

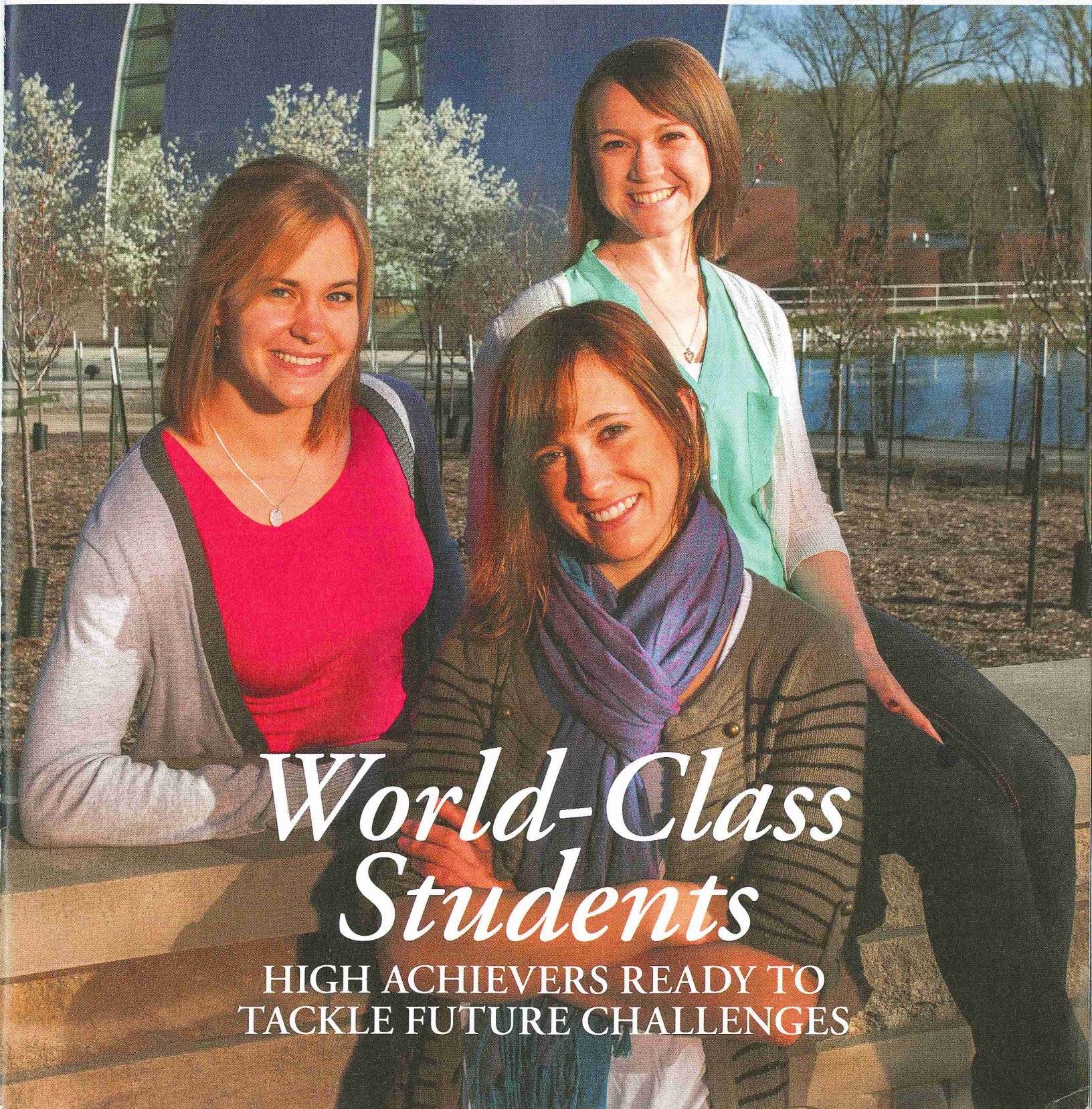
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## *World-Class Students*

HIGH ACHIEVERS READY TO TACKLE FUTURE CHALLENGES

**1966**

**James W. Lane** (CE) and wife, Catherine, received the 2013 Service to Mankind Award from the Old Capitol Sertoma Club of Iowa City, Iowa, for their many community contributions. He is an investment consultant with Heartland Investment.

**1971**

**Dan J. Davis** (CHEM) has been appointed chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Arkansas. He has been on faculty at UA since 1979.

**David J. Schramm** (CHE), was the keynote speaker at this year's Clean-Tech Investor Summit, presented by the International Business Forum. He is CEO of Maxwell Technologies.

**1972**

**Robert J. Marks II** (EE; MSEE, 1973) was named one of The 50 Smartest People of Faith by thebestschools.org. His Evolutionary Informatics Lab has demonstrated severe constraints on the creative potential of Darwinian-style algorithms. He is distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering at Baylor University.

**1977**

**Philip H. Weihl** (ME) retired from Kennametal Inc. on December 31, 2012. He is now consulting for firms pursuing operational excellence.

**1978**

**Lawrence R. Gavin** (ME) has been appointed executive director and chief procurement officer of Columbus McKinnon Corporation. He recently served as procurement director for Navistar International.

**1981**

**Randal J. Braker** (CE) was honored for 25 years as general

manager for the Duck River Utility Commission, which provides water resources to south central Tennessee customers.

**1984**

**John T. Bingle** (ME) is now responsible for investor relations, in addition to being treasurer, with Ferro Corporation, a global supplier of technology-based performance materials. He joined the company in 2004 after positions in finance, treasury, and investor relations with Steris Corporation, Invacare Corporation, and BFGoodrich.

**1986**

**Russell C. Tharp** (ME) has been appointed to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Advisory Board. He is an engineer and director of regulatory affairs for Goodman Manufacturing Company.

**1988**

**Brian P. Major** (ME) has joined AlixPartners LLP as managing director in the global business advisory firm's enterprise improvement unit. He brings broad consulting experience from McKinsey & Company.

**David L. Troyer** (ME) is the new managing director of high yield and leveraged finance research for the Seaport Group, an emerging leader in global credit markets.

**1992**

**William N. Eccles** (EE) is principal electrical engineer for Bloomy Controls, Inc. His responsibilities include equipment design, business development, and new product development.

**1995**

**Phillip E. Gralik** (CE) is the new city engineer for Hobart, Indiana, after being district traffic engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation.

**Abbas (Adam) Razavian** (MSEE, 1995; MSEM, 1997) is the new technical director at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane, Indiana.

**1998**

**Ryan J. Loftus** (CHE) is a Six Sigma Black Belt process engineer for DuPont and lives in Terre Haute with his wife, Mandy, and three children.

**2000**

**Mandy L. (Smith) Loftus** (EE) is the site electrical engineer for Bemis Company's Terre Haute

plant. She lives in Terre Haute with her husband, Ryan, and three children.

**2002**

**Michael Henderson** (CPE) and family are moving to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in October as missionaries with Africa Inland Mission. He worked for 11 years as an information security professional.

**William A. McKenna**

(CS/MA) has been named a partner with the Indianapolis law firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Moriarty, McNett & Henry LLP.

## ALUMNI NEWSMAKERS



### CARTWRIGHT ACCEPTS NEW CHALLENGE AT CLEMSON

Seasoned auto industry executive Fred M. Cartwright (ME, 1980) is now leading one of the world's foremost automotive research campuses into an exciting new era of research and collaboration. He has been appointed executive director of the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research, after spending 30 years in the automotive industry with General Motors.

Cartwright's experience includes design and development of advanced powertrains for commercial and military vehicles, management of GM's hybrid bus program, and numerous new business-development initiatives involving other auto manufacturers. He was vice president for alliances and new business development for General Motors Europe and most recently was director of new business initiatives based in Detroit.



### WEBER NAMED PRESIDENT/CEO OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURER

Mark D. Weber (ME, 1979) has been selected president and chief executive officer of Supreme Industries Inc., a leading manufacturer of vehicles including truck bodies, buses, armored vehicles, and specialty vehicles. He brings a market-based strategic perspective, a high level of customer focus, and a strong commitment to talent development.

Since 1996, Weber served as an executive at Federal Signal Corporation, being a group president responsible for five divisions supporting global customers in the firefighting, municipal cleaning, industrial access, and industrial-cleaning market segments. He also spent 17 years at Cummins Engine Company, serving in a variety of operations management and new product development assignments. ■