to the Program in Medical Technology, Center for Allied Health Programs, University of Minnesota, Mayo Mail Code 711, 420 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

## Shock Society's Annual Award for Scientific Achievement

This year **Dr. Carol Wells** is the recipient of the Shock Society's Annual Award for Scientific Achievement. The Shock Society is an international organization of scientists with the goal of facilitating the integration of basic and clinical disciplines in the study of the pathophysiology and treatment of trauma and shock. The Shock Society promotes original and basic research in molecular, cellular, and systemic pathobiological aspects of shock and trauma. Each year, the Scientific Achievement Award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the broad field of shock research. Dr. Wells received this award at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Shock Society in June of 2006. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Wells on her accomplishments and recognition.

## Alumni News

**Marissa Peterson**, graduate from the Class of 1994, was named President of the Minnesota Association of Blood Banks (MnABB) in 2006. While in office she will continue to have their web site updated, provide additional educational opportunities, review MnABB's Constitution and By-laws, and more.

**Donna M. Meyer, Ph.D.** (1964) has previously served as ASCLS President. In 2006, she received the prestigious Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) Eilers Award. The award was named in honor of Russell J. Eilers, the founding president of CLSI. It is the highest award that CLSI confers. She was also recognized for her service as a member of the CLSI Board of Directors. She is currently the Director of Community Health for the CHRISTUS Health System in Texas. CLSI is a nonprofit educational organization with a mission to advance quality in healthcare testing through the development and dissemination of global standards, guidelines, and best practices. Under Dr. Meyer's leadership, CLSI has gained substantial international presence and recognition for its value in advancing healthcare practices worldwide.

**Larry Pyers**, Class of 2006, received the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity scholarship. Alpha Mu Tau is a national, honorary fraternity whose purpose is the advancement of the profession of Clinical Laboratory Science. Its primary function is the granting of graduate and undergraduate scholarships. As a tax-exempt organization, monies are generated through donations, bequests and fund-raising activities. We are proud of this recognition.

Another scholarship from this organization was given to **Jessica Asp**, Class of 2006. Her scholarship was the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Memorial scholarship. **Jessica Asp** also received the Quest Diagnostics Student Forum Leadership Award. It recognizes a student member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and contributed to the growth and development of the ASCLS Student Forum. She played an active role with National Student Forum, wrote articles at the state and national levels, was active in the state society, and participated in recruitment events. We are proud of her accomplishments and commitment to the profession.

## Minnesota Laboratory Professionals Draft Licensure Bill

For the past year, representatives from Minnesota's laboratory professional organizations have been meeting together with the purpose of bringing a bill for licensure of laboratory professionals to the Minnesota legislature during the 2007 legislative session. Although efforts have been made in the past to get licensure of laboratory professionals in Minnesota, what makes this time different is that the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) has joined the coalition.

In 2004, ASCP surveyed their membership and found that pathologists supported licensure of medical laboratory personnel by more than a 2:1 majority. Laboratory directors from states already licensing laboratory professionals were even more likely to support licensure. In 2005, ASCP approved a policy statement in support of state licensure. ASCP joined ten other Minnesota professional organizations in the coalition formed to produce the draft bill. A copy of the draft bill, along with other information concerning the licensure efforts, can be found at [www.mnscls.org](http://www.mnscls.org) and clicking on the licensure button on the left side.

Coalition members have begun meeting with legislators, have hired a lobbyist to help with the legislative efforts, and, by the time you receive this issue of Tech's Talk, the bill will have been introduced in the Minnesota legislature. If you would like someone from the coalition to talk to your laboratory about issues concerning licensure, contact Kathy Hansen (612-273-5090, [khansen3@fairview.org](mailto:khansen3@fairview.org)) or Rick Panning (651-291-6764, [panningri@usa.redcross.org](mailto:panningri@usa.redcross.org)). Also, keep checking the ASCLS-MN web site ([www.mnscls.org](http://www.mnscls.org)) for updates and to learn more about what you can do to support these efforts.

## Faculty and Staff News

Many dedicated people work together to ensure the highest quality education possible for our students. A brief description of the current faculty and staff follows.

**Claire Bjorklund** – Executive Office and Administrative Specialist has been with Medical Technology for 11 years and with the University for 33.5 years.

**Salli Clysdale** – is a University of Minnesota Medical Technology graduate and has been teaching Clinical Chemistry since 1973. She divides her time by teaching 50% at the University and 10% in the Fairview Medical Technology program. The other 40% of her time is spent doing clinical work in the University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview acute care laboratory.

**Nancy Coley** – is a part time teaching specialist in Blood Bank and Laboratory Medicine. She works full time in the University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview Cell Therapy Lab on the St. Paul campus. Nancy also serves as a preceptor for students during their cell therapy rotations as they learn about stem cells and cord blood banking.

**Joanna George** - CLS(NCA), SBB(ASCP) has been the Teaching Laboratory Manager as well as an instructor in Microbiology and Blood Banking since 1990. She is currently completing a Master's Degree in Horticulture with an emphasis on plants and health.

**Billie Anne Juni** – MS, MT(ASCP) has taught mycology for the last eight years and parasitology for the last seven. She is currently supervisor in clinical microbiology in the Public Health Laboratory Division of the Minnesota Department of Health.

**Lynn King** – CLS(NCA) graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical Technology program in 1970. She has taught clinical chemistry for the last 10 years.

**Marilyn Koepcke** – has been a laboratory instructor in microbiology since retiring from University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview Clinical Microbiology Laboratory five years ago.

**Jeanne Krumpelmann** – MT(ASCP), M.Ed. teaches microbiology and laboratory medicine. She recently retired from the University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview Microbiology Lab after 23 years.

**Kathy Porisch** – MT(ASCP) teaches clinical chemistry to Medical Technology students as well as laboratory medicine to the medical students. She worked 14 years in University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinics clinical chemistry and has taught laboratory medicine for 16 years.

**Mary Ramey** – CLS(NCA), MT(ASCP) is a graduate of the University of North Dakota. She worked 13 years in the University of Minnesota Hospital chemistry lab and four years as an instructor in the laboratory medicine course. She is currently course coordinator for laboratory medicine while helping teach hematology to the Medical Technology students.

**Patricia Solberg** - has been with Medical Technology since 1984, coordinating admissions, advising students, and serving in multiple administrative capacities. She is course director for MedT 1010 Orientation to Medical Technology, an introductory course to the profession.

**Donna Spannaus-Martin** – Ph.D., CLS(NCA) is Associate Professor and course director in clinical chemistry, immunological and molecular methods, immunology, and management and education. She has been with the program since 2001 and is the former program director.

**Cheryl Swinehart** – Assistant Professor is course director for hematology, hematology morphology, and hemostasis. She also teaches in the Fairview Medical Technology program, and at St. Cloud State University. Cheryl has been teaching for 26 years.

**Carol Wells** – Ph.D. has been course director in diagnostic microbiology since 1981 in addition to managing a very busy research lab. She served as interim director of Medical Technology from 2000-2001 and has currently been appointed to that position again.

**Mary Jane Yue** – received her Medical Technology certification from Yale New-Haven Hospital and an M.S. in Medical Laboratory Science from New York Hospital. She has taught hematology and hematology morphology at the University of Minnesota for 11 years.

**Student lab attendants** – We currently have two students who assist in lab setups and cleanups, Brenda Clayton and Alicia Solorz.

## 2006 Graduation Ceremony

The commencement exercise for the thirty-eight members of the 2006 graduating class of the Program in Medical Technology was held on the St. Paul campus on September 16, 2006. Senior class president, Jessica Asp, delivered the welcome on behalf of the class. Donna Spannaus-Martin, director of the Program in Medical Technology, introduced the faculty. David Mair, Medical Director of American Red Cross – St. Paul, delivered the commencement address.

Karin Braun, Abby Eggers and Becky Isaacs prepared the senior presentation. The presentation included slides from their senior year classes, clinical rotations and social events. Lynn King, teaching specialist in chemistry, presented awards and led the Medical Technology Oath, introducing members of the class individually as they signed the oath.

Jess Asp was presented a special gift in recognition of achieving the highest grade point average in the professional program. Barbara Brandt, Assistant Vice President for Education in the Academic Health Center, conferred the degrees. Salli Clysdale, teaching specialist in chemistry, welcomed the new graduates as alumni of the University of Minnesota. A reception followed on the Student Union Terrace.



### Medical Technology Class of 2006

#### Front row (left to right)

Abby Eggers, Cuba City, WI\*\*  
Terra Lindquist, Garland, TX  
Eli Rosario-Vega, Cayey, PR  
An Nguyen, Rosemount, MN  
Jennifer Greene, Grand Rapids, MN  
Cari Pyka, Mahtomedi, MN  
Gretchen Lee, Apple Valley, MN  
Michelle Gartner, Park Rapids, MN  
Sarrah Seamans, Tonka Bay, MN  
Parami Udagedara, Roseville, MN\*  
Delan Guo, Jiang Xi, China\*

#### Second row (left to right)

Karin Braun, Blooming Prairie, MN  
Rebecca Isaacs, Cloquet, MN\*  
Maxim Tynuv, St. Paul, MN  
Diane Hutchinson, Miliona, MN  
Andrea Barth, Benson, MN  
Larry Pyers, Alliance, OH

Idil Farah, Mogadisho, Somalia  
Stacy Huber, White Bear Lake, MN  
Habiba Mahdi, Mogadisho, Somalia  
Selam Petros, Ethiopia  
Hai Feng Huang, Guang Dong, China

#### Back row (left to right)

Lamessa Boka, Minneapolis, MN  
Amare Solomon, Oromiya, Ethiopia  
Jessica Asp, Brooklyn Park, MN\*\*  
Charles Callahan, Rapid City, SD  
Jacob Krueger, Minneapolis, MN  
Amy Quant, St. Paul, MN  
Nicole Tschida, Afton, MN  
Christine Stenman, Columbia Hgts, MN  
Mahamed Ali, Minneapolis, MN  
Abemelek Alemayehu, Mpls, MN  
Wing-Chun Wong, Farmington, MN

\*distinction – cumulative grade point average of 3.75-3.89

\*\*high distinction – cumulative grade point average of 3.9-4.0

#### Not Pictured:

Michelle Budinger, Minneapolis, MN  
Joseph Buzicky, St. Paul, MN  
Alicia Nguyen, St. Paul, MN  
Ojaga Olock Okony, Mankato, MN  
Igor Semenenko, Bloomington, MN

#### Photograph by:

Anita Sime Jader (Class of 1977)

## State Collaborative Spring Meeting

The 2007 State Laboratory Meeting will be held May 16-18 at the St. Cloud Civic Center. "Laboratorians: A Driving Force Behind Patient Care" is this year's theme. Featured keynote speakers are:

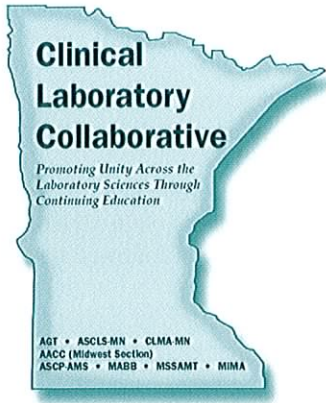
Wednesday: "Labs Are Vital" Paul L. Epner, Director, Healthcare Improvement Initiative

Thursday: "Motivation on Wheels" Aaron Cross, a paraplegic

Friday: "Building Laboratory Capacity in Africa," Marian J. Cavagnaro

The three-day sessions will include a wide variety of topics including a three-hour workshop by the Minnesota Department of Health on "Emergency Preparedness", a two-hour workshop on "Women Working with Women", "Quality Assurance and Specimen Integrity", "Influenza Testing" and "Pharmacogenetics". Thursday's topics are focused on student interests. A silent auction for the Children's Miracle Network will take place on

Wednesday and Thursday. This year's social event is a dinner with entertainment by the a cappella group "Impulse". The brochure for the event will be available online at the ASCLS-MN web site ([www.mnscls.org](http://www.mnscls.org)) under upcoming events.



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### Let's Keep in Touch

We continue to request updates on what you have been doing personally and professionally. As in the past, we will display contributions, including letters and pictures, at the alumni banquet. If you wish a photo to be returned to you, be sure to put your name and address on the back and include a note asking that it be returned. Thanks for keeping in touch with us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name while in school (if it has changed)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail to the address on page 12.

## Student Profiles



**Brad Lemke** grew up in Andover, Minnesota, and enjoyed basketball, piano, and saxophone in his young years. The love of music stayed with him as he became a double biology and music major in piano jazz at the U of M. He is still playing straight and progressive jazz with the University of Minnesota and is playing jazz hip hop in his own group, G8. He also works as a research assistant with a stem cell group. When he graduates, he would like to obtain a broad base as a generalist before specializing but would also like to utilize the experience he has gained in stem cell research.

Hailing from Steven's Point, Wisconsin, **Erin MacIntosh Graves** has come to our program through a circuitous route. Her first career was in elementary education, although she was always interested in science and microscopes. Her career took a turn when a family member became ill and went through a great deal of testing. She became an MLT, then enrolled in our program. She now knows this is her true vocation. She would like to work in microbiology. While Erin is in college, her 6-year-old son is in kindergarten, which can be quite a scheduling challenge for her and her husband.



**Deka Bashir** emigrated from Mogadishu, Somalia, at the age of 7, to Kenya, because of the war. She was educated in Kenya, where she learned English. She also speaks Arabic and Swahili. When she was 17, she came to Hopkins, Minnesota, to finish her education. She loves to dance and shop in her spare time, and until recently worked in customer service for Park Nicollet Clinics. Deka heard of our program while attending Normandale Community College. She likes the flexibility of the program and variety of jobs that she can choose from when she graduates.

**Lama Boka** is originally from Aira, Ethiopia. His father was a businessman, and Lama always wanted to be like his dad. He had thought at one time of going into pharmacy, but has instead embraced our program and intends to work in the field, perhaps as a chemist or in microbiology when he graduates. In his spare time, Lama is a musician who plays the keyboard for the church he and his wife attend.



## Can You Help Us?

Are you aware of alumni who have not been receiving Tech's Talk each year? If so, would you please send us their names and addresses, or ask them to contact us so we have their current mailing information. Information should be sent to Claire Bjorklund at the address on page 12. Thank you for your assistance.

## 2006 Medical Technology Banquet



Class of 1931  
Frances Larson-Hanson



Class of 1956  
Audrey Martinson, Joan Winter Schmidt, Sharon Wheeler



Class of 1981  
Karen Koen, Kieu Nguyen Doan, Cindy Johnson, Catherine Zimmer,  
Sue Rotzien Corby



## Anniversary Classes Honored

Each year we continue our tradition of honoring the 75<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary classes.

### Class of 1932 (75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

\*Mrs. Lewis Atkin  
\*\*Beatrice Currier Siemon  
\*\*Bessie Hawk Dewell  
\*\*Maria Laufer  
\*Maxine Leininger  
\*\*Miriam Lipser Friedell  
\*\*Helen Luick McNulty

\*Ruth Morgan  
\*\*Libbie Sagel Gilbert  
\*\*Bernice Shalett Cohen  
\*Goldie Sherberg  
\*\*Alma Skirik Sowers  
\*\*Margaret Skoglund Polga  
\*\*Janet Smith Hoefl

\*Gladys Smith Phares  
\*Natalie Tankhoff Gerstein  
Alice Thomas Griffith  
Margaret Tufty Refsdal  
\*\*Lucretia Wilder

### Class of 1957 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Janice Beck Brethorst  
Agnes Fredricks  
Sharon Gemmill Koster  
Barbara Goldbarg Melamed  
Jane Heidelberger Courtright  
Alice Hellberg Krause

\*\*Loretta Hendrickson Roe  
Beverly Jarmuth Babb  
Sally Kiehne Kelby  
\*\*Janette Milbrandt Pierce  
Maija Praulins Stumbris  
Marilyn Reinke Torgrimson

Lia Rozenfelds Ozols  
Joanne Samuelson Arvid  
Joyce Stefan Ells  
Nancy Thorpe Elstad  
Joanne Torvick Mercil  
Regina Williams

### Class of 1982 (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Gregory Acker  
Susan Adlis  
Julie Anderson Fanger  
Sheila Angland St. Cyr  
James Bielke  
Lois Brekke Smith  
Sharon Bydlon Hasslen  
Susan Crammate Rutford  
Paula Crosby Bisco  
Cheryl Erler  
Lauren Genis Kelner

Carol Hallgren Arnason  
Janice Juvland  
Katherine Kukuk Newberg  
Mary Mangan Cook  
Anne McCarthy  
Kathleen McJunkin  
Michael Newell  
Sharon O'Connor  
Alan G. Olson  
Patricia Orgas  
Pamela Popken

Lauren Resner Baillargeon  
Kathryn Riehle North  
Beverly Rue  
Kimberly Russ Butler  
Margaret Samanant Jones  
Sandra Sauer  
Patricia Swanson Gregor  
Usha Tatini Kota  
Phyllis Trandem Trcka  
I-Lin Tsai  
Thomas Vesely

\*Address unknown

\*\*Deceased

If you are a member of an anniversary class, please make a special effort to attend the annual alumni banquet. The reservation form is on page 11. Classmates from the anniversary classes and their guests will be seated together at reserved tables. In the past, some classes have used this time for a class reunion outside of the banquet and to renew old friendships.

We appreciate having the correct addresses of alumni. You can help by sending us any addresses of those graduates with whom we have lost contact. Thanks.

## 2006 Major Contributors

The following contributed \$100 or more to the Program in Medical Technology in 2006:

### \$5,000 - \$100,000

Verna E. Mallek

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Frances E. Hanson

Billie Anne & Howard Juni

Patricia L. Orgas

### \$500 - \$999

Abbott Labs Fund  
Joanne & Lee Arvid  
Lorna H. Canfield

Mary Jane Eaves Raich  
Sally J. Economon  
Kathryn Hammer Glen

Jessie L. Hansen  
Karin J. Libby  
Jack L. Liebo

Betty L. Marnette  
Betty McMartin  
Ella M. Spanjers

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Kristi L. Werdin  
Xcel Energy Fdn

### \$100 - \$299

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Muriel French  
Robert A. Dahl  
Reggie L. Gausman  
Nancy A. Geier  
Mardie G. Geiser  
Marjorie E. Giesen

Ingrid & Lars Graff  
Christina M. F. Gramlich  
Becky L. Green  
Karin J. Grossman  
Julie S. Grudzinskas  
Marilyn R. Haglund  
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Rita M. Jacobson  
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Carol Kelly Johnson  
Patricia K. Johnson  
Steven D. Johnson  
Dorothy K. Karlen  
Karen R. Karni  
Elizabeth M. Kearney  
Vicki I. Kleeberger  
Denise E. Knapp  
Barbara M. Koblinski  
Marilyn J. Koepcke  
Ryoko Kono  
Patricia L. Koors  
Sharon J. Koster  
Usha R. Kota  
George Kuprian  
Vickie L. Larson  
Mary H. Lazarus

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Gerald R. Mulcahy  
Jean H. Mulvahill  
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Kathryn L. Rantala  
John D. Riley  
Karen & Peter Ringsrud  
Debra C. Rodahl  
Ethel Rodriguez  
Delores & John Roesler

Ruth M. Rosendahl  
Betty D. Roskos  
Laura G. Rude  
Jean S. Rushay  
Susan M. Rutford  
Sandra R. Rutzick  
Jean M. Rysavy  
St. Paul Travelers Fdn  
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Kathleen B. Standing  
Phyllis F. Stapel  
Carolyn B. Stein  
Elizabeth A. Sternitzky  
Kathleen P. Tekautz  
Naomi M. Thompson  
Katherine & Wayne Vagts  
Gail L. Van Heel  
Aija & Vilis Vikmanis  
Nettie M. Warwood  
Karen H. Wasson  
Mary K. Weimer  
Marilee Huisinga Welliver  
Joyce M. Wian  
Donna J. Wieb  
Anthony B. Williams  
Merle K. Woo  
Andrew R. Yue

# Annual Banquet News for Alumni and Friends

Join us in the Campus Club of Coffman Memorial Union for this year's annual banquet and reunion. Friends and spouses are welcome!

**Date:** **Monday, April 30, 2007**  
5:30 p.m. Social hour with cash bar  
6:30 p.m. Dinner, with program to follow

**Place:** **Campus Club**  
403 Coffman Union, 300 Washington Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN (612) 625-9696  
Parking garage available (for fee)  
Contact the Medical Technology office if you would like a map mailed to you.

**Menu:** **Filet Mignon**  
Finished with a red wine demi-glace served with seasonal vegetables and mashed potatoes.  
or  
**Organic Farm Raised Salmon**  
Seared in cast iron, served crispy with mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and demi-glace.  
or  
**Wild Mushroom Ravioli**  
Tossed in a garlic cream sauce, finished with truffle oil and fresh herbs.



**Salad:** Mixed field greens, grape tomatoes, and red onions tossed with herb vinaigrette  
**Dessert:** Cake

**Cost:** Alumni Association members ----- \$35.00  
Nonmembers ----- \$37.00

Special recognition will be given to the classes of 1932 (75 years), 1957 (50 years), 1982 (25 years), and to the 85<sup>th</sup> graduating class of 2007.

**Deadline for reservations: April 13, 2007. Send your reservations in early because seating is limited.**

*This is the only mailing that you will receive for the Medical Technology Alumni Society Annual Banquet.  
Please mark your calendar and return the reservation form below.*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the Medical Technology Alumni Dinner.

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as payment. Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Mushroom Ravioli \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1957 table.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for me at the 1982 table. M.A.A. Member: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ M.A.A. # \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Medical Technology Alumni Society. Reservation should be received by April 13, 2007**

**Mail to:** Program in Medical Technology  
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420 Delaware Street S.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

**Note: Tables are reserved for the honored classes: 1957, 1982, and 2007.  
For others who wish to sit together, we suggest you arrive early to meet your dinner mates.**

## Naomi Hanson Named 2006 Distinguished Alumnus



The 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Naomi Hanson at the Medical Technology Alumni Banquet. Naomi is a 1967 alumna of the baccalaureate medical technology program. She also received her M.S. in medical technology in 1974. Naomi is currently a supervisor in the Collaborative Studies Clinical Laboratory at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Fairview and has worked in the laboratory system at the University of Minnesota Hospital for almost forty years. She also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Medical School.

Catherine Leindecker Foster (1971), who presented the award, described Naomi as a kind and caring role model and a dedicated professional. Naomi served as a clinical chemistry faculty member in the Medical Technology program from 1970 until 1980. She then decided to devote time to caring for her two children and switched to a part-time position, working with Esther Freier on methods development. Naomi gives credit to Esther Freier and Kathleen Clayson for teaching her to attain high standards in laboratory work and inspiring her to teach and share these standards with others.

Through the years, Naomi has supervised medical technology students as they rotate through the clinical chemistry laboratory and advised and taught graduate students in the Clinical Laboratory Science graduate program. She has co-authored 47 manuscripts in various areas of clinical chemistry and molecular biology, as well as written chapters in three books. She is an active member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and the American Association for Clinical Chemistry.

In her spare time, Naomi enjoys skiing with husband Jim, daughter Kristine, and son Brian. She is fond of music, particularly attending the opera and playing handbells in her church handbell choir. She enjoys her work and strives to create that same enthusiasm in her colleagues and students. Thank you, Naomi, for all you have done for the profession and the program!

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