

### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

*The Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded to graduates of Mayville State who have been leaders in their fields for a minimum of ten years. The Mayville State University Alumni Association Board of Directors chooses the recipients of the award from a pool of nominations submitted throughout the year*

**Darryl Gulbranson** is a 1962 graduate of Mayville State who earned majors in mathematics and science. He holds a master's degree from the University of Oregon. A member of the Mayville State Athletic Hall of Fame, Gulbranson was a stand-out in baseball and football. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and has served as an educator in both private and public schools and colleges in California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Gulbranson also taught mathematics courses to U.S. military personnel "aboard ship" for approximately ten years. He sailed on 33 different ships, teaching U.S. soldiers as he traveled around the world multiple times. He returned to Mayville State University as a member of the faculty in 1989. A three-time winner of Mayville State's "Teacher of the Year" award, Gub is a gifted teacher who has been nominated for the award nearly every year since joining the faculty. Gulbranson was one of a team of Mayville State faculty who obtained and implemented a National Science Foundation multi-year grant that focused on the training of elementary school-level math specialists throughout the state of North Dakota. The grant not only trained several hundred mathematics specialists throughout the state, but also created a mathematics specialist program at MSU that greatly enriched the preparation of future elementary teachers. This highly successful program received state and national recognition and honors.

**Beth Herbel-Eisenmann** has had an illustrious career teaching mathematics and mathematics education-related courses at levels from junior high to graduate school. She has also earned graduate degrees with distinction from prestigious universities, has published widely, and has received numerous awards and recognition for her work both in school and in the communities where she has lived. Beth earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics education from Mayville State in 1990; a Master of Arts in teaching mathematics from Northern Arizona University in 1996; and a Ph.D. in curriculum, teaching, and educational policy from Michigan State University in 2000. She has held academic positions at the University of Wyoming; Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto; and Iowa State University. She is currently a tenured associate professor at Michigan State University. Her areas of research contribute to the understanding of the teaching of secondary school mathematics. Drawing on ideas from sociolinguistics, in particular, she studies how teachers and students communicate implicit and explicit messages about mathematics and social relationships through the use of language.

**Michael Holmes** has become a national leader in the development and promotion of hydrogen as an alternative fuel to petroleum and natural gas. He is the deputy associate director for research at the Energy & Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks, N.D., where he currently oversees fossil energy research areas. His principle areas of interest and expertise include fuel processing for production of syngas and coproduction of hydrogen, power, fuels, and chemicals, and process development and economics for advanced energy systems and emission control. Mr. Holmes is the program manager of the National Center for Hydrogen Technology at the EERC. In addition, he currently serves on the board of directors for the National Hydrogen Association and Mountain States Hydrogen Business Council. He holds eight patents and has published more than 100 journal articles and conference papers. He has served as a session chair/moderator for seven national conferences and/or workshops on hydrogen technologies. Holmes earned a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in chemistry and mathematics from Mayville State University in 1984 and a Master of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of North Dakota in 1986. A stand-out college wrestler, he is a member of Mayville State's Athletic Hall of Fame.

### **Distinguished Service Award**

*The Distinguished Service Award is presented to Mayville State personnel, faculty, or administrators who make exceptional contributions, with a minimum of ten years of service. Other individuals who are eligible to receive the award are those whose service activities enhance Mayville State. Both Mayville alumni and non-alumni are eligible for the award.*

**Linda Baier** is a professor of business at Mayville State University, and currently serves as the chair of the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems. She joined the faculty of Mayville State in 1977. Over the last 30 years, she has served as youth organization advisor, academic advisor, committee member, accreditation leader, participant in campus events, and campus innovator, in addition to her teaching and administrative duties. Baier graduated from Mayville State with an associate's degree in secretarial science in 1975 and a bachelor's degree in composite business education in 1977. She has served as a coordinator of Mayville State's Business Activities Day for the past 30 years and was a local and state advisor for Phi Beta Lambda, a business student organization for 20 years. Linda is also an initiator and coordinator of the highly successful Division of Business-sponsored "After Hours Social," a fundraiser that has raised more than \$30,000 for scholarships and special projects over the last four years.

**Tim and Sue Strand** have been stalwart supporters of Mayville State University throughout their lifetimes. Through their efforts, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised for the benefit of Mayville State University and its students. Their contributions include serving as chairs for Farmers Bowl for more than 12 years. This annual event promotes goodwill for Mayville State and provides funds for scholarships and alumni activities via dollars raised in the annual Farmers Bowl Auction. The Strands have tirelessly supported Mayville State with their countless hours of volunteer service to the Comet Athletic Club as well. Their assistance has been instrumental to the success of the annual Sportsmen's Raffle and 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, as well as to Tables du Jour, an annual fundraiser for music at Mayville State. They also support student athletes and others through team send-offs, attendance at university events, and meals provided in their home and at other events. Tim attended Mayville State from 1972 to 1974, and Sue is a 1975 graduate. Their four children all graduated from Mayville State with degrees in business. The Strands are very active in a variety of Mayville-Portland community and church functions. They are the owners of May-Port Hardware Hank, and Sue is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.