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MSU core values and purpose

Minot State University 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.

Faculty, staff and student achievements

Another successful tax season ends Thursday (April 15). Minot State University accounting majors, Lacey Berentson, Minot, Kirsten Drees, Grand Forks, Jessica Lamfers Quimby, Minot Air Force Base, Leah Larson, Minot, Yanan Niu, Jiaozue, Henan Province, China, Megan Northhagen, Fordville, Danielle Okland, Williston, and Heidi Rettig, Minot, volunteered more than 90 hours each to prepare tax returns for the community under the MSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Three students served as program leaders and worked an additional 45 hours; Drees acted as the program’s “in-charge person,” and Okland and Rettig handled software installations and updates, e-filing and troubleshooting. In addition, the students volunteered at the Community Action and American Association of Retired Persons VITA sites. Carla Cabarle, assistance professor of accounting, directed the program and mentored these students.

Minot State University nursing students Marrin Dubs, Minot, Joandry Farre, Minot Air Force Base, April Reddy, Albuquerque, N.M., and Lauren Sunwall, Savage, Mont., conducted blood-pressure screenings at the recent Go Red for Women event at Ryan Chevrolet. Go Red for Women promotes a heart-healthy lifestyle.


Rick Hedberg, athletic director, and athletics staff members and Tim Healy, athletic facility maintenance supervisor, and the Dome maintenance crew coordinated two state basketball tournaments, Special Olympics and the State Amateur Basketball Tournament in March. Athletics staff members included Bev Alex, Melanie DeBoer, Stu Melby, Twila Gantzer, Sheila Green Gerding, Chad McNally and Bill Triplett. Healy’s maintenance crew consisted of Tito Colon, Tom Eisenzimmer, Kevin Knight, Reggie Potter and Roger Tripelet.

The University of North Dakota Graduate School awarded Kathy Hintz, assistant professor in education and social science, $5,000 for a summer doctoral fellowship. The money allows Hintz to concentrate on her dissertation this summer.

Based almost solely on Web master Anton Huether’s dedication, Smashing Magazine recently recognized Minot State University as having one of the best college or university Web sites online, www.smashingmagazine.com/2010/03/19/showcase-of-academic-and-higher-education-websites. Smashing Magazine is a popular and reputable online magazine and blog dedicated to all things design.

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In March, the Domestic Violence Crisis Center appointed Brenda Munson, project coordinator within the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, to its board of directors. Munson has actively volunteered with the Crisis Center for the past four years.

Student Government Association selected Stetson Sannes, a sophomore, as its March Senator of the Month. He is majoring in international business and finance. The Minot native is vice president of the Mu Sigma Tau fraternity and Delta Epsilon Chi, the student-marketing club.

Chelsea Starr, assistant professor of sociology, organized and presided over two conference sessions of the Midwestern Sociological Society annual meeting. The sessions were “Arts Activism and Cultural Movements” and “Social Movements: Consumer, Communal and Cultural Movements.” She presented a paper.

Faculty and staff acknowledgments from March 17 University Cabinet

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.

JoAnn Linrud, Frank Mosely, Young Sun and Jerry Stai, College of Business, and Kris Warmoth and Amy Woodbeck, Center for Extended Learning, helped with planning and running the “Energy Independence and Security” energy symposium.

Teresa Lofte, marketing, Sandy Nordstrom, publications and design services, Leon Perzinksi, Student Center, assisted with advertising, marketing and logistics for the energy symposium.

Linda Cresap, Graduate School, and Laurel Hyatt, Business Office, helped with the energy-symposium grant.

Chartwells and, in particular, Mike Eifert, provided excellent provisions and paid attention to detail during the symposium.

George Withus and Bob Feller, Information Technology Central, and Chris Stroschein, plant services, provided their technical assistance during the energy symposium.