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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

Brent Askvig, executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, presented a Webinar on grant opportunities to the Idaho Center on Disabilities, University of Idaho, Moscow, on March 12. This presentation focused on new grant avenues, faculty and staff involvement in proposal development and use of a systematic approach to proposal development.

Askvig was also selected as a conference development committee member for the Administration on Developmental Disabilities annual training session, which will be held April 22-23 in Washington, D.C. As a committee member, Askvig worked with directors of other University Centers of Excellence from across the U.S., with conference planners and ADD project staff in developing the content and agenda for this annual meeting.

Rita Curl-Langager, professor of psychology, was among 80 psychologists who participated in the National Conference on Undergraduate Education in Psychology. After the conference, Curl-Langager and other participants completed a book, "Undergraduate Education in Psychology: A Blueprint for the Future of the Discipline," and disseminated that information about the future direction of psychology. She took part in three presentations. The presentations were at the second annual Great Plains Conference in the Teaching of Psychology at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, the 79th annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association in Albuquerque, N.M., and the 21st annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science in San Francisco.

NDCPD's **Tom Froelich**, **Steve Peterson** and **Neil Scharpe** provided participants of the national Early Hearing Detection and Intervention conference in Chicago, Feb. 28-March 2, with a live demonstration of distance-audiology diagnostics. The demonstration involved an MSU student being connected to a diagnostic instrument in Minot, while Froelich performed the testing from Chicago. The trio followed the first demonstration with a later presentation describing the TeleAudiology concept in more detail. NDCPD is under contract to the Health Resources and Services Administration to complete a management protocol, a technical protocol and a tool kit that can be used to replicate the first demonstration across the country, bringing audiology diagnostic to infants 0-6 months old. Currently, the parent and infant must travel to a pediatric audiologist's office to have this testing done. This can involve hundreds of miles of travel.

At its February meeting, the Council of College Faculties, elected **John Girard**, associate professor of business administration and business information technology, as the faculty advisor to the State Board of Higher Education, effective July 1. Girard was also appointed honorary commander of Fifth Medical Operations Squadron located at Minot Air Force Base.

March 17, 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 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.

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This fall, **Robyn Gust**, teacher education and human performance adjunct instructor and Trinity Hospital sports medicine coordinator, traveled with the United States Deaf Olympic Team for three weeks to Taipei, Taiwan, last September. This is the fourth time that Gust was selected to serve on the team's medical staff.

Kathy Hintz, assistant professor of education, presented her dissertation research on March 9 to faculty and students at the University of North Dakota's Scholarly Forum. The presentation was "It's So Cool!: Five Teachers and Some Students Talk about their History Textbooks."

The Prairie Federal Credit Union re-elected **Roger Kluck**, director of facilities, as chair of its board of directors on March 9.

Patti Kurtz, associate professor of English, had a short story for teens accepted and published in issue 6 of Shiny, an online journal of fantasy literature for teens. Twelfth Planet Press, an Australian company, publishes Shiny. Kurtz's short story, "Language Lessons," is an urban fantasy set in the 21st century where elves and humans co-exist in the modern world, and the story demonstrates how misconceptions and stereotypes about race can affect relationships between teens. She is currently working on a revision of an urban fantasy novel for teens that takes place in this same universe.

Elaine Larson, director of teacher advisement and field placement and assistant professor of education. She was elected treasurer of the National Field Directors Forum.

Patricia Lomire, chair of the Division of Social Science and associate professor of sociology, presented a paper, "The Art of Perestroika: The Mythology, Virtual Reality and Political Technology of a Pop Culture Concept," to the Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota at its annual conference Oct. 16 in Grand Forks. The research presentation focused on the transformation of perestroika from a traditional socio-political concept to a contemporary pop culture concept by today's youth.

Mary Mercer, NDCPD, presented "Social Capital and Employment," a seminar for job coaches and job developers at Success, Inc., a supported-employment service provider in Grand Forks.

Since **Melanie Moore**, testing coordinator and administrative assistant for the Student Development Center, is Dakota State (North and South Dakota) Auxiliary president-elect for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, she and **Linda Benson**, public information specialist, attended training in Phoenix Feb. 26-28.

The Online Studies, Exemplary Online Course Committee selected BADM 409: International Business, designed by Professor of Marketing **M. Saeed**, as the 2010 Minot State University exemplary online course.

With more than 40 years of teaching experience at the university level, Saeed's extensive experience also includes conducting in-house training and providing consultancy services to international organizations and multinational enterprises.

The Online Studies, Exemplary Online Course Committee is an institutional committee made up of student, faculty and staff representatives. Nominations for the Exemplary Use of the Learning Management System award are solicited in the fall semester with recognition awarded in the spring. The competition is open to graduate and undergraduate online courses and campus courses that use the Blackboard learning management system as a support.

Chelsea Starr, assistant professor of sociology, will present a paper, "Using Howard Becker's Art Worlds Concept to Analyze Social Movements," at the Chicago meeting of the Midwestern Sociological Society this month.

Minot State University's Student Government Association named **Bethany Tedford** as this academic year's first Senator of the Month for September. Tedford, who is a freshman from Great Falls, Mont., came to MSU to study communication disorders. In addition to SGA, she is also involved with other student groups such as the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.

For October, SGA selected **Tara Kuntz** as Senator of the Month. Kuntz, who is a sophomore from Rugby, is majoring in elementary education. She has also developed a strong interest in Spanish. As an MSU Student Ambassador, she gives prospective students tours of the campus and lets them know all that Minot State has to offer.

Trey Welstad was chosen as Senator of the Month for November. Welstad is actively involved in the MSU Tennis Club, and the North Dakota Student Association recently selected him as its Web master. The junior, who is studying management and marketing, is from Minot.

For December and January, SGA named **Derek Van Dyke**, of Mandan, as Senator of the Month. Van Dyke is not only involved on campus, but he is engaged within the Minot community by giving reports to the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce for the student government. He is the weather personality on KMSU's Inside/Out, the campus news station on Channel 19, Thursdays at 5 p.m. The senior broadcasting major is also a residence hall director and a member of Media Ink, the broadcasting program's student club.

SGA chose **Jack Fowler**, a sophomore from Minot, as its February Senator of the Month. He is majoring in broadcasting-public relations and international business. In addition to participating in SGA and the MSU Tennis Club, Fowler is also vice chair of NDSA's Student Affairs Committee.

Zack Vorlage, a history major from Langdon, has been accepted into the 2010-11 class of the Masters of Arts program in social sciences at the University of Chicago. The multidisciplinary MAPSS committee evaluated Vorlage's file, along with over 1,000 other highly competitive direct and referred applications.

For the second consecutive year, an MSU student was selected by the Council on Undergraduate Research for the presentation at the 2010 Posters on the Hill. **Zane Young**, Minot, will give the presentation. During the event, about 60

undergraduate students from across the nation will present their research to the members of the United States Congress on Capitol Hill. The students and their faculty advisors will spend the entire day in the U.S. Capitol, first meeting with their state representatives and senators. This event helps members of Congress better understand the importance of undergraduate research by talking directly with the students whom the federally funded programs impact. Young completed his work in the lab of **Mikhail Bobylev**, associate professor of chemistry.

Faculty sabbaticals announced

Recently, David Fuller, president of Minot State University, announced four new sabbatical projects. **Stewart Kelly**, professor of philosophy, will complete an in-depth study of post-modernism with the aim to publish a book on the topic. **Robert Kibler**, associate professor of English, will continue his study of the Naxi Tribe in Tibet to reveal a link to a theme in poet Ezra Pound's works. **Patricia Lomire**, associate professor of sociology, will finish a literature study of the trends of women in crime. Lastly, **ShaunAnne Tangney**, associate professor of English, will compile essays for publication about poet Robinson Jeffers.

Faculty and staff acknowledgements from the March 17 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.

Dianna Anderson, **Erik Anderson** and **Jon Rumney**, music; **Becky Anhorn**, teacher education; **Tawnya Bernsdorf**, advancement; **Lori Garnes**, **Leisa Harmon**, **Geraldo Lima** and **Diane Maupin**, communication disorders; **Wylie Hammond** and **Dennis Parisien**, multicultural support; **Gary Ross** and **Lori Willoughby**, business; and **Mary Smith**, nursing; are recognized for their assistance at various recruiting events around the United States and Canada.

Lynda Bertsch, career services; **Mandy Bibow**, business; **Brad Brentrup** and **Rhonda Holden-Selk**, plant services; **Merri Jo Connole**, **Kathy Nelson**, **Michelle Passa** and **Laurie Weber**, financial aid; **Jolina Miller**, Center for Extended Learning; **Rebecca Porter**, enrollment services; and **George Withus**, Information Technology Central; for volunteering to help at the North Dakota College Goal Sunday event on Feb. 21.

Erik Anderson, music, **Mikhail Bobylev**, chemistry, **Patti Fedje**, accounting, **Deanna Klein**, business information technology, **Lesley Magnus**, communication disorders, **Kevin Neuharth**, communication arts, **Deb Olson**, psychology, **Linda Olson**, humanities, and **Clarine Sandstrom**, teacher education, for chairing Faculty Senate committees this academic year.

Amina Escalera and **John Morrow**, foreign languages, were instrumental in developing the new foreign language major in Arabic

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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