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Vision 2013

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

Sarah Aleshire, instructor of English, presented a paper, "Extreme Makeover: Uncanny Edition — How Neoliberal Rhetoric Turns Tragedy into Feel Good Entertainment," in the plenary session at the Languages and Cultures Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota Conference in Fargo, Sept. 23-24.

Minot State University students **Jolita Bennett**, **Kevin Matze** and **Aaron Severson**, presented at the 59th annual Peace Gardens Conference Oct. 21 in Dunseith. Bennett, a sophomore from Upham, presented "Seeing the Path through the Troubled End," while senior Matze, Williston, gave "Global Climate Change and International Politics: Environmentalism and Sovereignty." Severson, a senior from Minot, served as the discussant of the session "Natural Resources: Cross Border Issues." The faculty organizer was **Jynette Larshus**, assistant professor of social science.

Kristi Berg, assistant professor of business information technology, successfully defended her dissertation in completion of a doctorate degree in organization management from Capella University, Minneapolis.

Micah Bloom, assistant professor of art, won first place in Ruminant Magazine's 2011 Visual Art Competition. Bloom's artwork will be featured in the winter 2011-12 issue.

Student Government Association selected **Brady Burckhard**, a senior from Burlington, as its October Senator of the Month. Burckhard received this honor because of his commitment to SGA and his dedication to representing the students of Minot State University.

Alec Clark and **Kristen Schneider**, Minot State University Honors Program students, presented at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Phoenix, Ariz. Clark, a Minot native and chemistry major, investigated the discrepancies within the ethics of stem cell research and how they have hindered the advancement of a potential cure for Parkinson's disease. Schneider, a communication disorders major from Regina, Saskatchewan, weighed the gains and stresses that parents endure in intensive and structured behavioral treatment for their children with autism. The seniors were two of 19 students chosen from around the U.S. to present at the conference.

College of Business faculty **Patti Fedje**, **Deanna Klein**, **Frank Moseley** and **Lori Willoughby** joined the Minot High School Magic City Campus Senior Career Day Oct. 25. Fedje talked about accounting and bookkeeping positions, while Moseley discussed job within the energy and finance fields. Klein and Willoughby spoke about business information technology positions.

Dean Frantsvog, associate professor of accounting, presented a paper on the law issues at the International Business and Economics Research conference in Las Vegas, Oct. 10-11.

A faculty group traveled to Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 to join the Council of Deans of Education Teacher Education Summit. Participants included **Warren Gamas**, interim chair of teacher education and human performance; **Kathy Hintz**, teacher education; **Joseph Jastrzembki**, history; **Jaimie McMullan**,

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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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human performance; **Cheryl Nilsen**, mathematics; and **Neil Nordquist**, dean of the College of Education and Health Services. The group met with faculty from other programs to discuss, collaborate and share ideas about improving programs in literacy, numeracy, student teaching and secondary education.

Paula Lindekugel-Willis, associate professor of communication arts, spoke about "Using Theatrical Elements in the Traditional Classroom" at the Communication, Speech, Theatre Association of North Dakota speech and theatre convention Sept. 15-17 in Bismarck.

Audra Myerchin, assistant professor of communication arts, gave three presentations, "Mobile Technology," "Marking Courses Interesting" and "Pedagogy and Research" at the C STAND convention. C STAND named Myerchin 2011 Scholar of the Year.

A Minot State University panel of **Myerchin, Beth Odahlen**, director of the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, **Nancy Pearson**, instructor of communication arts, and **Gary Ross**, chair and professor within the Department of Business Administration, discussed "Growing Pains: One University's Journey to Implement Engagement Across Campus" at the National Society for Experiential Education convention in Dallas, Oct. 18-22.

Kevin Neuharth, associate professor of communication arts,

served as the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival respondent for the University of North Dakota theatre production "Time Stands Still" Oct. 13 in Grand Forks.

Cheryl Nilsen, associate professor of mathematics, gave testimony to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Legislative Interim Council Nov. 3 regarding the accreditation process for teacher education programs in North Dakota. Nilsen testified at the request of the executive director of the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board.

Linda Olson, chair and art professor within the Division of Humanities served as a documentation specialist for the Sacred Sites Project in Musselshell, Mont., Sept. 11-15. She directed the North Dakota Art Gallery Association's annual convention and Fargo-Moorhead Art Crawl in Fargo from Sept. 29 to Oct. 4.

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Stephen Banister, Jancy Brisson, Linda Cresap, Patti Fedje, Russ Gagnon, Karen Holmen, Pam Hopkins, Evelyn Klimpel, Lenore Koczon, Annette Mennem, Kate Neuhalfen, Neil Nordquist, Diane Pierson, Rebecca Porter, Connie Teets, Kris Warmoth, Renae Yale and Lilah Diederich served food at the Community Block Party.

Leon Perzinski, Student Center director, efficiently coordinated the 2011 Homecoming Parade.

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.

