Chuck Sherwood came from his hometown of Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Mankato State University to study anthropology. He loved his anthropology classes and particularly enjoyed the field work classes. Today when Chuck drives past an old farm site or other historically significant area he can’t help thinking about it as an archaeological dig site. Chuck eventually changed majors to pursue another of his passions, and graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Computer Information Systems.

Today Chuck is owner and Vice President of Maverick Software Consulting. Chuck continues to be involved with his alma mater by hiring current Minnesota State Mankato students in the software technology majors as software developers and testers. Not only does Chuck employ students and give them real-world experience in their discipline, he also provides individualized career counseling. His student employees graduate from Minnesota State Mankato with a solid education, professional work experience and valuable job-seeking skills.

Chuck believes that his decision to study in Mankato shaped who he is today. His courses in anthropology gave him tools for understanding diverse perspectives, which helps him today as he interacts with people from various backgrounds. His courses in computer information systems gave him the skills needed to own and operate a successful software development and testing business.

Chuck generously supports students in the software technology majors through Maverick Software Solutions scholarships. In addition, he personally supports scholarships for anthropology students in field work classes, and history students who plan to teach. He is a successful and generous alumnus who reaches out to the students following in his footsteps at Minnesota State Mankato.

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