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Minot State University will achieve national distinction as one of the premier public, regional universities in the "great" Great Plains.

Faculty, staff and student achievements

Kodwo Annan, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "Mathematical Modeling of Solute Transfer during Hemodialysis Session," at the annual MathFest conference in Pittsburgh, Aug. 5-7. Annan's work includes development of a mathematical model to improve the quality and efficacy of hemodialysis treatment. Undergraduate mathematics majors, **Carson Moen** and **Teddy Thorsgaard**, assisted in this research. Moen is a junior from Minot, and Thorsgaard is a senior from Bottineau.

In June, **John Girard**, associate professor of business administration and business information technology, traveled to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, to deliver the keynote address to the United Arab Emirates Knowledge Management Forum 2010. On June 14, the forum commenced with Girard's presentation, "The TLC of KM: Understanding and Applying the Enablers of Knowledge Management." Girard also closed the forum on June 15 with a talk titled "Social Knowledge: Are You Ready for the Future, Abu Dhabi?" Pictures from the event are available at tinyurl.com/uaekmforum2010.



On June 16, Girard facilitated a master's class based on his book, "A Leader's Guide to Knowledge Management in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates." Leaders from Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Jordan participated in the one-day event.

On June 30, Girard participated in the State Board of Higher Education's new members' orientation in Bismarck. The Council of College Faculties elected Girard as 2010-11 faculty advisor to the SBHE. He will serve a one-year term ending June 30.

Chelsea Starr, assistant professor of social science, attended several teaching workshops at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in August because of a generous grant from the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning. The sessions will help Starr to assist students in seeing how their academic skills transfer to the job market, see the value of active citizenship and engage students in quantitative literacy and practice.

The Mathematical Association of America accepted **Narayan Thapa**, an instructor of mathematics, to participate in its professional development program, Project NeXT. As part of Project NeXT, Thapa attended a workshop and annual MAA MathFest conference in Pittsburgh, Aug. 5-7. He will also attend the annual Joint Mathematics Meeting in New Orleans, Jan. 5-8, 2011, and a workshop and MAA MathFest in

Sept. 15, 2010

MSU core values and purpose

MSU cares deeply about its students, their learning and their growth. The university is proud of its values and long-term commitment to teaching and learning with excellence, integrity and engagement; serving students and others respectfully and responsibly; following high ethical and moral principles; and supporting the values of community and place, where all community members are valued and respected for their work, contributions and freedom of expression. MSU helps people appreciate life and learning and contribute meaningfully to the lives of others.

To highlight and recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Minot State University students, faculty and staff, the Office of Public Information established a special, monthly edition of Minot State University Inside devoted to these achievements. This special, monthly edition includes professional or civic achievements or successes accomplished in recent months. MSU wants to highlight the many distinguished achievements realized by our campus.

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Lexington, Ky., Aug. 3-6, 2011, as part of participation in Project NeXT.

Several MSU women faculty participated in the Delta Kappa Gamma 2010 state workshop in Valley City on June 10-11. This international society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. President **Karen Walz** presided over the two-day meeting. **Becki Anhorn**, first vice president and chair of the State Program Committee, presented a workshop on program planning, while **Elaine Larson**, treasurer, gave a chapter finance workshop, and **Lisa Borden-King** presented a workshop on brain-research theories regarding reading. **Jan Repnow**, corresponding secretary, took part in the Founder's Program.

Faculty and staff acknowledgements from the August 25 University Cabinet meeting

Members of the University Cabinet are asked to let the Minot State University community know about the students, faculty and staff in their areas who perform extraordinary work and who make a significant contribution or accomplish an achievement.

Minot State thanks the many people, both on and off campus, who assisted the university in the ribbon-cutting and Business After Hours events at Swain Hall and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Herb Parker Stadium football/soccer field.

Ben Bruton, **Jane LaPlante** and **Patti Hunt** from the Gordon B. Olson Library; **Rebecca Porter**, Office of Enrollment Services; **Tammy Wolf**, Student Success Center; and **Kelly Lichtenberger**, Office of the Registrar, conducted a CONNECT session in Bismarck on July 27 for MSU students there.

Melanie DeBoer-Brunsdan assistant athletic director for compliance and student life, contributed to MSU's transition to Candidacy Year Two of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The NCAA Division II inducted **Robin Ersland**, head wrestling coach, into its Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Information Technology Central staff, **Lilah Diederich**, **Bob Feller**, **Neil Fulton**, **Cathy Horvath**, **Darren Olson**, **Tyler Schmaltz** and **George Withus**, and student technicians, **Sean Daggert**, **Aaron Jaeger**, **James Knudsen** and **Obed Rodriguez**, and **Office of Facilities Management staff** picked up, loaded and shrink wrapped unusable equipment for the Apply recycling initiative.

Amber O'Brien, residence life coordinator, served our students for the past two years. MSU offers best wishes to O'Brien and her family on their move to Alaska.

Recognition is due the entire **residence life staff** for their hard work during training of staff and opening of the residence halls.

Mark Timbrook, Office of Instructional Technology design specialist, adjunct history faculty member and author, established the MSU Archaeology Field School and brought students to the first dig at Fort James, S.D. **Margaret Sherre**, associate professor of English, also participated in this project.

Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance faculty and staff efficiently moved into the newly renovated Swain Hall. Facilities management personnel worked diligently to ensure the building was ready for occupation prior to the start of the school year.

MSU IRB presents annual report for 2009-2010

The following report presents data from the Minot State University Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects for the period from May 2009 to May 2010. The MSU IRB reviews proposed research involving human subjects to ensure that the rights and welfare of the subjects are protected. All parties conducting research involving human subjects must submit a review application, and the research is examined by the committee.

There are three levels of application and review. The Exempt Review category pertains to research activities involving human subjects in which there is minimal or no risk and in which the only involvement of human subjects is in one of the federally predetermined categories. The Expedited Review category pertains to research in which there is no more than minimal risk and in which the only involvement of human subjects is in one or more of the predetermined expedited categories. Finally, Full Board Review pertains to research which does not meet the Exempt or Expedited status and requires review by the entire IRB Committee.

The MSU IRB Committee members are:

- **Brent Askvig**, chair of the IRB, executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Special Education.
- **Vicki Michels**, vice chair of the IRB, Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology and Social Work.
- **Christopher Beachy**, Department of Biology.
- **Dean Frantsvog**, Department of Accounting and Finance.
- **Warren Gamas**, Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance.
- **John Girard**, Department of Business Administration.
- **Thomas Linares**, Department of Communication Disorders.
- **Selmer Moen**, interim vice president for academic affairs and Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.
- **Mary Muhlbradt**, community member from Trinity Hospital.
- **Linda Pettersen**, Department of Nursing.
- **Rick Seklecki**, Department of Criminal Justice.
- **Marv Wierenga**, community member representing First Presbyterian Church.

From mid May 2009 through May 6, 2010, 72 research proposals were submitted to the MSU IRB. Three proposals did not meet qualifications for research or involvement of human subjects, and thus, they were not submitted to committee members for review. Of the remaining 69 proposals, 42 received review under the Exempt category, 16 afforded review under Expedited, and 10 received Full-Board Review. One proposal was an annual update and revision of previously approved research.

Of the 69 proposals, graduate students submitted 31, and MSU faculty or staff submitted the remaining 38. The proposals were received from the following MSU units:

- Office of Academic and Institutional Projects, seven proposals.
- Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology and Social Work, four proposals.
- Department of Business Administration, six proposals.
- Department of Business Information Technology, one proposal.
- Department of Communication Disorders, two proposals.
- Department of Criminal Justice, three proposals.

- Department of Foreign Languages, one proposal.
- Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, one proposal.
- Division of Music, one proposal.
- North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, seven proposals.
- Department of Nursing, four proposals.
- Rural Crime and Justice Center, four proposals.
- Department of Sociology, three proposals.
- Department of Special Education, three proposals.
- Student Health Center, two proposals.
- Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance, 20 proposals.

During the one-year period, the MSU IRB examined and modified policy and practice. The MSU IRB application form changed, along with the criteria for committee review. The form for Multiple Project Exempt status (generally used for MSU courses) received a signature/approval line for department chairs. Presently, all MSU IRB Committee members are involved, on a rotating basis, in Exempt and Expedited application reviews.

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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