Kris Cope

When Kris Cope was growing up, food was always a social event in his home. His family always sat down together for dinner and discussed the day. Those experiences were what first sparked his interest in the culinary arts.

“I really love the hard work, the camaraderie in the kitchen,” Cope said. “I wouldn’t necessarily say I’m an artistic person, but the hard work, the detail and the camaraderie are a lot of it. You’re in the trenches. That’s what really started me in the field.”

Cope’s father, Leonard Cope, was an instructor at North Idaho College and the person who encouraged Cope to enroll in the Culinary Arts program. Cope graduated from the program in 2002. Since then, he’s worked at a variety of restaurants in the area. Four years after graduating, he returned to NIC to work in the kitchen at Emery’s Restaurant, which is operated by the students of NIC’s Culinary Arts program.

NIC mourns the loss of former instructor and community leader Ray Stone

Ray Stone served as Coeur d’Alene City mayor from 1986 to 1994 and was a City Council member from 1971 to 1979. He was a World War II veteran and the leader/drummer of a local band called the Ray Stone Swing Band. Stone taught at Coeur d’Alene High School and NIC before becoming the Dean of Instruction at NIC. Stone passed away on June 17, 2013, at the age of 89. Stone’s former students, along with family and friends, established the Ray Stone Memorial Scholarship, which will award scholarships in perpetuity to students enrolled in the NIC Education program.

Please consider honoring Stone’s legacy by sending in your contribution to the NIC Foundation with the enclosed giving envelope. If you are interested in supporting scholarships or starting a scholarship of your own in memory of a loved one, contact the NIC Foundation at (208) 769-5978 or foundation@nic.edu.
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with the Spokane Indians

Join your fellow North Idaho College alumni and friends at the ballpark on Sunday, July 20, as we compete with local colleges and universities to see who has the most school spirit! All current and former NIC students, employees, and friends are welcome to attend.

Tickets are $5 for reserved bench seats and $10 for upper box seats.

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NIC Alumni Association President

It has been my pleasure to serve as the president of the North Idaho College Alumni Association this year, as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the college.

NIC has touched a lot of people over the past 80 years, and the NIC Alumni Association is here to keep us all connected. The way people connect has changed over the years, and a new wave of technology brings new opportunities for connection. We invite you to join our new Facebook and LinkedIn groups, and sign up for e-mail updates from the NIC Alumni Association as a way to stay engaged and informed about upcoming association events. You may even reconnect with an old classmate or friend!

As we reflect on the history of this great institution, I am reminded that NIC alumni are our best link to the past and the people most likely to support us in the future. Thank you for your support this year. It is because of your generosity that NIC is able to serve the community and meet the needs of students for generations to come.

Ali Shute, ’96, NIC Alumni Association President

North Idaho College President

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

The late Nelson Mandela’s words are a wonderful reminder to all of us that what we do now affects our future as well as our children’s future. With this in mind, North Idaho College has been extremely busy preparing to meet today’s challenges all while keeping an eye to opportunities on the horizon.

In the last year alone, NIC expanded its Nursing program, was awarded accreditation for its Medical Assistant program, established a Physical Therapy Assistant program and became the first community college in Idaho to offer a two-year Healthcare Informatics degree. NIC is also currently developing a Wood Products Manufacturing Center for Excellence, started an Integrated Business Entrepreneurship program, and opened a Center of Excellence for Aerospace.

Through these programs and outreach, North Idaho College is preparing a skilled workforce of competent, confident individuals who go on to become valuable members of our society—like yourself, our most valued alumni. Through education, NIC is helping to change the world, one Cardinal at a time.

Joe Dunlap, Ed. D., North Idaho College President
Ormsby honored as Distinguished Alumnus

The North Idaho College Alumni Association honored this year’s alumni award recipients at the NIC Foundation’s 2013 Fall Scholarship Celebration. Pictured: Richard Ormsby, Distinguished Alumnus. Not pictured: Terry Jones, Honorary Alumnus, and Sara Fladeland, Alumni of the Year.

Kris Cope (Continued from page 1)

His dad’s old classroom was in the Hedlund Building, just down the hall from where Cope now works at Emery’s.

“It’s kind of weird, walking into the building,” Cope said. “I used to hang out here when I was a little kid, and now I work here.”

Rick Schultz, Culinary Arts instructor, invited Cope to come back and work in the kitchen. In the restaurant world, Cope said his position would be considered sous-chef. He lends a hand as a lab tech and a teaching assistant.

“What I really love are the students who really get it,” Cope said. “You see them light up. It’s the ones who actually try and have a good attitude. They make it worth it.”

For many students, the time and effort leads to jobs and internships. When industry professionals have lunch at Emery’s, they often ask which students are worth hiring, and Cope is happy to tell them. Cope said that, each year, at least one of his students usually ends up working alongside him at one of the other restaurants where he works.

“I get the cream of the crop because I get to cherry-pick the class,” he said.

Cope said he would’ve volunteered to work with students in the program. Watching the students grow is its own reward.

“I’m a huge believer in the program,” Cope said. “I got something from it. Why not give back?”

DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING NIC ALUM?

The North Idaho College Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its annual alumni awards.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni of the Year Award, and the Honorary Alumni of the Year Award. Award descriptions and nomination forms can be found at www.nic.edu/alumni. Nominations are due by May 15. Information: NIC Alumni Relations and Development Coordinator Lindsay Cole at (208) 769-7806 or alumni@nic.edu.

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**Character wins championships.**

It’s more than Pat Whitcomb’s mantra. As head wrestling coach at North Idaho College and an NIC alum, character is something he works to instill in his team through their work on community programs.

The wrestling team’s longest-running program is the Shirley Parker Reading Program, which was founded in 2002 in partnership with Parker Toyota. The program was named in honor of Doug Parker’s late wife, Shirley, who was a supporter of both reading and wrestling.

“After my mom passed away, Pat thought it would be a nice gesture to call it the Shirley Parker Reading Program,” said Jim Parker, Dealer Principle of Parker Toyota. “I think it’s a great tribute to her. Education meant a lot to her.”

Through the program, NIC wrestlers visit every first-grade classroom in the Coeur d’Alene School District and give a book to every student. This year, the team will distribute its 12,000th book.

Whitcomb said he has a soft spot in his heart for the program, both because it was the team’s first community project and because of his personal connection to the woman it honors.

“I worked for Parker Toyota when I went to school here,” Whitcomb said. “I saw her and her sense of community. She was instrumental in starting the Hayden Lake Library. Here’s something that we could do to honor a great woman and her passion: reading.”

Since the founding of that first program more than 10 years ago, the NIC wrestling team has tackled numerous other projects. Over the last four years, the team has raised $8,000 for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure through the sale of “We Care” T-shirts. The wrestlers also volunteer at the Race for the Cure and hold a youth wrestling program for K-6th graders through the Coeur d’Alene Recreation Department.

The newest addition to the team’s program lineup is a school supply giveaway for local families. That couldn’t happen without the support of the college and the community.”

Whitcomb said these projects serve more than the community: They also serve the wrestlers by giving them a taste of the world outside of classes and wrestling, showing them the impact they can make on other people. Whitcomb said he hopes his wrestlers will carry these experiences with them throughout their lives.

“We always say that character wins championships,” Whitcomb said. “That’s not how many pull-ups you can do. That’s how much you can give back to the community. It all adds up in someone’s heart.”

**NIC Alumni Association awards eight scholarships**

The North Idaho College Alumni Association awarded eight scholarships totaling $4,346 for the 2013-2014 academic year. Four $525 scholarships were awarded to students Leah Muzzy, Erin Cunningham, Kimberly Poland, and Michael Chamberlain. In addition, a $1,560 memorial scholarship in the name of 1942 alumnus Doug Bell and his wife Jan was awarded to Mathew Robbins. Three memorial scholarships in the name of 1985 alumnus Hugh “Olin” Smith were awarded to Stephanie Voit, Kayla McCoy, and Jason Harris.
NIC partners with healthcare providers

NIC continues to work hand-in-hand with Kootenai Health to identify healthcare needs and partner with four-year schools to provide the necessary training to meet industry demands. NIC expanded the capacity of its nursing program, was awarded accreditation for its Medical Assistant program, had its Physical Therapist Assistant program greenlighted by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, and became the first community college in Idaho to offer a two-year Healthcare Informatics degree.

Wood products center being developed

Through a $281,036 grant awarded by the Idaho Department of Labor in November, NIC is currently developing a Wood Products Manufacturing Center for Excellence. The center will train workers on industrial controls, saw filing, and log scaling to fill openings created by existing workers retiring and increased production. Idaho Forest Group, Potlatch Corp., and Stimson Lumber Co. are contributing a combined $93,679 match to train workers for jobs that pay $16 to $24 per hour.

Entrepreneurship program sparks new businesses

Because of a $100,000, three-year grant from Avista Utilities, NIC is offering an Integrated Business Entrepreneurship program for the first time this semester. Students are learning how to evaluate their business concepts and start their own businesses. After students develop a working business plan and earn a certificate, they’ll be eligible to apply for a business loan of up to $15,000 through the Avista Micro-Enterprise Loan Fund.

Sandpoint opens science lab

Students will now be able to complete an associate’s degree in Sandpoint with the addition of a science lab opened last fall. NIC at Sandpoint students no longer have to make the commute to Coeur d’Alene to take the science laboratory courses necessary to complete a two-year associate’s degree. The lab was built with generous contributions of community members in Sandpoint and around the region.

First cohort goes through aerospace center

As noted by Gov. Butch Otter in his State of the State Address, NIC opened its Aerospace Center for Excellence last fall to meet the needs of the rapidly growing aerospace industry. The center was built with a $2.97 million federal grant and should create 520 jobs by 2015 with an average salary of $43,500, according to IDOL projections.

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1950s
Janette Compton, ’53, and husband Dick celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 4, 2013.

1960s
Clay Larkin, ’67, completed his 13-year term as mayor of Post Falls.

1970s
Ron Jacobson, ’76, was sworn in January 2014 as Post Falls’ 37th mayor.

1980s
Louise Bodak, ’84, and husband Alexander celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.
Elizabeth Frank, ’85, is teaching chemistry at NIC.
Charlotte Vandekamp, ’86, is working as a nurse at the Rockwood Clinic in long term-care.
Scott Filius, ’89, led the Havre High wrestling team to a 2013 Class A state championship. Filius was also named Teacher of the Year and has been recognized by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Filius received Coach of the Year for the state of Montana.
Anna Wilson, ’89, is a 5th-grade teacher at Ramsey Elementary.

1990s
Christa Hazel, ’94 was elected to the Coeur d’Alene School Board.
Tracey Vaughan, ’94, directed the NIC Theatre Department’s production of “The Diary of Anne Frank.”
Anne Aizawa, ’97, is a nurse at Kootenai Health.
Holly Wisdom, ’98, was hired as staff tax accountant by Magnuson, McHugh, and Co.

2000s
Joel Pearl, ’00, graduated from Gonzaga University in 2002, Magna Cum Laude. He sells real estate in North Idaho and is the owner and designated broker of the Joel Pearl Group.
Winston Brooks, ’01, was sworn in as a Spokane Police Department officer.
Nicole Darty, ’01, graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. She is working in the Wealth Management Division of Moss Adams in Seattle, Wash.
Julie Bailey, ’02, is working at Edward Jones.
Julie Lilienkamp, ’02, serves as a marketing representative for Hagadone Communications, representing Cd’A Magazine.
Korrine Kreilkamp, ’03, started the Community Roots Program and is active with the Kootenai Environmental Alliance, including their work on the Gathering Garden on the NIC campus.
Jessica Geiger, ’04, is working at the NIC Children’s Center.
Tracy Meyers, ’04, graduated from Lewis-Clark State College, (Cum Laude), with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. She is the sole proprietor of Greater Northwest Grants in Hayden, Idaho.
Josh Misner, ’05, graduated from Gonzaga University with a Ph.D. in Communication and Leadership Studies. He is a Communication instructor at NIC.
Cary Burnett, ’06, is married with two kids, and runs a small photography business, Burnett Photography.
Hillary Darty, ’07, graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology.
Brandon Palaniuk, ’08, is now a two-time Bassmaster Elite Series champion after winning the 2014 Bassmaster Classic.
Alycia Barrowcliff, ’10, organized a spaghetti feed and silent auction that raised more than $45,000 for Children’s Village in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.
Karlee Cysewski, ’10, is teaching English to high school students.
Tara Garver, ’10, got married on Sept. 10, 2011, and has been working for Wells Fargo since graduation.
Joe Kubista, ’11, took over the operations of Franklin’s Hoagies on Fourth Street in Coeur d’Alene.
Stephanie McDermott, ’11, accepted a job as a buyer/food specialist with Whole Foods Market Northern California after graduating from Lewis-Clark State College in 2013.
Adrian Davis, ’12, was hired as a case manager for St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho, where she provides assistance to women during their time in the shelter.
Dorothy Dittman, ’12, has been married almost 41 years. She is the mother of 10 and grandmother to 24. She came to NIC 38 years after graduating from high school, and has one daughter currently attending NIC.
Kimberly Gilcrease, ’12, was married on August 10, 2013.
Lisa Gilman, ’12, works at USDA Coeur d’Alene Nursery.
Christopher Green, ’12, is working toward a bachelor’s degree in social work from Lewis-Clark State College while serving as the veteran’s case manager for St. Vincent de Paul.
Dan Hall, ’12, married NIC Alum Jo Ann Broesch in August 2013.
Jimmy Lomeli, ’12, opened a taco trailer.
Matt Higgins, ’13, started a trademark management company.

Submit information that we may publish in the Class Notes section of the next “Alumni Connection.” Submit information directly to alumni@nic.edu or contact the NIC Alumni Relations Office at (208) 769-7806.
North Idaho College and the NIC Alumni Association would like to express its sincere sympathy for the loss of these members of the NIC Family:

Joseph R. Benner, ’88
Colette Blum, ’97
Albert Paul Brunner
Leo W. Bucher
Richard E. Christopherson, ’78
Joseph M. Crause
Sarah Alexander Culton, former employee
Jason Dixon, employee
Lisa Haycraft Elliott
Aylene Enders, ’30s
William (Bill) Ferger
Mary “Inez” Florence
Hannah Lee Galloway
Anita J. Getz, ’97
Lawrence Goodale, ’60
John Gunnar Goodsen
Bernard Floyd Goodson, ’57
Marjory Halvorson, former employee
Neil Allen Hanson, ’58
Mervin Lee Hill, ’56
Patricia Ann Hill, ’86
Charles “Chuck” Everett Holt, ’66
George Huffman, ’40s
Michael Paul Irvine, former employee
Matthew L. Jones
Merna (Harris) Jones, ’43
Dawn Kushlan, ’90s
Lois Lalka, ’63
Robin Leferink
Teresa R. Martinson, ’80s
Michael D. Morehead
Lester C. Mudge
George Martin Myers, employee
Robert Alan Neff, ’88
Maxine Edna Nelson, ’64
Jesse Allan Ojala
Vivienne Palmer, former employee
Donald Michael Patrick Paremsky
Don J. Phillips, ’84
Tana L. (Nearing) Raino
Marge Reader, ’70s
Cathlene C. Renner, ’09
Dell Ray Schanz, ’62
Brenda Claire Seaton
Mary “Lou” Louise Shepherd
Regina (Michelle) Sikorski, student
Brandon Chris Sperber, ’90s
Bilee Stanley, ’50
Ray Stone, former employee
Gregory Sutich
Ricki Tim Cameron “Swaze”
Linda Lou (Kellogg) Umphrey, ’85
Delores Lea DeLuca Waide, ’60s
Scott Matthew Wemple

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NIC ALUMNI in Action

Top Left: Robert and Sally MacKenzie enjoy appetizers at the NIC Alumni Association social before the JazzNIC concert. Top Right: Mathew Robbins, featured speaker at the 2013 NIC Foundation Scholarship Celebration, pictured with his wife, Colette. Bottom Left: NIC Alumni Association members Don Sausser, Frank Darlington, and Sandy Emerson show their Cardinal pride during the Coeur d’Alene Fourth of July Parade.