



With the presidential election just around the corner, the buzz is building around who will be our country's new leader. Along with the election comes discussion about appointments to various important posts. All of these appointees are asked

to represent our country and to be goodwill ambassadors for the United States.

This past spring the U of M Alumni Association embarked on a new effort to enlist alumni to be ambassadors for the University. While not an appointed post, an alumni ambassador is an honorary position for which all University of Minnesota graduates are qualified.

How does being an ambassador work? You can volunteer to help students by being a mentor or a career resource. Talk to prospective students about your time at the University and encourage them to apply for admission. Connect with legislators and advocate for the University. Attend Saturday Scholars, march in the homecoming parade with your family, or attend a lecture or a concert. Support the University and our CEHD students through a gift to the annual fund. Join the UMAA.

The list is long and varied. And, if you don't live near campus, you can connect through UMAA geographic chapters, subscribe to e-newsletters, or check out cehd.umn.edu.

If you already consider yourself an alumni ambassador, we salute you. And if you are an ambassador-in-waiting, don't wait any longer for the honor of serving as an "M-bassador."

Tex Ostvig, B.A. '96
president, College of Education and
Human Development Alumni Society

1940s

Virginia Holcomb Bennett Wells (M.A. '42) passed away on May 2 in Salt Lake City. She was a French teacher, volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of America, taught English as a second language, and volunteered with autistic children.

Ellen Meyer (M.A. '43) died on April 29 in Sarasota, Fla. Meyer taught high school in a number of Northern Minnesota schools. She wrote the column "Tales from Tonka" in the *Wayzata Weekly News* and was a piano teacher and cellist.

Margaret Virum (B.S. '49) passed away. She was an award-winning teacher in Minneapolis schools who taught primarily first and second grade for nearly 50 years, then continued to volunteer for nine years after retirement. Virum was named one of CEHD's 100 Distinguished Alumni in 2006.

1950s

Patricia Hoyt Neils (B.S. '59) passed away May 7. She taught at Minneapolis Vocational School, Patrick Henry High School, and in the Wayzata School District. Neils was a member of the Robbinsdale School District #281 School Board.

1960s

Stanley Sahlstrom (Ph.D. '61) the "founding father" of the Crookston campus, passed away. He is remembered for his leadership, vision, and commitment to the Crookston community and campus. Sahlstrom was a past member of the University Board of Regents and was named one of CEHD's 100 Distinguished Alumni.



The new CEHD Alumni Board took office in June, including **Tex Ostvig (left)**, president, **Carol Mulligan**, vice president, and **Past President Randy Johnson** (not pictured, **Jon Oyanagi**, secretary/treasurer).

1970s

Jim Holden (M.A. '72) has written *Tennis in the Northland* (2008, Ingram, Baker & Taylor), a comprehensive 75-year history of boys' high school tennis in Minnesota. Holden is a retired English teacher and tennis coach of Northfield High School and professor emeritus of education at Gustavus Adolphus and St. Olaf colleges.

1980s

Mary Endorf (Ph.D. '87) will receive the University's Alumni Service Award for her volunteer service to the college and the University. The award will be presented at the October 29 UMAA Awards Celebration.

Don't forget to keep in touch! Send your news to Heather Peña, assistant alumni director, hpena@umn.edu. Or keep the conversation going on our social networking page, cehdconnect.ning.com. Also, don't miss out on receiving the *E-Connect* electronic newsletter filled with timely news and information about alumni activities and news, which replaces the *InterConnect* paper newsletter. Opt-in by going to: cehd.umn.edu/alumni.

JOIN US!

For specific information on these events go to cehd.umn.edu/alumni

**Second Annual Wine Tasting Alumni Social
St. Croix Vineyards, Stillwater**

October 15, 5 p.m.

\$10 per person

Tour the vineyard and taste Minnesota-made wine. A special invitation is extended to GOLD (graduates of the last decade) alumni. RSVP by Oct. 10.

Second Annual CSPP Alumni Reception

October 23, 5:30-8 p.m.

Education Sciences Building

Alumni of the counseling and student personnel psychology program are invited for networking and a presentation by professor John Romano on "Prevention science: Enhancing well-being and mental health across the life cycle." RSVP by Oct. 15 to Salina Renninger, renni001@umn.edu.

**Women's Philanthropic Leadership Circle
Fall Kickoff Event: Women on the court and
in the classroom**

October 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Campus Club

Free and open to non-Circle members

Panelists Maureen Weiss, co-director, and Nicole LaVoi, associate director, of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport; Pam Borton, coach, U of M Women's Basketball Team; Ashley Ellis Milan, CEHD student athlete; and Lea Olsen, former player and tri-captain of the U of M women's basketball team, sideline reporter for the Minnesota Timberwolves, and in-arena host for Wolves Vision will discuss what it takes to be a successful female athlete and student.

RSVP by October 17 to 612-625-1310 or contact sbeyer@umn.edu.

**University of Minnesota Homecoming:
Marching into the Future**

October 27-November 1

October 29

UMAA Awards Celebration

5-7:30 p.m.

CEHD alumna Mary Endorf (Ph.D. '88) will be recognized with a University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award.

November 1

Homecoming parade

9 a.m.

Minnesota Gophers vs. Northwestern

11:00 a.m.

March with CEHD students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends, socialize at Burton Hall after the parade, and cheer for the Gopher football team.

Lecture by Paul Rusesabagina

November 3, 7:30 p.m.

Northrop Auditorium

Free and open to the public, no tickets required

Join us for a special evening with Paul Rusesabagina, author of *An Ordinary Man*, which was the basis for the acclaimed 2004 film *Hotel Rwanda*.

Rusesabagina's public lecture complements the college's new First Year Experience. Discuss the book with other alums at cehdconnect.ning.com.

UMAA Minne-College

January 24

Naples, Florida

March 7

Scottsdale, Arizona

Snowbirds and alumni who live in Florida and Arizona are invited to participate in a day of learning. Visit alumni.umn.edu for event details or call 1-800-UMALUMS.

**Deadline for CEHD Alumni Society Awards
nominations**

January 31

Nominate alumni for the Gardner, Mork, Wilson, and early career awards. Go to cehd.umn.edu/alumni for criteria and nomination forms.