Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

WITC Foundation
Annual Report
2005 and 2006
About Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College is a public postsecondary educational institution serving the communities and residents of northwest Wisconsin and surrounding areas. Campuses in Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior and outreach centers in Hayward and Ladysmith offer over 50 programs leading to certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees. Over 7,000 students each year enroll in technical college programs to prepare for meaningful careers, and 25,000 individuals complete one or more courses to upgrade skills or enrich their lives.

About the WITC Foundation

The Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Foundation provides support to promote, develop, and expand quality education and services of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. Established in 1978, the WITC Foundation works to encourage the success and achievement of WITC students, staff, faculty, and alumni. Continued goals of the WITC Foundation are to:

- Provide scholarships to incoming and continuing students through endowed and annual gifts.
- Purchase new equipment and technology.
- Encourage professional development of faculty and staff.
- Fund capital projects.
- Support alumni development.

The WITC Foundation gratefully accepts gifts of cash, equipment, and accumulated assets, including trusts and bequests. The Foundation works with donors and advisors to achieve the charitable objectives that are in the best interest of all parties. Contributions made to the WITC Foundation may be directed toward a specific purpose, campus, or program. Unrestricted gifts will be designated by the Foundation Board of Directors based on established needs and priorities.
Dear Community Members and Partners

Inside the 2005-2006 WITC Foundation Annual Report, you will find highlights that include a “first” for the WITC Foundation. For the first time ever, student scholarships topped $100,000. Meeting our goal to increase the number of scholarships available to students has offered us the opportunity to impact more people in more ways. It underlines the strength of our growing relationship with our economic and education partners in the communities we serve.

As contributions to the Foundation continue to grow, this year’s WITC Foundation Annual Report will highlight tremendous achievements, including:

- Exceeding our annual fund-raising goal by 35 percent
- Setting records in staff giving
- Adding six new scholarship endowments
- Recognizing outstanding student achievement by awarding more than $100,000 in scholarships and grants
- Providing Learning First professional development grants to nine WITC staff members
- Growing our financial base and assets to more than $1.9 million

But ultimately, the Annual Report is a way to include the voices of the students who have been impacted by your generous gifts and give them a chance to say thank you. I would also personally like to thank you for supporting student achievement and recognizing personal and academic excellence. We hope you will continue to find the relationship mutually beneficial for years to come.

Respectfully,

William Derrick, Sr.
President
WITC Foundation Board of Directors

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Recognizing student achievement

You could say this year has been a good one for scholarship recipient and Student Senate President Boyd Stearns. Not only did he receive the 2006-2007 Robert and Ethel Herold Memorial scholarship, but last fall he also received a Machine Tool scholarship.

Boyd is a busy ambassador at WITC, where he is a “natural” at representing his machine tool program, the college, and technical education at school and community events.

“It’s nothing that I wouldn’t have done anyway,” said Boyd. “I’m the kind of person who promotes education, so it’s not uncommon for me to talk to people who are there for different reasons and say, ‘This is a good place to go to school.’”

And it’s not just Boyd that is a believer in technical education: The whole family has been involved with WITC at some point over the last decade either as a student, a student senate representative, or ambassador—and Stern’s wife, Jill, is a WITC alum of the nursing program who has even taught WITC nursing assistant classes and has also served for many years on the alumni association. Two out of three of their daughters, Mandee and Cassy, have both attended WITC as well.

“We’re kind of a WITC family,” said Jill. Samantha, the youngest daughter, is still in high school.

“Education in general is a lifetime commitment, and I hope my kids are looking at it that way too,” said Boyd, who is considering enrolling in WITC Rice Lake’s mechanical design program to expand his professional skills. “The only way to grow is to continue to educate yourself, whether you’re going to school or reading books and asking questions.”

(Original article by Lynda Olsen, Rice Lake Chronotype staff reporter)
Helping students with the unexpected

A 911 call for Student Emergency Assistance Loans

Paying it back

We all remember a time when finances forced us to make choices. And each year, many students face the worst-case scenario: The choice between making their college goals a priority or dealing with life’s unexpected emergencies first.

That’s why the WITC Foundation established Student Emergency Assistance Loans. Students can apply to the Foundation for funds to cover anything that otherwise would be a barrier to their education, including a loan for tuition until financial aid arrives.

But the Foundation staff who receive the requests say it is often more than tuition that students worry about, it’s often the little things that really add up when a student is considering college.

Since the fund started in 2003, the college has supplied over $15,000 in emergency loans, with requests ranging from $50 to $500. From books and toolkit costs to vehicle breakdowns that prevent students from getting to campus, these emergency loans are a welcome survival tactic for students who qualify.

College Advancement Associate Monika Audette said students who use this loan pay it back early because they understand the anxiety and they don’t want to be responsible for someone else not having access to the emergency fund. “After a student repays a loan, the money is available again for another student,” Audette said. “Students can get back on track financially in just 30 to 60 days, and a small, interest-free loan like this is often just enough to help a student over a rough spot and keep them in school.”

Audette said there are many different reasons for accessing the funds, but she said, “Always the student feels like they may not be able to continue at school without a little help.”

The Ambassador Award honors outstanding students for their academic achievement and leadership. 2006 Ambassador award recipients are (left to right) Mark Meuer, Brenda Van Alstine, Kimberley Anderson, and Boyd Stearns.

“A growing fund that changes lives

Needs are growing, and so is the Student Emergency Assistance fund. At a time when even gas prices can make or break a tight budget, assistance can come at a crucial time for many students.

This fund allows donors to designate smaller gifts of $25, $50, and $100 that will still make a great deal of impact on the students who receive them. Donors who have established other funds can also direct a portion of their gift to support this fund.

“The only way to grow is to continue to educate yourself, whether you’re going to school or reading books and asking questions.”
Construction organization invests in technical education to fuel local Twin Ports economy

The Twin Ports Chapter Construction Specification (TPCCS) Institute presented a check to the WITC Foundation to help encourage students to enroll in the Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology program at the Superior campus. Pictured (left to right) TPCCS representatives Gayle Taylor and Duane Lasley, and WITC Trade and Technical Dean Gene Rosburg, WITC Campus Administrator Dr. Diane Vertin, and College Advancement Associate Anita King.

Businesses and organizations support scholarships

The following businesses and community or professional organizations sponsored scholarships in 2005 and 2006:

- Acacia-Itasca Lodge 329*
- American Institute of Banking
- American Legion 40&8 Cabane 1209
- American Welding Society
- Ashland Business Alliance
- Ashland Health and Rehabilitation Center
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield United of Wisconsin*
- CenturyTel*
- Chronotype Publishing Company
- Cumberland Federal Bank
- Dairy State Bank
- Derrick Companies, LLC*
- Doboy Packaging*
- Donaldson Corporation*
- Enbridge Energy Company
- First National Bank (New Richmond)*
- Fortnightly Club of Rice Lake
- Heart of the North Builders
- Homesheid
- Johnson Motor Sales*
- Kiwanis Golden K (Rice Lake)
- Lamperts Lumber
- M&I Bank (Ashland)*
- Marketplace Foods
- Marsh Insurance
- Marshfield Clinic
- Masonry Technology Foundation of Wisconsin*
- Metro Credit Union
- National Association of Home Builders
- New Richmond Community Child Care*
- Northern Clearing, Inc.*
- Northern State Bank*
- Northwest Building Inspectors Association*
- Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute
- Parker Hannifin Corporation
- Rice Lake Area Men’s Club
- Rice Lake Federated Women’s Club
- Rice Lake Rotary Club
- Roberts Automatic Products, Inc.
- Rotary Club of New Richmond
- Sanmina-SCI Enclosure Systems*
- St. Croix Valley District Nurses Association
- St. Croix Valley Employers Association*
- St. Croix Valley Home Builders Association*
- Superior Community Credit Union
- Superior Elks Lodge #403
- Superior Optimist Club
- Superior Savings Bank
- Superior Water, Light and Power*
- Twin Ports Chapter Construction Specification Institute*
- US Bank
- Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- West Central Information Association
- Wisconsin Home Builders Association
- Wisconsin Hospital Association
- Wisconsin Indianhead District Federation of Teachers*
- WITC Ashland Alumni Association*
- WITC New Richmond Alumni Association*
- WITC Rice Lake Alumni Association*
- WITC Rice Lake Student Senate
- WITC Superior Alumni Association*
- WITC Superior Student Senate*
- Women’s Club of Superior
- Xcel Energy*

* Indicates Scholarship Endowment
# Statement of Financial Position

**June 30, 2005 and 2006**

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## Statement of Activities

### Receipts

- Contributions: 208,424 259,934
- Interest & Dividend: 37,676 61,205
- In-Kind Contributions: 86,071 93,887
- Unrealized Gain on Investments: 66,478 56,256

**Total Revenues Gains And Other Support**: 398,649 471,282

### Expenses

- Scholarships & Student Support: 101,614 101,081
- Equipment: 5,692 7,102
- Alumni Development: 34,848 37,020
- Fund Raising & Special Events: 26,080 28,142
- Special Projects: 30,379 20,290
- Institutional Support: 21,961 33,324
- Administration & Fund Raising: 20,059 15,991
- In-Kind Expense: 86,071 93,887

**Total Expenses**: 326,704 336,837

### Increase in Net Assets

- 2005: 71,945
- 2006: 134,445

### Net Assets Beginning

- 2005: 1,721,425
- 2006: 1,793,370

### Net Assets Ending

- 2005: 1,793,370
- 2006: 1,927,815

### Net Assets

- Unrestricted: 90,681 102,105
- Temporarily Restricted: 312,544 371,846
- Permanently Restricted: 1,390,145 1,453,864
**Giving back**

**WITC retirees give back to benefit technical college students**

Avalene Swanson, a retired, 30-year employee at WITC, said the idea of giving back to the college had been in the back of her mind for a long time. “I’d been thinking about it for quite awhile,” she said, “since my husband died a few years ago. I had worked at WITC for a long time and I came to really believe in technical education. I have seen some of the great success stories that have come out of the college first hand. But what really solidified it was when my mom died in May 2005. I just thought: What a wonderful opportunity to give a scholarship.”

Swanson said particularly at this time, with college expenses getting greater and greater. “If there’s some way I can help, so be it. This is a great way of sharing.”

She contacted the college and gave a monetary gift of $10,000, creating an endowment with an annual scholarship generated by the interest alone. “My thought was, too, that as college expenses become greater, a $500 scholarship is going to be a little bit more meaningful than something less.”

“I’m interested in people, interested in their success. And if there’s some little piece where I can help facilitate that, all the better,” she said.

“I’ve taken many college courses, my kids have taken them, too, and I know how expensive it is. Every little piece helps. And with technical college students, it boggles my mind how many hats they are juggling, I know what tight budgets they are working on. And why not share with someone else?”

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**WITC Foundation named endowments**

The following endowments have been established by or for individuals:

- Al Franko Agriculture
- Art Cline Business
- Avalene Drake Swanson and Leroy Swanson
- Brigadier General Arvid M. and Mona J. Flanum
- Carl Gullo
- Curtiss and Elaine La Mirage Anderson
- Dan H. Gabrielson Memorial
- Dan Maynard Memorial Welding
- Dianna Marquart Business Education
- Don Marcouiller
- Dr. Diane Vertin
- Dr. Roger and Mrs. Louise Thompson
- E. Jean Bruegl
- Evelyn Mommsen Nursing
- Francis and Barbara Stauner Family
- Frank and Avha McGinnis Memorial
- Frank E. and Frank D. Neuman Automotive
- Frank Kelley Memorial
- Fred and Joy Baue
- Harry V. and Marie Barthman Memorial
- Henry C. and Susan Martinsen
- James A. Ogilvie
- James W. Covey
- Jane Lee McPherson Memorial
- Jerry Busch Computer Information Systems
- John Swenson HSED
- Judith M. Wochos-Leiterman Fund
- Judy Stafsholt
- LBC
- Lee Howard
- Leo T. Brynes Memorial
- Lester B. Schreiner Veterans
- Louie Johnson Memorial
- Marge Busch
- Marilyn McCarty Nursing
- Marilyn Santori Memorial
- Marlin J. Hofmeyer Memorial
- Marvin and Bertha Getschel
- Mary Ellen Fikkins
- Maureen Jappe Litman Memorial
- Mindy Grubisic Memorial
- Paul Sturino Memorial
- President Hildebrand Professional Development
- Richard and Brenda Eisenmann
- Richard M. and Janice M. Parish
- Robert and Leona Boche
- Robert and Ethel Herold Memorial
- Robert Knowles
- Russ and Rena Brown Student Assistance
- Sam and Leah Rigler
- Sam, Harriet and Kaye Lavine
- Sherry Lynch Memorial
- Sid and Grace Hornam
- Soltis Family WITC
- Stephen J. Gates
- Sue Petryk Administrative Assistant
- Thomas B. Lemler Memorial
- Val Peltier Memorial
- Valia and Rinaldo Bonacci
- Vasant Kumar Student Assistance
- Virginia Scholbrock Business
- Wayne Sabatke Student Assistance
- William Bidon Professional Development
- William R. Goligoski Computer Information Systems
- William H. Munnings
- William Charles Jones
- WITC Staff
“I’ve seen so many lives changed—time and again.”

In 2004, upon retiring as WITC Superior’s Campus Administrator, Jann Brill decided to establish a planned gift to help future WITC students. “I’ve seen so many lives changed – time and again,” said Brill.

Rather than making a gift in a will or bequest, Brill chose a life insurance gift, designating the WITC Foundation as beneficiary. Helping her through the process was Richard Eisenmann, WITC Foundation Board member and Superior-based insurance and investment professional.

“I like to be involved,” said Brill about the scholarship that will eventually be awarded annually to students in her name. The scholarship will be funded by a $25,000 life insurance policy that lists WITC as the owner and beneficiary.

Brill had plenty of first-hand experience with the effects of technical education on students, having worked for the college for more than 28 years. Which is why, when she retired, she decided to establish an endowment.

“There is just so much a person can do to make a difference in people’s lives,” she said. “Especially women who are single, recently divorced, with children and no skills or assets. It’s such crucial education. As you watch the benefits of technical education take over a student, it’s really magic.”

Brill encourages others to support technical education because of the major difference you can make with a relatively small investment.

“Yes, there is a need for people with Bachelor’s Degrees and Ph.D.’s, but there are people totally satisfied with getting a career,” she said. “Not everyone wants or needs to be a doctor or a CEO to have a successful career. Welders, auto mechanics, cosmetologists, nurses, administrative assistants—WITC provides training for essential, every-day careers which really makes up the majority of the workforce. We can do so much for these students at a relatively inexpensive cost and not a long timeline. In two years they can start a satisfying career.”

“We have to remember that technical education is what training and education is all about,” she said. “We exist to train the workforce.”

Establish an endowment
The gift that keeps on giving

There are many ways to give a gift to the college, but if a long-term relationship with technical education is one of your goals, the best ways to ensure your gift will keep giving is by establishing an endowment in your name or the name of an organization. Donors can also choose to give anonymously. Often, scholarship funds are set up in the name of a deceased family member, friend, or employee. Many people can then contribute to the fund and increase its capacity until it reaches an endowment level.

The WITC Foundation frequently establishes endowments at the $10,000 level and then issues five percent of each endowment on an annual basis—leaving the principal intact to generate a scholarship in the donor’s name for students each year.

An endowment can be a straight donation or it can become a part of estate planning in the form of a bequest, a life insurance policy, or other planned gift.
Alumni impact college and community

WITC recognizes decades of distinguished alumni with annual award

Each year since 1992, the WITC Foundation has recognized successful alumni from each campus with the Distinguished Alumni Award. The award recognizes outstanding alums for their educational, professional, and community service achievements.

The 2006 award winners represent four decades of quality technical college graduates

Charles Levine, WITC Superior, Accounting (1972)

Employed by Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College for over 30 years, Charles (“Chuck”) Levine has served as the Chief Financial Officer, Vice President for Administrative Services, and most recently Interim President of the college. He is a founding member of the WITC Foundation and WITC Superior Alumni Association. He has served as member and chair of numerous Wisconsin Technical College System committees including the state Administrative Services Committee and the state Financial Accounting Committee.

Upon his appointment in June as Interim President, WITC Board Chair Daniel Hymans noted, "Chuck Levine's extensive experience at WITC, his understanding of technical college issues and opportunities, and his strong financial management background are assets that serve the college well.”


Philip Sorensen’s interest in the machine tool industry began when he was a high school student. Upon completing the machine tool program in 1982, he began employment at Sanmina-SCI in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin. His career with the company led to positions in tooling and engineering at the company’s Pompano Beach, Florida division, and ultimately to the manufacturing manager and general manager positions in Turtle Lake.

Sorensen credits his WITC education, including courses in Supervisory Management, for his career advancement. He gives back to WITC in many ways, including looking to WITC “first” for future employees at Sanmina, a $12.5 billion customer injection company with 45,000 employees and 100 facilities in 20 countries.

2005-2006 Donors*

Edward Anderson
Laura Anderson
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Kary Boyd
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* Donations were received during fiscal year 2005 (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005) and fiscal year 2006 (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006)
Sharon Duthie, WITC Ashland, Accounting (1994)

As a WITC instructor for almost 10 years, Sharon Duthie has seen many of her students go on to successful careers and make a difference in their communities.

“I truly believe in the value of the technical college system – I’m a product of it,” said Duthie, who has earned two degrees from WITC. A graduate of stenography in 1971 and accounting in 1994, Sharon has since completed her bachelor’s and is finalizing her master’s thesis. She’s the lead instructor for the Administrative Assistant Associate Degree, and currently serves as president of the Alumni Association.

“Like many of our instructors here at WITC, Sharon goes the extra mile for her students,” said College Advancement Associate Deb Ellefson. “She also personally involves herself in activities and committees outside of the classroom. She’s truly dedicated to WITC in every sense.”

Jeff Geving, WITC New Richmond

Computer Information Systems - Programmer/Analyst (1999)


Jeff Geving earned two degrees at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. The first, Computer Information Systems-Programmer/Analyst, led to employment at UnitedHealth Group in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Later, Jeff saw an opportunity to expand his expertise into manufacturing and automation control. Returning to WITC, Jeff enrolled in the Industrial Networking program where he learned how to apply software, tools, and devices to manage and control machinery and other equipment. His second degree gained him employment as a project manager for Industrial Automation Engineering, Inc (IAE) in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

"The Computer Industrial Networking program has enabled me to build on my current skill set and transition them into a new field filled with excellent career opportunities," Geving said.

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Janette Christie
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Randy Deli
Deltco of Wisconsin, Inc.
Karolyn Demulling

“Thank you so much for the scholarship I received this month. I cannot begin to tell you how much this means to my family and myself in helping me finish the last semester of my two great years here at WITC. Again thanks!”
- Kim LeMire, Business Administration (Finance)

“I am enrolled for my third semester in the Machine Tool program for this fall. I would like to thank you for the Machine Tool Scholarship I was awarded for the upcoming semester. I cannot express how grateful I am for this scholarship. Thank you so much for your generosity.”
- Shane Beecroft
“The award will assist me in achieving my goal of becoming an Occupational Therapy Assistant. This scholarship is truly appreciated. Thank you.”
- Emily R. Pechacek

“Thank you so much for honoring me by presenting me with your scholarship. It will be well used as I further my education at WITC...in the fall for computer web design. It was very thoughtful of you and for that I thank you!”
- Ashley LaBlanc
“I want to express my sincerest thank you for picking me. I am truly grateful and will not disappoint you in how I will ‘give back’ now and in the future… I feel I have been truly blessed by this, and again I thank you!”

-Loni Perrin

“Thank you so much for rewarding me with a foundation scholarship. I am very grateful to all of you for your help and support with my college education.”

- Jessica Klomps
“I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Alumni Association for my recent scholarship. I would also like to thank you for making my Student Senate liaison position such an enjoyable experience for me.”

- James Lola, Accounting

“It is with deep appreciation that I extend my thanks to the scholarship committee. I was honored to be selected as one of the recipients. The education I have received, and continue to receive, is both challenging and rewarding. You have my heartfelt thanks.”

- Melissa Wittstock
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