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NDCPD wins Staff Senate decorating contest

Dec. 7, the judges of the Staff Senate holiday decorating contest named the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities as the competition's winner. The other entries were advancement and marketing, enrollment services, the POWER Center, Student Government Association, the Student Success Center and the Student Wellness Center.

Handel's 'Messiah' opens holiday season

The Heritage Singers men's chorus, the Voices of Note women's chorus, the Minot State University Concert Choir and community singers, including high school students, united Dec. 2 for the 83rd consecutive performance of "Messiah" in Minot. They were directed by Ken Bowles, Division of Music chair. Proceeds support the Joseph Hegstad Music Scholarship and the John Strohm Music Scholarship funds for MSU music students.



SSWO-Fargo fights homelessness and hunger in Minot and Fargo-Moorhead

Last March, Minot State University social work students instituted a branch of the Student Social Work Organization in Fargo. SSWO-Fargo's members are students enrolled in a dual degree program between MSU's social work program and North Dakota State University's human development family science program. Although in its infancy, the student organization immediately began calling attention to issues.



Throughout early November, SSWO-Fargo collected money, groceries and supplies for the Minot Area Homeless Coalition. It collected more than \$600, plus food and supplies, to be delivered to Minot during the semester break.

SSWO-Fargo also collaborated with the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

“Typically, homelessness is only thought of in terms of financial resources, but there are many factors that lead to homelessness. Loss of employment, long-term illness, substance abuse, divorce, domestic violence, child abuse, institutional release and other factors create situations when people cannot afford to pay rent or house payments,” said Deb Dewitz, SSWO-Fargo advisor.

“Additional causes may be attributed to defects in the system, such as lack of affordable housing, space in treatment

facilities for persons suffering from mental illness or substance abuse and preventive services to help people remain in their homes.”

Nov. 13, members coordinated Miss-a-Meal, an evening event with Bingo, raffle prizes and a guest speaker from the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People. Students went without eating from lunch on Nov. 13 until breakfast on Nov. 14 to experience missing just one meal.

Nov. 15 was One Day Without a Home. Participants stood in the cold and “froze” to experience homelessness firsthand for 24 hours, on the corner of 12th Ave. N. and University in Fargo; community members dropped off food or monetary contributions.

SSWO-Fargo also collected over \$1,000 for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Homeless Coalition and more than 700 pounds of food for the Great Plains Food Bank. The Great Plains Food Bank combats hunger across the state.

For more information, contact Dewitz at debra.dewitz@minotstateu.edu.

Disability-related training offered to emergency responders

The Disability Health II project of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities is offering technical assistance on disability-related issues to emergency responders, health care providers and other

disability

health-related groups across North Dakota. NDCPD is a University Center of Excellence on developmental disabilities on the Minot State University campus.

“The training is free and part of an effort to promote the health and wellness of North Dakota citizens with disabilities,” said Emily Rodacker, NDCPD outreach coordinator.



“Training topics include health promotion and wellness, access to health care, disability awareness and emergency preparedness.”

Technical assistance will be tailored to meet specific needs and interests of an organization and will be offered on-site or via distance technology. Training can be completed in one session, which may last from one to two hours. Training includes a presentation, discussion and implementation strategies.

To request training or ask questions, contact Rodacker at 858-3546 or emily.rodacker@minotstateu.edu.

MSO High School Soloist Competition slated

The Minot State University Division of Music is sponsoring the upcoming Minot Symphony Orchestra High School Soloist Competition Friday (Dec. 14) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to view the auditions.

“We have had stunning performances by some very talented young individuals in the past,” said Jon Rumney, professor of music. “In most cases, this is their first experience performing as soloist with an orchestra, and it can be a stepping stone to a performing career.”

Rumney has coordinated the competition for 18 years. He distributes applications and guidelines to music teachers in north central and northwest North Dakota schools. Students perform repertoire from the concerto literature or of the equivalent difficulty and substance suitable for a symphonic program.

The winner will perform with the Minot Symphony Orchestra as the featured soloist at its Children's Concerts Jan. 25 and its Family



Rumney

Concert on Jan. 26.

For questions, contact Rumney at jon.rumney@minotstateu.edu or 858-3304.

New staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Chad Hammond and Justine Italiano.

Hammond, Rural Crime and Justice Center systems coordinator, graduated from MSU in May with a bachelor's degree in management information systems. He enjoys working on cars and being outdoors. He is engaged to Brooke Rose.



Hammond

Italiano joins the POWER Center as the advising coordinator. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Villanova University and worked there upon graduation.



Italiano

Nursing students showcased projects during Research Day

Research Day, sponsored by the Minot State University Department of Nursing Dec. 7, highlighted semester-long research projects of all five semester nursing students. The students presented their work as mini-poster sessions. This year, two teams chose to research post-flood topics pertinent to a healthy community.

The topics and teams included:

- S1 students (first semester) — “Nursing Interventions and Diagnosis in Care Planning,” where each student picked a topic of passion to research and present.

- S2 — “Sentinel Events,” or things that should never happen in a health care setting, involved students choosing a topic of interest, researching the literature and offering prevention solutions.

- S3s — In “Health Effects of the

Flood,” students completed a meta-analysis of data to determine what post-flood illnesses are presenting in the health care setting more than usual.

•S4s — For “The Forgotten Sewers: Assessment of the Sorenson and Brekke Additions and Spoklie’s Trailer Court,” the public health class assessed three Minot areas with compromised sewer systems and presented findings.

•S5s — “Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Pressure Ulcers” was research completed as an organizational change project. Alleviating pressure ulcers, or bed sores, is one of the National Patient Safety Goals of The Joint Commission for Hospital Accreditation.

Underwood High School wins Tech Day

Underwood High School, which received the most points for placements in all competitions, won the Sweepstakes Team Traveling Trophy for the fifth year during the



Department of Business Information Technology’s 15th annual Technology Day. Other participating high schools included Berthold, Bowbells, Des Lacs-Burlington, Kenmare, Max, Powers Lake, Surrey, TGU Granville, TGU Towner, Underwood and Westhope.

The high school students competed in accounting, business law, desktop publishing, document production, business principles, spreadsheet applications and webpage design. Every school was eligible to enter one student in each of the seven individual events.

BIT faculty members and Pi Omega Pi, the business teacher-education honor society, supervised the competition.

MSU holiday hours

For a complete list of hours of operation of Minot State University entities, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/news/000589.shtml>.

In the galleries

Dec. 12-28 — “Dakotah Series: Monoprints,” by C. Robert Schwieger, Library Gallery.

Dec. 12-31 — International Mezzotint Exchange exhibition by 24 IMS artists, Hartnett Gallery.

Jan. 7-Feb. 7 — “Beneath the Surface” by Kent Kapplinger, Americas 2012: Paperworks best-of-show artist, Library Gallery.

Jan. 7-Feb. 20 — “Americas 2013: Paperworks,” a national juried competition with juror Nicole Pietrantoni, Walla Walla, Wash., Hartnett Gallery.

Faculty and staff achievements

The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.

Deb Dewitz, social work dual degree liaison, recently joined the National Association of Social Workers North Dakota board of directors as the Fargo representative. NASW is the national professional association for social workers.

John Girard, management professor, was a keynote speaker for the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information in Doha, Qatar, Nov. 14-20. Girard also facilitated a knowledge management workshop.

Ron Royer, science professor, just finished an extensive U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey and habitat mapping for two endangered insects. His 105-page report, “Dakota Skipper and Poweshiek Skipperling Field Survey and Habitat Assessment at

Twenty-Nine North Dakota Sites During the 2012 Season,” was submitted to USFWS Dec. 1. The Poweshiek Skipperling, in particular, has demonstrated a widespread decline over the past several years, thus giving rise to the study.

Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, served as an election-night commentator for KMOT-TV. Seymour is a member of the Minot City Council and past state senator from 2002 to 2010.

Seymour, Kristi Berg, assistant business information technology professor, and **Richa Goel**, graduate student, co-authored “History of Databases” for International Journal of Management & Information Systems, the Clute Institute, first quarter 2012 issue.

ShaunAnne Tangney, associate English professor, presented a paper titled “Know Beauty, Know Justice: Why Beauty Matters in the Classroom” at the Western Literature Association conference in Lubbock, Texas, Nov. 7-10.

Narayan Thapa, assistant mathematics professor, was appointed associate editor for International Journal for Scientific Research and Reports. Thapa presented “Existence of Optimal Parameters for the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model,” a research paper co-authored with MSU students **Justin Ziegler** and **Carson Moen**, at the sectional meeting of the American Mathematical Society at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Oct. 27.

Lori Willoughby, Department of Business Information Technology chair, served as president at the International Association for Computer Information Systems annual conference and Executive Council board meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 3-6. She also presented a paper, “Adoption of Cell

Phones as Preparedness Efforts for Natural Disasters.” Her co-authors are faculty members **Assion Lawson-Body** and **Laurence Mukankusi**, from the University of North Dakota, and **Kinvi Logossah**, from the University of Antilles and Guyana.

Numerous Minot State University faculty members were engaged at the North Dakota University System’s Arts and Humanities Summit in Valley City, Oct. 11-12. **Micah Bloom**, assistant art professor, and students **Josh Collins** and **Max Patzner** presented “Codex.” **Andrea Donovan**, assistant art and humanities professor, and **Ryan Winburn**, associate chemistry professor, discussed “The Importance of High Impact Practices in Humanities Education.” Donovan, Gregory Pitcher from Bismarck State College and Don Hoff from Valley City State University served on a panel about “The North Dakota General Education Council and the Humanities.” **Eric Furuseth**, associate humanities professor, presented “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad,” while **Ryan Stander**, art instructor, offered “Regarding Suffering: Seeking an Art Hermeneutic in Johann Baptist Metz Political Theology.” Music faculty **Dianna Anderson** and **DeVera** and **Ken Bowles** performed.

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