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linda.benson@minotstateu.edu**Nelson and Crane to speak at Minot State University Centennial commencement**

May 16, the Minot State University Centennial commencement ceremony marks the culmination of Minot State's first 100 years and the start of its next century. Lindsey Nelson, a senior from Bainville, Mont., and Arthur G. Crane, MSU's first president portrayed by College of Arts and Sciences Dean Conrad Davidson, will be the commencement speakers.

MSU graduate students will participate in a hooding ceremony at 8 a.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The commencement ceremony for graduate and undergraduate students will begin in the Dome at 10 a.m.

Lindsey Nelson, a third-generation MSU graduate, is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in communication disorders. Nelson was listed on the President's Honor Roll every semester of attendance, included in the 2014 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities" and received the MSU Distinctive and Engaged Scholars Award, along with numerous other scholarships.

Involved in several campus clubs and organizations, Nelson was a member of the Student Government Association for two years, first serving during the 2011-12 academic year as a senator and the Homecoming co-director. While the 2012-13 SGA president, Nelson, along with other SGA members, actively represented and advocated for MSU students throughout proposed higher education policy changes.



Nelson plans to return to MSU next fall to pursue her master's degree in speech-language pathology.

The evening before the Aug. 27, 1912, groundbreaking for the State Normal School at Minot's initial building, known later as Old Main, Crane performed his first unofficial act. Disagreeing on the building's location with State Normal Board member Martin Jacobson, the 35-year-old, newly chosen president moved survey stakes 50 yards back. Crane wanted it back from present-day University Avenue to accommodate future growth and took the necessary steps to ensure that.

Crane possessed diverse talents. Although he had a poetic streak, he was a practical, resourceful man. An intellectual, an author, a gifted organizer, he had above all the ability to inspire others.

Crane skillfully guided the school through social, cultural, economic and legal difficulties in its first days. When construction problems delayed the campus' opening, he appealed to the community, which provided the rent-free use of the newly constructed Minot Armory. The first term of the State Normal School at Minot began Sept. 30, 1913, in the armory. Crane and the original faculty established the identity and traditions of the fledgling school. Students, faculty and staff often referred to him as "Father Crane."

In 1917, Crane received a 14-month leave of absence to pursue graduate education at Columbia University in New York. He returned to North Dakota in September 1918. However, before he could resume his presidential duties, the Surgeon General of the U. S. Army called him into service for World War I. He worked for the Army Sanitary Corps at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., organizing rehabilitation work and vocational training for disabled soldiers. He returned to Minot's State Normal School for two months in 1921, before resigning to accept the presidency of the University of Wyoming.

Distinguished guest Rod Romine will receive an honorary Baccalaureate of Arts in broadcasting degree, based on his exceptional service to his profession, his community and Minot State University.

In 1954, Romine started his 40-year broadcasting career at KCJB Radio and KXMC-TV, and he retired as manager of Reiten Television. Since his retirement, Romine has dedicated much of his time to community organizations, and in particular, those at Minot State University.

Megan Shoal will also be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in clinical laboratory science. Shoal died in a car accident in May 2013. Her parents, Mark and Heather Shoal, Plentywood, Mont., will accept the diploma on her behalf. Her degree includes graduating with summa cum laude honors.

Terry Hjelmstad, retired educator, is representing the State Board of Higher Education. Appointed to the board in 2011, the SBHE vice chair's term expires June 30, 2015.

All members of the MSU community are strongly encouraged to celebrate the students' achievements and the completion of their academic programs. Faculty members should arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome dressed in academic regalia by 9 a.m. All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the ceremony. If student assistance is not available from 10 a.m. to noon, staff members may close their offices.

Five at MSU earn achievement awards

Three faculty members, Darren Dobrinski, Leisa Harmon and Vicki Michels, and two staff members, Tiffany Fylling and Evelyn Klimpel, will receive MSU Board of Regents Achievement Awards May 14 during Minot State University's annual Employee Recognition and Retirement event. The awards are as follows:

Teaching — Darren Dobrinski is an associate professor of psychology in the Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work and is currently the program and clinical director of the school psychology graduate program. In addition to teaching at MSU, the Makoti native continues to operate his family farm.

Dobrinski's applied experiences give students current examples that enhance learning. Students enjoy Dobrinski's teaching methods, but they also know that he sets a high standard in the classroom, pushing them to achieve the quality expected under the accreditation standards of the National Association of School Psychologists. The results of MSU student performance on the nationally standardized Praxis II prove he is successful in his approach to teaching.

Service — Leisa Harmon, chair and assistant professor within the Department of Communication Disorders, has been a faculty member since 1997. In addition to her duties as a department chair, she teaches in the classroom and in the on-campus Communication Disorders Clinic and advises over 70 students each semester. She believes her mission at MSU is, foremost, to serve students; she bases all decisions on what is best for ensuring students gain quality educational experiences.

Scholarship — Vicki Michels, professor of addiction studies, is a licensed psychologist and directs the addiction studies program. Currently, in collaboration with Amy Canevello of the University of North Carolina, Michels is studying couples' responses to the stress of the 2011 Souris River flood and the factors that contribute to post-traumatic growth in couples. Data collection for the flood research project was completed in fall 2013 and is now being analyzed.

Tiffany Fylling was hired as the tutoring coordinator and supplemental instruction supervisor in 2010 when the university received its Title IV TRiO-Student Support Services grant. The program is now the POWER Center. In 2012, she was promoted to advising coordinator. In this role, she advises more than 100 students, while continuing to supervise supplemental instruction.

Possessing meaningful relationships with students and a desire to enhance her advising skills, the Valley City native is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling from North Dakota State University. In 2012, she received the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning's Outstanding First Year Student Advocate Award and most recently was recognized as the 2014 Student Government Association Advisor of the Year.



Dobrinski



Harmon



Michels



Fylling



Klimpel

Evelyn Klimpel, coordinator of disability services, has 34 years of experience and training in the education field. She coordinates the assessment process to determine student's eligibility for disability services, conducts in-service workshops for MSU students, staff and faculty, and provides appropriate accommodations to meet the individual needs of students. Klimpel also supervises testing accommodations for students with disabilities.

Klumpel, an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, was raised in a traditional cultural environment where both parents spoke their native languages and taught Hidatsa and Crow culture. She is recognized as an expert in the cultures of the Northern Plains Indians.

Eleven employees recently retired or will retire at the semester's end. This year's retirees include Rebecca Anhorn, teacher education and human performance; Lilah Diederich, information technology; David Fuller, president; Duane Halvorson, humanities; Cathy Horvath, information technology; Patricia Hrichena, residence life and housing; Patricia Jorgenson, teacher education and human performance; LaDona Malachowski, Business Office; Gordon Olson, mathematics and computer science; Karen Walz, accounting and finance; and Rosie Winczewski, mathematics and computer science.

Marita Hoffart, nursing professor emeritus, will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award.

Three faculty members, Jennifer Hefter, special education, Erik Kana, teacher education and human performance, and Devin Otto, music, earned doctorates this year. Jerry Stai, accounting and finance, earned Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) credentials. To read the full news release, go to www.minotstateu.edu/hr/awards_2014.shtml.

Service awards to be presented

Fifty-eight Minot State University employees will be acknowledged for five-year increments of service at the annual recognition event May 14. They are:

45 Years — Harold Nelson, humanities.

35 Years — Linda Pettersen, nursing.

30 Years — Linda Benson, public information; Lynda Bertsch, Student Success Center; Thomas Froelich, communication disorders; Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs; Donna Weishaar, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; and Sherry Wheeling, humanities.

25 Years — Rhonda Holden-Selk, facilities management; Cathy Horvath, information technology; and Renae Yale, advancement.

20 Years — Ken Bowles, music; Thomas Eisenzimmer, facilities management; Eric Furuseth, humanities; Mary Mercer, NDCPD; Gary Rabe, criminal justice; Neil Roberts, humanities; Richard Watson, humanities; and Tammy Wolf, Student Success Center.

15 Years — Penny Brandt, enrollment services; Neil Fulton, information technology; Orlene Schroeder, communication disorders; Toni Schwartz, biology; Jerry Stai, accounting and finance; Mark Timbrook, Center for Extended Learning; Kristen Warmoth, CEL; and Jolynn Webster, special education.

10 Years — Erik Anderson, music; Amy Armstrong, NDCPD; Carla Cabarle, accounting and finance; Corey Ell, facilities management; Chad Fenner, NDCPD; David Fuller, president; Patti Kurtz, humanities; Dawn Lockrem, Rural Crime and Justice Center; Rita Meyer, nursing; Melissa Spelchen, criminal justice; and Rebecca Volk, copy center.

5 Years — Lori Braasch, residence life and housing; Laurel Dimler, nursing; Kevin Harmon, enrollment services; Tricia Houmann, Business Office; Korie Huettl, NDCPD; Connie Irely, NDCPD; Kathryn Kilroy, science; Donna Marquart, administration and finance; Jeff Miller, facilities management; Brenda Munson, NDCPD; Heidi Peterson, Student Health and Development Center; Rebecca Petrik, music; Wade Regier, enrollment services; Bryan Schmidt, science; Jana Schultz, special education; Aili Smith, humanities; Erica Sundahl, Registrar's Office; Connie Teets, teacher education and human performance; Roger Triplett, athletics facilities; and Mamie Wald, facilities management.

Public retirement celebration for President David and Nancy Fuller

The public is cordially invited to join Minot State University for a retirement celebration honoring President David and Nancy Fuller for 10 years of dedicated service to MSU. The event is May 14 in McFarland Gallery (Old Main, second floor) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes Rianne Farrugia, assistant athletic director of marketing and promotion.

Farrugia moved to Minot from Syracuse, N.Y., where she worked for Cumulus Media. She grew up in a



small town near Syracuse and has always had a passion for athletics. She is a former Division I Lacrosse student-athlete from Niagara University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in arts and communications. She received her Master of Science in communication and media technologies at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Her hobbies include DIY projects, photography, crafting and baking.



In the galleries

May 12-June 4 — "Out of the Fire" by ceramics students, instructor Linda Olson and open-studio community ceramists, Library Gallery.

May 15-June 13 — "Land, Sky, Water," textile art by collaborative artists Vicki Kessler and Donna Kjonaas, Hartnett Gallery. The public reception for "Land, Sky, Water" will be May 15 at the Hartnett Gallery, 6:30-8 p.m.

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.