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**Minot State official spring enrollment shows decline**

Official spring 2014 enrollment figures at Minot State University show a 3.8 percent decrease compared to spring 2013. The number conveyed to the North Dakota University System is 3,254, a decrease of 130 students. While the official headcount decreased, MSU shows initial growth in key areas and a slight decrease in other areas.



The number of non-Canadian international students increased 11.3 percent from this time last year, and the number of out-of-state students increased 1.2 percent, which is attributed in large part to the Grow North Dakota campaign. Grow North Dakota, an MSU endeavor to recruit students, charges a flat tuition rate.

"The increase in the number of out-of-state and non-Canadian international numbers shows we are becoming much more known outside this region, and this is very encouraging," said David Fuller, MSU president. "We have a reputable academic program that's starting to show we are being noticed."

Other enrollment gains include full-time graduate students and MSU students at Bismarck and Fargo sites. The number of Ward County residents is down slightly, and there was a decline in the number enrolled at Minot Air Force Base. However, MSU continues to draw students from all corners of North Dakota, as the number of students from numerous counties around the state is higher.

Enrollment numbers at MSU become official after the fourth full week of classes, when they are reported to NDUS.

**MSU presidential candidates narrowed to three**

Three finalists for the position of president at Minot State University were selected to move forward Feb. 14. The three finalists are Lorrie Clemo, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the State University of New York at Oswego; Steve Shirley, president of Valley City State University; and Martin Slann, dean of the college of arts and sciences at the University of Texas in Tyler.

Feb. 11-14, the MSU Presidential Search Committee conducted extensive candidate interviews; the finalists were interviewed by North Dakota University System Interim Chancellor Larry Skogen via interactive video as well. They also met with MSU students, faculty and staff and community members to discuss their expectations and get a feel for the campus and the area.

At its Thursday (Feb. 27) meeting in Minot, the State Board of Higher Education will interview the three finalists and will make its decision on the successful candidate.

**Student Government Association hosted**



## **NDSA**

Minot State University's Student Government Association hosted the North Dakota Student Association's bimonthly meeting Feb. 21-22. NDSA is a representative body of the student governments within the 11 North Dakota University System institutions. NDSA serves as a voice for over 48,000 students in North Dakota.

Guest speakers were David Fuller, MSU president, Sen. Karen Krebsbach, legislator from Minot's District 40, and Tanya Spilovoy, NDUS director of distance education and state authorization.



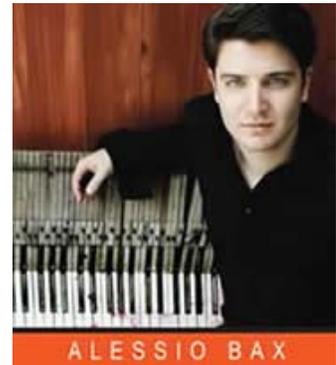
For several years, MSU has hosted its NDSA's bimonthly meeting at Bismarck State College because of inadequate hotel space in Minot. NDSA meetings rotate among the NDUS schools. To learn more about NDSA, go to [www.facebook.com/northdakotasa](http://www.facebook.com/northdakotasa) on Facebook.

## **MSO celebrates with 'Russian Spectacular'**

The Minot Symphony Orchestra, with conductor Scott Seaton, presents "Russian Spectacular" Saturday (March 1) as part of its 88th concert season, "Symphonic Colors." Alessio Bax, Italian classical pianist, is the guest soloist for this spring concert in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Featured musical pieces will be Hector Berlioz' "Roman Carnival Overture," Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's suite from the opera-ballet, "Mlada," Eric Whitacre's "Equus" and Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets range from \$5 to \$25 by age and seating choice, with season ticket prices available.



Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, music associate professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program and what to listen for during the performance. For more information about MSO, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/symphony](http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony).

## **MSU International Film Series continues with 'The Ascent'**

The Minot State University International Film Series continues with "The Ascent" Monday (March. 3) in Aleshire Theater at 6:30 p.m.

In this 1977 black-and-white Soviet war film, two partisans depart their starving band on a short march to a nearby farm to get supplies during World War II. The Germans have reached the farm first, so the pair must go on a journey deep into occupied territory, a voyage that will also take them deep into their souls.

A discussion period will follow the film. There will be a door prize drawing for a gift certificate to an area international restaurant. For questions, contact Scott Sigel, Spanish assistant professor, at 858-4265 or [scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu](mailto:scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu).

## **Be in the Know sessions enlighten**

Be in the Know sessions answer questions about Minot State University departments, policies or procedures. Campus representatives will present short and concise information. Most sessions, unless noted, will be held in Aleshire Theater, 10-10:30 a.m.

- Tuesday (March 4) — "Semester at Sea." While on sabbatical leave in 2013, John Girard, management professor, traveled around the world with the Semester at Sea program. Girard taught management classes, conducted leadership research and visited 15 countries during the 124-day journey.

- March 11 — "Greenhouse Tour" with Alexey Shipunov at 2 p.m. at the south entrance of Cyril Moore Hall. MSU's greenhouse maintains a wide variety of plants: from exotic succulents and orchids to coffee, tea, chocolate and yerba mate.

These sessions align with "Vision 2013 strategy three: valuing faculty and staff within an engaged community" and empower the entire campus community to be better MSU marketers. For questions, contact Teresa Loftnesnes, director of marketing, at

**Moseley and Sowers to discuss 'Oil, Energy, Geography and Identity'**

Frank Moseley, finance professor and energy economics and finance program director, and Jacob Sowers, geography assistant professor, will present "Oil, Energy, Geography and Identity" March 6 at the next Centennial Conversation. Centennial Conversations are informal discussions that follow issues and themes introduced at the Great Plains Symposium. Bring your lunch and join the conversation in the Gordon Olson Library, Classroom 2 (lower level), noon-1 p.m. For questions, contact Joseph Jastrzembki, history professor, at 858-3322 or [joseph.jastrzembki@minotstateu.edu](mailto:joseph.jastrzembki@minotstateu.edu).

**New faculty and staff aboard**

Minot State University welcomes Katie Hanson, Todd Hoffner, Kristie Lawson, Melissa Naslund and Zoey Winkler. The four women join the North Dakota Center for Disabilities, and Hoffner joins the Department of Athletics.

Hanson, case manager for the ASPIRE project, previously worked for Easter Seals-Goodwill ND, Inc., in Minot. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and graduated from MSU with a Bachelor of Social Work in 2010. Hanson and her husband, Michael, have one daughter, Mason. Hanson's mother, Renae Yale, is the Office of Advancement's database manager.

Hoffner, head football coach, comes to MSU from Minnesota State University at Mankato. He earned a Bachelor of Science in education at Valley City State University and a Master of Science in pedagogy from the University of North Dakota.

Lawson, early interventionist with the Minot Infant Development Program, completed a Master of Science in occupational therapy at the University of Mary. She won UM's Eleanor Clark Slagle Award in 2013. The award is presented to an individual who has shown profound knowledge about occupational therapy gained from the classroom and external environment. Mother to five daughters, Lawson enjoys running, reading and attending children's sporting events.

Naslund, a research associate, was last an assistant professor at the North Dakota State College of Science. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from U of M Duluth and a Master of Education (counseling emphasis) from North Dakota State University. Currently, she is working toward a doctorate. The aspiring pheasant hunter, MOPS member and crafter is married to Shon, and they have one daughter, Adelyn.

Winkler, project coordinator, was previously employed by Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice and addiction studies at MSU. She and her husband, Gary, have two children, Walter and Aurie.

**Recipient of prestigious N.D. geography teacher award named**

The North Dakota Geographic Alliance recently announced Dave Agnes as the winner of the Warren Kress Outstanding Geography Teacher Award. Agnes, who teaches at Belcourt's Turtle Mountain Community High School, was honored at a high school assembly.

During his 28-year teaching career, Agnes has taught biology at Rolette, Finley-Sharon and Dakota College in Bottineau. He graduated from Mayville State University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in science and physical education.

"Living in a wide-open state like North Dakota, one cannot go a day without seeing or applying some sort of geographical knowledge. When we are studying ecology, it is extremely important to include all the geographical aspects of the different biomes," Agnes said to explain the importance of understanding geographical concepts in the biology field. "By including geographical features it helps the students better understand life within ecosystems."

"Dave exemplifies life-long learning and participates in professional development that provides opportunities to see how other people live and do things in ways affected by habitat and resources available to them," said Marilyn Weiser, NDGA director. "He uses this knowledge and experience with students so they develop world-mindedness and become productive citizens and learn to care about the planet on which they and all living creatures live."

The Warren Kress Outstanding Geography Teacher Award honors the life of Warren Kress, a long-time North Dakota State University faculty member. The award was established with contributions from the Kress family and NDGA members.

NDGA is located on Minot State University's campus. For more information, go to [www.ndgeographic.org](http://www.ndgeographic.org).



Hanson



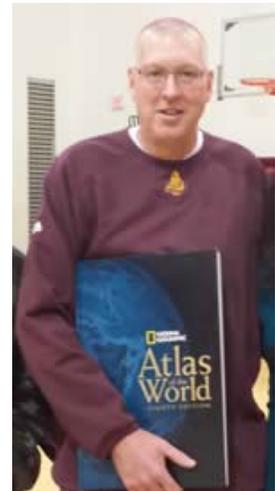
Lawson



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**In the galleries**

Feb. 26-27 — "Americas 2014: Paperworks," Hartnett Gallery.

March 3-April 1 — "She Left for Good One Time but Came Back" by Shelly Bunde, Bozeman, Mont., Library Gallery.

March 11-April 17 — Art Faculty Biennial Exhibit, which this year celebrates the university's Centennial, Hartnett Gallery.

The MSU Art Faculty Biennial Exhibit public reception will be March 11 in Hartnett Gallery, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**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.*

**Narayan Thapa**, mathematics assistant professor, and Michal Gudejko, an MSU undergraduate student, had the article, "Numerical Solution of Heat Equation by Spectral Method," published in Applied Mathematical Sciences, Vol. 8, 2014, no. 8, pages 397-404.

**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.*

**Be seen. Be heard.**