MSU launches $1.1 million TRiO-SSS

Last week, the staff of TRiO-Student Support Services moved into their new office in Minot State University’s Student Center (second floor) as part of a $1.1 million Title IV grant. The five-year grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements and serves to motivate students toward completing their postsecondary education. The program strives to increase the retention and graduation of its participants and help students move from one level of higher education to the next.

“The TRiO Student Support Services program offers support to students who possess rising potential but need the motivation and confidence to succeed with their university education,” said Holly Major, TRiO Student Support Services program director. “We are funded to serve 200 students per year.”

To be eligible to participate in the TRiO-SSS program, an individual must be currently enrolled or have been accepted for full-time enrollment at Minot State University, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and meet at least one of three qualifications. The qualifications are being a first-generation college student (neither parent nor guardian has received a four-year degree), being income eligible (family income is at or below federally determined guidelines) or having a documented disability.

Services TRiO-SSS provides to students include:

- Academic tutoring, directly or through other services provided by the institution, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science and other subjects, to enable students to complete postsecondary courses.
- Advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection.
- Financial aid assistance by providing information on programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships and helping in completing financial aid applications.
- Education or counseling services to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students, including financial planning for postsecondary education.
- Activities designed to assist students in achieving career and academic success.

TRiO staff members are Major, Tiffany Fylling, Jancy Brisson and Lynn Redden.

Major, an alumna, previously was the family support specialist for Minot’s Pathfinder Parent Center. She earned her master’s degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from Minot State.
Fylling, learning skills specialist, served as the administrative assistant in MSU’s Office of Enrollment Services. She completed a bachelor’s degree in health science from Valley City State University.

Brisson, advising coordinator and another alumna, was an admissions counselor at Dakota College at Bottineau. She holds a master’s degree in counseling from North Dakota State University and a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from MSU.

Redden, administrative assistant, was an admission advisor at San Joaquin Valley College, Bakersfield, Calif., before moving to Minot in July. She received an associate’s degree in hotel office management and sales and marketing from Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif.

TRiO-SSS is holding its first workshop, “Secrets to a Successful Semester,” today (Jan. 13) at 6:30 p.m. and Friday (Jan. 14) at 12:15 p.m. The workshop, which is open to all MSU students, starts with check-in at the TRiO-SSS office.

To apply for the TRiO-SSS program, visit www.minotstateu.edu/trio/ or contact 858-4402 or holly.major@minotstateu.edu.

MSU hires Porter as registrar

Rebecca Porter assumed her new duties as Minot State University registrar Jan. 5. Previously, she served as recruitment coordinator in the Office of Enrollment Services.

“Rebecca possesses a breadth of experience gained from being on the Minot State campus for 10 years, both as a student and an employee,” said Selmer Moen, interim vice president for academic affairs. “That experience will be helpful in this position.”

The Bottineau native completed a bachelor’s degree at MSU in May 2005 with two majors, broadcasting (public relations/advertising option) and psychology. She began her employment at the university in December 2005 as a student recruiter with promotion to recruitment coordinator in 2007. While working in enrollment services, Porter continued her educational pursuits and received a master’s degree in management from MSU in July 2008.

The registrar is responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records. Responsibilities under Porter’s supervision include scheduling of courses and classroom space, records maintenance, student advising and assignment of advisers, evaluation of transfer credit, provision of official and unofficial transcripts and training for users of the PeopleSoft student database.

Porter replaces Jennifer Sick, who accepted a teaching position with Minot Public Schools.

For additional information, contact Porter at 858-3126 or rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

State B Boys tickets go on sale Jan. 19

Tickets for the 2011 State Class B Boys Basketball Tournament open to the general public for purchase Jan. 19 at noon.
All purchases are final and nonrefundable for the tournament, which is set for March 3-5 at the MSU Dome. Tickets can be purchased in four ways. Customers who choose to use the Internet can log on to www.msudome.com and follow the instructions provided. Ticket orders may be made by phone by calling the Minot State Department of Athletics at (701) 858-3041. There will be walk-up sales beginning at noon on Jan. 19 and running Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. following the initial date at the athletic department main office at the MSU Dome. Finally, customers can order tickets by mail by sending a check payable to “N.D. State Boys BB Tournament” postmarked on or after Tuesday (Jan. 18), to the following address: Rick Hedberg, athletic director, Minot State University, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, N.D. 58707. When ordering tickets by mail, there is a $4 handling-and-shipping fee. Please include your mailing address, the number/type of tickets requested and add the $4 fee to your check. Any requests postmarked prior to Tuesday (Jan. 18) will be returned unfilled. There is a limit of eight tickets per individual, and all purchases are final and nonrefundable.

Ticket prices for the 2011 boys tournament are: Adult season reserved (all three days), $41; adult session reserved, $7.50 daily; adult session general admission, $6.50 daily; student season general admission (all three days), $18; student session general admission, $4.50 daily; and children two years and under are free if they will sit in someone’s lap.

Sessions for the 2011 tournament are March 3 and March 4 begin at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. March 5’s sessions are set for 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information and to view a seating map, please log on to www.msudome.com or call the MSU Department of Athletics at 858-3041.

Cole-Harding will discuss ‘The Evolution of Cooperation’


Cole-Harding holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Colorado-Denver, a master’s degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and a doctorate from the University of Colorado-Boulder. She came to Minot State University in 1992. All lectures are held in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. They are free and open to the public, and refreshments are served afterward.
“Messiah.” Hegstad was the founding director of the Heritage Singers and Voices of Note.

For additional information, contact Semrau, at 858-4483 or marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu.

SHDC wins Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest

On Dec. 17, the judges of the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest named the Student Health and Development Center as the competition’s winner. The center received the traveling plaque. Other entries were the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, Club Biology, the College of Business, the Department of Communication Disorders, Information Technology Central, the Minot Infant Development Program, the MSU Post Office and Rosie Winczewski, from math and computer science.

Chamber of Commerce sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will once again host Saturday Legislative Forums. The first begins Jan. 15 at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, Room 201, 9 a.m.

The forums give those attending a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the auditorium.

The remaining schedule is as follows:
• Jan. 22, Room 201.
• Jan. 29, Room 201.
• Feb. 5, Room 201.
• Feb. 12, Room 201.
• Feb. 19, Room 201.
• March 12, Room 201.
• March 26, Room 201.
• April 9, Room 201.

Wellness works

Making healthy resolutions

Healthy New Year! It is time to think about those resolutions again. Everyone resolves to do the same things each year and then forgets about them around Jan. 15. How about just working on two or three resolutions that may help the participant become healthier? Here are some thoughts floating around the Student Health and Development Center:
• Maintain a weight loss journal.
• Get back to the gym.
• Start an exercise program.
• Reduce stress.
• Learn to say “NO!”
• Drink more water.
• Eat more fruits and vegetables.
• Meditate.
• Play more.
• Control portions.
• Resume walking.

The Student Health Center wishes each of you a happy, healthy new year! For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

Application deadline for Staff Senate Scholarships is Friday

The criteria and application forms for the Minot State University Staff Senate Scholarship are available at www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/pdf/ss_scholarship.pdf.

The endowment fund’s purpose is to assist staff or their dependents in their educational pursuits at MSU. The deadline to submit applications to Merri Jo Connole in the Office of Financial Aid is Friday (Jan. 14).

For questions, contact staffsenate@minotstateu.edu or a Staff Senate representative.

—MSU Staff Senate Scholarship Committee

Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award nominations due Feb. 1

Nominations for the Minot State University Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award must be received by Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president, no later than Feb. 1. The nominator is to submit a letter of nomination and three accompanying letters of support. All nominations are presented to Faculty Senate for consideration. Formal recognition of any selected nominations will occur at the April 7 Employee Appreciation Banquet.

Awarding of the Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award is based on the following criteria:
• The nominee must have made significant contributions to Minot State University during employment at MSU.
• The nominee must have been retired from Minot State University for a minimum of five years. The MSU Faculty Senate may waive this requirement at its discretion.
• The nominee must exhibit evidence of outstanding contributions and ongoing commitment to MSU post-employment.

If you know of a deserving retired MSU faculty member, please consider submitting a nomination. For questions, contact 858-3106 or cheryl.nilsen@minotstateu.edu.

— Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president

Grants for international initiatives available

Funding is available for Minot State University departments, faculty, staff and students to support projects that will enhance internationalization at MSU. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, institutional partnership building, faculty research, development of international group-study opportunities, international student/scholar support and internationalization of the curriculum. Proposals must demonstrate the ways in which student learning will be directly affected and describe the long-term benefits for the general campus community. Grants can be sought for up to $2,000. To apply for an International Initiatives Grant, all applicants should refer to these grant guidelines, www.minotstateu.edu/academic/pdf/Vision2013FundingPriority-InternationalizingtheCampus24FEB10.pdf. The application deadline is Saturday (Jan. 15), and funds must be dispersed by June 15, 2011.

Study Abroad participation is also supported through this grant program by way of financial awards to individual students. Awards will range from $200 to $500 for an individual summer program or faculty-led study tour, $1,000-$1,500 for a semester program and $1,500-$2,000 for an academic year-long program. Study-abroad participants seeking a scholarship should refer to the Study Abroad Scholarship Application, www.minotstateu.edu/international/pdf/StudyAbroadScholarshipApplication.pdf. The application deadline is Saturday (Jan. 15).

For more information, contact at 858-4155 or libby.claerbout@minotstateu.edu.

— Libby Claerbout, director of international programs

Work study students must have processed FAFSA by March 15

If Minot State University departments have work study students who wish to be considered for summer and fall work study, please remind your student workers of the following: To be considered for summer and/or fall work study, students must have a processed 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file with the Office of Financial Aid by March 15. In order to meet this deadline, students should have their FAFSA filed online no later than March 1.

Everyone's help is appreciated in visiting with your student workers and reminding them of this upcoming deadline. For questions, contact 858-4152 or merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu.

— Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor

ND ACE holding spring meeting at MSU

All Minot State University women are invited to join the North Dakota American Council on Education Women in Higher Education Network for our spring meeting at MSU the afternoon and evening of Feb. 1.

ACE promotes leadership growth for women in higher education. No dues — no commitments — just time to network with other North Dakota women in higher education. Our group is just getting started, but we have exciting adventures ahead! Please take a look at our website, www.ndsu.edu/diversity/diversityatndsu/resources_for_women/ndace/, specifically, check out the links for key services and opportunities offered by affiliating with our group.

Our February meeting will begin at 4 p.m. with a general meeting, followed by dinner on campus; and then we will attend the campus presentation given by Carlotta LaNeir, author of “It’s a Mighty Long Way.” If you have not received your free copy of this great read, contact Julie Keller, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning administrative assistant, know.

Space may be limited, so RSVP by calling 858-3250 by Wednesday (Jan. 19).

— Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and MSU campus representative for ND ACE

In the galleries


The public reception for the Werger exhibit is Wednesday (Jan. 19) in the Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m. The public reception for “Americas 2011: Paperworks” is Wednesday (Jan. 19) in the Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.

Calendar

Jan. 12-26, 2011

12 Boren, MSU Division of Music, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
12 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Dickinson State University.
13 Last day to add first 8-week class.
13 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.
14 Men’s Club Hockey vs. University of Oklahoma, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.
14  Doug Talley Quartet Jazz Jam, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
15  Doug Talley Jazz Quartet, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
15  Men’s Club Hockey vs. University of Oklahoma, All
    Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
15  Indoor Track and Field at NDSU Bison Classic, Fargo.
15  Wrestling at Dickinson State University.
16  Guest music recital by violinist Benjamin Sung and
    pianist Jihye Chang, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
17  Martin Luther King Jr. Day, university closed.
18  MSU Life: Plastick Musik, abstract percussion show,
    Nelson Hall, 7 p.m., free and open to the public.
18-20 NAC printmaking workshop, Hartnett Hall 215,
    4:30–8 p.m.
19  MSU Life: Club Fair, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
19  Brown Bag Book Talk: Ernst Pijning, history, on “The
    Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone,” by
    Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett, Olson Library,
    noon.
19  NAC public reception for Best of Show Americas 2010:
    Paperworks “Transitions” by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio,
    Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
19  NAC public reception for “Americas 2011:
    Paperworks,” with juror Victoria Goro-Rapoport,
    Kearney, Neb., Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
19  Wrestling at Dickinson State University.
20  Last day to add 16-week class.
21  Women’s and Men’s Basketball at South Dakota School
    of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, S.D.
21  Men’s Club Hockey at University of Arizona.
21-22 Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Black Hills State
    University, Spearfish, S.D.
22  Wrestling at Jamestown College.
24  NAC lecture: “The Evolution of Cooperation,”
    presented by Shirley Cole-Harding, MSU Department
    of Addiction Studies/Psychology/Social Work, Aleshire
    Theater, 7 p.m.
24-25 Men’s Club Hockey at Arizona State University.
26  Financial Aid Disbursement and Spring Tuition Due.

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.