



IMPACT REPORT

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>>> Dr. Tim Downs

Momentum. It's a powerful word, and it perfectly describes the spirit at Minnesota State Moorhead, right now. Across our campus, you can feel the energy and excitement as our faculty, staff, and students push forward with purpose, innovation, and vision. MSUM is doing great things — and people are noticing.

This fall, we welcomed the largest freshman class in nearly 30 years, a powerful sign of MSUM's growing reputation. New initiatives like the Honors College, the Institute for Applied Artificial Intelligence, and the Moorhead Scholars Program are leading the way, expanding opportunities and strengthening the Dragon experience.

But this is only the beginning. MSUM is moving forward with bold goals and a clear vision — to lead our community, region, and state through innovative programs, strong partnerships, and a focus on student success. We're preparing the next generation of leaders to meet the challenges of tomorrow and make a lasting impact in Minnesota and beyond.

None of this progress would be possible without the support of our donors and partners. Their belief in our mission and investment in our students are fueling our success. Together, we're seeing the results of our hard work — and together, we'll continue to grow, innovate, and achieve even more.

The future is bright at MSUM — and our momentum is just beginning.

Go Dragons!

Dr. Tim Downs
President, Minnesota State Moorhead



>>> Adam Bernier

DEAR FELLOW DRAGONS,

What an incredible year it has been for the University and for the MSUM Foundation! On behalf of the MSUM Foundation Board we would like to express our sincere thanks for your support. Once again, your generosity has been felt across the campus in providing scholarships, enhancing facilities, and renewing relationships with MSUM alumni and friends.

The Foundation Board just concluded its fall meetings and because of donors like you, we were able to increase our spending rate for scholarships to \$1,630,249.14, an increase of \$226,922.28 from last year. These funds will provide scholarships to students and will aid them in achieving their dream of a quality education at MSUM.

2025 was a momentous year for the University with the kick-off of the Institute of Applied AI, Honors College, Moorhead Scholars program, Preferred Partners, and the announcement of the game-changing gift from the Nibbe Family Foundation to establish the Nibbe School of Teaching and Learning. If you get a chance, stop by the Christianson Alumni Center and get a tour of the University. You will feel the energy as you stroll the campus! The positive vibe would not be possible without your on-going support!

2026 will be another exciting year as we kick-off the campaign to raise funds to improve facilities, support educational programs and to build the scholarship endowment.

It's an exciting time to be a Dragon! The Foundation Board and staff are committed to the success of MSUM, your support allows us to meet our goal of enhancing the educational experience of our students.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! It cannot be said enough.

Adam Bernier
MSUM Foundation Board President



>>> Gary Haugo

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

As we reflect on this past year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity and commitment of our Dragon community. Your continued support has fueled the momentum of both the MSUM Foundation and Minnesota State Moorhead, creating life-changing opportunities for our students and strengthening the university we all believe in.

Because of you, more students are realizing their dreams, finding purpose in their education, and preparing to make a difference in the world. Every scholarship awarded, every program enhanced, and every initiative launched begins with your belief in what's possible.

The MSUM Foundation is building on this momentum. Together, we are setting ambitious goals—goals that will expand access, elevate academic excellence, and ensure that future generations of Dragons have the resources they need to succeed. But we can't do it without you. Your partnership remains the cornerstone of everything we achieve.

Thank you for your continued trust, generosity, and Dragon pride. The future is bright—and with your help, we'll make it even brighter.

With gratitude,

Gary Haugo
Executive Director, MSUM Foundation



NIBBE GIFT TRANSFORMS SCHOOL OF TEACHING & LEARNING

Minnesota State Moorhead's proud legacy as a State Teacher's College is entering an inspiring new chapter, thanks to a transformational \$5.5 million gift from the Nibbe Family Foundation. The gift, pledged over 12 years, will rename MSUM's School of Teaching & Learning as the Nibbe School of Teaching & Learning and position the program to meet the evolving needs of future educators.

For Jay Nibbe '85, accounting and finance alum, the gift is deeply personal. "A love for education runs in my blood," Nibbe shared. "The passion is strong in my entire family. My father was a teacher, my sister is a teacher — and the importance of teachers in shaping my development as a business professional and as a person connects back to the impact a handful of teachers had on my life."

Nibbe retired as Global Vice Chair, Markets with Ernst & Young and serves on the MSUM Foundation Board of Directors. His family's connection to MSUM spans three generations of Dragons, including his sister Dawn Guse '88, social studies, a recently retired social studies teacher from Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School. Dawn now leads the Nibbe Family Foundation as CEO and remains active coaching Zumbrota-Mazeppa's track & field team.

"We want our partnership with MSUM to encourage students to join the teaching profession, and our financial support extends beyond the students to fund innovation and new programs for the School, and recognition awards for the impact teachers have in our

communities," Dawn said. "This will be the focus of the gift to MSUM's Nibbe School of Teaching and Learning."

The newly named Nibbe School of Teaching & Learning, located in Lommen Hall, will bear the Nibbe name on its external signage and be integrated into its academic identity. More than a symbolic honor, this gift will reshape the school's ability to recruit, retain, and graduate highly qualified teachers ready to lead in classrooms and communities across the region.

The Nibbe gift will help transform MSUM's School of Teaching & Learning by addressing urgent needs in teacher preparation and support. Teaching remains one of society's most impactful professions, yet recent Pew research highlights mounting stress and burnout- 77% of teachers report frequent stress and only one-third feel highly satisfied in their roles.

The gift will bolster MSUM's efforts to make PK-12 teaching both relevant and attractive by improving recruitment and retention strategies, preparing future educators for evolving challenges, and positioning MSUM

as a lifelong partner for teachers through undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. It will also expand opportunities for continuous professional development, ensuring educators receive support at every career stage while inspiring the next generation of teachers.

"From our beginning, MSUM has proudly prepared teachers to serve and lead in our communities," said MSUM President Tim Downs. "This extraordinary gift builds on that legacy, giving our future educators the tools, experiences, and confidence to be innovators in the classrooms across the region."

The impact will be felt across enrollment and programming, enhancing support for students and driving innovation in teacher preparation. "We are excited about the real impact this will have - not just on our students, but on the classrooms and communities they will serve," Downs added.

The partnership with the Nibbe Family Foundation reflects shared values: a commitment to education, a belief in the power of teaching, and pride in MSUM's historic role in shaping the region's schools. As the Nibbe School of Teaching & Learning moves forward, its name will stand as a testament to that commitment-and to the transformative impact of investing in the next generation of educators. ■



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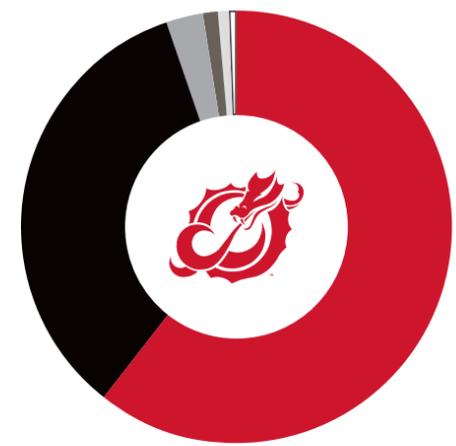
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\$1,415,820
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\$2,107
AVERAGE AWARD



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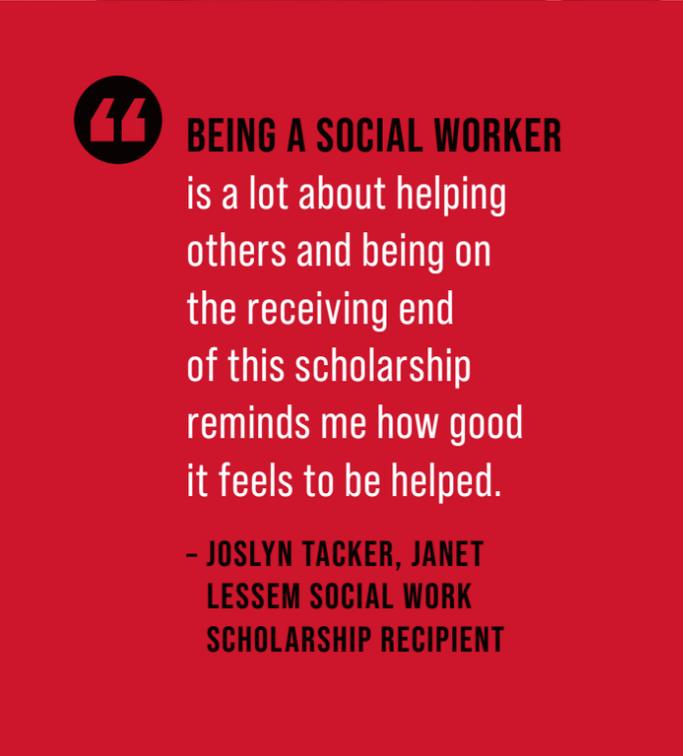
THIS GENEROUS SUPPORT WILL help ease the financial burden of my final year, allowing me to focus more on my studies. This scholarship serves as both a financial boost and a source of motivation.

- ADEOLA AGORO, PAM MCGEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



RECEIVING THIS SCHOLARSHIP instills in me the drive to continue following my passions and achieving success within my courses. I will use this opportunity to work especially hard, not just for me, but for my future students.

- JOHN LAHLUM, DAN PRESTON MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



BEING A SOCIAL WORKER is a lot about helping others and being on the receiving end of this scholarship reminds me how good it feels to be helped.

- JOSLYN TACKER, JANET LESSEM SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT





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Fargo Force



MADDIE CRAIG '15
Founder
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Scribble Lady



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Chezy



TOBIAS ZIKMUND '22
Program Manager
North Dakota Council on the Arts

FIRST 10 UNDER 10 AWARDEES RECOGNIZED

The 10 Under 10 Award recognizes rising Dragon alumni who have graduated within the last decade and are making a remarkable impact in their early careers. These honorees stand out as up-and-coming leaders, innovators, and community builders, demonstrating significant achievements and dedication within their professions, organizations, and communities. Through their accomplishments, they embody the values of Minnesota State Moorhead and exemplify the spirit of the Dragon. This award celebrates their dedication, potential, and commitment to excellence, inspiring both the Moorhead community and the next generation of Dragons. ■



READ THEIR STORIES





DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The 2025 MSUM Foundation Awards were presented for the first time at college-based Legacy Luncheons, honoring individuals whose achievements and service exemplify the spirit of MSUM. Each year, the organization selects awardees from a broad pool of qualified candidates. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes Dragons who have achieved exceptional success in their careers and made lasting contributions in their fields. This year's honorees include Dr. Sheila "Charlie" Klauer, Rita Rislund, David Stowman, Tony S. Grindberg, Dan Conrad, and Keri Pickett. The Outstanding Service Award honors those who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to MSUM, strengthening the university community through extraordinary contributions. In 2025, that recognition goes to Brian Wisenden, professor in the Biosciences department. The Dragon Impact Award highlights alumni between the ages of 36 and 55 who embody MSUM's values and inspire change in their communities through education, advocacy, and service. This year's recipients are Shelly Carlson, Carter Headrick, and Curtis Slater.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award celebrates graduates under the age of 35 who have already demonstrated remarkable leadership and accomplishments early in their careers. By honoring these rising leaders, MSUM underscores the potential of its young alumni to make a significant and positive difference in the world. The 2025 award was presented to Emily Stengrim '15, who serves as Senior Creative Producer at Nike. In this role, she has led large-scale campaigns with Nike's elite athletes, catalysts, and everyday athletes, creating impactful digital marketing, broadcast storytelling, photography, motion, and retail design activations. Stengrim's work exemplifies creativity, leadership, and innovation, making her a fitting recipient of this recognition. ■



DR. SHEILA "CHARLIE" KLAUER '92



RITA RISLUND '68



DAVID STOWMAN '66



TONY GRINDBERG '92



DAN CONRAD '93



KERI PICKETT '82



BRIAN WISENDEN



SHELLY CARLSON '93



CARTER HEADRICK '93



CURTIS SLATER '94



EMILY STENGRIM '15

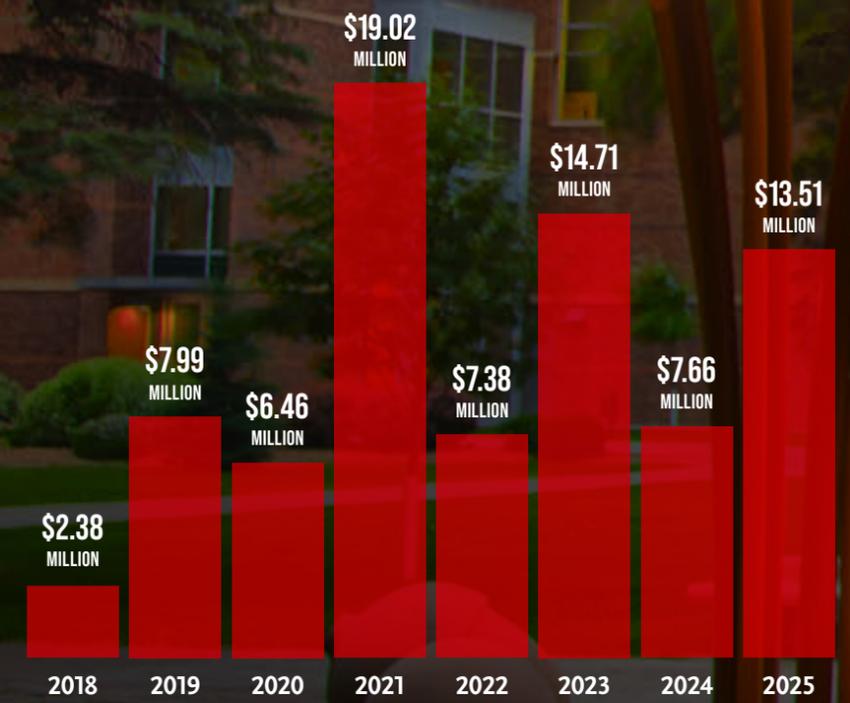
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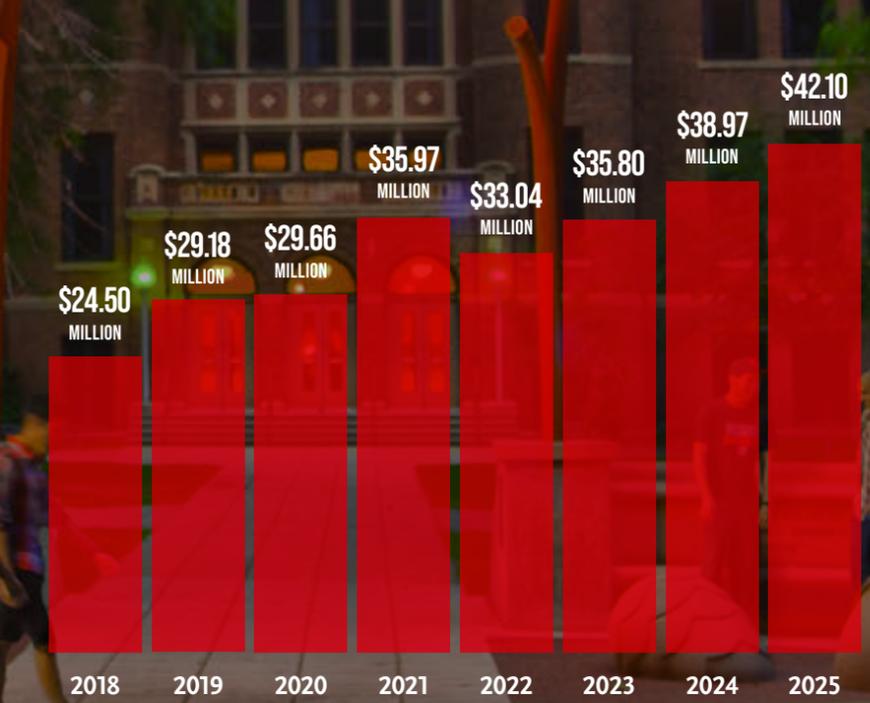
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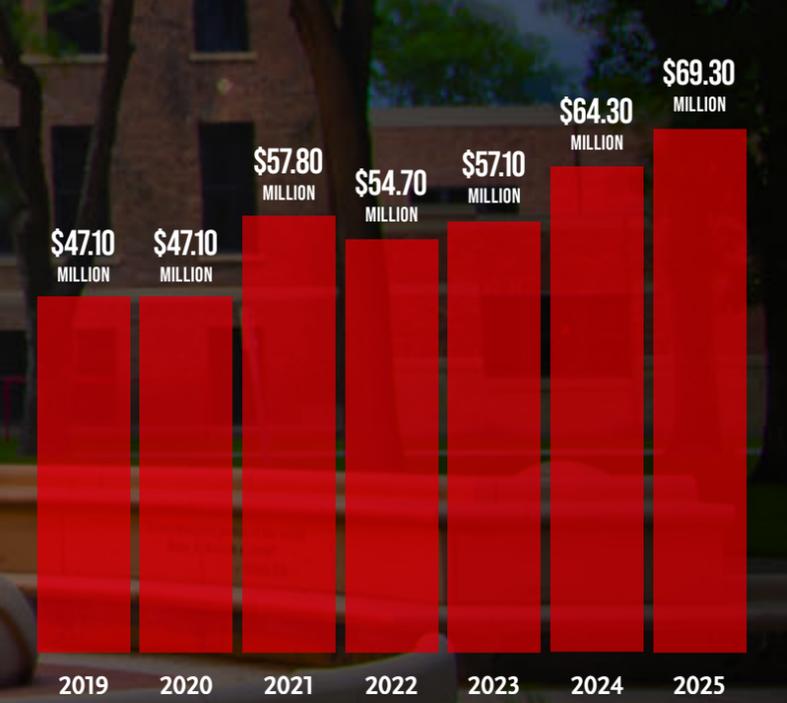
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MATH ALUM BLENDS DATA ANALYSIS, MENTORSHIP, AND THE NFL

Eric Eager is not only helping teams win on Sundays, he's helping build the next generation of football thinkers by proving that the most valuable work isn't always measured in points or yards, but in people.

Eric's professional trajectory has been anything but conventional. He attended Minnesota State Moorhead to play football but soon developed a deep love for mathematics. Encouraged by his professors and mentors, he went on to earn a Ph.D. and became a college professor, teaching math and statistics and consulting on the side.

Consulting work gradually pulled Eric into the world of football analytics full time. He recalls how a casual writing gig for Pro Football Focus (PFF) evolved into a consulting role and eventually a leadership position. Today, he is the Vice President of Research and Development for the Carolina Panthers.

From the outside, Eric Eager's role in the NFL appears glamorous. He travels internationally with the team, shares sideline space with Hall of Famers like Kurt Warner and veteran players like Adam Thielen, and has a front-row seat to one of the most popular sports in the world.

However, he says the work is well-suited for someone with "a mathematical habit of mind"—the ability to abstract ideas, recognize patterns, and apply knowledge from one domain to another. Every day presents a new set of questions rooted in football, but informed by mathematics, logic, and careful analysis. His work falls into two broad categories: roster construction and game planning.

In roster construction, Eric studies how successful teams have been built historically, analyzing patterns in player value and the distribution of talent across positions. He calls this examining the "topology" of football rosters—understanding where teams concentrate value, how positions influence overall success, and how to build effectively around key players.

Game planning focuses maximizing performance in real time. Eric and his team analyze in-game situations such as fourth downs, two-point conversions, and clock management using advanced win probability models. These simulations blend mathematics, statistics, and intuition to identify strategies that maximize a team's chance of winning.



Much of this work builds on Eric's time at PFF, where he helped develop core analytics models used across the sport today. These tools contributed to the new era of evidence-based strategy in football and positioned Eric as one of the foremost experts in the field.

Despite the technical brilliance of Eric's work, he believes his most significant professional accomplishment lies in mentorship. Several interns he hired and trained now work for NFL teams, like the Lions, Seahawks, and Broncos, including one who recently won a Super Bowl with the Eagles.

Eric credits Minnesota State Moorhead as a formative influence, praising faculty who invested deeply in students and modeled empathy, integrity, and leadership. While many people can do the math, what sets Eric apart is his commitment to mentorship, empathy, and leadership and his willingness to connect with others and make space for them to thrive. ■



READ MORE ABOUT ERIC EAGER.



A STRONG LEGACY



Judith "Judy" Strong believed deeply in transforming lives through personal connection and experiential learning. Whether serving as professor, dean, or vice president at Minnesota State University Moorhead, she led with care, generosity, and vision. Her influence is felt strongly by Lisa Nawrot, now dean of the College of Science, Health & the Environment, who was hired and mentored by Strong. From hosting picnics for new faculty to nominating Nawrot for early-career recognition, Strong made people feel seen and valued.

That same philosophy lives on through the Judith Strong Fund, which supports hands-on student learning through upgraded science labs and undergraduate research opportunities. A significant part of the fund allows students to conduct paid summer research. Biology major Amber Sullivan credits the fund for making research possible throughout her education, including a published study and conference presentation.

Judith Strong's generosity, kindness, and belief in the value of personal relationships and experiential learning for students has built a foundation for the science programs MSUM has today. Her legacy endures in the school's labs, research, and culture—proof that meaningful education is built on experience, mentorship, and belief in others. ■



READ MORE ABOUT JUDY STRONG'S LEGACY.

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION, GRATITUDE, AND VISION

President Tim Downs hosted the first-annual President's Dinner, an exclusive evening honoring our most dedicated supporters and partners. This special event featured a refined dinner, meaningful conversation, and a program reflecting on the impact of generosity — and the bold future we are building together. The MSUM Foundation gave out its Legacy Builder Awards, and the new dragon sculpture was lit for the first time.



>> Kevin & Sandy Christianson



>> Moorhead Area Public Schools



>> Dea & Bruce Iserman

The MSUM Foundation Awards were given out during the President's Dinner, showcasing MSUM supporters who ignite the way. The Philanthropic Leaders award was given to Kevin & Sandy Christianson, Moorhead Public Schools received the Community Partner award, and the Dragon Ambassadors award was given to long-time Dragon supporters, Bruce & Dea Iserman.

Kevin & Sandy Christianson

Kevin and Sandy Christianson of West Fargo are dedicated supporters of Minnesota State Moorhead. Their generosity and vision helped make the Christianson Alumni Center a reality, ensuring a lasting space for alumni to connect and celebrate their Dragon pride. Kevin, co-founder and president of Christianson Companies, has shaped the region as a leading developer, and together with Sandy, an active MSUM Foundation Board member, they continue to champion opportunities for future Dragons.

Moorhead Area Public Schools

Moorhead Area Public Schools is a vibrant, caring community of teachers, staff, students, and families serving more than 7,000 learners in Moorhead, Minnesota. Guided by a mission to help every student reach their full potential and thrive in a changing world, the district is recognized for its excellence and strong tradition of partnership. MSUM is proud to partner with MAPS on the Moorhead Scholars program, a transformative initiative that ensures high-achieving local graduates can pursue their college education tuition-free right here in their hometown.

Dea & Bruce Iserman

Dea (Seim) Iserman '68 built her career as a teacher and lifelong advocate for children while also serving as one of the Dragons' most spirited cheerleaders and champions. She and her husband, Bruce, have dedicated countless hours to supporting MSUM, community causes, and organizations like the Anne Carlsen Center and Golden Drive for Homeless Kids, earning recognition as Dragon Fire Legacy Award recipients and Fans of the Year. Together, Dea and Bruce embody what it means to be true Dragon ambassadors—passionate, loyal, and tireless in their support of MSUM and its mission.

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP, LOVE, AND LIFTING OTHERS:

THE DR. ROBERT AND MILLIE MACLEOD WOMEN'S ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

For more than half a century, Dr. Robert and Mildred “Millie” MacLeod poured their hearts into Minnesota State Moorhead — its students, its athletes, its mission, and its community. Their story is one of service, strength, and steadfast belief in the power of education and equality. Through the Dr. Robert and Millie MacLeod Women’s Athletic Scholarship, their legacy continues to inspire new generations of women athletes to pursue excellence — on the field, in the classroom, and in life.

A Life of Service and Dedication

Robert N. MacLeod was born in Minneapolis in 1928 and grew up in Isle, Minnesota. After graduating from high school in 1946, he went on to earn his degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1956, he married Mildred Moen — a partnership that would become a lifelong example of teamwork, devotion, and quiet strength.

Robert’s career spanned education and military service — two callings that reflected his deep sense of duty and leadership. He began his teaching and coaching career at Isle High School and later in Brainerd, before answering the call to serve in the U.S. Army. Over 35 years, he rose from private to full colonel, serving in a variety of roles including teaching at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, managing Missouri River flood control operations,

and leading both Army Reserve and MSUM responsibilities simultaneously.

In 1965, Robert and Millie moved to Moorhead, where he joined the faculty at Minnesota State Moorhead. Over the years, he served as professor, graduate dean of physical education, registrar, and vice president of personnel services — representing MSUM for more than 50 years. He was a constant presence on campus: cheering at games, attending lectures, supporting the arts, championing students from every walk of life, and serving as assistant football coach.

“Dad treated all students the same,” remembers their son, Robert. “Regardless of gender, skin color, or political philosophy — everyone deserved respect.”

Millie: Strength, Spirit, and Grace

Mildred “Millie” MacLeod grew up on a North Dakota farm during the Great Depression, where resilience and resourcefulness were part of daily life. The lessons of those early years shaped her into a woman of incredible toughness — physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Millie brought that same spirit into everything she did. She played high school basketball back when girls’ games were played half-court, and later became a fierce racquetball competitor, winning mixed doubles YMCA tournaments with her husband well into their 50s — often defeating players half their age.



She was sharp, witty, and persuasive — the kind of person who could get anyone to do what she wanted, and somehow make them believe it was their own idea. She was also a brilliant card player, mastering bridge, pinochle, poker, and more. “She even won one of my poker tournaments,” son Robert laughs. In addition, Millie was a public servant, dedicating more than two decades to the Moorhead City Council.

And above all, Millie was a teacher at heart — patient, encouraging, and hands-on. When Robert was just four and burned a pan of eggs, she didn’t scold him; she taught him how to cook. “I still use her teachings today,” he says.

A Scholarship Born from Love

When Millie was diagnosed with inoperable cancer, son Robert met with family friend Donn Groth to finalize something they had long discussed — a scholarship to support female athletes at MSUM.

“Mom liked the idea of the scholarship,” Robert recalls. “We had talked about it many times while traveling together.”

At that meeting, Millie pulled out her checkbook and made the very first donation: \$500. That gesture — simple but powerful — set the tone for what the Dr. Robert and Millie MacLeod Women’s Athletic Scholarship would represent.

Donn suggested using Millie’s donation as part of Robert’s pledge. But he refused, wanting to begin his own pledge. “Mom’s is separate,” he said. When Donn suggested it go toward an athletic scholarship, Millie immediately said, “A ladies’ scholarship.”

The scholarship was born — honoring both Robert’s lifelong devotion to MSUM and Millie’s fierce belief in fairness, strength, and opportunity for women.

A Lasting Legacy

The MacLeods’ values were simple yet profound: work hard, treat others with dignity, and never stop learning or giving. Whether Robert was flying his plane to cheer on the Dragons at playoff games or Millie was outplaying twenty-somethings on the racquetball court, they lived life with purpose and joy.

Through this scholarship, Robert and Millie’s example will continue to inspire future generations of women athletes at MSUM — to lead with grace, play with heart, and live with integrity. As long as the Dragons take the field, their legacy will soar — just as surely as one of Robert’s planes once did — carrying forward a love for learning, leadership, and the power of believing in others. ■



>> Pictured L to R: Aaron Krenz, Alli Belfiori, Jacquelyn Schaeftbauer, Danelle Wolnik, Josh Clarke

FAMILY GIFT HONORS FLOYD W. BROWN

Minnesota State Moorhead is honored to receive a generous gift from Jacquelyn Schaeftbauer in memory of her father, Floyd W. Brown, a proud Dragon, Navy Veteran, and former Director of Admissions. Jackie’s contribution brings the Floyd W. Brown Fund to the endowment level, ensuring his legacy will continue to support students for generations. The fund was originally established after Floyd’s passing in 2013 by his children, Mary Christianson, Gregory Brown, and Jackie, to honor his distinguished military service and influential career in education.

Born in 1925 and raised on a farm near Leonard, N.D., Brown enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946. He served in the Pacific, was recalled during the Korean War aboard the USS Prairie AD15, and retired from the Naval Reserve in 1985 as a Master Chief Petty Officer after more than 27 years of service.

Alongside his military career, Brown pursued education with equal passion. He earned undergraduate degrees in business and social studies and a master’s degree in counseling. He joined Moorhead in 1960, and over the next three decades Brown held several leadership

roles, including director of Admissions. Under his guidance, enrollment grew from 2,000 to more than 8,000 students.

“My dad had two passions beyond his family — helping young adults through counseling and college admission and the military,” Schaeftbauer says. “This scholarship brings those passions together and ensures his memory continues to support students who have served.”

The Brown family’s gift will fund scholarships for military-connected students. ■

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