

## CAMPUS PIPELINE

## Calvin Dean's

Brad Stolman of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Calvin College in Grand Rapids following the fall semester. He is majoring in business and is the son of Neil and Jill Stolman of Farmington Hills.

## Ablion Fellow

Steven Plunkett was named an Ablion College Fellow at the completion of the fall 2002 semester. To be designated a Fellow, a student must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive on-campus semesters and successfully complete four units of credit during each of those semesters. Plunkett is a senior majoring in English. He is the son of Jerry and Linda Plunkett of Farmington Hills and a graduate of North Farmington High School.

## Purdue Honors

Nick Ramirez earned semester honors for the fall of 2002 semester at Purdue University. He is a 2002 graduate of Farmington High School and the son of Ramiro and Anita Ramirez.

## Fraternity President

Albion College student Zachary Lessway was recently elected to the presidency of Albion College's chapter of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is a junior majoring in economics and management. Lessway is the son of Richard and Tricia Lessway of Farmington Hills and a graduate of North Farmington High School.

## Notre Dame Dean's

Paul Switaj, son of Greg and Sheryl Switaj of Farmington Hills, was named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame following the fall semester.

## Alma Actress

Kate Williams, an Alma College freshman, was cast in the Alma College Theatre with-

ter term production of William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. She is the daughter of Peter and Cindy Williams of Farmington.

## Davenport Dean's

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at Davenport University following the fall semester:

Gowardhanan Ramachandran, Chiko Aghachi, Lewis Duffing, Angela Sterling and Yuko Ueda.

## Grand Valley Dean's

The following Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University following the fall semester:

Stephanie Arnold, Jason Barragato, Kathryn Christensen, Elizabeth Diehl, Joseph Fischoni and Jacqueline Walker.

## Real World Grad

Andrew Campbell graduated from Full Sail Real World Education in Orlando, Fla. with a degree in film production. He was also awarded the Course Director's Award in Digital Cinematography. Campbell is a 1998 graduate of Farmington High School and the son of Arnold and Betsy Campbell of Farmington. He plans to freelance in the Orlando area and work at Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Studios.

## Off-Campus Study

Anna Mullendore, a Hope College senior, is studying off-campus this semester in Chicago at the Chicago Metropolitan Center. While attending Hope, Mullendore has been named to the dean's list and has also participated in clubs of the departments of education and English. She is the daughter of Daniel and Jill Mullendore of Northville and a graduate of Farmington High School.

## RIDDELL

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"I love it," Riddell said of his job. "It's a variety of everything. Farmington Schools is about the best job I have ever had. It's a very good place."

His long career began in August 1969 when he returned to the district after working as a custodian for about a year in 1964. He left to do factory work at Livonia Transmission.

"That's when money wasn't too good," Riddell said. "I think I made about \$3,800 a year back then."

"One of my buddies, a supervisor in the bus garage, talked me into coming back," he added.

## HIS HOMETOWN

Riddell grew up in Farmington Hills and spent most of his life in Farmington Hills.

There was a "little to-do" for Riddell when his award was announced, Fletcher said, which kept Bob Masfield attended.

"I thought it was a mandatory shop meeting," Riddell said. "I was off one day because I had to go to the doctor's and they said, 'well, we'll have to reschedule the meeting.' I thought to myself,

"They've never done that before." When I came in the next day we had the meeting and went into (Fletcher's) office and that's when the fun began."

In addition to the district's standard balloon bouquet, Riddell received a Levi jacket as a gift.

## EARLY TO RISE

Riddell's job isn't for the faint of heart. His day can start as early as 4 a.m.

"There's a lot of jobs I can get done when there are no classes in session," Riddell said. "I don't like disrupting the class, the teachers or the students, because sometimes you need to make a little noise and the kids watch you instead of the teacher."

Riddell is one of 17 skilled maintenance workers in the district. As a glazier, he does glasswork on windows and mirrors.

With a security system in the schools now, he doesn't have to repair as many broken windows. The security system has a motion detector, which sends an alarm to the security company, Fletcher said.

Riddell's workload varies. "Whatever they want me to do, I just jump on it, whatever's needed," Riddell said. "When school was out during winter break, that's when I changed the lights in the

parking lot at Hillside (Elementary). There were no cars there."

He's married to Margaret, a Farmington Schools bus driver he met while doing mechanic work at the bus garage.

While Riddell admits to being shy, those who know him gave him glowing recommendations.

## LOTS OF KUDOS

"He is a very nice, caring and calm person," wrote Dinne Neal, custodial supervisor.

"If you were to go around and ask people to describe Doug you would hear only kind, positive words. I have personally observed Doug work through his break periods to assure a task is completed. I am in complete awe with Doug's dedication and loyalty to Farmington Schools."

Kay York, a secretary in the Maintenance Department, called him one of the finest people employed by the district. "Doug brings sunshine to a room with his smile as he enters, quite often whistling a tune as he goes about his business," York said.

Paul Barber, director of fine arts, says Riddell often transported band and orchestra instruments to festivals and competitions. "Although

Doug is quiet, he always says hello and engages in conversation," Barber said. "He always does his job well and without fanfare."

Jim Pearce, assistant head custodian at Warner Middle School, called Riddell one of the district's "unseen soldiers."

"He is a very modest man and does not expect accolades or kudos for the job he does," Pearce said. "He completes each task and knows in his heart that he has done his very best and that the contribution he makes to our district is important. It is the spirit in which Doug does his job that sets him apart from other people."

Doug's kindness extends after hours, Pearce added. "Doug's wife is heavily involved with various pet shelters in and around their community and Doug assists her wherever and whenever possible," Pearce said.

"They share a common interest in animals and have been known to take in strays until a safe haven could be found for them."

Fletcher also pointed up a quality Riddell shares while he works, perhaps without even knowing it.

"He has a neat singing voice," Fletcher said.

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## CHANGE

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place in offices around the state. Of those, 3 million were performed over the Internet, Chesney said.

Also, progress is being made toward offering credit card payments at branch offices.

As another cost-saving measure, any branch office signs that say the previous secretary's name will be taken down permanently, so the department doesn't have to put up new signs every time a new Secretary of State is elected.

Also popular is a proposal to offer vanity plate searches on the Internet, so people interested in custom plates can check whether the letter or

number combination they want is available.

The display can even show what the plate would look like. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proposed increasing license renewal fees from \$13 to \$25 and boosting chauffeur and truck driver license fees as well.

The Secretary of State's office won't see most of that proposed increase in revenue. Land said, actually, the office anticipates a possible 15-percent budget reduction under the governor's proposal.

"It's up to the Legislature to decide next," Land said if the budget is adopted.

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