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## Department Spotlight

Each issue will feature an interview with someone connected to the department. It is only fitting that we begin with a spotlight on Marlene Stangl. Anyone who has had any connection with the department knows Marlene as the face of the department.



**Marlene Stangl**  
Office Manager

### What is your current position?

I am the department's office manager and have worked in the department since 1986. I have worked with 5 different department chairs.

### Where is your home town?

I am originally from Albany. I currently live in St. Cloud.

### Tell us about your family.

Clyde and I have been married 28 years. We have two children; Julie (27) is a social worker for Wright County, MN. Mike (23) is an associate appraiser for Patchin, Messner & Dodd in Burnsville, MN.

### What are your hobbies or activities away from SCSU?

I enjoy horseback riding, quilting, perennial gardens, and landscaping.

### What do you like most about working at St. Cloud State University?

The variety of daily tasks and working with the students.

The department appreciates all of the work that Marlene does for the department. Without a doubt, she is the quiet leader of the department. **THANKS MARLENE!**

## Letter from the Chair

Greetings from the Department of Environmental and Technological Studies at St. Cloud State University. We are pleased to bring you the first department newsletter. We will be publishing a newsletter two times per year. The goal of the newsletter is to provide an update to alumni and friends of the department and communicate with current undergraduate and graduate students.

A little history to update you on changes to the department over the last 10 years. Many alumni and friends knew the department as the Department of Industrial Studies - that was until 1998. At that time the university switched from a quarter system to a semester system and the department underwent a major revision. That revision included new majors and a new department name. We currently have four majors in the department: Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Technology Management (with Construction Management and Industrial Technology options), and Technology Education.

There have been many changes to the department over the last few years. We have many new faculty, labs, equipment, and programs. In this and future newsletters we will be sharing information about the changes. We look forward to hearing from you with ideas for the newsletter, updates on your careers, and opportunities for us to connect in the future.

We look forward to connecting with alumni, friends, and students of the department; so contact us to schedule a visit to come and see the changes. You can also visit our web site for more information about the department and list serves we have to communicate with you (<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/ets>). I and the department look forward to hearing from you.

*Kurt Helgeson*



**Kurt R. Helgeson**  
Department Chair

# Environmental Science Major



Students working on Environmental Sampling

Beginning in the Fall 2006 semester, an Environmental Science major was added to the Department of Environmental and Technological Studies. The program is designed to be interdisciplinary in nature. The program will consist of 88 credits.

These credits will be a combination of Environmental and Technological Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Physics. This program differs from the current Environmental Studies Major which includes some natural science courses, but includes more social science courses.

This program is a great addition to the department. The department will be able to meet a broad range of student interests and employer demand with the two environmental programs.

For more information as a student or potential employer looking for interns and/or graduates, please contact:

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*The environment for learning trumps the lesson!*

## Dean's List

### Congratulations!

Eleven students made the Spring 2006 Dean's List.

- Madison Jones
- Todd Anderson
- Jacob Galzki
- Kushal Gurung
- Trevor Jacquemart
- Benjamin Lucht
- Suresh Niraula
- Amit Pradhananga
- Jeffry Reinhart
- Joseph Storlien
- Pooja Vaidya

## 2005-2006 Graduates

### Congratulations!

Forty students graduated from the program during 2005-2006.

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Noah Bayer           | • Travis Ladwig      |
| • Tina Bellefeuille    | • Christopher Lewis  |
| • Isaiah Boehlert      | • Jacob Marthaler    |
| • Chad Ely             | • Mark Medenwald     |
| • Scott Kittelson      | • Brantina Mutheu    |
| • Joseph Mikes         | • Steven Pekarek     |
| • Keenan Price         | • Susan Pekarek      |
| • Mark Weimer          | • Tara Pirasteh      |
| • Heidi Linz           | • Amit Pradhananga   |
| • Anissa Kelly         | • Ryan Robbins       |
| • Douglas Gentry       | • Jonathan Schley    |
| • Joseph Larson        | • Nicklas Schumacher |
| • Anthony Abate        | • Joseph Storlien    |
| • Loren Bad Heart Bull | • Ryan Trosdahl      |
| • David Behrens        | • Andrew Valerius    |
| • Krystal Bergesch     | • Arun Vijayakumar   |
| • Brandon Denne        | • Christopher Wiens  |
| • Kayla Dooley         | • Melynda Wynn       |
| • Ashley Hansen        | • Lensa Kitilla      |
| • Derek Knutson        | • Kelly McQuay       |

## Important Dates

October 6  
October 23  
November 23-24  
November 13  
December 12  
December 17  
December 14-20  
January 19  
January 31

Undergraduate Graduation Application Deadline  
Last Day to Drop Classes with "W"  
Thanksgiving Break  
Registration for Spring Semester Begins  
Last Day of Classes  
Graduation  
Final Exams  
Spring Semester Classes Begin  
Last Day to Exchange Classes

***Have you considered graduate school?***  
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## Awards & Scholarships

### Lewis R. Royer Award for Quality and Excellence

- Susan Otreмба-Pekarek
- Jacob Galzki
- Kanakano Miura



### Denise M. McGuire Student Research Award

- Joe Storlien (Top left)
- Jake Galzki (Bottom Left)

### Honorable mentions went to:

- Ashley Hansen
- Kate Maxwell
- Amit Pradhananga
- Nick Schumacher

*Stay in contact with your university - and more importantly your department.*

## Alumni Notes

### Alumni Join faculty

Fall semester of 2006 finds a couple of familiar faces in Headley Hall again. Two alumni of the program are teaching as adjunct in the department.

### Curt Olson

Currently teaching Transportation / Energy Technology for the department is Curt Olson. During the day Curt teaches at Sauk Rapids High School. Curt earned his Bachelors and Masters Degree from the department.

### John Holmen

Currently teaching Production Technology for the department is John Holmen. John earned his Bachelors from the department in 1989 and his Masters Degree from West Virginia University. John teaches Technology Education at Atwater-Grove City-Cosmos.

The department appreciates the commitment to the department both of these master teachers bring to the classroom.



**Dr. Anthony Akubue visits with students during orientation.**

# We Would Like to Hear From You!!

Our majors would like to know more about what our graduates are doing. Keep us updated with articles or information about you for our future newsletters. Feel free to e-mail or complete the form below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position and Activities \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Information for Future Newsletters

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May we list your Name, degree, and position on our website? Yes No

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