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Dear Classmates,  
Greetings from your Class Agents!

Hopefully you have received the latest *Ripon Magazine* celebrating the accomplishments of Ripon's first generation students. The magazine also highlights significant renovations to the first floor of Lane library, and spaces in Todd Wehr Hall have created collaborative technology workspaces for project work to address 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and work skills.

As noted by President Zach Messitte in his October letter:

We have had a remarkable five years: the completion of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign that raised \$67 million to ensure our future, the debut of the innovative Catalyst curriculum and the opening of Willmore Center, our state-of-the-art athletics, health and wellness facility. We have made enormous improvements to the campus that have touched almost every building from Lane Library to the S.N. Pickard Commons to C.J. Rodman Center for the Arts. We have introduced technologically advanced classrooms in Farr Hall of Science and Todd Wehr Hall that have created a 21st-century learning environment on our historic 19th-century campus.

**THOMAS ABENDROTH '81**, a trustee of Ripon College since 1996 (and one of Peter's fraternity brothers), has recently been named Chair of the Board of Trustees. Please welcome him and share any ideas for continued success of the College.

### **Class News:**

**KRISTIN KOHLES JANSSEN '82** writes:



“We had our first wedding! Our youngest son, Michael, wed Silvie Lehtis on August 10. We will have another wedding when our oldest son, Greg (former Ripon College men's tennis coach 2013), marries Lindsey Sadler in September!

“Not as exciting- this February Dave will be presenting at the Northwest Society of Plastic Surgery in Sun Valley, Idaho. Hope to get some skiing in too!”

**PETER HINTZ '82/P'10** writes:

“**NANCY BUCK HINTZ '82/P'10** has recently accepted a position as Director of Development of Green Lake Association, a nonprofit membership organization with hundreds of households and businesses members within the Big Green Lake watershed. Green Lake Association works with multiple partners to ensure the conservation of Big Green Lake and its watershed with a focus on water quality. Nancy is thrilled to have an opportunity to support her passion for conservation, particularly here in Green Lake. As you may know, Nancy previously worked for 12 years in Ripon College’s Advancement Department, where she supported the College in every aspect of fundraising and engagement. She most recently led the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory’s first-ever development program.

“I continue my journey as an English and social studies teacher at Green Lake High School. I also volunteer as a mentor in the Boys and Girls Club. Nancy and I enjoy visiting our daughters and their families in Minneapolis and La Crosse. We have 2 beautiful grandsons and a grand-dog.”

**MARTI SPITTELL ZIEGELBAUER '82** reports:

“We sold our Green Bay home! Finally. And, we are residents of Florida (never say never) in Palm Beach. Summers in Door County, where we’ve retained our home there.



“Also, I’ve been elected to the Tiffany Circle National Council. It’s the largest and most effective Women’s Giving Circle in the Nation. We are 1,000 strong and consist of the some of the most giving, kind and caring female Philanthropists in the USA. We are highly engaged and involved women who want to ensure the American Red Cross has the ability to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to life’s emergencies.

“Other than that, we are happy on the Beach and becoming very engaged in charity here. Looking forward to the 40th!”

**KEVIN SHERIDAN '82** writes:

“My girls are healthy and doing great at their respective schools. Morgan is a Sophomore at UT Austin. She absolutely loves both the school and city. I am planning on visiting her again soon. Hook’em Horns! Morgan spent the summer here on the North Shore of Chicago, working as a babysitter and nanny over the summer. She is planning and really excited about going to Cabo San Lucas for her spring break. Hannah is a Junior at New Trier and is really thriving. She is getting great grades and just beginning to look at colleges and universities. She is leaning toward applying to larger universities. She continues to be on her high school’s swim team, which keeps her busy during the winter.

“My Keynote Speaker career continues to flourish. I have added several new speech topics to my repertoire, including The Linkage Between Learning & Development And Employee Engagement and The Premier Best Practices On Talent Attraction & Talent Retention. Needless to say, given that America has been experiencing the tightest labor market in U.S. history, the latter topic is one that myriad organizations want to get their arms around. I just received the great news that I will be the Keynote Speaker at the upcoming Society for Human Resources Management’s Talent Management conference in late April.



The amazing Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa.

“While I have been busy with work, I have made it a point to be proactive about having fun: two fly fishing trips to Maine, my third Oktoberfest in Munich, and I am just returning from attending the Phoenix Open Golf Tournament. It is the only PGA event where spectators are allowed to yell and scream while the players are hitting the ball. So much fun!

“I am just beginning to volunteer as a Big Brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters, a wonderful organization offering mentorship and fun to inner city youth. Awaiting the initial assignment of the “Little,” which is what they call the sponsored child. I can’t wait to start making a difference in this person’s life.

“I am still living in Evanston, just North of Chicago, and welcome any and all of you for a visit.”

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**KRISTEN RASMUSSEN OLSON '82** writes:



“We experienced a first in our family last summer—the marriage of our oldest child, Claire, to Jon Tolman. Our son, Hugh, a sophomore at UW-Eau Claire, was best man. We are thrilled to have expanded our family and are excited that the new couple has chosen Duluth as their home, as we spent fourteen years there enjoying the great Lake Superior and many outdoor opportunities before moving to Austin, Minnesota!

“Here is our family at our daughter’s wedding in the Rose Garden in Duluth last August.”

“I continue my work with the Austin Area Chamber as community concierge. I work with new professionals moving to or considering Austin as their new hometown. From providing community tours, to helping enroll the children in school, to connecting the family to all aspects of the community and its activities, I am a busy girl! We have a Fortune 500 company here, Hormel Foods, as well as a large presence of the Mayo Clinic (Mayo Clinic Health Systems) AND a cancer research facility, The Hormel Institute. I work with folks arriving from all over the world and look forward to each new arrival! My husband, Eric, is running the public television station here, KSMQ, and he is in the process of building a new facility in downtown Austin.

## **Updates and Reunion**

Do you know how proud we are of our '82 classmates? Not only do we have continued engagement with the college and Alumni events, but we also gave \$11,593 in the last fiscal year with 12% participation. As the financial needs of our students increase, the collective support of alumni and friends remains critical to Ripon College's ability to provide transformative opportunities.

Stay tuned for an invitation from the college to participate in #OneDayRally! Each of the past two years, the college community has come together in celebration of the Ripon College experience by participating in the #OneDayRally giving day. Last year, alumni donated more than \$1 million, exceeding all goals and expectations. The Ripon College Office of Advancement reports that money raised during #OneDay Rally last year was the equivalent to full tuition, room and board for more than 20 students! This year, #OneDayRally is on April 29, a Wednesday. The goal is 1,851 donors. Watch for information on this and please consider a contribution, whether large or small.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion is just two years away! We would like your input to make it memorable. Are any of you interested in a "then and now" booklet (Green List, grad pic and now?), digital or paper? What do you think? Maybe a tribute to lost classmates, deceased ones....? Old WRPN radio schedules...class schedules....some interesting College Days articles ... faculty lists....and other things to share favorite memories?

We would also like to have a Saturday afternoon gathering in the Ripon area to relax before our reunion dinner. Any ideas are welcome!

Finally, please join us in thanking **CATHY LOTHROP HAGER '82** for her many years of service as class agent! Cathy has stepped back to concentrate more on family. Thanks for all your work over the years, Cathy. You'll be missed (until the 40<sup>th</sup>)!

Well, that's it for now, except for a reminder that Alumni Weekend is coming up June 26-28 this year! There are always classmates in attendance, so please consider a visit to your alma mater for some nostalgia with the old gang. Hotels are filling up, so book a room now.

Hope to see you or hear from you soon!

Your class agents,  
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