



Koczon appointed vice president for academic affairs

Lenore Koczon, Ph.D., of Rosemont, Pa., has been named vice president for academic affairs at Minot State University, President David Fuller announced. Currently Koczon is the academic dean, undergraduate college, at Rosemont College. She will begin her new appointment June 1.

"We are very excited that Dr. Koczon will be joining us as our new vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Koczon brings with her solid academic credentials and experiences that give her exceptional abilities as an academic leader, one who is focused on the success of our students and our high quality programs," Fuller said.

"I would like to thank President Fuller and the members of the search committee for their confidence and the opportunity to serve Minot State University," Koczon said. "Minot State's commitment to student success is possible because of the dedicated members of the faculty, staff and administration. I look forward to working with them and the members of the community to advance the educational mission of the university. I am honored to become part of a 'great university on the Great Plains.'"

Koczon joined Rosemont College in 2005 as the academic dean for the undergraduate college. Under her leadership, all academic majors were reviewed and the education major revised to meet the new 2013 requirements for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She was also instrumental in reviving the Honors Program and establishing a student leadership program that involved both academic and student affairs.

"I like the idea of service-learning classes because I believe this is a way to truly connect the campus to the community and to accomplish something that even in a small way does benefit the community," Koczon said. "I also believe that through these efforts academic affairs and student affairs develop a strong working relationship, which is important for student success."

From 1990 to 2005, Koczon was a faculty member at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., where she taught chemistry. In 1996, she was appointed director of University College at NSU and began a project to increase student success and positively impact student retention. During her tenure, Koczon was awarded more than \$900,000 in grant money from the U.S. Department of Education for the support and expansion of the university's TRiO programs. The TRiO programs' purpose is to help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education.

"I don't believe in focusing just on retention rates," Koczon said. "You can't impact retention if you don't positively impact student success, and to do that, you have to get to know the students and develop an understanding of the challenges they face transitioning from high school to college and as college students. Achieving student success means generating a multifaceted plan because it is not a one-size-fits-all solution."



April 6, 2011 PIO update

This spring will bring many opportunities to share in celebration at Minot State University.

At the Employee Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, colleagues marking five-year increments of service and those receiving MSU Board of Regents Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards will be honored. Congratulations to all award winners and all MSU employees for their service to students and the community!

The Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration, an intercultural event honoring all the graduates in the Class of '11, is April 29-30. This is an unforgettable event focusing on diversity and appreciation.

Individuals do not have to be alumni to attend the MSU Alumni Gala on April 29 at the Grand International. Tickets for this elegant evening of music, auction and fine dining go fast. So, remember to call the Office of Alumni at 858-3234 to reserve a seat, and thus raise money for scholarships.

Moreover, spring just would not be complete without honoring those students who reached the end of their formal education at Minot State. Commencement is May 13 at the Dome at 10 a.m.

We hope to see you at these events!

— Linda Benson,
public information specialist

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Koczon has been a member of Rosemont College's senior staff since 2008 and has served on numerous university committees including strategic planning, governance and leadership; academic affairs; curriculum; academic standings; and first year connection seminar.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1981 at the University of Notre Dame, Ind., and a doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Service awards presented

Seventy-one Minot State University employees will be saluted for service at the annual recognition event Thursday (April 7). Employees to be recognized for five-year increments of service include:

40 Years — Donna Just, Gordon B. Olson Library; Walter Piehl, humanities.

30 Years — Donald Burke, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Susan Podrygula, Gordon B. Olson Library; Robin Wagner, Business Office; Karen Walz, accounting and finance.

25 Years — Larry Chu, math and computer science; Pamela Hopkins, MSU Bookstore; Susan Krebsbach, Center for Extended Learning; Katherine Lee, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Ann Lemer, food services; Dianne Maupin, communication disorders; Susan Mosser, food services; Ronald Royer, science; Cheryl Rystedt, NDCPD; Thomas Seymour, business information technology; Mary Smith, nursing; Eileen Solberg, College of Business; Judith Swanson, nursing.

20 Years — Brent Askvig, NDCPD; Roderick Cook, facilities management; Lilah Diederich, Information Technology Central; Cassandra Loard, Rural Crime and Justice Center; Linda Olson, humanities; Leon Perzinski, Student Center; Linda Schaefer, nursing; Jay Wahlund, accounting and finance; Darla Weigel, student affairs; Nelrene Yellowbird, addiction studies, psychology and social work.

15 Years — Deborah Brothers, social science; Koletta Ficek, NDCPD; Warren Gamas, teacher education and human performance; Sheila Green Gerding, athletics; Lisa Haman, ITC; Andrew Heitkamp, athletics; Kathryn Hintz, teacher education and human performance; Deanna Klein, business information technology; Nancy Pearson, humanities; Daniel Ringrose, social science; Lynne Rumney, Honors Program; Sherie Saltveit, CEL; Kimberly Withus, MSU Bookstore.

10 Years — Vickie Brabandt, NDCPD; Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, nursing; Ronald Fischer, humanities; Larry Goodman, math and computer science; Julie Keller, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning; Robert Kibler, humanities; William Klimpel, facilities management; Wesley Matthews, human resources; Vicki Michels, addiction studies, psychology and social work; Timothy Morris, math and computer science; Trisha Nelson, CEL; Brenda Roedocker, nursing; Mohammad Saeed, business administration; George Withus, ITC.

5 Years — Melanie Abrahamson, RCJC; Tawnya Bernsdorf, advancement; Jodi Connell, special education; Johnny Coomansingh, social science; Stephen Grabowski, athletics; Janet Green, NDCPD; Shanette Haarsager, College of Arts and Sciences; Debra Jensen, teacher education and human performance; Lesley Magnus, communication disorders; Cory Mattern, science; Darren Olson, ITC; Lynda Opp, enrollment services; Brian Otto, facilities management; Rebecca Porter, registrar; Susan Routledge, NDCPD; Teresa Seright, nursing.

Employee appreciation event is Thursday

All Minot State University faculty and staff members have been invited and are encouraged to attend the annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon Thursday (April 7), noon-2 p.m. in the Dome. President David Fuller has advised supervisors to close offices where feasible to ensure the fullest attendance possible. Join colleagues as those marking five-year increments of service and those receiving Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards will be honored.

'Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past' vigil slated

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week Sunday (April 10) through April 16, the Minot State University Student Social Work Organization and the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will host a candlelight vigil to honor crime victims and individuals and programs that provide services to them. The Minot candlelight vigil, is April 13 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. Victims, family and friends of victims, and the public are invited to attend the event to honor and remember crime victims.

This year's theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past;" it evokes victims' past struggles and the nation's duty to help them rebuild stronger lives. For victims, reshaping the future means confronting many challenges.

"It is easy for people to think they are 'too busy' to come to the event, but remember that crime has no deadlines, and while it may have impacted someone else up to this point, any one of us could be victims by next year's candlelight vigil," said Deb DeWitz, assistant professor of social work and MSU SSWO advisor. "We hope people will take time out of their busy schedules to stop by for an hour to support those whose lives were changed, perhaps forever, without their consent."

For questions about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and victim information, contact Heidi Smith, ND DOCR victim coordinator, at (701)328-6183 or visit ND DOCR's website at www.nd.gov/docr/. For more ideas on how to volunteer, visit the Office for Victims of Crime website, www.crimevictims.gov.

Smith directs ‘Much Ado about Nothing!’

Witness a nontraditional staging of William Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing!” April 14-17 in Aleshire Theater. In this contemporary production directed by Aili Smith, assistant professor of communication arts, the audience will observe live, original music along with captivating actors.

Performances are from April 14 through April 16 at 7:30 p.m. and April 17 at 2.

Symphony ends 85th season with ‘The Long Way Home’

The Minot Symphony Orchestra’s 2010-2011 season, titled “Old World, New World,” wraps up April 16 with the performance of “The Long Way Home.” This perennial favorite pops concert will feature “The Hansel and Gretel Overture” by Engelbert Humperdinck and the famous “Stars and Stripes Forever,” an American classic, by composer John Philip Sousa. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, conducts the orchestra.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$20. The price for senior citizens is \$15 single; students 12-18, \$10 single; children, \$5 single.



Sex Offender Task Force presents ‘It’s Time ... To Get Involved’

Members of the Minot Area Sex Offender Task Force will discuss this year’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign, “It’s Time ... To Get Involved” April 18 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. Their presentation is part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series.

Task force members include Paula Bosh, FBI; Lisa Gayzur, Ward County Social Services; and Sgt. Darren Dyke, Minot Police Department. The campaign focuses on empowering individuals to prevent sexual violence by offering viable, responsible ways to intervene.

The Minot Area Sex Offender Task Force is made up of federal, state, county and local agencies from northwest North Dakota that work directly with sex offenders or victims of sexual violence. The task force was developed to share intelligence, discuss services being offered in the area, identify needed services and provide training, as well as to assist agencies and authorities in the proper monitoring of sex offenders in the area.

This event is free and open to the public; refreshments are served afterward.

Campus open forums scheduled

Minot State University President David Fuller will convene two campus open forums April 21 in the Conference Center at 8 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Forums are interchangeable, as the information discussed will be the same at each forum. President Fuller invites all to attend the meetings and join in the discussion.

Alumni Association plans premier Gala event

It is the Alumni Association’s perennial favorite, the 28th annual Gala Dinner and Auction on April 29 at Minot’s Grand International.

The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:45 p.m. The \$50 tickets include a gourmet dinner, and the attire for this event is semi-formal.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association. Reservations by April 27 are strongly suggested, as this event has sold out in the past. Tickets may be obtained by calling 858-3234.



MSU hosting Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration

Native American dancers and drum groups from throughout North Dakota and neighboring states and provinces will compete during the 22nd annual Native American Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration at the Minot State University Dome April 29-30. The celebration will also include special Native American attractions.



This event, sponsored by the MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club and the university, will honor all 2011 graduates. Two “Grand Entries,” the time when all of the dancers enter the arena, are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. each day. The “Honor Parade,” in which all 2011 MSU graduates are invited to participate, follows the 7 p.m. Grand Entry on April 30.

“The Native American Cultural Awareness Club and Minot State are honored to host a traditional Native American cultural event that promotes understanding and appreciation of Native peoples and honors our university graduates,” said Wylie Hammond, NACAC advisor.

Dance competitions will be held for men, women, teens, juniors and “tiny tots.” The competition for men includes traditional, grass and fancy dancing. Women’s dance competitions include traditional, fancy and jingle styles. Cash prizes will be awarded.

At 5 p.m. on April 29 in the Student Center, a traditional buffalo meal will be served. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe donated the buffalo.

Both days feature performances, dance competitions and the sale of Native American arts, crafts and food. The activities start at 11 a.m.

Admission to the Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration is \$2 for ages 12-55; it is free to children under 12, senior citizens and MSU students, faculty and staff.

For more information, contact Evelyn Klimpel, NACAC advisor, at 858-3372 or evelyn.klimpel@minotstateu.edu.

Poster session invite

Minot State University faculty and students will share their research and scholarship activities, at the 2011 faculty and student research poster session. The session will take place April 29 in the Student Center Atrium area between the Administration Building and Student Center, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

In addition to the poster presentation, a collection of abstracts will be published.

The campus and community are invited to attend.

Spring Week promises music and entertainment

The Minot State University Student Government Association is yet again hosting a week of fun for students on campus. Spring Week fast approaches as activities are scheduled to begin Monday (April 11) through April 15.

“Spring Week is our (SGA) last chance of the semester to host a week dedicated to entertainment and activities before finals week,” said Derek Hackett, SGA director of entertainment.

All week, free food is available for students in the Beaver Dam starting at 11 a.m., while supplies last. There is also live entertainment from local Minot bands such as Smokey and the Past, Adam’s Rite, Crooked Gospel and Jeremiah James.

On Monday (April 11), “Beaver’s Got Talent” is scheduled. “Beaver’s Got Talent” is a spinoff of “America’s Got Talent,” a television show. The SGA wants students to bring their best talents, like singing, dancing, acting or whatever they can think of to compete for cash. The event starts at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

On Tuesday (April 12), comedian Tracey Ashley is performing in the Beaver Dam at 8 p.m. Students should bring their MSU IDs to get in free.

For the entertainment on Wednesday (April 13), Dr. Q Nation, billiards trick-shot champion, is hitting the pool table with his amazing trick shots. He will be in the Beaver Dam at noon and 7 p.m. Following Dr. Q Nation, SGA is screening a movie in the Beaver Dam at 9 p.m.

The schedule for Thursday (April 14) includes Johnny Holm, a live band, and dance. Thursday’s fun will take place at the All Seasons Arena, starting at 10 p.m. To get in for free, students must show IDs. Without an ID, individuals must have an MSU student with an ID sign them in and pay \$5.

MSU captivated Dakota Square

MSU at the Mall provided an excellent opportunity for Minot State University to showcase its students, academic programs, services, student organizations and other university entities to the community.

The Club Biology booth with its salamanders and lizards, the Robotics Club with its robot and the Art Club booth with spray-on tattoos were popular locales.

Buchholz elected SGA president

Minot State University’s Student Government Association is the chief law and policy-making organization for the student body. Last week, SGA, of which the Residence Halls Association is part, held election.

Executive officers include Max Buchholz, president, Minot, nursing; Stetson Sannes, vice president, Minot, international business, marketing and management; Lisa Brule, secretary, Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, elementary education; and Trey Welstad, treasurer, Upham and Minot, international business, marketing and management.

The SGA senators and their constituencies are:

- College of Arts and Sciences — Jordan Kluck, Minot, criminal justice; Braden Burckhard, Burlington, chemistry; Amy Olson, Minot, broadcasting (public relations); and Juan Vadell, Minot, broadcasting (public relations).
- College of Business — Camila Oliveira, Sao Paula, Brazil, and Beulah, international business, marketing and management; Fung “Desmond” Ho, Hong Kong, management; Amber Penrose, Bismarck, management; Eric Zitter, Eisenach, Germany, marketing; and Anthony Anderson, Minot, finance.
- College of Education and Health Sciences — Tara Kuntz, Rugby, elementary education; Alyson Parrill, Lander, Wyo., social work; Lindsey Nelson, Bainville, Mont., communication disorders; and Phillip Streccius, Minot, history education.
- General studies — Montana Carson, Inola, Okla., chemistry education.
- Residence Hall Association — Cameron Davis, president, Turtle Lake, biology; Jordan Crawford, vice president, Deloraine, Manitoba, mathematics; Sarah Johnston, secretary/treasurer, Ellendale, general studies; and Christopher Capp, clubs and student organizations representative, Max, history education

Wellness works

Clinical trials improve health and cancer care

According to the National Cancer Institute, clinical trials are research studies in which people help doctors find ways to improve health and cancer care. Each study tries to answer scientific questions and to find better ways to prevent, diagnose

or treat cancer. A clinical trial is one of the final stages of a long and careful cancer-research process. Studies are done with cancer patients to find out whether promising approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment are safe and effective.

The National Cancer Institute describes the different types of clinical trials as:

- Treatment trials test new treatments.
- Prevention trials test new approaches.
- Screening trials test the best way to find cancer, especially in its early stages.
- Quality of life trials explore ways to improve comfort and quality of life for cancer patients.

Even if people have health insurance, their plans may not cover all of the costs related to receiving treatment in a clinical trial. Unfortunately, some health insurance companies define clinical trials as “experimental.”

According to the National Cancer Institute, there are two types of costs associated with a clinical trial — patient-care costs and research costs. Patient-care costs fall into routine-care costs and extra-care costs. Routine-care costs are those related to treating cancer, whether a person is in a trial or receiving standard therapy. These costs include doctor visits, hospital stays, lab tests, x-rays and scans. These costs are often covered by health insurance. Extra-care costs are those related to taking part in a clinical trial and are not always covered by health insurance.

Research costs are those related to conducting the trial. These costs are often covered by the organization sponsoring the trial.

Anyone considering a clinical trial should feel free to ask their doctor questions or bring up any issues concerning the trial. People should write down their questions in advance to make sure they remember to ask them all. Then, they should write down the answers, so that they can review them whenever they want. They may also consider taking someone along for support and help in asking questions or recording answers.

For questions, contact Caren Barnett, director of the Student Health Center, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

MSU group blogs about academic visitation to Harstad University College

Harstad University College in Norway is sponsoring a one-week academic visitation to its campus for four Minot State University students and two faculty members from April 1 to 10. Follow the travelers via the MSU Study Abroad Blog at www.minotstateu.edu/international/blog/ as they broaden their experiences within their academic fields, participate in lectures, discussions and program reviews for the purpose of facilitating future student, faculty and staff exchanges and projects.

Travelers are faculty members Andy Bertsch, business administration, and Lori Garnes, special education. Students are Tara Love, senior, special education; Tyson Snelling, senior,

international business, business administration and marketing; Maxwell Buchholz, junior, pre-nursing; and Jacey Peterson, junior, business education. Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, Linda Cresap, Graduate School, Libby Claerbout, international programs, are accompanying the faculty members and students. Check out the host site at www.hih.no.

—*Libby Claerbout, director of international programs*

Minot State has Women of Distinction

At the YWCA Women of Distinction Banquet, the honorees included Minot State University faculty and alumnae and an MSU student.

This year's Women of Distinction winners included MSU alumnae Myrna Muffenbier for community service; Lora Rochholz for education K-12; and Connie Philipenko for the Yvonne Romine Schultz Lifetime Achievement award; faculty member Jane la Plante for education university; and student Michele Caton-Richardson for volunteer services

Annually, this banquet honors women for their achievements and contributions to the community, as well as businesses and agencies committed to the empowerment of women. The Minot YWCA provides a safe environment to women and children in crisis.

—*Deb DeWitz, assistant professor of social work.*

In the galleries

April 6-26 — Works by Annette Marchand, Moorhead, Minn., Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

April 15-May 10 — Juried student art exhibition, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public receptions for Marchand's works and the juried student art exhibition are April 15, 6:30-8p.m. The Marchand reception is in the Library Gallery, while the other reception is in the Hartnett Hall Gallery.

Calendar

April

- 6 Beaver Booster Spring Party, Grand International, 6 p.m.
- 7 Employee Appreciation Banquet, Dome, noon–2 p.m.
- 7 Softball vs. Valley City State University, Herb Parker Stadium, 2 p.m.
- 7 MSU Life: guest speaker Michel Chikwanine, Conference Center, 7 p.m., free and open to the public.
- 8 Last day to drop 16-week class.
- 8 Faculty music recital, “Luminus,” featuring Jon Rumney, violinist, Dianna Anderson, pianist, and Erik Anderson, cellist, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Brass Band of Minot, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 Self Defense workshop, Swain Hall Pedagogy Lab, 7–8 p.m.

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| 11 | MSU Life: Beavers Got Talent, Beaver Dam, 7 p.m. | 17 | Softball vs. Dakota State University, Minot, 1 p.m. |
| 12 | Market Place for Kids, Dome, 9:15 a.m. | 17 | Baseball vs. Dakota State University, Corbett Field, 1 p.m. |
| 12 | Honors Program senior presentations, Model Hall 208, 12:30 p.m. | 17 | Assembly Saxophone Quartet, Nelson Hall, 3: p.m. |
| 12 | MSU Life: comedian Tracey Ashley, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m. | 18 | NAC lecture: Sex Offender Task Force, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. |
| 13 | Baseball vs. Dickinson State University, Corbett Field, 5 p.m. | 19 | International Film Series, "Ararat," Aleshire Theater, 7:30 p.m. |
| 13 | MSU Life: Billiards Trick Shot Champion Dr. Cue, Beaver Dam, noon and 7 p.m. | 19 | Small Ensembles concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. |
| 13 | Candlelight vigil to honor victims of crime, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. | 20 | Honors Program senior presentations, Model Hall 208, noon. |
| 14 | MSU Life: Johnny Holm Dance, All Season Arena, 10 p.m. | 20 | Think Smarter Not Harder workshop, Old Main 104, 2-2:50 p.m. |
| 14-17 | Theatre: "Much Ado About Nothing," Aleshire Theater, Thursday-Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. | 20 | NAC lecture: "Preventing and Reducing Waste, Recycling 101, and Buying Recycled Products," by Earth Week guest speaker Christy Smith, N.D. Department of Health, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m. |
| 15 | Honors Program senior presentations, Model Hall 208, noon. | | |
| 15 | Assembly Saxophone Quartet, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. | | |
| 15-May 10 | NAC exhibit: juried student art exhibition, Hartnett Hall Gallery. | | |
| 16 | Softball vs. Dakota State University, Minot, 1 p.m. | | |
| 16 | Baseball vs. Dakota State University, Minot, 1 p.m. | | |
| 16 | Minot Symphony Orchestra Concert Lecture, Nelson Hall, 6:30 p.m. | | |
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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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