

First Monday



From the desk of: Marilyn Miller, President and CEO
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Welcome to Kent Frette, DDS ('73), our newest National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC) member. A native of Miles City, Montana, Kent lives and has his dental practice in Owatonna, Minnesota, and has many fond memories of "EMC."

Other alumni with whom I had the pleasure of meeting while in Minneapolis are:

- **Rusty ('76) and Ceylon ('75) Mace** of Woodbury, Minnesota. Rusty owns Johnstone Supply Company and JG Design Associates in the Twin Cities area, and has other business interests in California and on the east coast.
- **Florence Garcia ('74 & '80)**, lives in Woodbury, Minnesota and is Dean of Student Support Services at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Until last year, Dr. Garcia was Director of Student Services here at MSU-Billings.
- **Andrew Small ('74)**, is an attorney with the firm of Blue Dog, Olson, and Small. Andrew and his wife, Esther Peralez ('78), live in St. Paul. Dr. Peralez is Vice President of Student Affairs at Metropolitan State University.

Thank you to the following generous donors who have recently made commitments to the *People, Pride & Promise* Campaign:

- **Tom ('77 & '80) and Irene ('79) Powell** of Glenville, West Virginia, have pledged \$165,000: \$15,000 in cash over the next five years and \$150,000 as a testamentary gift. The Powells' gift establishes the Thomas and Irene Powell Enhancement Fund for projects the Chancellor deems appropriate to further the mission of Montana State University-Billings. A former Dean of Education at MSU-Billings, Dr. Powell is currently President of Glenville State College.
- **Janie and Tom Park** have committed \$20,000 to the *People, Pride & Promise* Campaign to benefit the Chancellor's Discretionary Endowment

Fund, with \$10,000 already contributed and an additional \$10,000 pledged over the next five years. The Parks agreed to allow 10% of their gift to be used for annual needs. Dr. Janie Park is the Provost and Academic Vice Chancellor for Montana State University-Billings, and her husband Tom is a retired electrical engineer.

A Proud Tradition of Academic Excellence Continues. Barrie Matthews, a 2001 MSU-Billings science graduate, is the 2006 Class President of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He recently wrote to Dr. Tasneem Khaleel, Chair of Biological and Physical Sciences:

“I just wanted to drop a quick line and tell you and your department thanks for everything....Upon completion of my first semester of dental school I can say without a doubt that the curriculum of the MSU-Billings Biological and Physical Sciences department allowed me to excel at this fine institute of higher education. My classmates come from schools such as Duke, Yale, Boston College, Brown, Michigan and Columbia, to name a few, and when they ask where I received my undergraduate degree I proudly say Montana State University-Billings. Sadly, some of them aren't exactly sure where Montana is, but they have heard that it is beautiful. Many of them are surprised that a hick from Montana not only got in, but is competing with them for top honors in many of the classes

“The upper level classes of biochemistry and molecular biology at MSU-B are right on par with the material presented here. There were many cases where I not only understood the concept but remembered studying the cases in both Dr. Gretch's and Dr. Butler's classes.”

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