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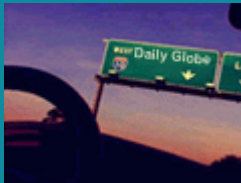
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Northland College receives \$1.25 million gift

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ASHLAND, Wis.-- President Karen Halbersleben announced Northland College has received a \$1.25 million gift from John H. Chapple, president of Hawkeye Investments, LLC of Kirkland, Wash., to establish and endow the Chapple Family Chair in Business Ethics and Social Responsibility.

The duties of the Chapple Family Professor are to develop and implement a curriculum with strong business components, while drawing on the college's environmental expertise and its enduring commitment to ethics.

The history of the Chapple family in Ashland can be traced back more than 150 years. John H. Chapple, a native of Ashland, is the fourth generation John Chapple to enjoy a relationship with Northland College. A successful businessman, he is currently president of Hawkeye Investments, LLC. Previously he earned a national reputation in the telecommunications field as an executive of McCaw Cellular

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Communications, Rogers Cablesystems, and most recently, as CEO of Nextel Partners.

Following the family tradition of community service, Chapple has served on several non-profit boards and devoted many hours to Habitat for Humanity and to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. He and his wife, Vivian Dixon, reside in the state of Washington.

The first John Chapple to reside in Ashland, the great grandfather of John H. Chapple, was John C. Chapple, who served as a Northland trustee. Longtime editor of the Ashland Daily Press, he also became postmaster and was elected state assemblyman.

John B. Chapple, the donor's grandfather, also served as editor and reporter for the Press, while playing an active role in the community, often helping local residents, especially the elderly and Native Americans. He frequently served as a guest lecturer at Northland because of his vast knowledge of Northern Wisconsin.

John D. Chapple, the donor's father, was a 1955 graduate of Northland College who went on to a successful career in higher education. John H. Chapple's first home was in "married student housing" on the campus with his father and mother, Helen Schroeder Chapple, also of Ashland.

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