



Prellwitz and Marquart speak at commencement

In looking ahead to Minot State University's centennial in 2013, Friday's ceremony will recognize the institution's strategic plan, "Vision 2013." The 2008 commencement speakers, senior Jacqueline Prellwitz of Willow City, and MSU alumnus David Marquart of Boise, Idaho, will address the strategic plan's second strategy, "Fostering Engaged Learning and Place for the Benefit of the Students."

Prellwitz from Willow City has completed a Bachelor of Science in Education with a middle school and reading endorsement while earning a 3.897 cumulative grade point average. She was recently recognized as the ATE Outstanding Student in Teacher Education in elementary education. Recipients of the award are selected by the Minot Association of Teacher Educators and MSU faculty members. The award is based on potential as a successful teacher and professional, interest in teaching as a career, personal qualities and character, accomplishments during college training, and academic ranking.

David Marquart graduated from MSU in 1965. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree, with a major in business education and minor in mathematics. He went on to earn a Master of Education degree from the College of Idaho in 1973.

He retired in 2005 after teaching in the profession for 40 years. He was selected among the top-10 as a national finalist for the first NASA-sponsored "Teacher in Space Program" in 1985. For the next three years Marquart worked with NASA at the AMES Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., where he implemented educational space programs for teachers and students in the western states.

MSU congratulates \$14,000 Great Plains Exceptional Scholars

Minot State University awarded nine incoming first-year students with Great Plains Exceptional Scholar Awards on April 30. These students have earned a \$14,000 scholarship provided by the university in support of its goal to become one of the premiere public, regional universities in the Great Plains of North America.

The 2008 Great Plains Exceptional Scholars, listed by their hometowns and declared majors are:

Bottineau—Matthew Volk, history.

Crosby—Jared Olson, music.

Greenfell, Saskatchewan—Lynice Dorgan, communication disorders.

Mandan—Kirsten Gieser, communication disorders.

Minot—Anthony Anderson, physics and pre-engineering; Maxwell Buchholz, elementary education; Erin Obenchain, Minot, elementary education.

Regina, Saskatchewan—Kristen Schneider, communications disorders.

Williston—Damara Gregory, management.

May 7, 2008

Minot State University to confer degrees Friday

President David Fuller will confer more than 700 undergraduate and graduate degrees during Minot State University's commencement exercises on Friday (May 9), in the MSU Dome beginning at 10 a.m. Commencement speakers are going to address Vision 2013, Strategy 2: Fostering Engaged Learning and Place for the Benefit of the Students.

Faculty members who intend to march in the processional should dress in academic regalia and arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome at least 10 minutes prior to 10 a.m.

All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the commencement. If student assistance is not available during the two-hour block from 10 a.m.-noon, offices may close to allow staff members to attend this important event.

President Fuller invites all members of the MSU community to celebrate our student's achievements and the completion of their academic programs.

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Incoming freshmen from states and provinces within the Great Plains were invited to apply, and they had to achieve a 3.65 or above grade-point average in high school and a composite ACT score of 30-36 or a combined SAT score of 1340-1600 in order to qualify. The selection process also required students to submit an essay that demonstrated their civic engagement or their contribution to a sense of place.

To be eligible for the initial award and subsequent renewals, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA of 3.3 or above. The scholarship will be paid in increments of \$3,500 per year, in equal installments each semester, for four consecutive undergraduate years provided all renewal criteria are met.



The Great Plains Exceptional Scholars include (l. to r.): Erin Obenchain, Max Buchholz, Lynice Dorgan, Anthony Anderson, Damara Gregory, Matthew Volk. Not pictured: Jared Olson, Kirsten Gieser, Kristen Schneider.

Staff Senate holds elections Thursday

Elections for Staff Senate will be conducted Thursday (May 8), 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The ballot table will be located by the new Post Office in the Student Center atrium. For clarification, once a staff senate representative has completed a two-year term of service, the individual is eligible to serve another two-year term.

NDCPD garners \$180,000 grant

Minot State University's North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities recently received a three-year \$180,000 federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to develop the Rural Health Network for Family Support. The purpose of the grant is to establish the RHNFS as a self-sustaining network to help rural families who have children with special health care needs. The network will strengthen its capacity to serve this population by achieving the grant outcomes in collaboration, training, system navigation and leadership.

"This grant will provide the resources for participating agencies to come together and create something that is difficult for any one organization to achieve alone," said Cathy Haarstad,

project director. "Network activities will benefit not only families and providers but participating network agencies as well."

To develop this rural health network, NDCPD will partner with Family Voices of North Dakota, the North Dakota Center for Rural Health, and several other family support organizations. RHNFS will serve families whose children meet the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, a bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, broad definition "those who have or are at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions who require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally."

In March 2007, NDCPD received a one-year strategic planning grant to fund the North Dakota Family Support Coalition Project. This project's personnel focused on rural families with children with special health care needs who may have limited or no access to necessary specialized supports for ongoing health care. Over the past year, they completed five regional and statewide focus groups to assess existing need and to develop a preliminary strategic plan to guide forming the RHNFS.

"The process, supported by and completed through the one-year planning grant, led to applying for a grant for what is the logical next step – establishing a self-sustaining network," explained Haarstad. "We couldn't be more pleased that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agreed."

The goals of the RHNFS are to operate a rural health network, to increase collaboration to enhance family support, and to secure the sustainability of the network. The project will support development of a new non-profit organization and board that will direct the network's efforts.

Haarstad said that through the year's work, the project's leadership has been able to overcome several significant trust crises and forge a positive working relationship that can serve as a model for other partners. The result of this effort has been that several additional agencies have signed a memorandum of agreement to join the network.

Summer Theatre prepares for another great season

"City of Angels," the first of four plays to be performed by Minot State University Summer Theater, will run from June 10 to 15. The other scheduled productions are: "Shakespeare in Hollywood," June 24-28, "Side by Side by Sondheim," July 8-12, and "Kim Me Kate," July 19-20 and 22-26.

Summer Theatre has been a tradition at MSU for more than 43 years. The company is made up of a variety of people including community members, MSU students, faculty and staff. Approximately, 8,000 -10,000 theatergoers attend the productions every summer.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children

over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

New Student Government Association president shares plans for upcoming year

Minot State University Student Government Association President Ken Story, a Minot senior majoring in broadcasting and public relations, is already planning for the upcoming year.

Part of Story's goals for this upcoming academic year as president will build upon plans Wade Reiger, previous SGA president, set up during his term for getting students engaged and more involved. He wants to put more of the term "government" into Student Government Association. To do so he will coordinate with other North Dakota University System schools to lobby for fair tuition. We will also establish a taskforce comprised of SGA members and MSU students who have children to establish child care on campus

Other Student Government Association officers for 2008-2009 are: Ashley Bernsdorf, vice president, Sharlese Robertson, secretary, Andrew Figueira, treasurer, Chase Lee, co-intramural director, Allayna Kalmik, co-intramural director, Sarah Perry, director of entertainment, and Amber Jensen, director of public relations.

— *partially excerpted from the Red & Green*

MSU students place at state PBL conference

Minot State University students earned a number of awards at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Fargo April 4-6. The students, their awards and hometowns are listed below:

Hazen—Darcy Putnam, future business teacher, first.

Minot —Erica Green, sports management and marketing, third; Seth Larson, business communication, second, accounting analysis and decision making, third; Penny Lipsey, desktop publishing, first; Dereck Ostdahl, management analysis and decision making, first, marketing analysis and decision making, second; Bethany Stai, macroeconomics, second, microeconomics, third; Beth Stroklund, desktop publishing, first, future business executive, second.

Norwich—Whitney Loftesnes, marketing analysis and decision making, first.

Rugby—David Koble, Web site development, second.

Sheyenne—Mallory Westby, financial concepts, third.

Watford City—Robin Deutsch, word processing, first, Web site development, second.

All of the students listed have earned the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta June 21-24.

Tom Seymour, chairman of the business information technology department, was named an honorary member at the state conference. Sharon Reynolds, business information technology, and Dean Frantsvog, accounting and finance, are the MSU PBL advisors.

Phi Beta Lambda is a professional business organization for postsecondary students, an extension of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program for high school students. The collegiate division was founded in 1958 and today involves 11,000 college students. Some goals of the program include developing character and leadership, good citizenship, financial management skills and global marketing knowledge.

Two MSU seniors receive ATE outstanding student awards

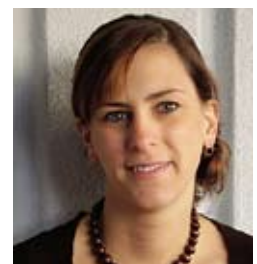
Minot State University seniors Jacqueline Prellwitz, Willow City, and Danielle Ramos, Towner, have been recognized with Outstanding Student in Teacher Education awards from the Association of Teacher Educators.

Recipients of the award are selected by the Minot chapter of the ATE and MSU faculty members. The award is based on potential as a successful teacher and professional, interest in teaching as a career, personal qualities and character, accomplishments during college training, and academic ranking.

Prellwitz, an elementary education major, received the award for elementary teaching and Ramos, a math education major, for secondary teaching. Both seniors are graduates of Towner High School. The awards were presented in March at the MSU and Minot ATE Spring Banquet.



Prellwitz



Ramos

MSU humanities division recognizes students

The Division of Humanities at Minot State University recognized students for their contributions during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Three students were recognized with Distinguished Student Achievement awards: Tara Bulow, Conde, S.D., art;

Rick Heit, Minot, broadcasting; and Matt Murphy, Minot, communication arts-theatre.

Bulow received her award for two significant achievements: a 2007 Ad-Fed “Best of Show” award and \$500 scholarship for a magazine layout titled “Cockroach Anatomy 101” and achieving a 4.0 grade-point average. In addition, she was the art director for the 2007 “Coup,” MSU’s literary and art magazine. Faculty recognized Bulow for her quality of never settling for “good enough.” She interned at Lowe’s Printing last summer and was hired part-time in the fall.

Murphy was awarded for his solo performance in “21-A,” a Black Box Theatre production written by Kevin Kling. Not only did Murphy prepare and present eight different characters, he designed and built the set, produced the transitional film cuts and made personal appearances to advertise the play.

Heit received his award for producing a movie as part of his senior recital in broadcasting. A co-production with his younger brother, “Forced Intelligence,” featured Rick as an engineer who loses his job and ends up working as a custodian at a spy agency. The movie aired in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall and was well received. He has also produced four recruiting DVDs for the broadcasting department which are still in use. Rick interned with and is now employed full-time with Results Unlimited.

Outstanding seniors were named in each of the humanities programs: Erin Twomey, art, Minot; Dan Erdmann, broadcasting, Goodrich; Tyler Mills, communication arts-theatre, Manvel; Tyler Hancock, English, Minot; Vanessa Anderson, foreign language, Buchanan; and Christopher Lozensky, gender-women’s studies, Minot.

Awards were also announced for two campus presentations. Dianne Walbeck, Minot, won both first-place and the people’s choice award in the 2008 Women’s Heritage Month poster session.

Winners in the 2008 MSU Juries Art Show include Jesse Kelly, who earned “Best of Show,” and merit awards were earned by Bulow, Jayme Allen, Breckinridge, Minn., Lacey Cose, Egeland, and Donna Franklin, Garrison.

Announcements

TIAA-CREF visit through Thursday

A representative from TIAA-CREF will be on campus through Thursday. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-842-2005, ext 5674. The meetings will be in the Souris Room.

This is a great opportunity to discuss retirement investing, whether you have years to go before retirement or you are thinking about retirement soon.

Appointments are available for current participants with TIAA-CREF and for anyone considering opening an account.

Contact Wes Matthews at 858-3352 or wes.matthews@minotstateu.edu if you have trouble scheduling an appointment.

— *Wes Matthews, director of human resources*

College for Kids coming soon

College for Kids is right around the corner—go to this link for more information about our camps: <http://www/cel/CollegeforKids2008.shtml>. All faculty and staff receive \$10 off your registration for each camp in which you enroll your child(ren). For more information contact Amy at 858-3989 or amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu.

— *Amy Woodbeck, professional and community education coordinator*

Campus cleanup was a success

Dear faculty, staff, and students: Despite the cool, windy weather last Friday, we had a decent showing of people to help with the campus clean-up effort. Total amount of garbage collected exceeded 86 pounds.

Thanks to all you who did brave the elements and help make our campus beautiful, in particular, for your efforts in cleaning around the vicinity of the Dome in preparation for the Commencement ceremony this Friday.

Congratulations to the winners in the prize drawing:

- Guy Hanley, science department. – MSU wind vest
- Nancy Mickelson, Student Health Center – MSU coffee mug
- Michelle Galster, social work student – MSU T-shirt

Winners may stop by the Office of the President and pick up their prizes.

— *Deb Wentz, executive assistant to the president*

Paper supplies available at plant services

These items are available at plant services free of charge on a first-come-first-serve basis:

- Astroparche paper (Colors: buff, white, gray and sand)
- Manila envelopes
 - 10x13 auto seal
 - 10x13 clasp
 - 10x13 catalog
 - 9x12 clasp
 - 12x15
- White envelopes
 - 10x13 auto seal
 - #9 envelopes
 - #10 envelopes
 - #10 window envelopes

Please call 858-3210 or e-mail tammy.pons@minotstateu.edu to request.

— *Barb Johnson, administrative assistant for the vice president for administration and finance*

In the galleries

May 7-June 11—"One Voice, One Message," senior show by Michele Borkhuis, Melissa Ditalo and Mary Wagar, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

May 7-28—"On the Tree," senior show by Tara Bulow, and "Within These Walls: Objects and Architecture," senior show by Erin Twomey, Library Gallery.

The public reception for "One Voice, One Message," senior art show by Borkhuis, Ditalo and Wagar is tonight (May 7), Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

May 7-June 30, 2008

May

- 7 NAC: public reception for "One Voice, One Message," senior art show by Michele Borkhuis, Melissa Ditalo and Mary Wagar, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 7-8 Second eight-week classes: final exams.
- 7-June 11 NAC exhibit, "One Message, One Voice," senior show by Michele Borkhuis, Melissa Ditalo and Mary Wagar, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 8 Staff Senate elections, Student Center atrium, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 8 Senior Athletic Banquet, Conference Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 MSU Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m.
- 9 MSU Bottineau Commencement, Bottineau campus, 3 p.m.
- 11 Outdoor Track & Field Last Chance Meet, Dickinson, N.D.
- 11-26 China Study Tour.
- 15 Autism Spectrum Disorders: Description, Etiology and Treatment, sponsored by NDCPD, Memorial 236, 4-6 p.m.
- 15 MSU Bismarck Program reception for graduates, Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, 5-7 p.m.

- 20 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.
- 21 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
- 22 Old Main Society recognition, Conference Center, 5:30-9 p.m.
- 22-24 Outdoor Track & Field NAIA Championships, St. Louis, Mo.
- 26 Memorial Day, university closed.
- 28 Summer classes begin.
- 29 Applied Behavior Analysis-Based Treatments for Autism, sponsored by NDCPD, Memorial 236, 2-4 p.m.
- 29-30 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
- 30-June 1 Girls post/perimeter basketball camp, Dome.

June

- 1 Last day to drop and not receive a grade of "W."
- 1-5 Girls individual basketball camp, Dome.
- 3 Last day to add a summer course.
- 4-July 8 NAC exhibit: Student show: Graphic Design I & II, Library Gallery.
- 9-11 Volleyball skills camp, Dome.
- 10-15 Summer Theatre: "City of Angels," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 12-13 Volleyball team camp, Dome.
- 15-19 Boys individual basketball camp, Dome.
- 17 Staff Senate, Jones room, 9 a.m.
- 17-July 18 NAC exhibit: "Light and Life," senior show by Ashley Wells and Maureen Williams, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 18 NAC public reception for "Light and Life," senior show by Ashley Wells and Maureen Williams, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 23-26 Boys and girls individual basketball instruction, Dome.
- 24-28 Summer Theatre: "Shakespeare in Hollywood," Amphitheater, 8:30 p.m.
- 26-27 CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.

Minot State University Mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.



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