1960s
William E. Huxhold (‘68), professor of urban planning at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, won the 2012 Education Award of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science.

1970s
Karla Yale (’70, Kellogg ‘74) of Indianapolis became a business development partner at Alcova in 2011. Alcova is an operator of 100-acre microorganism farms in Indiana.

Burkhard Fricke (postdoc ’72–’73) has been elected vice president of the kuratorium (board) of the Lindau (Germany) Nobel Laureates Meeting, which is attended by 27 Nobel laureates and nearly 600 students. In charge of the scientific program of the meeting, he organizes talks and a panel discussion.

Dwight Grimestad (’74) assumed the new role of vice president of corporate strategy at Archer Daniels Midland Company.

Kevin John Gross (’77), president and CEO of Hillcrest Healthcare Corporation, will be one of the speakers during “Energy: Who’s Got the Power?,” a University of Oklahoma series.

Virginia M. Rometty (’79), CEO of IBM, made Time’s list of the world’s 100 most influential people and was number one on Fortune’s list of the 50 most powerful women in business.

Brian A. Strzalka (’87) has become CEO of ET Technology (Wuxi), a privately held company with locations in China and Germany. It specializes in the design and production of sectional and rolling garage doors and door components.

1980s
Lt. James P. McManamon (‘80) has become vice president in the navy and marine corps services sector of General Dynamics Information Technology, based in Fairfax, Virginia.

Michael A. Fitzgibbons (‘81) has been promoted to vice president, commercial, of the natural gas gathering and processing business at ONEOK Partners. He had been director of natural gas supply acquisition for the Rocky Mountain region.

Joseph J. Rencis (MS ‘82) is dean of engineering and the Clay N. Hixson Chair for Engineering Leadership at Tennessee Technological University.

Gloria Grev (‘83) of Las Vegas, supervisor of distribution engineering at Southwest Gas Corporation, received the Common Ground Alliance’s Ron Olitsky Award in March for her contributions to the damage prevention community.

Lance E. Rosenzweig (‘84), founder and CEO of 24/7 Card, was appointed to the board of directors of Quality Systems.

Ruby Rachael Chandy (MS ‘85) has become president of Pall Industrial.

Mark Iserloth (‘85) has joined Mattersight Corporation as vice president and chief financial officer.

Steven McLaughlin (‘85) was appointed chair of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Kirk D. Bowman (’87), venture partner at Accel Partners, was named to the board of directors of Atlassian.

John G. Lewis (‘87) has become CEO of Staging Concepts, headquartered in Minneapolis. It manufactures portable stage, seating riser, and custom railing solutions.

Scott J. Hammack (’88), CEO of Prolexic in Naples, Florida, has been appointed to the Florida Polytechnic University board of trustees.

1990s
Raymond Konopka (MS ’90) received Illinois Benedictine College’s Alumni Achievement Award in mathematics and computational sciences. His software company helped Disney develop the Fastpass system for its theme parks.

Scott Tanton Allan (MEM ‘92) has become CEO and president of Hydro Flask, headquartered in Bend, Oregon.

William C. Kircher (‘92), previously general manager of Eagle Services Asia, has assumed the newly expanded vice presidency for Singapore overhaul and repair at Pratt & Whitney Global Service Partners.

David Thore Ritland (MEM ‘92), previously a senior director with Life Fitness, has become president of the Sentral Group, a manufacturer of wire harnesses and cable assemblies.

Mario Greco (‘93), senior broker and vice president of sales at Prudential Rubloff Properties, sold more than $115 million worth of residential real estate in 2011, making him the top residential broker in the city of Chicago. He was the Number 6 broker in the entire 64,000-agent Prudential international network.

Matthew Levatich (MEM ‘94), president and chief operating officer of Harley-Davidson Motor Company, has been elected to the board of directors of Emerson Electric Company.

Mala Nanda (MEM ‘94) has become vice president and general manager of the Asia Pacific area of Tensar, based in Shanghai.

Smita Shah (‘94), president of SPAN Tech in Chicago, received the Community Service Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies at ACEC’s fall 2011 conference in Las Vegas.


Michael J. Murphy (’95) has joined Boise Inc. as vice president and treasurer.

Iklaq S. Sidhu (PhD ’95), previously chief technical officer of Cambria Networks and vice president of 3Com Corporation, has become venture adviser at Onset Ventures.

Andrew Christopher McGeorge (MS ’96), formerly senior portfolio strategist at CNBS in Overland Park, Kansas, has become vice president of finance at Service Credit Union in Portsmouth, Maine.

Chelsea R. Stoner (’96) was promoted from principal to partner at Battery Ventures. She is the first female partner in the history of the venture capital firm.

Jose Adrian Bayardo (MEM ’98) has become senior vice president of business development for Continental Resources, a petroleum liquids producer headquartered in Oklahoma City.

Kenneth K. Bellair (’99) was promoted from associate to partner in the global finance practice at Sidley Austin in Chicago.

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2000s
Raymond Konopka (MS ‘00) of Naperville, Illinois, received an Alumni Achievement Award in mathematics and computational sciences from Illinois Benedictine University in February.
Anil Prahlad (MEM ‘00) has become chief content officer of RainKing, a solutions provider for technology companies.
Alicia Kenney DiRago (‘02), founder and CEO of Whimseybox, a subscription service for craft supplies, was accepted into Chicago business accelerator Excelerate Labs’ 2012 class.
Ritu Singh (‘02) of Maineville, Ohio, was promoted to senior associate in the Cincinnati law office of Frost Brown Todd. Her focus is on patent prosecution and application drafting in a variety of arts, including mechanical, electrical, software, and biomedical.

Shawn Wischmeier (MEM ‘02) has become chief investment officer for the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, a Minnesota-based organization that combines the assets of three foundations.
Sai Reddy (‘03, MS ‘04) has started a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich).
Beth Lopour (‘04) of Los Angeles is investigating epilepsy as a postdoctoral scholar with the Department of Neurobiology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her husband, Dan Shrey (‘04), is completing his final year of a pediatric neurology fellowship at UCLA.
Shelby T. Clark (‘05) is the founder of RelayRides, a San Francisco–based firm that helps owners rent their private vehicles to neighbors. The firm has annual revenues of $700 million.

Jon Horek (PhD ‘06) was a delegate to the 2012 Young Atlanticist Summit, a parallel youth summit to the 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago. Organized by the Atlantic Council and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the youth summit allowed about 100 professionals ages 25 to 35 from around the world to meet and discuss current global affairs with world leaders.
Keith Knipling (PhD ‘06) received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers for his research at the Naval Research Laboratory. PECASE is the highest honor bestowed by the US government on scientists and engineers beginning their professional careers.
Rohit Sood (MEM ‘06) was named a principal in the Toronto office of McKinsey & Company.

Sotirios Athanasios Tsaftaris (PhD ‘06), previously a research assistant professor at Northwestern, has joined the faculty at IMT Lucca in Italy as an assistant professor.
Jorgen Hesselberg (MS ‘07) of Arlington Heights, Illinois, was promoted to senior manager of agile enterprise adoption at Nokia. His responsibilities include alignment and adoption of the agile software development method across Nokia, focusing on Berlin, Boston, and Chicago.

Kelly Koenig Coupe (MS ‘08) of Palo Alto, California, was named director of market strategy at the Palo Alto Research Center.

Michael Parrott (‘09) has joined Mars & Co., a global management consulting firm specializing in business strategy, as an associate consultant.
2010s
Mert Hilmi Iseri (’11) and Yuri Malina (’12) were granted $50,000 in seed capital from a group of venture capitalists and angel investors to develop SwipeSense, a manufacturer of portable hand-sanitation devices for hospitals. (See story on page 20.)

Marshall Lindsey (PhD ’11) has become vice president of strategy and research for Blue Northern Energy, a biodiesel firm in Chicago.

Cassandra Harn (MS ’12) of Bozeman, Montana, received a Whitaker International Fellow Grant to Ireland for the coming year.

In Memoriam
Pierce Richardson (’30)
Donald C. McGrane (’33)
W. C. Kunz (’36)
Anthony F. Grande (’37)
Robert E. Osth (’42)
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Hall A. Koontz (’45)
E. Scott Nichols (’45)
Donald A. Anderson (’47)
Ernest E. Carlstrom (’47)
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George W. Knapp (’49)
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William P. Carroll (’50)
Vance H. Pearson (’50)
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Philip E. Novak (’57)
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Charles H. Laws (’59)
Andy V. Ananthakrishnan (’62)
Alan S. Borg (’63)
Harvey A. Brodsky (PhD ’65)

Pierre C. Gehlen (’66)
James E. Russell (’66)
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Paul Nicholas Thielen (’75)
Shailesh H. Patel (’85)
Karen K. Greig (MEM ’06)