1950s

Lee R. Olson (‘51, MS ’52) is a former vice president and director at Stauffer Chemicals in Westport, Connecticut. After retirement he helped coach volleyball at John Jay High School in Cross River, New York, for 15 years.

Edward F. Harris (MS ’52) worked for Motorola after graduate school and then launched his own business, Mark Products Co., in 1954. Now retired, he enjoys his favorite hobby, amateur radio. His wife, Vera Zaretsky Harris (Weinberg ’43), died in 2008.

Milton Staackmann (’55) is an assistant specialist at the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, a research arm of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology. His next birthday will be his 80th.

Len Garver (’56, MS ’58, PhD ’63) received the Charles Concordia Power Systems Engineering Award from the Power & Energy Society of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineering in 2012. The award recognized his 33-year career in the electric utility systems engineering department of General Electric, where he developed methods for planning and evaluating electric power systems. He retired in 1994.

1960s

Robert D. Kersten (MS ’61) has retired as dean and professor emeritus at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He received the 2012 Golden Vector Award from the Pan-American Federation of Engineering Associations.

Joseph E. Doninger (MS ’62, PhD ’65) has been appointed director of manufacturing and technology for Focus Graphite.

Charles A. Wentz Jr. (PhD ’62) has been named to the board of directors of the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Illinois. He also led his church’s efforts to create a mission vegetable garden to benefit several food pantries. In 2012 the half-acre site produced more than 16,000 pounds of vegetables.

Phillip L. Gould (MS ’66), a senior professor at Washington University, has been named a distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the society’s highest accolade. The honor was given for developing innovative technology to design and construct large cooling tower shells; applying finite-element technology to develop prosthetic heart valves; and promoting earthquake hazard mitigation through research, teaching, and leadership. Gould has also received the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute’s Alfred E. Alquist Special Recognition Award.

Donald J. Massaro (MS ’67) has been appointed president, CEO, and board member of the e-commerce software company Rainmaker Systems.

William “Bill” Huxhold (’68), professor and chair of the Department of Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, received the 2012 Education Award from the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science.

Ronald D. Neufeld (MS ’69, PhD ’73), professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Pittsburgh’s Swanson School of Engineering, was named a 2012 Water Environment Federation Fellow.

1970s

Raymond Noble Wareham (’70), former senior managing director for Bernstein Global Wealth Management, has joined the investment management firm Rockefeller & Co. as managing director and senior client adviser.

Robert J. Kudder (MS ’72, PhD ’78), a structural engineer, is a senior consultant at Raths, Rath & Johnson in Willowbrook, Illinois. He received the Award of Merit and the title of fellow from the ASTM International Committee E06 on Performance of Buildings.

Grayson Marshall (PhD ’72, D86) is a distinguished professor emeritus at the University of California, San Francisco. He received an honorary doctorate from Malmo University in Sweden in 2012.

Peter J. Barris (’74), managing general partner of New Enterprise Associates, has announced plans for the venture capital firm to open an office in Chicago.

Promod Haque (MS ’74, PhD ’76, Kellogg ’83) has been promoted to senior managing partner at Norwest Venture Partners.

Michael McCracken (’76) has written his first novel, Kiss and Smell (CreateSpace, 2012), a mystery about an eccentric detective and his ever-present canine partners. McCracken is a management consultant and amateur photojournalist when he is not writing or working with dogs.

David Goldberg (’78) has retired from ExxonMobil after 33 years and is living in an oceanfront community in Orange County, California, with his wife of 31 years, Blanca.

Virginia M. Rometty (’79), CEO of IBM, has become chairman of its board. Rometty was profiled by CNN Money after being ranked No. 1 on the Fortune 2012 “50 Most Powerful Women in Business” list.

Brian A. Strzaika (’79) has been named CEO of ET Technology (Wuxi). A privately held company with locations in Wuxi, China, and Bremen, Germany, ET Technology specializes in the design and production of sectional and rolling garage doors, operators, and door components.

1980s

Alexander James Darragh (MS ’80), a chemical engineer and innovator in the graphite industry, has been appointed by CBRE Group, a commercial real estate services firm, to oversee global corporate services in Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Yogi Bhardwaj (MEM ’83) has joined Resources GCS as chairman.

Bradley S. Schneider (’83, Kellogg ’88), managing principal for Cadence Consulting Group, has been elected to the US House of Representatives from Illinois’s 10th District.

Catherine S. Greenberg (’84), a founding partner of Cleargreen Advisors, has been named vice president of sustainability for Xanterra Parks and Resorts.

Jay Behrens (’85) leads the product development, management, and marketing efforts at HyperCube after retiring from Verizon. HyperCube evolved from a traditional tandem carrier into a fast-growing provider of IP-enabled services.

Steven McLaughlin (’85) is the Steve W. Chaddick School Chair in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology. He had been vice provost for international initiatives at Georgia Tech.

Jay Goldberg (MEM ’86, PhD ’98) was recognized at the 2012 National Society of Professional Engineers annual meeting as a recipient of its prestigious Engineering Education Excellence Award.

Martha Jahn Martin (’86) has been elected secretary of the Union League Club of Chicago. She is a third-generation member of the family that owns Chicago Metallic Corp., a 119-year-old business in the acoustical ceiling industry. She is vice president of human resources, secretary, and member of the senior management team.
Mark A. Moore (’86), a veteran in the field of product development and engineering, has been appointed senior vice president of products for Recommind, a provider of predictive information management and analysis software.

Carla S. Vaughan (’86), an engineering supervisor with Huntington Ingals Industries’ Newport News shipbuilding division, received a Technology All-Star Award at the 17th annual Women of Color STEM Conference recognizing achievements in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Brad Charles (’87) is senior director of operations planning and logistics at Pepperidge Farm in Norwalk, Connecticut. He previously worked at PepsiCo Americas Beverages for 14 years.

Steven Kramer (MS ‘87), has joined HNTB Corp. as vice president and southeast division sales officer in its Arlington, Virginia, office. He is responsible for sales, marketing, and project development of transportation infrastructure in the southeastern United States.

Christopher Clower (’88) is executive chairman of Western Manganese, an Australian mining company.

Steven Roland Schmid (MS ’89, PhD ’93), associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named an ASME Foundation Swanson Fellow and assistant director for research partnerships in the Advanced Manufacturing National Program Office at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

1990s

Christopher Austin (’90), a partner at Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee, has been listed as a leader in the intellectual property field by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Dennis K. Bonn (MEM ’92), vice president of marketing at Menasha Packaging in Wisconsin, has been appointed to the Michigan State University Packaging Alumni Association board of directors.

Rajpal S. Attariwala (MS ’93, PhD ’97) has been appointed medical director of Premier Diagnostic Health Services.

David C. Thomsen (’94), a product designer previously with consulting firm IDEO, has become executive vice president of product and design for Wanderful Media, a digital local discovery shopping company.

Jeffrey Waters (MEM, Kellogg ‘94), senior vice president and general manager of Altera Corporation, has been named to a semiconductor member position on the board of directors of the Global Semiconductor Alliance.

Charles Blumberg (’92), information technology manager at Kemper Corp., spent a week in Haiti in April 2012 with Fish Ministries, a program that creates a sustainable food source for the local population. He built chicken coops and a greenhouse at a school and orphanage.

Matthew Darling (’96) has a new position as lead materials engineer in ABB’s high-voltage cables division.

Don Dennis (’97) has been sworn in as an attorney in California.

Craig Witsoe (MEM, Kellogg ’97), previously president and CEO of Lineage Power, has been appointed CEO of Elo Touch Solutions, a supplier of touch-enabled technology.

Brian Brinkmann (MEM ’98) recently joined Logi Analytics, a business intelligence and analytics software company headquartered in McLean, Virginia, as vice president of products.

2000s

Louis Pinkham (MEM, Kellogg ’00), previously senior vice president and general manager with Eaton Corporation, has been appointed president, fluid handling, with Crane Company, a manufacturer of highly engineered industrial products.

Matthew Harsh (’03) is an assistant professor of global engineering studies at the Centre for Engineering in Society at Concordia University. He had been a postdoctoral associate with the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Jennie Lassey Iverson (’03) has written and published Ski Town Soups (Ski Town Group, 2012). The hardcover, coffee table–caliber cookbook features recipes from well-known chefs and restaurants at 60 of the top ski resorts in North America.

Francis Mills (’01) is a senior engineer at Accio Energy, developing wind energy devices and high-voltage test apparatus. He has been licensed as a professional engineer in Michigan.

Mark A. Campo (MS ’02), technical manager of the American Concrete Institute’s certification programs, has been appointed executive director of the American Shotcrete Association.

Scott David Amsbaugh (MEM, Kellogg ’04), previously vice president of sales and marketing at Brooks Instruments, has been promoted to general manager.

Beth Lopour (’04) 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 in the final year of his pediatric neurology fellowship at UCLA.

Jonathan Adams (’06) has joined Prudential Capital Group as an investment associate. Adams earned an MBA with honors from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, with concentrations in finance and accounting, in 2012.

Michael Hoaglin (’06) is on sabbatical from his final year of medical school at the Perelman School of Medicine to work in New York City as clinical director in the medical unit of The Dr. Oz Show.

Jon Horek (PhD ’06), a Chicago-based professional engineer, was chosen as a delegate to the 2012 Young Atlanticist Summit organized by the Atlantic Council and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

Ying Zhu “YZ” Chin (’07) has published deteria (Dancing Girl Press, 2013), her first chapbook of poems.

Lei Cui (PhD ’07) was promoted to project manager at Mars & Co., a global management consulting firm specializing in business strategy and operational improvement for major corporations.

Keith Knipling (PhD ’07), a staff scientist at the US Naval Research Laboratory, received a 2012 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Knipling became a National Research Council fellow at the NRL in 2006.

Alice Zhao (’08) is a systems integration and technology analyst for Accenture. She was one of three recipients of a 2012 graduate fellowship from the Alumni of Northwestern University. She is in the inaugural class of Northwestern’s Master of Science in Analytics program.

Pelayo Cortina Kopolowitz (’09), an analyst with the global energy fund Rcofin, has been appointed to the board of directors of Northern Gold Mining.

Michael J. Parrott (’99) has joined Mars & Co., a global management consulting firm specializing in business strategy. He is an associate consultant in the firm’s Greenwich, Connecticut, office.

2010s

Eric DeFeo (’11) has been promoted to senior associate consultant at Mars & Co., a global management consulting firm specializing in business strategy and operational improvement for major corporations.
McCormick Alumni and Friends Honored

Alumni, friends, and a former staff member of McCormick were honored at the annual Northwestern Alumni Association awards banquet in March.

Robert Shaw (’70) and Charlene Shaw (Weinberg ’70) each received an Alumni Service Award in recognition of loyal service rendered voluntarily to the University. Charlene Shaw has served as a member of the Northwestern Alumnae Board and the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors. Robert Shaw has mentored students through McCormick’s NUvention course and has served on the boards of five student startup companies. He has been involved in the development of new programming through the Farley Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Segal Design Institute. He has served on several advisory boards at McCormick, including the McCormick Advisory Council and the Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board.

Lonnie E. Haefner (PhD ’70) received the Alumni Merit Award for high achievement in a profession or field. He is a professor emeritus at Washington University in St. Louis and president of L. E. Haefner Enterprises, a corporation involved in the study, financing, and marketing of transportation engineering and capital-intensive real estate development projects. He has contributed to the transportation engineering field through teaching, research, and practice and has held national committee chairmanships with the Transportation Research Board and the American Road and Transportation Builders Association.

Carolyn Krulee (MSED, School of Education and Social Policy, ’69), who was also honored with an Alumni Service Award, worked for many years at McCormick, first as a secretary and then as assistant dean. During that time she formed a task force to increase the enrollment of women in engineering studies. She also developed a course that introduced junior high and high school students to computers, and she helped design an engineering program, now known as EXCEL, for entering students who are committed to diversity issues.