Congratulations graduates!

Minot State University is proud of the Class of 2014, its centennial graduating class.

More than 565 undergraduate and graduate students were eligible to cross the stage during the May 16 commencement exercises, which marked the culmination of Minot State’s first 100 years and the start of its next century.

Minot Sertoma Club pledges $100,000 to MSU Foundation

Continuing a tradition of supporting Minot State University speech and hearing efforts, Mylan Sand, Minot Sertoma Club president, presented $28,000 to Marv Semrau, MSU vice president for advancement, on May 19. Minot Sertoma Club pledged $100,000 to the MSU Development Foundation to enhance the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship fund and to fund equipment in the Department of Communication Disorders. The check is the first installment of that commitment.

"With this $28,000 gift, Minot Sertoma continues to assist students in attaining their education toward speech and hearing careers," Semrau said. "This contribution brings the endowment, from which annual scholarships are awarded, to over $200,000."

In addition to the donation, the Minot Sertoma Club awarded four scholarships, totaling $7,000, for the 2014-15 academic year to Kelsey Schiele, Courtney Johnson, Jorden Brown and Katelyn Larson.

In 1989, the Minot Sertoma Club established the Minot Sertoma Club Scholarship to provide scholarships to MSU students majoring in communication disorders and deaf education.

The Minot Sertoma Club has a 54-year history of Service to Mankind in the Minot area. It has a mission of supporting speech and hearing projects, youth-related projects and national heritage efforts. Its primary fundraisers are a Norsk Høstfest car raffle, Beer Fest, and Christmas in the Park, an annual light display in Oak Park. On May 4, Minot Sertoma Club raised over $12,000 at its Celebrate Sound Walk. For questions about the donation, contact Semrau at marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu.
Dakota Chamber Music slated for June 9-5

The Dakota Chamber Music will celebrate its 18th season June 9-15. The institute brings professional artists together with talented and motivated students and adults for intensive performance and study. Minot State University’s resident trio, Luminus, forms the core of the 2014 DCM faculty. Erik Anderson, cello, Dianna Anderson, piano, and Jon Rumney, violin, comprise the trio.

“As we travel around the state, promoting MSU and DCM, we tell students this is our favorite week of the whole year,” said Erik Anderson, associate professor of music. “Such an exciting time to focus on the craft of chamber music, on communication; to help students experience growth in understanding of and connection to the great tradition of chamber music.”

Generally, chamber music includes any music performed by a small number of performers with one performer to a part. The word “chamber” signifies that the music can be performed in a small room, often in a private salon with an intimate atmosphere.

Guest musicians include Jim Fusik, MSU assistant professor of woodwinds, Sean Neukom, violin, an MSU alumnus now working professionally in Pittsburgh, and Tim Nelson, viola, a Juilliard graduate who teaches music in Fargo.

Each year, DCM draws 40-50 musicians, high school through adult, who play strings, piano, winds and brass. It is by audition only and is coordinated by the MSU Division of Music. Attendees rehearse four hours daily with faculty and participate in master classes and other group presentations. Public events include the Faculty Concert on June 12 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m., a Student Concert in the Gordon B. Olson Library on June 13 at 11 a.m., the Adult Workshop Concert on June 14 in Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. and the DCM Adult Retreat/High School Program Concert on June 15 in Nelson Hall at 1 p.m. The latter three are free; the Faculty Concert is $10 for adults and $5 for students, with tickets available at the door. For questions, contact Erik Anderson at 858-3576 or erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu.

Summer adventures at College for Kids

Keeping education fun for more than 25 years, Minot State University’s College for Kids continues to emerge with new, enticing opportunities for children ages 6-14 to discover and explore. Of the over 30 camps available, several are new.

“Exploring Engineering’ is geared for those campers who want to discover more about science and technology,” said Amy Woodbeck, professional development and community education coordinator. “This is the second time we have offered this camp and interest remains high.”

New camps include “Fitness Fun for Kids,” “The Superhero in You!” “Weave It, Wear It, Create It” and “Lights, Camera, Action!” Perennial favorites are “Cheer Camp” and “Business of Babysitting.”

College for Kids begins June 9 and runs through July 31. Prices per session range from $35 to $55. To view the entire camp list and register, visit www.minotstateu.edu/cel/CollegeforKids.shtml or contact Woodbeck at 858-3989 or amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu.

Summer Theatre prepares for 49th season

“The Musical of Musicals, the Musical!” by Joanne Bogart and Eric Rockwell, kicks off this year’s Minot State University’s Summer Theatre season. Arranged into five acts which are musicals within the larger musical, each act pays tribute to an American or British musical theatre composer or composer/lyricist team. It runs from June 13 to 18.

Other scheduled productions include the comedy “See How They Run,” which runs June 26-30. Monty Python’s “Spamalot” is a musical comedy adapted from the 1975 film “Monty Python and the Holy Grail.” Like the film, the play is a highly irreverent parody of the Arthurian Legend, but the play and film differ greatly. This show runs July 8 to 12.

Based on Mark Twain’s classic, “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” this musical features bluegrass and country music.

"Like every season, I’m really excited about getting the season started. That’s the best part,” said Kevin Neuharth, Summer Theatre director. "I’m looking forward to good weather, new shows and a great season.”

Summer Theatre is celebrating 49 years and is comprised of community members and MSU students, faculty and staff. Each year, the company performs four or more shows.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and students under 18, $5 for children 12 and under and $3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Military Appreciation night is June 13, all active duty members and their immediate family receive $2 off adult prices, $1.50 off students, $1 off children 12 years and under with with Military ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228, starting June 1.

MSU hosts Friend-raising Golf Tour in area communities

Minot State University alumni and friends are invited to participate in the ninth annual Friend-raising Golf Tour. The summer tour will stop in six cities: Velva on June 10, Rugby on June 19, Stanley on June 24, Bottineau on July 1, Garrison on July 15 and Kenmare on July 31. MSU will recognize area students receiving 2014-15 scholarships at each event. These dates are subject to change.

“We receive such wonderful support from the surrounding area in everything we do at the university,” said Janna McKechnie, director of alumni relations and annual giving. “The Friend-raising Golf Tour gives us a great opportunity to be out in the communities and thank them.”

The motto for the tour is “Golf One or Golf Them All.” The format for each tour stop will be a four-person, 9-hole scramble. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. A social will immediately follow completion of golf. Non-golfers are welcome to attend.

Golfers are responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Meals and refreshments will be provided by the course, and purchase is optional. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make early reservations because of limited availability.

Prizes and T-shirts will be awarded at each event. The Friend-raising Golf Tour is sponsored by MSU Alumni Association, Advancement Office, Athletic Department and the Marketing Office. Call the MSU Advancement Office with questions or to register at 858-3234 or 701-800-777-0750, ext. 3234, or visit the website, www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes Brian Boerboom and Tyler Hughes.

Boerboom, offensive coordinator for the football program, previously was employed by Southeast Missouri State University. He completed a bachelor’s degree in secondary education at the University of Nebraska and a master’s degree in physical education at Trinity College. He and his wife, Stacy, have six children.

Hughes, head football coach, worked at Southern Virginia University and Ohio State University before joining MSU. Hughes graduated from Utah State University in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and is pursuing a master’s in business administration from Ohio State. He and his wife, Lisa, have four sons.

In the galleries

May 28-June 4 — "Out of the Fire" by ceramics students, instructor Linda Olson and open-studio community ceramists, Library Gallery.


June 11-July 9 — "Pigmentious the Mighty," a mixed media work by Erik Berland, Hazen, Library Gallery. The public reception for "Pigmentious the Mighty" will be June 11 at the Library Gallery, 6:30-8 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.

Patti Fedje, assistant professor and chair within the Department of Accounting and Finance, accepted the North Dakota Future Business Leaders of America, 2014 Business of the Year award on behalf of the College of Business at the Alerus Center March 30 in Grand Forks. The award acknowledged the College of Business’ support of FBLA.

John Girard, management professor, was the program chair for Knowledge Management Middle East 2014 in Dubai, United Arab
Diann Hanson, business administration instructor, presented “Can't Everyone Just Get Along” for the Student Success Center's Conflict Management Success Workshop April 2-3.

Bill Harbort, art professor, gave an airbrush demonstration to students and faculty at Candeska Cikana Community College in Spirit Lake on April 28. Harbort enjoys presenting his automotive work that he created for auto magazines and especially likes seeing students understand the process.


Holly Pedersen, Johnna Westby and Julie Hofer, special education faculty, supervised students at Minot's first Celebrate Sound Walk. The walk was May 4 in the Dome. Students from the special education and communication disorders programs marketed the event and participated in interactive educational activities on the day of the walk. Celebrate Sound, sponsored by the Minot Sertoma Club, is a national event to promote awareness of hearing loss; the event raises money for hearing loss-related issues in Minot and surrounding communities.

Jan Repnow has been promoted to the rank of assistant professor.

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.