Perry Glass ’79 did not plan on providing the decorative trim and hardware for automotive glass replacement when he started his company, Polymer Process Development (PPD), but sometimes you go where the market takes you, especially when you have the necessary equipment required. The after-market replacement glass distribution is captive to the company providing the OEM part, typically due to high tooling costs. A major force in the aftermarket is PPG Industries. With contacts developed in this industry, PPG solicited PPD to produce low-volume after-market glass in their distribution network. Along with this, PPD developed low-cost tooling to produce these parts. The market has grown significantly for PPD and PPG. Some 125 different tools have been produced and sell more than 260 part numbers, selling approximately 175,000 assemblies per year.

After-market work is much lower volume than OEM work, profits are generally higher than OEM, and quality requirements are less stringent. Currently 90 percent of PPD’s work is for aftermarket products. This volume fits in with the niche of low volume, encapsulated products. The tooling systems, injection molding equipment, and people development PPD has invested in has made them successful. In business for five years, they recently moved into a new 38,500 square-foot building to accommodate growth. There is room to expand, but the space will soon be filled. PPD has had high tooling costs due to high tooling costs. The after-market work is much lower volume than OEM work, profits are generally higher than OEM, and quality requirements are less stringent.

Donald L. Clark B.S. ’61, M.S. ’62, professor emeritus, Texas A&M University, was recently honored at the 52nd annual meeting of the Association of Texas Technology Education, when he was inducted into the association’s Hall of Honor. He joins 28 other individuals who have received this high honor in the history of this professional organization. Clark received his Ph.D in 1967 at The Ohio State University, where Donald G. Lux B.S. ’49, M.S. ’52 served as his major professor. While at Ohio State, Clark was a research assistant for the Industrial Arts Curriculum Projects—especially on The World of Construction. He served as the field center director for the testing and implementation of this innovative program in Texas.

Excerpts from the nomination papers that were submitted by two of his former doctoral students and supporting letters, referenced many specific examples of his leadership and influence in the professions. He is well known and respected at both the state and national levels for his professionalism, especially as a change agent as the program evolved from traditional industrial arts to technology education. There were also many references to his commitment to students as they prepared for leadership positions in the profession. As one individual referenced, “His students form a cadre of who’s who in the profession.”

Michelle Quammer Goggins ’78 and Kari Stepichan Stanza ’97 are employed by the largest producer of cooking school promotions in North America, Homemaker Schools. This organization represents a group of nationally recognized food companies including Blue Bonnet, Campbell Soup, Cool Whip, Whipped Topping, Jell-O and Nestle Toll House Morsels, just to name a few.

Goggins works as a home economist for the Taste of Home Cooking School, travels with the Taste of Home Cooking School’s basketball team while on campus. Also, while on campus, Goggins was the assistant editor of the Stoutian. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Marketing and Communications.

Stanza, a food systems and technology graduate, is a field staff coordinator for the Taste of Home Cooking School’s basketball team. Stanza travels throughout the United States as a home economist and trainer. She previously traveled the Midwest as a territory manager for Homemaker Schools and served as a food service director for two school districts in southeastern Wisconsin.

During her junior year at UW-Stout, Stanza was a member of the newly formed women’s soccer team, a sport she continues to enjoy today. She and her husband, Jeff reside in Hartford, Wis., with their puppy, Coach.

Jennifer Homer Rudiger ’95 never would have thought that the part-time job she and her student would lead her to her current position at State University Foundation as Director of University Foundation. She has the College of Professional Studies food laboratory and is involved with the American Dietetic Association and Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL).

Rudiger started working with the foundation while still in high school. To pick up extra hours, she offered to help the Alumni Association director with a telephone fund-raising project. Little did she know at the time that talking with Stout alumni and sharing stories about Stout would be the start of her career path.

Though her undergraduate degree isn’t directly related to what she is doing today, she credits the College of Professional Studies faculty encouragement and other opportunities that she was able to experience as a student aided in shaping who she is today. Rudiger works with many students in a given year. She always tells them that classes come first, but you need to be involved with professional organizations, your residence hall community, a part-time job and other ‘college life’ experiences. It is important to learn to balance your time, meet new people and learn about yourself. Many of the experiences faced by young college students really test their values and self-judgment.

It was that first-week-long telephone fund-raising project which Rudiger participated in as a student that really sparked her interest in fund-raising for such an exceptional university. Rudiger states, “Fund-raising has expanded greatly in ten years. The one thing that hasn’t changed is the loyalty UW-Stout graduates have to the university.”

Working with the Stout University Foundation helps Rudiger foster the ensuring that future students will be able to experience a successful college education.

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We encourage you to submit an update on your employment situation. All stories will be held for three years and all efforts will be made to publicize your story.