Reflecting the mission of the college, St. Norbert College Magazine links the institution’s past and present by chronicling its academic, cultural, spiritual and co-curricular life.

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Off we go!
The annual Blessing of the Athletes at the start of each school year draws together all Green Knight athletes – more than 600 of them – from the college’s 23 varsity sports. Rituals like the Blessing of the Athletes, Convocation and the Mass of the Holy Spirit sanctify an exciting new beginning at St. Norbert. Starting college is a huge step – but it’s not one any of us takes alone.
A resounding sense of hope

A most stunning red cardinal perched on a limb just outside my window as I sat to write this letter. Some assert the cardinal is an earthly symbol of a heavenly messenger, delivering inspiration and encouragement from a loved one who is now in God’s heavenly kingdom. Carol and I agree. With each visit from our feathered friend, our hope is renewed and our shared knowledge that we are never alone on this blessed journey is made present.

As we approach the joyous occasion of the Norbertine 900th jubilee, I find myself filled with gratitude as well as hope. Gratitude for all of you who have contributed to the success St. Norbert College has experienced, and for the tremendous and enduring impact our collective work has had on so many generations of graduates.

St. Norbert College has, indeed, demonstrated a generative sense of community these past few years. We as a community are proud of what has been accomplished. And as we look to the future, our collective hope inspires our vision for yet more robust outcomes, even as we continue to navigate the ever-intensifying headwinds facing American higher education and the merciless global pandemic. Each of these challenges has elicited our better angels and convened our strongest expression of community.

I’m frequently asked: How has St. Norbert College been able to produce such impressive outcomes during a global pandemic, when so many other colleges are struggling? The answer: It’s what feeds our community. Some assert the cardinal is a symbol of a forgotten virtue of our time. “Hope is always present,” Paul writes, “Hope is the ever-wise words of Dr. Wadell: “Christian hope must be understood as both a gift and a calling.”

How do we show perseverance? Our entire community, led by the admissions counselors and enrollment team, financial aid staff, coaches, and countless faculty and staff across areas, made possible the recruitment of one of our most exceptional classes in the history of the college. We not only persevered, we are already implementing and innovating across our strategic plan pillars: educational quality, financial and operational excellence and mission radiance. We are leading like the college’s immigrant founder, Abbot Bernard Penning, whose steadfast leadership through our first 50 plus years was never stagnant.

As we look back and look ahead, I want to say thank you. Thank you for being on the journey with this great college – one saturated with hope. Thank you for all you have done and will do to support our beloved St. Norbert College – making possible its continued flourishing. Never underestimate how your hope and faith in our beloved SNC continues to inspire ours – all of it a gift in the name of our great Creator. In the ever-wise words of Dr. Wadell: “Christian hope must be understood as both a gift and a calling.”

Milestone for a diverse campus

Students of color entering St. Norbert make up more than 15 percent of the incoming class for the first time in college history. In fact, 16.4 percent of first-years now identify as part of this cohort. The statistic is no accidental piece of data: it’s the result of years of commitment toward greater diversity on campus. All this comes at a pivotal moment.

The ongoing campus conversation on racial injustice has gained increasing urgency as protest around racial injustice grows across the country. The college has partnered in innovative programming on white privilege and anti-racism. SNC has added a program coordinator for Black student support, and this summer saw the appointment of John Miller (Academic Affairs) to a new deanship that anchors diversity in curriculum.

At a time when the college is uniquely positioned to further its work on equity, diversity and inclusion, it’s especially exciting to see these enrollment figures says Ed Lamm, vice president of enrollment management and communications. Lamm and his executive director of admission, Mark Selin, have been working to raise the percentage of students of color for some years. Selin says, “Our goal isn’t just to see students in the front door. It’s to see them walk across the stage in four years and receive that diploma from President Bruess.”

Student tour guide Marquelle Weatherall ’22 has joined the effort: “I’ve seen people of color increase across all different areas – sports, music, jobs, in the classroom; and all around campus. It’s really awesome just to see that. That’s one thing I’m always excited to share, especially with my story, being an African-American from Chicago, Illinois.”

Selin says it’s time to set bigger goals. Miller agrees. The opportunity here at St. Norbert is unique: “What an inviting space, naturally! Can we do things to make our beautiful space as inviting to others to join our community as it is to us?” The new dean seeks more than a number based simply on race. He looks forward to greater diversity in terms of perspective, learning, sharing, enjoying.
Helping Black girls thrive

April 2021 marked a milestone in an important project for Bella Delano-Okanian (Education), with the publication of “Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls,” Delano-Okanian (picture) is the lead editor of the book, a collective call to action for educational justice and fairness for all Black girls. It focuses on helping educators transform how Black girls are understood and taught, and explores how they can succeed in the classroom. Gloriad Ladson-Billings, Kelmar Family Professor of Urban Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, calls it “a timely and insightful volume that addresses the amazing diversity and complexity of Black girls and their triumphs and challenges. The editorial team led by Dr. Bola has assembled a stellar group of authors that bring us the essence of Black Girl Joy.” Beverly Daniel Tatum, president emerits at Spelman College, says, “Grounded in both research and practice and brought to life by personal narratives of students, teachers and parents, “Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls” is an important pedagogical resource for all educators who want to empower rather than impede the holistic development of the Black girls in their classrooms.”

Enya Roach ’17, Laura Jones ’18 and Victoria McNeal ’15 were among the 80-some contributors to the volume. They cowrote the chapter titled, “A Systemic Response to Creating a School Where Black Girls Can Thrive.”

Geography

Mark Bockenhauer (Geography) is one of three authors of “Human Geography: A Spatial Perspective,” an AP Human Geography textbook offered by National Geographic. The program emphasizes learning through inquiry and incorporates storytelling by National Geographic Explorers to demonstrate how humans interact with their environments.

Philosophy


Leadership

A piece co-authored by Ann Hintz (Academic Advising) titled, “Cultivating Leadership Opportunities to Develop as a Professional”, was published in Academic Advising Today by NACADA.

Biology

SNC lab partners Logan Ellin ’23 and Will Bubka ’23 presented at the 72nd Annual Midwestern Conference of Parastologists (AMCOP). Their project began in spring 2021 with a collaborative student-faculty research grant under the tutelage of Anindo Choudhury (Biology). “We tested a new group of barcode primers for targeting a parasite gene,” explains Ellin. “Not literally a barcode, but the general idea is that it targets a short sequence of DNA that can instantly identify different types of species.” Among those in their audience was one of the world’s leading experts on this type of barcoding, says Choudhury.

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Mathematics

A presentation by Nathan LeRoy ’22, “Survey LatentMark Probabilities” garnered the Pi Mu Epsilon Speaker Award at the 2021 Mathematical Association of America MathFest.

English

An article by Erika Ditman ’21 on “The Fear and the Fascination of the New Woman in George MacDonald’s ‘Utin’” appeared in North West: A Journal of George MacDonald Studies.

Classics

A translator from the Latin by Halle Martin ’23 of the charter that established the first abbey in 1121 has appeared in The Communicator, the journal of the English-speaking Norbertine houses.

Theology

The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion includes the entry “Ochrid/Ecclcsiastes” by Tom Bolin (Theology & H).

Upward bound

St. Norbert maintains its place among the top 10 Catholic liberal arts colleges in the nation and moves into the top-tier rankings for national liberal arts colleges in the 2022 US News & World Report rankings. SNC is also recognized by The Princeton Review as a “Best College” and appears on the Templeton Foundation’s Honor Roll for Character-Building universities.

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On a frigid, snow-splashing morning I took out a pen and began setting down on an old yellow pad what it was like growing up on a hilly, rocky 80-acre hard-scrabble dairy farm in northwestern Wisconsin during the 1940s and 50s. I wanted to preserve these precious memories, to recapture stories involving my grandparents, parents, four siblings, aunts and uncles, spiritual guides and teachers. In short, I wanted to reflect on the formative influences in my life, on the people, places and events that made a difference, that helped shape the person I am today.

But how best to do this? What literary medium to employ for the job? Finally deciding on the prose vignette as my primary mode of introspection, I set to work. That’s when I encountered the first of several delightful surprises. Rereading my prose sketches, I discovered that many felt and sounded like poetry. Granted, the genre’s distinctive architecture was absent, but other poetic traits such as evocative imagery, internal rhythm, figurative language and conciseness were there. And so I began thinking poetry – transforming paragraphs into stanzas, creating fresher and more powerful figurative language, working on accent and meter and rhythm.

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So engaging, in fact, that I eagerly embarked on a family history, at first envisioning merely a long essay, but soon accepting the reality of a novel. Finally, after three years of research, writing and developing a decent case of carpal tunnel, I at last held in my trembling hands three volumes comprising 600 plus pages, not including a lengthy appendix of character sketches of my blood aunts and uncles, all 18 of them.

A third surprise was that one endeavor nurtured and reinforced the other. My research for the family history provided raw material and inspiration for scores of poems, and the work on my poems made my treatment of personalities in the history more sensitive, textured and concrete. You can imagine my elation. Had I been younger and more agile, I might have frisked about like a colt in a springtime mountain meadow, or at least attempted a few bouncy steps of a spirited galliard. I settled for a lingering inward smile.

The fourth and final surprise was in many ways the most important. I found that my entire life had been significantly changed by the gifts of deep personal enrichment and profound learning I had received, and keep on receiving — benefits I am confident you will enjoy as well if you choose to undertake similar endeavors. First, writing poetry has helped me better understand myself as well as the passages and seasons of life, especially the challenges, limitations, joys and gifts of elderhood. In addition, writing poetry has helped me become a much better observer. I now find myself regularly practicing “slow seeing”, that is taking more time to look closely and sensitively at the details of common place objects and activities, what Kathleen Norris calls the “quotidian mysteries.” Then, too, writing poetry has forced me to seek unbroken periods of solitude and stillness. This alone constitutes one of the most significant and satisfying lifestyle changes I have ever experienced. And, finally, writing poetry has enabled me to feel the inimitable joy, the profound satisfaction, of the singular, awe-inspiring act of creation.

My grand adventure began quietly in January 2005, shortly after I retired from my four-decade teaching career at St. Norbert College. I must confess to having one regret about my adventure. A poignant one, indeed. I fervently wish I had begun writing my family history and poems sooner. When I commenced my creative journey I had five uncles and aunts from whom I could draw stories and genealogical information. Two years later all had passed, and my mother, another invaluable source of information and inspiration, was bereft of speech after a series of terribly debilitating strokes. Something the great artist Michelangelo once wrote reflects powerfully my own feelings. Shortly after his death, this note was found pinned to his studio wall: “Draw, Antonio. Draw, Antonio. Draw and do not waste time. Do not procrastinate. Do not delay.” My wish for you is that when you hear creativity’s knock, you do not delay opening the door. Your warm welcome may well result in an opportunity of savoring the candid truth of the sage old saying “the unexpected gift is always the sweetest.”

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Cate Nelson ‘24 is a double major in environmental science and art. This summer, she took part in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows program.
Four Green Knight women’s golfers achieved Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar status at the end of the spring semester, and the Knights also boasted a conference-high 99 student-athletes named Academic All-Midwest Conference. The women’s indoor and outdoor track and field program alone garnered a St. Norbert-best 34 honorees.

The new All-Americans are Bree Borgen ’23, Cameron Kaehler ’23, Luca Kenyon ’22 and Ella O’Connell ’24.

Armored for the fight

Green Knight men’s basketball takes on the Fighting Irish Nov. 5, for a much-anticipated exhibition game. Coach Gary Grzesk says: “We are very fortunate to be playing Notre Dame this year. Division I exhibition games are difficult to schedule. Notre Dame is widely recognized as one of the top Catholic universities in the United States, and St. Norbert is one of the premier Division III Catholic colleges in the Midwest.”

The team plans to travel to the Indiana campus the day before the game, where a campus tour and practice in the Joyce Center are slated. “We didn’t get to play last season, so I’m thankful this team gets this once-in-a-lifetime experience,” says Grzesk.

If you spot a slender man with sandy hair laboring along the Fox River Trail, it’s probably Cam Fuller, St. Norbert College’s new director of athletics and physical education. Fuller tries to run 100 miles every month. “Why 100 miles, I am not sure,” he says, “but, as a competitor, having a goal helps me stay motivated.” Fuller, who joined SNC in June after spending the previous eight years as the Horizon League’s assistant commissioner for competition, branding and sponsorship, has set plenty of lofty goals for himself on the job as well.

Why did the job appeal to you? For any individual to be successful there must be a fit and a similar ethos. From the first conversation I had with the leadership team at St. Norbert College, I knew that there was a strong value alignment.

What do you see as your biggest challenge? We are joining a new athletic conference – the Northern Athletic Collegiate Conference – for the majority of our sport programs. In addition, the NCAA is evaluating how the organization should operate in the future.

What changes do you envision for St. Norbert athletics? During the interview process, I had over 100 meetings with our head coaches, support staff, partners on campus, supporters in the community and others. The key themes allowed our staff to develop our strategic priorities, which include our core values and 17 goal areas that tie to our four athletic pillars: athletic success, academic success, community success and student-athlete experience.

You’ve already instituted a few changes. Our sponsorship base has increased from 11 to 17 partners, and we have seen multiple new endowments. In addition, we will be announcing a partnership with Nike that will see nearly every student-athlete don the swoosh on their jersey. Aligning with a nationally recognized brand will help as we build excitement for our programs and connect with recruits. We’ve put an early emphasis on social media, [our] website, and streaming, to tell the story of our student-athletes.

Who has had the greatest influence on you? I grew up in a strong household, and my parents and my brothers taught me the value of working hard and being a good teammate. As the youngest of three boys, I also had to have tough skin.

What keeps you awake at night? The complexity of overseeing 23 sports programs and nearly 600 student-athletes in an evolving college sports world can be difficult. We will compete in nearly 350 events this year. (But) if something is keeping me up at night, it is usually getting home late from an event!
The emergence of virtual education at St. Norbert gave Carolyn Uhld, director for the office of institutional effectiveness, an idea: What if we could reach out to students a few credits shy of completing their degrees, and offer them the chance to take that final course? She brought the idea to Jenn Bonds-Raacke, provost and vice president for academic affairs, who helped assemble a team that included Lauren Gaecke (Registrar) and Jill Dougherty (Academic Affairs) to find and help enroll eligible students. The project embodies the St. Norbert spirit says Bonds-Raacke: “I love that the idea came from our team. We have been working so hard to be innovative and creative, our thoughts and how we can live out our mission. If we are Norbertine and Catholic, how can we help our community more than our collegiates at some other institution. I love that mission-aligned innovation.”

Four students took classes online over the 2021 summer term. (Classes open the summer and J-terms are offered at a discounted rate.) Two took a theology course on the New Testament taught by Kathleen Elkins, and two took a seminar course on Norbertine, Catholic and liberal arts traditions taught by Bonds-Raacke. One student was able to gain their degree through approval of an already completed substitute course. The classes served as a try-out of the bow on the students’ St. Norbert education. Scott Eastman ’96, a student in Bonds-Raacke’s course, says in his final project: “I can’t tell you how much I value, or how much value I’ve taken, from this opportunity and challenge to pause my life just for a moment and reflect on how my experience at St. Norbert College has impacted my life.” He adds, “My life is better because of this experience.”

Eastman’s experience was unique, but his fellow graduates relayed a similar sentiment. And the team at St. Norbert is energized to grow the program. Bonds-Raacke says: “This opens up the door for what other students can do to complete their degree... The college has changed in the last 15-20 years. What couldn’t students do back then that they can do now? What can we do to think creatively that helps them now?”

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“Grey’s Anatomy” is now up to season 17 and more than 370 episodes, all rich in material for Kretz and the students working with her in her (currently informal) lab. “Many of [the students] were aged 10 when the series launched but they’ve gone back to the beginning on Netflix,” says Kretz. The fictional Grey-Sloan Memorial Hospital’s real-time response to the Covid pandemic has prompted a further study, this one on how viewers responded to TV drama scenes including people staying home, tele-commuting to work and wearing masks in public. “It connects to our parasocial bonds again, when we are affected by seeing the characters we know and the moments or gestures that you get in these films made the viewers feel,” says Kretz. “Did they feel inspired or jealous, and how did that relate to how they felt about their own relationships? The TV depiction of romantic relationships is usually less idealized. In ‘The Big Bang Theory’, relationship problems are a source of comedy. Sitcoms are almost always fed by couples’ struggles. How did they feel about that?”

As Kretz suspected, the respondents with a “high level of relationship satisfaction” were more likely to be amused by the content and also more likely to be left feeling hopeful (those feelings we have been chasing for the past year). “Think of it as the ‘rich-getting-richer’ effect,” says Kretz.

But the key factor in how the viewers felt about the material was not whether they were already fans of the shows, how they felt about their own relationship or how old they were. (The survey pool was aged between 18 and 64). Instead, their responses were often driven by their individual approach to relationships in general, represented by their attachment orientation: anxious (fear of rejection) or avoidant (fear of intimacy), related to the attachment theory first outlined by John Bowlby in 1969.

“Attachment formation is organized when you’re an infant, it has to do with how responsive your caregiver is. Though it can change over time, it influences the relationships we have throughout our lives and it is a driver in how we respond to depictions of relationships.”

“Your own view of your own relationship is not objective. If you’re avoidant, it’s possible you don’t perceive yourself as all about relationships, and the content about relationships means less to you, regardless of how it compares to your own experience.”

Finally, Kretz and co-author Anna VanSeveren ‘21 have been working on a study of entertainment media as sexual assault prevention. Back to that hospital in Seattle and a particular episode of “Grey’s Anatomy” (episode 19 season 15), in which a young woman arrives in the emergency room having been sexually assaulted. Another character recalls past trauma related to sexual assault and a teenage boy receives advice about asking for consent.

“Our question was, can you show that episode to someone and impact their attitudes and intended behavior, through their being immersed in the story and experiencing empathy with people who have experienced sexual assault? It’s an important piece of work. We had relatively few male students taking part, and that is something we would want to change in a follow-up study, but the attitudes in favour of positive change were the same across gender.”

Kretz and VanSeveren will present their findings to date at the National Communication Association convention.

“I’m working on students getting more involved in my research, including coming up with ideas that we can look at together,” says Kretz. “Admissions has given me a grant to involve freshmen. Gracie Giese ‘25 and Ellie Catania ‘25 will be joining me. There’s exciting times ahead.”

Reading list
Valerie Kretz earned her M.A. from Marquette University and her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. All the publications referenced in this article are publicly available online.

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AWAKE, MY SOUL, AWAKE
Norbertine for 900 years

By Rob Kaiser, Susan Allen and Eric Schreiber

On Christmas Day in the year of Our Lord 1121, a hush descended on a busy town in northern France. It was Christmas Day this year, Norbertines around the world join in celebration of the order’s 900th anniversary. From that event, history dates the beginning of a Church-changing, world-changing religious order, enduring and relevant. The first Norbertines, a young preacher, Norbert of Xanten, established the first Norbertine abbey, in Prémontré, France, in 1121. On Christmas Day this year, Norbertines around the world join in celebration of the order’s 900th anniversary. The story of the Norbertine order, however, is best told not in years but in days – those that define and are defined by the lives of the people who keep the order vital, from the time they get up in the morning to the time they go to bed at night.

Awake, my soul, awake, lyre and harp, I will sing, I will sing your praise. My heart is ready, O God; my heart is ready. I will sing your praise, O my soul, lyre, and harp, and I will make the dawn.

7:45 a.m. EST
Van den Branden is singing Lauds with the rest of the community. Psalm 27 sticks with him: “My heart is ready, O God; my heart is ready. I will sing, I will sing your praise. Awake my soul, lyre, and harp, and I will make the dawn.”

9 a.m. EST
Van den Branden, for whom it’s now 8 o’clock, eats breakfast. His usual: a bowl of oatmeal with a large spoonful of creamy peanut butter mixed in, two pieces of wheat toast, a hardboiled egg. And, of course, coffee. Garner goes to morning prayer followed by the Eucharist, then eats breakfast: It is still 7 a.m. for him. "He’s getting up, showering and making his bed and getting dressed. And as Herring is drinking his orange juice and coffee, Garner is saying a morning prayer and Garner is getting out of bed and beginning to exercise — “in an attempt,” he says, “to keep my aging body functioning as well as it can.”

7:30 a.m. EST — 6:30 his time — Herring is settling into his praetorium office, checking his calendar, email and voicemail, and following up on the previous day’s work.

He wakes before dawn. Blinking in the 5 a.m. darkness of eastern Pennsylvania, the Rev. Andrew Ciferni ’64 of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli may be the first Norbertine awake in America. But as the new day slowly blooms west across the United States, it will engulf other priests in multiple time zones; men like the Rt. Rev. James Ciferni, director emeritus of the Center for Norbertine Studies on campus, shares the beauty of The St. John’s Bible with students in 2018.

A GOOD DAY WITH A FINE ENDING
From the perspective of the Eastern time zone, the day continues to play out like this from abbey to abbey: a shared rhythm marking the hours to a common beat of prayer and ministry that characterizes the order in the 21st century just as it did in the 12th.
9:30 am. EST

In Albuquerque, where the time is only 7:30 a.m., it’s now Morning Prayer.
Vanden Branden arrives in his office and chats with his assistant about the day.

10 a.m. EST

Herring goes back to the office.
Vanden Branden meets with the communication manager to discuss an upcoming release of the abbey magazine.
They make final decisions on suggestions for the layout editor.
Later, Vanden Branden meets with the abbot to talk about immediate needs in the community. One of their members is going in for surgery soon, so they work out the details for a celebration of the Anointing of the Sick during Vespers the evening before.

11:30 a.m. EST

Herring goes for Mass.
Ciferni is at Noon Prayer.

12 p.m. EST

Ciferni is at Noon Prayer.
Herring is going to the chapel for Community Angelus and Midday Prayer.
Then comes lunch.

1:00 p.m. EST

It’s noon for Vanden Branden. Time for a nap.
Gries is preparing a homily for the weekend.
Baer is praying.

4:30 p.m. EST

Ciferni says Vespers.

5 p.m. EST

For Herring, it’s time to go to the chapel for Community Evening Prayer.
Then comes dinner.

7:30 p.m. EST

In Albuquerque, where it’s 5:30, the time has come for Vespers.

9 p.m. EST

After Vespers and dinner, Garner spends time in his office and watches “a little news and sports.”
Herring says a private night prayer and goes to bed.

1 a.m. EST

Garner goes to bed.
How will the day end for Gries? He has a one-word answer: “Fine.”

Our photos illustrate the daily round and common life of U.S. Norbertines, living out their vows as contemplatives in action at Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey (top), St. Michael’s Abbey (above and below), St. Norbert Abbey (opposite), and at Santa María de la Vid Abbey, Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception Priory (“Bayview”) and Daylesford Abbey (page 25).

A jubilee series of articles portraying the Norbertine order in 2021; an online course about Norbert of Xanten and the order he founded; the history of an order unfolds; and a personal pilgrimage to an encounter with a saint: There’s plenty more to discover at snc.edu/magazine.

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FIND OUT MORE

ENCOUNTERING AN ABBEY

The Rev. Jim Neilson ’88 serves as special assistant to the president for mission integration. Students in his Art 215: Sacred Art & Architecture class joined him at St. Norbert Abbey in July to “Walk the Labyrinth” based on the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in the abbey grounds.

Mission – Catholic, Norbertine, Liberal Arts – is one of the four priorities of Support What Matters, a fund-raising campaign in honor of St. Norbert College’s 125th birthday in 2023. The campaign focuses on the things that differentiate an education at St. Norbert College, the only Norbertine institution of higher education in the world.
SICKNESS AND STRIFE: YET SANCTITY PREVAILS

History hasn’t always been kind to the Norbertines. Although individual houses have endured the Black Death, the Dissolution of the Monasteries under Henry VII, the French Revolution, and Nazism, the Norbertine way of life has remained strong. It is the Norbertines’ faith and dedication that have allowed them to persevere through these trying times. Their devotion to their faith and their community has allowed them to maintain their spiritual and physical health.

NORBERTINES MINISTER TO THE WORLD’S MOST REMOTE PARISH …

Some 500 miles off the coast of South Africa lies the island of Tristan da Cunha. Among its 286 residents are the 42 Catholics who comprise St. Joseph’s Church parish. Archbishop Philip Allott of Cardiff in England serves as apostolic administrator and, as the voyage to Tristan by fishing tender from the nearest port takes up to six days, he visits the island just once a year. Weekly communion is offered through advanced planning, and it’s distributed by three descendants of Agnes Smith, who helped establish the Catholic community in 1908.

AND TO ONE OF THE OLDEST PARISHES IN THE UNITED STATES

The picturesque Church of St. Augustine in the sunbaked Rio Grande Valley lies “at the crossroads of history, culture, and living faith.” Established in 1613, nearly destroyed twice, it was restored and expanded by Abbot Bernard Pennings. The abbey at Prémontré was Norbert’s first foundation. An act of God caused the women’s community to be established in the sanctuary of the abbey church during this anniversary year.

FIND OUT MORE

A brief video account, narrated by Carol (Sessler) Bruess ’90, an alumna of SNC and a former teacher at the SNC high school, is available online. The video highlights the history of the Norbertines and their commitment to serving others.

FIND OUT MORE

Visit the official website of St. Norbert Abbey to learn more about the Norbertines and their work around the world.

Notable Norbertines

Johann Zahn (1662-1728) was the first to envision a lens cover and a portable camera, roughly 100 years before the first photograph.

Franz Dürer (1471-1528) studied electricity and invented a lightning rod around the same time as Benjamin Franklin.

Charles-Hyacinthe Hugo (1867-1939) wrote an important history of the French presence of France.

Wernfried von Stratena (1875-1939) led efforts to help German Catholics in Eastern Europe.

Robert Cornell (1876-1959) served as the first Roman Catholic bishop in China and was the first bishop of the Chinese Catholic Church in the United States.

Did you know that …

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- On the Feast of St. Michael, the sun sets on the high altar of the new church of St. Michael’s Abbey in California.

- Norbert of Xanten composed the famous hymn “Nun, what though through lightnings.”

- The monastery at Prémontré is the oldest Norbertine community in the United States.

- The Norbertines are more formally known as the Premonstratensians or Canons Regular of Prémontré.

- The abbey at Prémontré was Norbert’s first foundation.

- President Joe Biden was educated at a Norbertine high school.

- The Holy Relic of Norbert is typically housed in the crypt of St. Norbert Abbey.

- The Norbertines’ website offers a rich archive of their history and current events.

St. Norbert’s Alumni-Owned Businesses Network includes, to date, businesses in 27 U.S. states as well as in Canada and the Czech Republic.

The top three fields represented include food and beverage services, professional services, and marketing and advertising.

Business owners already profiled on snc.edu/alumni/directory include:

Pam Foti ‘89: Vesta Senior Network, “a realty company for long-term care.”

Jason Neef ‘93: Kicksite, developers of software that makes the lives of martial arts school owners easier.

Christine Herman ‘97: Willow Clothing Co., makers of cute casual clothing at affordable prices.

Know an alumni-owned business you would like to see listed on the network? Contact alumni@snc.edu.

Entrepreneur alums share a connection

A digital hub is giving alumni entrepreneurs the chance to connect with their communities, locally and globally. There are currently more than 270 businesses in the new Alumni-Owned Businesses Network with some 400 more in the works.

“Some of these alums have stories and businesses that will knock your socks off,” says Dee Geurts-Bengston (College Advancement), architect of the network. She and her team have personally reached out to all 600-odd SNC entrepreneurs in hopes of bringing the owners together and showcasing their successes and services. Local alumni are invited to meet in person, while out-of-state and out-of-country alumni are welcomed virtually.

Launched in December, the network, at snc.edu/alumni/directory, is already seeing some of the highest traffic on the college website. The listings represent 30 plus different fields and are searchable by owner, type of service and location.

In addition to the core directory, a spotlight feature focuses on a different alum every six weeks to offer a deeper dive into their journey and current business. With every spotlight, more alumni reach out to have their story told.

Geurts-Bengston says that the network is a way for the college to stay in touch with alumni and “offer a service free of charge. It’s for alumni to connect and support each other. I just have a lot of fun doing it. Once people know about it and see maybe a friend they roomed with or in a club with, it could be a great thing, to connect.”

It’s a way for alums to grow their business, also: if there’s a service one owner needs, they may choose to buy it from another.

Next on the docket are window clings and digital stickers that alumni owners can place in their storefront windows and on their websites. Geurts-Bengston gets giddy thinking of spotting these at businesses scattered across the country, and around the world: “Imagine someone on vacation, and they say, ‘Oh my gosh, I graduated from there!’”

See the directory of alumni-owned businesses at snc.edu/alumni/directory.
and grandparents faces on his arrival,” says Chris Betcher, alumni office is excited to welcome guests back to the Michels Ballroom for a festive event each year, and watch the children get older like so many others, went virtual in 2020 in the man in red himself. Santa also sent personalized videos to families who made a $50 donation to the Alumni Office, “I love the excitement the children have as they greet Santa Claus,” says Benjamin James, Mount Voller, Aug. 8, 2020. He joins casey, Aug. 24, 2020.

Note / Alumni Lives

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Births / Adoptions


2005 Betsy (Pyralid) and Nathan Radlow, Menomonee Falls, Wis., a daughter, Grace, Feb. 6, 2020.

2006 Stephanie (Bird) and Duncan Safford, Theodos, Iowa, Oct. 30, 2020.


2013 David and Lindsay Cacicic, Oshkosh, Wis., a daughter, Margot, Nov. 3, 2020.


2016 Rachel (Masie) and Matthew Voller, Neenah, Wis., a son, August, Mar. 1, 2021.

2017 Maeve Kathleen, James and Nicole Leidall, De Pere, a daughter, Jillian Judith, Feb. 6, 2020.

2019 Christopher (Metelak) and Ross Kraszewski (Yakel) '10, Racine, Wis., a daughter, Scarlett, Sept. 22, 2020.


2022 Janessa (Olson) and Ryan Dolenshek, July 1, 2020.

Marriages

1999 Trevor Peterson and Paloma McDillson, San Antonio, Texas, they live in Chicago.


2008 Kathleen Paylor and Jesu Alayza, Slinger, Wis., they live in Kenosha, Wis.

2009 Leander, Texas, a daughter, Scarlett joins an older sister.

2011 The Pulaski News, the state’s first Polish language daily newspaper, was established in 1905. It was founded by Michael Szymanowski and featured news of the local community and school news. It was published weekly and continued to be published until 1945. The newspaper was revived in 1962 and is still published today.

2012 Jason Berken ‘95 and Ruby Robles, New Braunfels, Texas, they live in San Antonio, Texas.

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2016 Elizabeth (Pienta) and Sam Haffliger, Milwaukee, Wis., they live in Kenosha, Wis.

2017 Breanne and Brock Rice, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., they live in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

2018 Christina Greco and Dan Burke, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., they live in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

2019 John Kraszewski and Sara Smith, April 4, 2020. They married at the Army Air Forces. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II and later worked as an industrial affairs and as a liaison to the Hmong community. He held several other jobs, including as a security supervisor, a Green Bay Packers personnel and an employee of an old City Stadium. He is survived by four children.


2021 Dayna Neil and Nick Trautvetter '16, Neenah, Wis., they live in Neenah, Wis.

2022 Mukesh (Vasudeva) and Charu Champanik, Jan. 27, 2020. They married at the age of 99. He worked for the Post-Crescent in Wisconsin County (WV) as a family counselor in a public assistance, a juvenile court probation officer and as a intern in Family Court Counseling Office. He also served as a deputy wildlife officer and case in the family's department and acted as a wildlife welfare office in the community. He held several other jobs, including as a security supervisor, a Green Bay Packers personnel and an employee of an old City Stadium. He is survived by four children.

2022 Brooke (Lettor) and Connor Bradshaw ’16, Appleton, Wis., they live in Menasha, Wis.


2024 Sean Hallfrisch '11 and Stephanie (Mason) and Kari Dowling, Stevens Point, Wis., a daughter, Jaylee, Oct. 20, 2020.

2025 Amy (Perszyk) and Justin O’Connor, Franklin, Wis., a son, Aron, Oct. 30, 2020.

2026 Foster and Dianna Meander Lockwood, Franklin, Wis., a daughter, Scarlett joins an older sister.


2028 John (Hancock) and Ashley Sikorski, Milwaukee, Wis., a son, Owen, Aug. 8, 2020.

2029 Tonya (Travois) and Windsi Turner, Green Bay, a son, Leo, Aug. 27, 2020. Jen, a daughter, Ethan, 4, and a daughter, Evelyn, 2.

2030 Jenna (Heinrich) and Adam Wierum, Green Bay, a daughter, Jillian, Nov. 12, 2020. Jillian joins brother Carter, 4.

2031 Mallery Ford (Ford) and Chris Bavel, Weston, Ohio, a daughter, Evelyn, Dec. 19, 2020.

2032 Darien and Perri Hunter, Stevens Point, Wis., a daughter, Allegra, Sept. 23, 2020.

2033 Nolan joins brother Leander, Texas, a daughter, Scarlett joins an older sister.

2034 Jessica (Koza) and Max Michael, Menomonee Falls, a daughter, Rosalie, Mar. 1, 2021.

2035 Amanda (Kiper) and Jeff Hayes, Delafield, a daughter, Scarlett joins an older sister.

2036 Michael and Jillian Betcher, Appleton, Wis., a son, Mark, Jan. 5, 2021.


2038 Courtney Taylor and Chase LaFave, Fort Wayne, Ind., a daughter, Isabelle, Jan. 5, 2021.

2039 Lyndi (Van Wagoner) and Bryan Holstein, crown point, Ind., a daughter, Mia, Jan. 14, 2021.


2041 Victoria and Adam (Smith) Kanarsky, Janesville, a daughter,项目的, 11, 2020.

2042 Anna (Norusas) and Kevin Bryant, Green Bay, a daughter, Olivia, Dec. 31, 2020.

2043 Mary (Lund) and Justin Fillingim ’10, Milwaukee, a daughter, Rosalie Mae, Jan. 1, 2021.

2044 Cecilia (Koob) and John Wink, Milwaukee, a daughter, Ellie, Jan. 5, 2021.


2046 Andrew and Ashley Clemen, Oshkosh, Wis., a daughter, Eleanor, May 29, 2020.

2047 Anthony (Perczyk) and Desi Bora, New Berlin, Wis., a daughter, Liberty, Nov. 19, 2020.

2048 Christopher and Novia (Metelak) and George Harcanal, Estral, Minn., a daughter, Camilla, Dec. 24, 2020. 

2049 Nicolle and Donald Norwick, Viroqua, Wis., a son, Donald, Oct. 16, 2020.

2050 Patricia (Nunez) and Seth Zalewski, Chicago, Ill., a daughter, Madelyn, March 16, 2021.

2051 Mike and Nicole Vittone, Oshkosh, Wis., a son, Michael, March 19, 2021.

2052 Margaret (George) and Steve Vetter, Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis., a daughter, Dora, Nona, Oct. 9, 2020.


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"I need hard wood and I use two types in each piece— it takes more intensive labor, but it's...a lot of work, but I...loved doing it."

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Mullarkey is survived by her husband, Tom Poehlmann, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., died Nov. 8, 2020, at the age of 87. He worked for Prudential Insurance for over 40 years and was an assistant principal of De Pere H.S. He also worked as a referee for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a forester and land agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three children, and four grandchildren.

Robert Coyle, of Rochester, Mich., died June 25, 2020, at the age of 89. He served in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Lois, and four children.

Gene Blotchi, of Kenosha, Wis., died Aug. 9, 2020, at the age of 84. He served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of captain. He taught history and English (E.H.), served as an instructor of a school counselor, and taught at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is also worked as an instructor and administrator at Racine County Technical Institute. He is survived by his wife, Clare (Gilson) ’59, and four children.

Darrell Gilmore, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., died Aug. 4, 2019, at the age of 81, in his home near the U.S. Air Force base on which he worked. He served as a member of the West Air Force, and later for NASA, and after the latter for McDonnell. He is survived by two children.

Ken Myers, of Kimberly, Wis., died Aug. 31, 2020, at the age of 80. He served in the Army as an auto mechanic. He was an auto mechanic at Hamilton Manufacturing Co. and later at Badger Northland Inc., where he became a supervisor. He served on the board of directors and the Equipment Room. He is survived by his wife, Jeriene, and four children.

Karen Viren, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, died Nov. 8, 2020, at the age of 85. She taught in the textile industry at a school in New York City. She is survived by her wife, Patricia, and three children.

Joyce (Neuville) Eichinger, of Prescott, Wis., died March 18, 2021, at the age of 86. She worked as a teacher, counselor and school psychologist in Green Bay schools for more than 30 years. She is survived by her spouse, Richard, and one child.

Robert Coyle, of Rochester, Mich., died June 25, 2020, at the age of 89. He served in the Army Reserves for 31 years before spending 31 years in the National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and five children.

Robert Guyer, of Green Bay, died Nov. 20, 2020, at the age of 85. She served in several churches, participated in Interfaith Steamer’s Ministry and was a referee for the Green Bay Knights Soccer Club. She is survived by her sons, John and Mark, and one child.

Robert Desmarais, of Sun Prairie, Wis., died Dec. 23, 2020, at the age of 96. She worked as a child welfare supervisor in the Wisconsin Department of Children’s Home. She is survived by her husband, John, and four children.

Carol, and five children.

Faucett, of Bend, Ind., died Nov. 3, 2020, at the age of 91. He spent his career working for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a forester and land agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three children, and four grandchildren.

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George Deen, of South Bend, Ind., Nov. 10, 2021, at the age of 86. He spent his career working for the Forestry Division of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a forester and land agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children.

Ike Poehlman, of Sun Prairie, Wis., died May 11, 2021, at the age of 87. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked at Prudential Insurance Co. before retiring, and becoming the pro-shop manager at Woodside Golf Club. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and three children.

May, Richard Fauchet, of Marion, Iowa, died Nov. 11, 2020, at the age of 88. He was a member of the Army Reserves for 24 years. He also coached high school basketball and baseball. He is survived by four children.

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Mary Ellen, and five children.

1990 Gene Gates, of Two Rivers, Wis., and Green Valley, Ariz., died Dec. 27, 2020, at the age of 86. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was the owner and manager of several businesses, including The Penguin Drive Inn restaurant in Manitowoc, Wis., and Gator’s Taxidermy and Gates Insurance in Two Rivers. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, and five children.

1990 Ronald Paradis, of Port Washington, Wis., died April 23, 2021, at the age of 63. He had his family’s business for 40 years and retired to a community near Meals on Wheels, the Jacquris and Knights of Columbus. He is survived by two children.

1991 Terence Fanning, of Glendale, Ariz., died April 15, 2021, at the age of 86. He was a classics student for Americanism in Ontario. He is survived by his wife, Victoria, and two children.

1991 David Hoelt, of Green Bay, died May 20, 2020, at the age of 70. He was a student at Lake Forest College. He is survived by his family, including his wife, Beth, and three children.

1991 Judy (Redmond) Morgan, of Leawood, Kan., died Jan. 15, 2021, at the age of 91. She was a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked in the United States Army Reserve. She is survived by her husband, William, and four children.

1991 William Schultz of Appleton, Wis., died June 5, 2020, at the age of 79. He was a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked as a coach and principal at the University of Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, his children, and three stepchildren.

1991 Judy De Grave, of Appleton, Wis., died Nov. 10, 2020, at the age of 84. She was a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked as a teacher at West De Pere H.S. She is survived by her husband, William, and two children.

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1992 Daniel Remback, of Chicago, died Dec. 3, 2020, at the age of 77. He was a student at the University of Notre Dame, a high-school basketball coach, and a funeral home director. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and four children.

1992 Theodore University, a high-school teacher and coach. He is survived by his wife, Marian, and two children.

1992 Ruth Lindemayr '94 and four children, and three grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Norma, and four children.

1992 Thomas Wall Sr., of Denver, Colo., died May 20, 2020, at the age of 70. He was the owner and CEO of a private company. He is survived by Crowley Farms, helping to raise it into one of the largest greenhouse farms in the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Terry, and three children.

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Noted / Alumni Lives

1970
Robert Preston, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Sept. 29, 2021, at the age of 65. He owned and managed a law practice in Naples, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Beth, and two stepchildren.

1974
Hilary "Sarge" Sanchez, of Cato, died Feb. 1, 2021, at the age of 73. He was also heavily involved in the lives of his students at the Colorado's indigenous student community. He is survived by his children.

1976
Burt Angeli, of Appleton, died Oct. 15, 2021, at the age of 70. He worked as a probation officer of 70. He worked as a senior

1979
Mark Soderlund, of Delafield, died Sept. 9, 2021, at the age of 61. He spent time as a used-car dealer and served as a referee for the Lakeshore Chronicle as a sales manager and later was involved in sales at Jones Interackle and worked as a US Cellular. He is survived by his wife, Cindy, and five children.

1980
Joanne (Lawlis) Scharf (Ph.D.), of Schuyler, Wis., died May 27, 2020, at the age of 85. She owned and operated an Alternative Risk Underwriting company. She is survived by his wife, Richard, and two children.

Sara (Davis) Dickey, of New Berlin, Wis., Oct. 5, 2020, at the age of 62. She coached her son’s soccer team and was involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Michael ’79, and three children.

1981
Robert Shackelford, of Santa Fe, N.M., Dec. 20, 2020, at the age of 72. He spent time as a player in the NFL and also as a football coach for many years. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and four children.

1982
Robert H. Rafferty and was the head girls basketball coach for several year at Peshawnee High School in Green Bay. He died Dec. 27, 2020, at the age of 79. He is survived by his mother and sister, Jeffer ’82.

1983
Michael Doyle, of Green Bay, died Aug. 1, 2021, at the age of 46. He worked at Liberty Mutual in Green Bay. He served as a Mutual Insurance for 25 years for his wife, Kathy (Hauer) Doyle, and five children.

1984
Dave Schmitz, of Menomonee Falls, died Sept. 21, 2020, at the age of 61. He worked at Beer Capital Distributor and later worked in the sales at Brewer’s Leverage. He is survived by his siblings.

1985
Bill Gilles, of Washington County, died June 15, 2021, at the age of 58. She worked as a case manager at the Waukesha South County. She is survived by her mother and two children.

1986
Diane Smith, of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., May 8, 2021, at the age of 47. He owned and operated a business. He is survived by his father and brother, Thomas, and his wife, Lisa, and three children.

2002
Heather (Miller) Neovoy, of Amherst, Wis., Jan. 14, 2021, at the age of 34. She worked as a service that rates alternative transportation services in the city of Milwaukee. She is survived by her husband, Mark, and two children.

2003
Scott Barkoski, of Delafield, died April 2, 2021, at the age of 55. He was a child care worker at a Revived Theatre Co. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and child.

2004
Winston Ornuta, of Chicago, died April 8, 2020, at the age of 57. She worked as a disability specialist for a local company. She is survived by her husband, Michael ’79, and three children.

2006
Emily Kotick, of West Bend, Wis., died Nov. 3, 2020, at the age of 36. She worked as a youth counselor and case manager at the Washington County Youth Health Center. She served as a family therapist at the Dodge Country Co. She is survived by her mother and three children.

2007
Michelle Pollock, of Kenosha, died Apr. 26, 2020, at the age of 32. She is survived by her husband, Philip, and three children.

2008
Marcy Farley, of Milwaukee, died May 19, 2020, at the age of 56. She is survived by her husband and two children.

2009
Mark Barber, of Sarasota, Fla., died Feb. 14, 2020, at the age of 59. He earned a graduate degree in at-risk and far-afield, and also as intimate as appointment and as any small hometown. A fantastic debt.

2010
Dan Wittkopf, of West Bend, Wis., died Dec. 28, 2020, at the age of 57. He is survived by his mother and three children.

2011
Elizabeth Andrews, of Appleton, died May 21, 2020, at the age of 71. She worked as a marketing director for Wisconsin Heritage. She is survived by her mother and sister.

2012
Melissa Spence, of Kaukauna, died July 21, 2020, at the age of 47. She is survived by her parents and one brother.

2013
Beverly managed a service that rates alternative transportation services in the city of Milwaukee. She is survived by her husband, Kevin, and two children.

2014
Carolyn Bonn, of Algoma, died Dec. 31, 2020, at the age of 38. She earned a graduate degree in at-risk and far-afield, and also as intimate as appointment and as any small hometown. A fantastic debt.

2015
Timothy ’84, of Waukesha, died May 9, 2021, at the age of 56. She is survived by her husband and two children.

2016
Kathy Bates is survived by her husband, Don Pasque, and two children.

2017
Donohue says, “From the, going to do with her life?”

2018
Kathy Kulas plays bass guitar. She is the bassist in her band, Strangers, were selected to present his tale of heartbreak, “Closure” at the third annual “The Chimes” at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. “I’m a homebody, in their daily lives. Smithies at St. Norbert College annually celebrate...”

2019
Kathy and her band, Babygirl Adams, have received a number of awards for their work, including the Charming Fall and the Newbie nominations. “Best New Artist” for her album “Stealing Away.” Author Nickolas Butler praised the novel. “The novel had a service that rates alternative transportation services in the city of Milwaukee. She is survived by her husband, Kevin, and two children.

2020
2021
Michael Damron, of Green Bay, has been selected to present his tale of heartbreak, “Closure” at the third annual “The Chimes” at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. “I’m a homebody, in their daily lives. Smithies at St. Norbert College annually celebrate...”

2021
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2020
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Class Notes

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1965
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1966
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1970
Robert Preston, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Sept. 29, 2021, at the age of 65. He owned and operated a law practice in Naples, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Beth, and two stepchildren.

1974
Hilary “Sarge” Sanchez, of Cato, died Feb. 1, 2021, at the age of 73. He was also heavily involved in the lives of his students at the Colorado’s indigenous student community. He is survived by his children.

1976
Burt Angeli, of Appleton, died Oct. 15, 2021, at the age of 70. He worked as a probation officer of 70. He worked as a senior...
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Chicago. He previously served 15 years as director of Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center.

1998 Blake Sorenson has been named head hockey coach for Home

Dame College Prep in Milwau-

ke. Sorenson has served as assistant coach for six seasons in professional hockey.

2001 Beth Borgen has been appointed

president of Lakeland University. She is the first female president in the institution’s 158-year

history.

2002 When COVID

placed his acting career on temporary hold, Tim Parrish, who appeared in HBO’s hit

series “Euphoria,” turned to his experience in the roofing industry.

2003 Chris Koszuta has been named head

chairman for The

Chicago Roofing Co. to give a free roof to a first-

time home owner.

2005 David Perkins has been promoted to
e-commerce at Hal

Bergin University of

Milwaukee on April 24,

2011

2012 Mike Milley

has been promoted to

Director of

Engagement & Service-

Learning Program”

at Wilmot Union (Wis.)

as a megalomaniacal

galactic conqueror.

2013 MLS ‘21

(Nolan) Rouse ‘07

has recently celebrated the
tenth anniversary of

his project Eric Lives

streams on Spotify with

his project Eric Lives.

2015

2016

2018

2019

2020

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From the heart

 associate vice president for academic success and institutional effectiveness at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

2007 Don Norwic is a co-founder of

Mamma Mia, Mia.

2010 Matt Mcclyde has been

appointed to The

Rockford Post

and fall, 2013

2011 Travis Vanden

has been named sustainability

manager for The

Globe and Mail.

2012 Mike Cremer has released

his debut album “Young

Heron,” about an average

teenager who’s trying to

get through his high school
when he learns about an alien

planet that was annihilated by

a megalomaniacal galactic

empire.

2013 Laura Gordon has

graduated from
dartmouth College and

is a M.B.A. student at

the European School of Business.

2014 Billy Korinko has been named
director of the Cawthron Visuals

Center at St. Norbert College.

2015 Travis Vanden

nominated for a new national

Innovator Award. The annual

innovation awards recognize

adventuresome individuals who

are changing the world.
Parting Shot / Taking to the Water

“As one goes through life one learns that if you don’t paddle your own canoe, you don’t move.” – Katharine Hepburn