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'Female Criminal Justice Professionals: Past, Present, Future'

Minot State University's Criminal Justice Club will host "Female Criminal Justice Professionals: Past, Present, Future" Thursday (Dec. 5) in the Conference Center, 7 p.m. The theme commemorates MSU's Centennial Celebration. Mary Maring, the keynote speaker for this augural symposium, is a North Dakota State Supreme Court justice.

"As a graduating senior in the criminal justice program and CJ Club president, it is an honor to have someone of such vast experience in my chosen field speak to the community and campus as Justice Maring, now in her retirement year," Max native Carly Swanson said. "In addition, panelists will share their journeys, adding to an exciting and educational evening for people of all occupational ranges."



Maring was appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court, and she has been re-elected since. She currently chairs the Joint Procedure Committee, the Judicial Education Commission and the Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee.

Panelists will discuss their career paths and emphasize the triumphs and obstacles they experienced as they relate to being female in the criminal justice field. They are:

- Shannon Lackey, senior patrolman, Minot Police Department
- Nancy Murphy, retired from the Minot Police Department and currently with Minot's Domestic Violence Crisis Center
- Ashley Beall, Ward County assistant state's attorney
- Penny Erickson, Ward County jail commander
- Tasha Morin, port director with Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations in St. John at the N.D. port of entry
- Kristi Chole, Ward County juvenile court supervisor
- Kari Salmon, State of North Dakota probation officer for Ward County and formerly with the Minot Police Department
- Val Potter, Ward County juvenile drug court coordinator

There will be a question-and-answer period. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Melissa Spelchen, assistant criminal justice professor and CJ Club advisor, at 858-3465 or Melissa.Spelchen@minotstateu.edu.

KMSU Auction celebrates 15th year anniversary

The countdown will come to an end Thursday evening (Dec 5), when Minot State University's broadcasting program hosts its 15th annual KMSU Auction. The auction starts at 6:30 p.m., airing on Minot's local access channel, Channel 19, with a preshow starting at 5 p.m. Bids will be accepted during the auction by calling (701)858-4019.

The total value of items donated for auction is nearly \$40,000. Items include a Terry Redlin print, a billboard from Newman Signs, a \$1,000 MSU tuition



certificate, advertising space with Forward Communications, a \$500 gift certificate from Dakota Fence, hotel stays, and sports equipment from Scheels. To view the package list, visit www.kmsuauction.com.

The auction benefits the broadcasting program in funding for Media Ink, equipment and broadcasting scholarships. Also, 10 percent of the proceeds will go to Mike Bunce, a broadcasting graduate, to help defray medical expenses. For questions, contact KMSU Auction advisors Janna McKechnie at janna.mckechnie@minotstateu.edu or Candace Brekke at cbrekke@odney.com.

Affordable Care Act presentation

To learn about health insurance options with the Affordable Care Act, Neil Scharpe, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities research associate, and Stephanie Burt, NDCPD consumer service and cultural liaison, will give an informational presentation Monday (Dec. 9) in the Westlie Room at 2 p.m. There will be an extended question-and-answer period. For questions, contact Burt at stephanie.a.burt@minotstateu.edu or 858-3453.

Dave Thompson to discuss 'Media and Politics in North Dakota'

David Thompson, news director and political correspondent for Prairie Public Radio, NPR, will discuss "Media and Politics in North Dakota" at the Tuesday (Dec. 10) Democracy Café. Democracy Café, which fosters non-partisan discussion on important civic issues in the community, meets at the Beaver Brew Café every three weeks from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. It is open to the public and is funded in part by the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning. It is also part of MSU's commitment to the Democracy Project in conjunction with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. For more information and a complete schedule of topics, contact Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club advisor, at 858-4324 or Jynette.larshus@minotstateu.edu.

Campus Players present 'A Christmas Carol'

Minot State University's Campus Players will bring everyone into the true spirit of the holiday season with Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 12-14 in Aleshire Theater at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

"A Christmas Carol," dramatized by Kevin Neuharth, associate communication arts professor and theatre director, celebrates the classic novella. It is a tale of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge's ideological, ethical and emotional transformation resulting from supernatural visits from Marley, his former business partner, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

MSU theatre major and senior, Joshua Snyder, directs a cast of over 20 in this year's annual Campus Players holiday production.



Left to right, Dan Johnson and Jordan Crawford

"The greatest reward of putting together a student-run production is finding out what challenges me as a director and getting to learn more about my peers. I get to see what challenges them as actors and help them conquer obstacles," Snyder said. "With such a large cast, the reward is definitely magnified."

As a service to the community, Campus Players performs the annual holiday show to area schools.

For tickets, contact the Aleshire Theater box office at 858-3172. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 18. Reservations are encouraged. Due to construction, parking will be available in the "E" lot in front of Old Main.

Western Plains Children's Choirs will 'Sing Joy'

The Western Plains Children's Choirs will present "Sing Joy" Dec. 15 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. The concert will feature Christmas songs and carols from many parts of the world.

The Western Plains Junior Choir, the Western Plains Children's Choir and the Western Plains Youth Ensemble will share individual performances as well as sing together for the concert opener, "Sim Shalom" ("Grant us Peace, Goodness, and Blessings") and closer, "Peace, Peace" ("Silent Night").

The concert is free and open to the community. Freewill donation proceeds will defray costs for the upcoming outreach tour to Bismarck. For questions, contact Rebecca Petrik, music education and voice instructor, at 858-3837 or rebecca.petrik@minotstateu.edu.

NDCPD contract to train middle school staff to combat suicides

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, has been awarded a contract from the N.D. Department of Health, Suicide Prevention Division, to implement a statewide middle school personnel

training program.

This training meets new North Dakota requirements for mandatory professional development relating to youth suicide-risk indicators, appropriate staff responses and referral resources for teachers and administrators.

"The 2011 North Dakota Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 19.2 percent of middle school youth seriously thought about killing themselves and 5 percent did try to kill themselves," said Christine Brigden, project coordinator. "These survey results support the importance of this training. An investment of one hour in training may help save so many young lives."

NDCPD will utilize "Kognito – At Risk," an avatar-based computer program, to prepare middle school educators to recognize the common indicators of psychological distress and approach an at-risk student for referral to the appropriate school support service. The online training is free to personnel who work with middle school youth.



To enroll or ask questions, contact Brigden at christine.brigden@minotstateu.edu or 858-3580.

NDGA receives NGEF grant to promote K-12 geographic education

The North Dakota Geographic Alliance recently received a \$62,298 grant from the National Geographic Education Foundation, one of 51 grants NGEF awarded to the Network of Alliances for Geographic Education. Alliances strengthen geography education through a variety of programs and initiatives.

"The grant will be used to host teacher workshops, provide leadership training and geography resources for North Dakota educators as well as materials that promote geography literacy. Geography is more than maps. It is learning to make good decisions based on where we live and why that location grows or changes. Human geography is about people and places. There is cultural, economic and political geography," said Marilyn Weiser, NDGA director. "Students today are interconnected with the world. Geography helps them to understand and make sense of their place in it."



NDGA, which is housed at Minot State University, sponsors four summer professional development programs. It recently launched a new website, www.ndgeographic.org, which provides resources for educators and promotes public awareness of the importance of geographic literacy and skills. NDGA works in partnership with many state universities and colleges and government entities.

The Network of Alliances is a grassroots organization dedicated to supporting geographic education. To learn more about the network of Alliances, go to <http://alliances.nationalgeographic.com/index.php>.

In the galleries

Dec. 4-19 — "Americas 2000: Best of the Best," where artists who earned the distinction of Best of Show in the annual Northwest Art Center's Americas 2000 All Media and Paperworks competitions over the past decade will showcase their works in honor of MSU's Centennial Celebration, Hartnett and Library Gallery.

Faculty and staff achievements

The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.

Brent Askvig, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities executive director, presented as a panel member on "Expanding Inclusion in Research" at the national Association of University Center on Disabilities meeting in Washington, D.C., Nov. 16-20. He was appointed co-chair of the International Committee, and he serves on the AUCD board of directors.

Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, and **Kristi Berg**, associate business information technology professor, hosted an all-day Microsoft community event Nov. 7 in the Slaaten Center boardroom.

Andy Bertsch, management professor, was elected vice president of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center's board of directors in November.

Paula Burckhard and **JoLynn Webster**, NDCPD research associates, presented a poster, "Disability in Society," at the AUCD national conference in Washington, D.C., Nov. 16-20. Their poster presentation emphasized the importance of including real-life experiences of people with disabilities and their families as part of the content of disability studies courses such as the one that Burckhard and Webster co-teach at Minot State University.

John Girard, management professor, made a "virtual" presentation, "Knowledge Management Trends and Co-creation," Nov. 27

at "Knowledge Management Russia 2013," a conference in Moscow. The presentation included synchronous and asynchronous components. The main presentation was delivered by video, www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehvxuZ_ha-U, while the introduction and question-and-answer sessions were delivered live via Skype.

Girard also participated on a panel for "The 'Arab World?' Misperceptions and reality," a campus event. Panel members presented the Arab world from different perspectives including the disciplines of history, humanities, business, sociology and languages.

Holly Pedersen, assistant special education professor, and **Lisa Roteliuk**, assistant communication disorders professor, presented a topical session, "We're great P.A.L.S.: Collaborative service learning for speech-language pathologists in aural rehabilitation," at the annual Convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association in Chicago, Nov.14-16.

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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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