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## Special edition of Inside

### 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

In October, College of Arts and Sciences faculty members, **Sarah Aleshire, Johnny Coomansingh, Andrea Donovan, Eric Furuseth, Robert Kibler, John Morrow, Margaret Sherve, Rick Watson** and **Brandy Wilson** offered scholarly presentations at the 51st annual meeting of the Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota. This meeting was held at the University of North Dakota, and CAS faculty collectively represented Minot State University well before an audience of regional peers.

**Rebecca Anhorn**, teacher education and human performance, and **Cheryl Nilsen**, mathematics and computer science, presented "Math and L.D. Teachers Together" at the regional conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Nov. 5 in Minneapolis. Anhorn and Nilsen also presented "Co-Teaching Mathematics," at the Super Conference on Special Education Oct. 20-29 in Pierre, S.D. They co-authored and submitted the article, "Building Collaboration between Mathematics Teachers and Special Educators to Support Student Learning," for inclusion in the 2012 Yearbook of the NCTM.

Two Minot State University music students, **Caitlin Benson** and **David Holler**, competed in the Music Teachers National Association Regional Competition at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Jan. 17. In order to compete, a student must be instructed by a teacher registered with MTNA and must win his or her round at the state level. The state competition was at Valley City State University Oct. 25.

Benson, of Fargo, plays the cello and studies with **Erik Anderson**. She competed in the Young Artist String category, and her repertoire included Bach, Haydn and Sculthorpe. This category's competitors must be ages 19 to 26 and have 30 to 40 minutes of performance time. They do not have to memorize their programs, but their music must represent at least two periods, such as baroque, classical or romantic.

Holler, a piano student instructed by **Penny Simons**, competed in the Young Artist Piano category. The Drake native performed works by Mozart, Brahms and Liszt. Students in this category, also ages 19-26, must perform between 30 to 40 minutes of memorized music. This music must also represent at least two different periods.

For 2009-10, **Linda Benson**, public information, was appointed North Central Regional chair for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Memorial Foundation. The Memorial Foundation supports children of members who die while serving their country or at work. These children may attend college or vocational school with grants up to \$30,000. They can also receive medical assistance. Aside from member support, the Memorial Foundation also provides educational benefits to graduates of Home on the Range in Sentinel Butte, High Sky Girls Ranch in Midland, Texas, and Bob Hope High School in Port Arthur, Texas.

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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 is establishing a special monthly edition of Minot State University Inside devoted to these achievements. This special monthly edition will include professional or civic achievements or successes accomplished in recent months. MSU wants to highlight the many distinguished achievements realized by our campus.

### NEXT ISSUE

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Minot's Young Professionals organization selected **Kristi Berg**, business information technology, as the Young Professional of the Month for February. For more details, visit [www.yppminot.com](http://www.yppminot.com). Minot's Young Professionals are young professionals, ages 21-39, living and working in Minot and the surrounding areas. They believe Minot has much to offer and its future looks bright.

The Journal of Economic Crime appointed **Wojciech Cebulak**, criminal justice, to serve on its editorial board. The Journal of Economic Crime has been in publication since 2002.

In September, **Johnny Coomansingh**, geography, presented "Resource Characteristics of the Lesser Prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) and Ideas for Improving its Survival on the High Plains of the United States" to the Prairie Division of Canadian Association of Geographers in Russell, Manitoba. He also spoke about "Old Places and New Spaces of the White American Woman: Interpretations from the Ladies Home Journal," to the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of Utah State University, Logan.

In October, **Coomansingh** gave the presentation, "Trinidad Carnival: an Exhibition of a True Carnavalesque Landscape," at the West Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers Conference at Macalester College, St. Paul.

**Conrad Davidson**, College of Arts and Sciences, wrote "If Shakespeare Were Ref," a 10-page play. It was selected for the Dakota Arts Exhibition tour 2009-10 and recently completed its showing at Minot's Taube Museum of Art. His "Fastest Service in Town," a one-minute play, was produced by the Eclectic Theatre Company, Sarasota, Fla, last fall in the Got a Minute? festival, which raises money for the American Cancer Society. In the past, its fundraisers have surpassed \$25,000 in contributions.

On Jan. 27, **John Girard**, business administration and business information technology, and JoAnn Girard, managing partner of Sagology, co-facilitated an executive workshop in Sydney, Australia. The workshop titled "A Leader's Guide to Knowledge Management," which is based on their recent book of the same name, included participants from The Australian Centre for Volunteering, World Vision Australia, as well as a variety of education and private sector executives. The one-day event considered first and second-generation knowledge-management projects, the future needs of the workforce, reviewing knowledge management concepts through the lens of the next generation, assessing the business value of emerging knowledge-management trends and learning from others' knowledge management successes and failures.

**Girard** facilitated an executive workshop in Sydney, Australia, Jan. 28-29. The workshop, "eLearning 2.0: Are You Ready for the Future," included participants from a variety of government and not-for-profit organizations including the Royal Australian Air Force, Rural Fire Services, Australian Federal Police, World Vision Australia, Queensland Police Service Academy and the Centre for Adult Education.

Volume 23, Issue 1 (2010) of the International Journal of Public Sector Management includes an article by **Girard** and Susan McIntyre, Defence Research and Development Canada, titled "Knowledge management modeling in public sector organizations: a case study." The article's aim is to describe the successful use of a knowledge-management model in a public-sector organization.

**Kathy Hintz**, teacher education and human performance, presented a portion of her dissertation research at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association Annual Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in October. The presentation, titled "History Alive! in the Classroom," included preliminary analysis of two teachers using the History Alive! social studies textbook in their fifth-grade classrooms.

**Joseph Jastrzembski**, history, chairs the North Dakota Humanities Council, which is an independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The NDHC supports public initiatives that create opportunities to think critically about fundamental issues of the human experience in order to understand and enhance American culture.

**Stewart Kelly**, philosophy, had his article, "Miracle, Method, and Metaphysics: Philosophy and the Quest for the Historical Jesus" appear in Trinity Journal, a peer-reviewed theology journal. He also has a book, "Truth Considered and Applied: Responding to the Challenge of Postmodernism," coming out in the fall of 2010. The book will be published by Broadman and Holman Academic.

**Prit Kaur**, criminal justice, was nominated to the editorial board of Pakistan Journal of Criminology. Kaur works in the research areas of transnationalisation of crime and homeland security. Recently her paper, "Legal Pluralism, Identity Crisis and Appeal for Extremism Ideologies," was accepted for presentation at a homeland security conference in Warrensburg, Mo.

**Ruth Kihm**, social work at MSU, and **Jennifer Schlinger**, social work for MSU at the Bismarck campus, were recently informed their proposals for inclusion of Social Work 341 (Social Welfare Policy II, Policy Advocacy), were accepted to be among 20 classes nationwide to participate in the inaugural 2010 Student Social Work Congress. Their students will view live streaming of the 2010 Social Work Congress, held in Washington, D.C., through a virtual environment and will be directly involved in discussion of the future of the profession, developing and voting on future goals and priorities and in creating priorities and goals specific to the Student Congress.

**Nelrene Yellow Bird**, social work, is the National Association of Social Work Board of Directors secretary and will be attending the 2010 Social Work Congress in person. The 2010 Student Social Work Congress' goals are to explore the transition of leadership to a new generation of emerging leaders in social work profession. The first congress in 2005 brought together more than 400 social-work leaders, where they adopted 12 "imperatives for the future" to forge a unified direction for the future of social work.

**Roger Kluck**, director of facilities, is an appointed member of a group studying Ward County government and visioning for what county government can be in five to 20 years. The group is developing its final report, which will be presented to the Ward County Commission March 16. By law, the group's work must be completed by March 31.

**Mary Mercer**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, received appointment to the Program Committee for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities Board of Directors.

**John Morrow**, foreign languages, published the article, "In the Name of Allah," in *Islamic Horizons* (November/December 2009). Morrow wrote the abstracts, "North Dakota: The Hispanic Heritage," in *LCMND Proceedings* and "Rubén Darío: los árabes, el islam y el mundo musulmán," *II Congreso Internacional Encuentro de Mundos: Pasajes Interculturales*. He did book reviews for peer-reviewed journals: Review of Tariq Ramadan's "Radical Reform," *American Journal of Islamic Social Scientists*, and review of Mehran Kamrava's "Iran's Intellectual Revolution," *American Journal of Islamic Social Scientists*.

**Morrow** wrote "Amerindian Elements in the Poetry of Ernesto Cardenal: A Contemporary Voice for an Ancient People" and "The Encyclopedia of Islamic Herbal Medicine." He edited and translated "Kitab al-Tawhid: The Book of Unity," "Shi'ite Islam: Orthodoxy or Heterodoxy" and Miguel Angel Morelli's "Humanos Casi Humanos." These are all academic books.

To complete his Arabic studies in Morocco this summer, **Morrow** received a \$2,000 Mini-research Grant to complete research for a forthcoming book on Aljamiado literature. He was also appointed a field editor for the Edwin Mellen Press.

The Nursing Student Association named **Sarah Petersen**, a Bismarck native, as State Student Nurse of the Year. The state contest consists of one candidate from each of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs in North Dakota. The finalists submit essays describing their nursing philosophies and letters of recommendation from their university chairs. Three judges also interview them.

**Ann Pivarnikd**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, was appointed to the executive board of Williston's Committee for the Employment and Advancement of People With Disabilities.

Prairie Public Broadcasting recently appointed **Susan Podrygula**, Gordon B. Olson Library, to a three-year term on its Radio Advisory Council. Podrygula previously served on the council when it was created in 1994 and has served on the board of directors of Prairie Public Broadcasting.

**Neil Roberts**, broadcasting, recently received a Best of Competition award from the Broadcast Education Association Festival. The award was for his story, "Enduro Racing," for feature news reporting for radio.

**Neil Scharpe**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, presented a poster, titled "TeleAudiology-Taking Diagnostics to the Infant," at the AUCD 2009 Annual Meeting.

**Tom Seymour**, business information technology, served as team chair for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association at the University of Advancing Technology, Tempe, Ariz., Feb. 8-9.

**Chelsea Starr**, sociology, presented a paper, "Frame Competition and Femicide in Ciudad Juarez Mexico," at the Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting in Santa Barbara, Calif. She met with SWS media specialists at the annual winter meeting to discuss how to better publicize MSU sociology activities nationally. Starr was also nominated to the Publications Committee of the American Sociological Society's Social Movements and Collective Behavior section.

The **Student Social Work Organization** raised \$781 for an organization that is assisting earthquake victims in Haiti. This money will manufacture, ship and distribute 13 wheelchairs to victims there. The project co-chairs are **Trina Moser**, Estevan, Saskatchewan, and **Renelou Gonzalez**, San Francisco, Calif., and the SSWO advisor is **Deb DeWitz**.

For academic conference presentations, **ShaunAnne Tangney**, English, gave "Heed Hard the Cosmos' Cues: The Ecosophy of Paul Zarzyski" at the Western Literature Association Conference at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D., in October. This month, she presented "So Much Nearer Home: The Domestic in Robinson Jeffers" at the Robinson Jeffers Association Annual Conference in Carmel, Calif.

**Tangney** published the book chapter, "Live Fast, Die Young, and Leave a Good-looking Corpse: What's Really Behind the Push Toward Undergraduate Research — and What Should Be," in *Reading, Writing and Research* (Center for Undergraduate Research, Washington, D.C.). She wrote the article "Did you think you would go laughing through France? Decadence and Social Protest Robinson Jeffers' Tamar," *Jeffers Studies*, 10.2, Fall 2006 and 11.2, 3 Spring 2007. This was a double issue of *Jeffers Studies* as it was a festschrift for Robert Brophy, and *Jeffers Studies* is behind schedule, so while the issue dates are 2006 and 2007, the issue actually came out in 2009.

In addition, the State Board of Higher Education approved the Studies in Community and Environment major, and **Tangney** and others are currently working on implementing a curriculum and hiring a director for the program. Many people have been involved in this effort over the past four years, and it is exciting to see it come to fruition.

**Wendy Thomas**, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities and special education, presented to the State Autism Task Force Dec. 18, regarding autism-related activities through North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, and she co-presented at a national autism conference in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 18-19. The title of this one-hour presentation was "Blending Technology with Interdisciplinary Teams for Assessment." In addition, Thomas presented a poster, titled "Blending Technology with Interdisciplinary Teams for Autism Assessment," at the AUCD 2009 Annual Meeting. "N.D. EHDI: Road to Success," another poster, received acceptance for presentation at the national Early Hearing Detection and Intervention conference in Chicago, March 1-2. Thomas was

appointed chair of the Interdisciplinary Services and Supports Using Technology workgroup for AUCD's Council on Interdisciplinary Service.

**Derek Van Dyke** stepped up to the plate this winter and made the home basketball games a place of entertainment. Van Dyke, a broadcasting major from Mandan, volunteered to emcee the activities during the men's and women's basketball games. From jump rope contests to the chicken dance and the limbo, to highlighting MSU's Athletic Band, to doling out prizes, the black-tuxedoed Van Dyke handled his duties with exceptional professionalism. His talent and teamwork for MSU athletics increased school spirit.

## Faculty and staff acknowledgements from the Jan. 27 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.

- **George Withus** and **Bob Feller**, Information Technology Central, for their support for the VITA training held on campus during the semester break.
- **Neil Fulton** and **Darren Olson**, Information Technology Central, for completing the transition of all voice-mail accounts to the Microsoft Exchange Integrated Messaging system.

- **Lisa Haman** and **George Withus**, Information Technology Central, for installing the Communicator application on staff computers.
- **Anton Huether**, Information Technology Central, for scripting a searchable faculty and staff online directory.
- **Marlene Hargrave** and **Tricia Houmann**, payroll and benefits, for working on the December snow day to meet the payroll deadline.
- The Office of Plant Services snow removal crews for the job they did during the December blizzard. The employees were **Brian Otto**, **Rick Miller**, **Rick Cook**, **Corey Ell**, **Scott Muhle**, **Gretchen Ingledue**, **Scott Peterson**, **Tito Colon**, **Kevin Knight**, **Roger Triplett**, **Thomas Eisenzimmer**, **Brad Brentrup**, **Terry Wald** and **Reggie Potter**.
- Chartwells employees, **Mike Eifert**, **Malesa Ofsthun**, **Shelly Mai**, **Chad Vannett**, **Brian Szablewski** and **Brad Damm**, for completing a certification in ServSafe Food Safety Training offered through the National Restaurant Association.
- Chartwell employees, **Jeanne Burckhard**, **Joella Galusha**, **Kelly Opperude** and **Ann Lemer**, for successfully completing the Safe Food Handling course offered through the First District Health Unit.
- **Virginie Vournas** in the Office of International Programs for her organizational skills and dedication during the start of the semester. OIP had 17 new international students within a week which meant not only tending to regular office duties but also picking students up at the airport, taking them shopping for essential items and getting them situated in their new home on campus.

### 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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