



May 8, 2013



Graduate and alumna to speak at commencement

Friday (May 10), commencement speakers senior Anthony Anderson and alumna Karen Krebsbach will address Minot State University's Vision 2013 Strategy VII: "Ensuring Future Institutional Viability, Vitality and Growth."



Anderson

MSU graduate students will participate in a hooding ceremony at 8 a.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The commencement ceremony for graduate and undergraduate students will begin in the Dome at 10 a.m.

Anderson, a Minot native who is graduating cum laude, completed a Bachelor of Science with a major in finance.

Anderson was part of the first group of Great Plains Exceptional Scholars, was listed in the 2011 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities" and is a member of the MSU Honors Program in Engagement in Scholarship. During his academic career, he participated in Student Government Association, Rotaract and was editor of the Red & Green student newspaper.



Krebsbach

Krebsbach graduated from Minot State in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration. For 35 years, Krebsbach worked at Krebsbach's Inc., the family-owned

business. Krebsbach's Inc. was the International Harvester farm equipment and motor-truck dealership in Velva and Minot. Currently, she is president of Krebsbach Realty Co., Inc.

In 1988, Krebsbach was elected to the North Dakota State Senate. She has served on the following committees: education, agriculture, industry, business and labor, government and veterans affairs and appropriations. Krebsbach was chair of the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee from 1995 to 2005. In 2001, she served as president pro tempore of the senate. She chairs the Inaugural Planning Committee and serves on the Appropriations Committee and Interim Employee Benefits Programs Committee.

Kathleen Neset, president of Tioga's Neset Consulting Service, Inc., is representing the State Board of Higher Education. Appointed to the board June 20, 2012, Neset's term expires June 30, 2017.



Neset

All members of the MSU community are strongly encouraged to celebrate the students' achievements and the completion of their academic programs. Faculty members should arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome dressed in academic regalia by 9 a.m. All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the ceremony. If student assistance is not available, staff members may close their offices.

For a complete list of graduates, visit www.minotstateu.edu/news/000670.shtml.

Five at MSU earn achievement awards

Three faculty members, Warren Gamas, Ernst Pijning and Clarine Sandstrom, and two staff members, Jason Spain and Doreen Wald, received MSU Board of Regents Achievement Awards Wednesday (May 8) during Minot State University's annual Employee Appreciation and Retirement event. The awards are as follows:

Service — Warren Gamas, Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance chair, is one of the busiest people on campus. Not only does he fulfill the duties required of a department chair, he teaches three sections of "ED 380: Technology in Teaching" each semester. He is instrumental in collaborative partnerships with Minot Public Schools technology coordinators to share the latest and newest technological advances.



Gamas

Presently, Gamas is chair of the

University Program Prioritization Committee, co-chair of the Centennial Academic Committee and a member of the Institutional Review Board and the Planning and Budgeting Council. He is a participating member in the North Dakota Association for Colleges of Teacher Education and has served as past president of the North Dakota Association of Teacher Educators at both the local and state level. NDATE awarded him its Distinguished Educator award in 2009.

Gamas judges for the Science Olympiad and teaches summer College for Kids "Lego Robotics" and "Minecraft." He also judges robotics competition for the STARBASE program.

As a Minot Lion's Club past president, he facilitated fundraisers to restore playground equipment at Longfellow Elementary School as well as to assist Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Scholarship — Ernst Pijning, history professor, dedicated to cultural diversity and multiculturalism, teaches about and provides students with a sense of belonging in a wider academic community. An expert on the history of Brazil and its relations with Europe and the Americas, Pijning conducts research in Portuguese, Dutch, English and French, a rarity among historians. His contribution in this area of specialty is extensive and his production of articles, chapters and conference papers has been a prominent and constant feature since his arrival at MSU in 1999. Pijning's work appears in prestigious journals, and he has published in English, French and Portuguese. He recently completed a sabbatical during which he made extensive revisions to his book manuscript, "Controlling Contraband: Economy, Mentality and Society in 18th Century Rio de



Pijning

Janeiro,” that he is preparing for Louisiana State University Press.

Pijning also translates his scholarly devotion to the classroom and the Minot community. His students learn from the latest material in the field; community members enjoy his talks and short articles written for a broader audience. Three years ago, he revived the regional competition for National History Day in North Dakota.

Teaching — **Clarine Sandstrom**, associate education professor, joined the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance in 2002. “Dr. C,” as she is affectionately called, is passionate about her role as an educator. She uses “rejuvenate,” “relate” and “inspire” when discussing teaching and learning with colleagues and teacher candidates.



Sandstrom

The MSU alumna is a leader in the teacher education program in relation to undergraduate and graduate early childhood education, middle school and the adolescent learner, and gifted education. She is committed to preparing all candidates with current information and teaching strategies necessary for the diverse learning environments in which teachers work.

Sandstrom is an excellent educator, leader and life-long learner. She credits her passion for teaching and learning and compassion for people to outstanding Minot State faculty influences.

Jason Spain, head women’s soccer coach, has steered the program since its inception three years ago. Spain led Minot State University’s soccer team to its first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship and



Spain

national tournament berth during the 2012-13 year.

Spain’s enthusiasm and his service to the campus and community are outstanding. Prior to the 2011 Mouse River Flood, he assisted dozens of homeowners in vacating their houses. He was also instrumental in ensuring MSU’s Lura Manor was evacuated.

For several weeks following the flood, Spain and his family fed flood victims. He also organized a care package to be sent to troops in Afghanistan. When no other volunteers stepped forward to fill a coaching need, Spain volunteered to coach five traveling youth soccer teams so community children could continue to compete in this program.

Doreen Wald started at MSU in 1987 as an administrative assistant for the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. In this role, Wald became a pioneer of the Apple Macintosh, the first computer to use a mouse, and the



Wald

accompanying Apple software. She traveled to several area schools with faculty member Larry Atwood to teach administrators and teachers how to use the Macintosh computer and its most popular software. She earned the nickname “Mac-Wald,” after regularly answering “how-to” questions over the phone regarding Macintosh software.

Wald also worked as a weekend secretary for James Babb, while he was chair of the North Dakota Education Fact Finding Commission.

In 1994, Wald joined the Printing Office as a typesetter and publication designer. In 2010, she became the manager of the Office of Publication and Design Services and the MSU Copy Center.

For eight years, Wald was a Cub and Boy Scouts leader/advisory committee member for Pack and Troop #416. She

taught catechism classes for her church for two years. In addition, she served on the original advisory board for Minot Public Schools' before and after-school child care program.

Eight MSU employees recently retired or will retire at the semester's end. This year's retirees include Debra DeWitz, social work; Alan Ekblad, special education; Robert Feller, information technology; Marcia Johnson, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Sue Krebsbach, Center for Extended Learning; JoAnn Linrud, College of Business; Dianne Maupin, communication disorders; and Clarine Sandstrom, teacher education and human performance.

Three faculty members, Rita Myer, nursing; Audra Myerchin, humanities; and Holly Pedersen, special education; earned doctorates this year. Naomi Winburn received a Master of Arts in Teaching: science.

Service awards presented

Sixty Minot State University employees were acknowledged for five-year increments of service at the annual recognition event Wednesday (May 8):

35 Years — Robert Feller, information technology; LaDona Malachowski, Business Office; and Melanie Moore, student development.

25 Years — Patricia Fedje, accounting and finance; Donna Harvey, Gordon B. Olson Library; and David Rochholz, teacher education and human performance.

20 Years — Shirley Cole-Harding, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Cheryl Gilson, communication disorders; and Jonelle Watson, Business Office.

15 Years — Lisa Borden-King, teacher education and human performance; Merri Jo Connole, financial aid; Marlene Hargrave,

Business Office; Leisa Harmon, communication disorders; Joseph Jastrzembski, social science; Christopher Keller, biology; Richard Miller, facilities management; ShaunAnne Tangney, humanities; and Laurie Weber, financial aid.

10 Years — Thomas Alexander, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Andrew Bertsch, business administration; Mikhail Bobylev, science; Casey Coleman, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Jodi Connell, special education; Alexandra Deufel, biology; Heather Golly, teacher education and human performance; Anton Huether, information technology; Patricia Jorgenson, teacher education and human performance; Draza Markovic, science; Chad McNally, athletics; Frank Moseley, accounting and finance; Clarine Sandstrom, teacher education and human performance; Darren Seifert, NDCPD; Deborah Townsend, nursing; Johnna Westby, special education; and Amy Woodbeck, Center for Extended Learning.

5 Years — William Archambeault, criminal justice; Mark Boren, music; Ben Bruton, Gordon B. Olson Library; Melissa Cantone, Registrar's Office; Andrea Donovan, humanities; Jeffery Engel, athletics; Amina Escalera, humanities; Kathie Eslinger, student health; Joseph Ford, athletics; David Getzlaff, facilities management; Jill Hieb, Business Office; Jessica Hudson, CEL; Deborah Kinzell, Registrar's Office; Kate Marshall, advancement; Brigitte Mikula, CEL; Timothy Morris, mathematics and computer science; Katherine Poline, special education; Jan Reppow, business information technology; Melinda Rudnick, Business Office; Neil Scharpe, NDCPD; Richard Seklecki, criminal justice; William Triplett, athletics; Brock Weppler, athletics; Kristin Wood, Graduate School; and Bobbie Zueger, CEL.

In the galleries

May 8-30 — "Lives of Bones," senior capstone exhibit by Nichole Bennett and Cassandra Anderson, Library Gallery. The public reception will be Thursday (May 9) at the Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

May 11-June 14 — "The Art of Temptation," exhibit by Chelsey Lunstad, Hartnett Gallery. The public reception will be Saturday (May 11) in Hartnett Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m., with an artist talk at 7 p.m.

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.

Kodwo Annan, Stephanie Drovdal, Stephen Hayton, Timothy Morris, Cheryl Nilsen and Narayan Thapa, mathematics and computer science, presented at the North Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual spring conference in Minot, April 5-6. Department of Mathematics and Computer Science faculty also served on the spring conference's committees. **Drovdal** served as the Exhibit Committee chair and on the Publicity Committee; **Carmen Fricke** was co-chair of the Registration Committee; **Larry Goodman** served on the Equipment Committee; and **Nilsen** was program chair for the conference.

Cheryl Nilsen, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science chair, served as an adjudicator at the Region 9 Speech Meet in Ray, April 8; the Region 7 Speech Meet in Washburn, April 12; the Region 8 Speech Meet at

MSU, April 13; and the State Class B Speech Meet in Grand Forks, April 27. **Aili Smith and Carlen Gilseth,** communication arts faculty, served as adjudicators at the Region 9 and Region 8 meets respectively.

Jan Repnow will receive the 2013 Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Teacher of the Year Award – Postsecondary Business



Repnow

Teacher. The award will be presented at the Mountain Plains Regional Conference June 9–12 in Omaha, Neb.

The National Business Education Association (NBEA) is the nation's largest professional organization devoted exclusively to serving individuals and groups engaged in instruction, administration, research, and dissemination of information for and about business.

The Mountain-Plains Business Education Association is made up of the following nine US states — Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, South Dakota and Wyoming, and two Canadian provinces — Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

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