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Scott Schaeffer

### Schaeffer grounded in connection, global in vision

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Over the last 23 years, Scott Schaeffer '92 has had the opportunity to work all over the world, from places such as St. Louis, New York, Chicago, and Houston to Calgary, Moscow, and eastern Siberia. Schaeffer is now settled in Calgary and began his role as president for BP Canada Energy Group ULC on Oct. 1, 2024. A native of Brandon, Manitoba, he started his college education at Minot State University in 1988 after being recruited for the MSU football program. "I was recruited along with some high school buddies of mine by the

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### Brooklyn Brugger

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Brugger's passion for helping people inspired her to major in speech-language pathology. Brooklyn Brugger, a communication sciences and disorders major at Minot State University, was driven to pursue this field by her passion for helping people. Originally from Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, Brugger has a clear goal: to become an audiologist and make a meaningful impact on people's lives. "Most people in this major want to be a speech-language pathologist and get their master's, but another route you can take is getting your doctorate in audiology, which is what I want to do," she said. "That's my plan, to become an audiologist." Brugger decided to attend MSU because of its strong reputation in communication sciences. "I chose MSU because I knew I wanted to help people," she said. "The university's excellent communication program really drew me in. It's the perfect fit for what I want to achieve." Brugger has found the faculty's support to be a cornerstone of her success. "The teachers in my major are always there when I need them," she said. "Their guidance has made all the difference in helping me feel prepared for my future." Outside of her academic pursuits, Brugger has fully embraced MSU's campus life. She loves MSU intramurals and plays volleyball and pickleball with her friends regularly. "I love spending time with my friends," she said. "Whether we're playing sports or just hanging out, those moments are so special to me." Adding an adventurous flair to her life, Brugger enjoys wakeboarding. "It's something unique about me," she said. Brugger is also deeply involved in several Bible study groups, which have become an integral part of her university experience. "Being part of these groups has been so rewarding," she said. "They've provided me with a sense of community and personal growth." Brugger's favorite campus events include bingo nights, which she describes as a fun and lively way to connect with other students. "The events at MSU are fantastic," she said. "They're a great way to meet new people and create lasting memories."

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## MSU football announces 2025 schedule

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Coming off the best season in the program's NCAA history, excitement surrounds the Minot State football program which will kick off its 100th season on the gridiron on Thursday, August 28, this fall. Beaver head coach Ian Shields is pleased to announce his team's 2025 schedule as Minot State will start the fall of 2025 with a non-conference battle on the road against a tough NCAA Division II foe in Emporia State (Kan.), part of a home-and-home series with the Hornets. Emporia State will make a return trip to Minot to play the Beavers at First Western Bank Field at Herb Parker Stadium to kick-off the 2026 season. The meeting at Francis G. Welch Stadium in Emporia, Kansas will be the first time Minot State has played the Hornets, who finished the 2024 season with a 7-4

MINOT STATE FOOTBALL			
2025			
SCHEDULE			
WEEK 0	<b>AUGUST 28</b> AT EMPORIA STATE	WEEK 6	<b>OCTOBER 11</b> VS JAMESTOWN
WEEK 1	<b>SEPTEMBER 06</b> AT MINNESOTA STATE - MANKATO	WEEK 7	<b>BYE</b> <b>OCTOBER 18</b> BYE WEEK
WEEK 2	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b> VS CONCORDIA ST. PAUL	WEEK 8	<b>OCTOBER 25</b> VS SIOUX FALLS
WEEK 3	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b> AT WINONA STATE	WEEK 9	<b>NOVEMBER 01</b> AT UMARY
WEEK 4	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b> VS BEMIDJI STATE	WEEK 10	<b>NOVEMBER 08</b> AT NORTHERN STATE
WEEK 5	<b>OCTOBER 04</b> AT MINNESOTA STATE MOORHEAD	WEEK 11	<b>NOVEMBER 15</b> VS UNIVERSITY OF DULUTH
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record and were fifth in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) with a 5-4 conference mark. Following the first-ever clash between the Beavers and Hornets, Minot State (5-6 overall, 4-6 NSIC) opens league play on the road the following weekend with a big NSIC-opening clash at Minnesota State, Mankato on

Saturday, September 6. The Mavericks advanced to the national semifinal game this past season. After two weeks on the road to start the new campaign, Minot State makes its home debut hosting a Homecoming match-up with Concordia, St. Paul on Saturday, September 13, at First Western Bank Field at Herb Parker Stadium.

The season continues with another road trip for the Beavers who head to Winona State on Saturday, September 20, before Minot State returns to the friendly confines of Herb Parker Stadium to host the "Battle of the Beavers" as Bemidji State visits First Western Bank Field on Saturday, September 27. Minot State opens October with a trip to Minnesota

State Moorhead to battle the Dragons on Saturday, October 4, before renewing an in-state rivalry that dates all the way back to the Beavers 2nd season in 1927 as Jamestown visits the Magic City on Saturday, October 11. The match-up is the first between the Beavers and Jimmies since 2010 and 80th overall as Jamestown makes the leap from the NAIA to NCAA Di-

vision II and the NSIC. Minot State leads the all-time series 42-34-3. Following the renewal of that in-state rivalry, the Beavers get a weekend off before returning to the field on Saturday, October 25, to host Sioux Falls. Then it is rivalry weekend No. 2 to start November as the "Battle of the Big Lake" resumes after a one-year hiatus. This time around, Minot State will be on the road as they battle the University of Mary on Saturday, November 1, in the 32nd meeting between the Beavers and Marauders and the 11th meeting in the "Battle of the Big Lake" trophy series, which began in 2013. Minot State leads the head-to-head series 17-14 and has won the "Battle of the Big Lake" trophy 6 of the 10 times it has been awarded. Following the short trip to the University of Mary, Minot State makes its final road trip of the season as the Beavers play at Northern State on Saturday, November 8, then Minot State closes the season hosting "Senior Day" on Saturday, November 15, as Minnesota Duluth visits First Western Bank Field at Herb Parker Stadium.



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Dear Readers,

Welcome back, students, faculty, and staff. We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating winter break. We’re excited to see what this semester brings and the accomplishments we can achieve together.

The Red & Green is committed to being an integral part of our campus community. This semester, we’re launching several new initiatives to make your student newspaper even more valuable and engaging.

First, we’re introducing student profiles. We believe that showcasing the diverse experiences and achievements of our student body will foster a stronger sense of community. Look for these profiles in upcoming issues, and maybe you’ll see a familiar face. If there is a student you feel should be profiled, email us at redgreen@minot-stateu.edu and let us know.

Second, we’re adding a “Scenes from Around Campus” section. This section will feature photos from around campus. It’s a way to capture the vibrancy of Minot State and celebrate what makes our campus unique.

Finally, we want to hear from you. Email us at redgreen@minotstateu.edu with your ideas for new features, stories, or columns. We want the Red & Green to reflect the interests and needs of the entire campus community. In addition to these new features, we’ll continue to provide you with the latest news and information about our campus and community.

We’re dedicated to making the Red & Green a valuable and informative resource for everyone at Minot State. Join us on this journey as we continue to grow and evolve.

Bob Patchen

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Please feel free to contact me if you have a story idea, a club event, or any item that you’d like to see in the Red & Green.

Swirple invited to 2025 Podyum College All-Star Bowl

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MINOT – Minot State’s senior center Jake Swirple is getting the chance to showcase his football skills one more time on an exclusive stage.

Swirple has been invited to participate in the 2025 Podyum College All-Star Bowl in Miami, Florida in January.

This special event for college seniors is a four-day All-Star festival that culminates in the Podyum Bowl on Sunday, January 19, at Tropical Park Stadium in Miami.

Prior to the Podyum Bowl, invited senior college football players will take part in three days of drills led by professional football scouts, agents, and trainers to evaluate each as they look to make the leap to the next level.

Podyum has placed over 3,000 athletes with teams across the world.

A four-year performer for the Beavers on the offensive line who played in 37 games, Swirple was a starter at center the last three seasons for Minot State and a key part of the offensive line that led the Beavers to their best season in NCAA history this fall with a 5-6 record.

Minot State’s offensive line also led the way to an all-time single-season rushing record with 2,693 yards this season and tied the all-time single-season record with 30 rushing touchdowns this fall.

Swirple also is a 2022-23 NCAA All-American in wrestling for the Beavers and is currently ranked No. 7 in the country by the NWCA at 285 pounds. He will take time off from competition on the mats to compete in the Podyum Bowl as the Minot State men’s wrestling hosts Minnesota State Moorhead on January 16 in an NSIC dual, then competes on January 18 at the South-west Minnesota State Duals.



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UPCOMING Events

Friday, January 31

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No Mans Land” Student Show

10:00am - 11:00am Latter-day Saints

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

5:00pm Softball vs MSU Moorhead (DH)

Saturday, February 1

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No Mans Land” Student Show

3:30pm Basketball

Alumni Night

7:30pm Basketball

Alumni Social

Sunday, February 2

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

8:00am - 4:30pm “No Mans Land” Student Show

7:00pm - 9:00pm MSU

Life Event: 500 Ways to Win

Monday, February 3

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

8:00am - 4:30pm “No Mans Land” Student Show

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

7:30pm - 9:30pm MSU

Beaver Dance Battle

Tuesday, February 4

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No Mans Land” Student Show

10:30am - 12:00pm

Tuesday Soup

2:00pm - 2:30pm Navigate the Path to Online

Course Success

Wednesday, February 5

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No Mans Land” Student Show

10:00am - 2:00pm

MATHCOUNTS

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

Thursday, February 6

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center:

“Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

7:00pm - 9:00pm MSU

Life Event: Speed Dating

Friday, February 7

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

Saturday, February 8

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

7:00pm - 9:00pm MSU

Life Event: Car Bouquets

with Pockets Full of Posies

Make-and-Take Valentines

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

7:00pm - 9:00pm MSU

Life Event: Build-a-Critter

6:30pm - 9:00pm Alumni & Friends Bingo

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Northwest Arts Center:

“Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

7:00pm - 9:00pm MSU

Life Event: Loners & Lovers Valentine’s Event

Friday, February 14

2025-2026 MSU General Scholarship Application available, Feb. 15 deadline!

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga

7:30 pm: After Ever Happily by Erik Meixelsperger,

Aleshire Theater

Saturday, February 15

8:00am Minot State General Scholarship Application Deadline

Northwest Arts Center:

‘INT’L Paperworks 2025’

Northwest Arts Center: “Extraordinarily Ordinary”

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

2:00 pm: After Ever Happily by Erik Meixelsperger,

Aleshire Theater

Sunday, February 16

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

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Mans Land” Student Show

8:00am - 4:30pm “No

Mans Land” Student Show

10:00am - 2:00pm Graduation Expo

12:00pm - 1:00pm Yoga



# SCENES AROUND CAMPUS



Submitted Photo

We're hopping on the Minot State squirrel appreciation train. To spice things up, we're adding a little homage to Bob's Burgers and Linda Belcher's love for those trash-lovin' raccoons. Behold, the esteemed Dr. Nuttingham. This campus legend has a Ph.D. in Winter Food Inventory Management. Any other name suggestions for this distinguished scholar? Please visit [www.instagram.com/msuredgreen/](https://www.instagram.com/msuredgreen/) or email [redgreen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:redgreen@minotstateu.edu). Photos by Gavyn Herfendal and Nick Poolman

## Minot State softball picked 6th by NSIC coaches as Beavers prepare for season

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Fresh off a trip to the conference semifinals, the Minot State softball team finds itself picked to be one of the league's top programs once again this spring.

The NSIC announced the 2025 NSIC Preseason Softball Coaches' Poll today and the Beavers were picked to finish 6th this season by the league coaches.

Minot State opens the 2025 season hosting its annual Bubble Invite next weekend, January 31 through February 2. The Beavers play a non-conference doubleheader against NSIC rival Minnesota State Moorhead at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31, then a doubleheader against Black Hill State at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, and a single game against Providence on Sunday, February 2.

The NSIC also announced its Preseason Player and Pitcher of the Year, along with naming a player and pitcher to watch for each team, recognizing Minot State catcher Anna LaCount and pitcher Reegan Floyd as the Beaver's Player and Pitcher to Watch this spring.

LaCount, a junior from Kaukauna, Wisconsin who earned 2nd Team All-NSIC honors last season, hit .347 last spring, the second-best average on the team, with 24 RBIs. Defensively, she also threw out 5-of-13 base stealers.

Floyd, a senior from Susanville, California, led the Beaver pitching staff with 10 wins and 66 strikeouts pitching in 23 games with a 2.60 ERA.

Minot State was picked 6th with 125 points while the four-time defending NSIC champion the Augustana Vikings were the heavy favorite to win this season's NSIC title with 196 points and 14-of-15 first-place votes.

Concordia, St. Paul was picked second with 174 points, then Min-

nesota State, Mankato in 3rd with 163 points and 1 first-place vote.

Minnesota Duluth was picked 4th with 157 points, Winona State was picked 5th with 155 points, Minot State was 6th with 125 points, St. Cloud State was picked 7th with 116 points, Minnesota State Moorhead was picked 8th with 100 points, Sioux Falls was picked 9th with 86 points, Southwest Minnesota State was picked 10th with 81 points, Northern State was picked 11th with 70 points, Bemidji State was picked 12th with 54 points, Wayne State was picked 13th with 43 points, Minnesota Crookston was picked 14th with 38 points, and Mary was picked 15th with 17 points.

Augustana's All-American sophomore infielder Alexis Monty was named the NSIC Preseason Player of the Year and the Vikings' All-American senior right-handed pitcher Grace Glanzer was named NSIC Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

## Minot State men's hockey ranked No. 1

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A pair of wins over the weekend pushed the Beavers' win streak to 7 games to start the new calendar year and kept the Minot State men's hockey team atop the ACHA national polls as for the second consecutive week, the Beavers were ranked No. 1 in the ACHA Division I men's hockey national poll.

The Beavers (25-4-1 overall, 18-1-0 MCH) hit the ice for three games this weekend as they host No. 5 Jamestown at the All Seasons Arena on Friday night at 7:30 p.m., then Minot State battles No. 12 Mary in a home-and-home series on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Mandan, then Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Maysa Arena.

While the Minot State men held onto the No. 1 spot in their poll, the Minot State women's hockey team checked in at No. 6 in the ACHA Division I women's poll this week. The Beavers (16-8-1, 13-7-0 WMCH) slipped two spots after a pair of road losses at Midland, which climbed to No. 4 with the two victories.

The Minot State women are back in action at home this weekend as they host Niagara (N.Y.) on Saturday at the Maysa Arena's Eck rink at 4 p.m., and on Sunday at the Maysa Arena's Pepsi rink at 2 p.m.

The top three in both polls remained the same this week as Liberty topped the women's poll followed by No. 2 Adrian (Mich.) and No. 3 Maryville (Mo.), while Midland (Neb.) moved up to No. 4 and McKendree (Ill.) moved up to No. 5.

In the men's poll, Minot State remained No. 1 followed by UNLV at No. 2, Liberty (Va.) at No. 3, Ohio at No. 4, then Jamestown at No. 5.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

### MSU def. University of Mary, 6-2

Joey Moffatt scored a hat trick to lead the top-ranked Minot State Beavers to a 6-2 victory over the University of Mary on Sunday, completing a weekend sweep. Moffatt's goals helped the Beavers take a 4-1 lead in the second period. Ryan Monias also scored in the second for Minot State. Reid Arnold and Christian Kadolph added goals in the third. Hunter Mangan and Derek Dropik scored for Mary. Jake Anthony made 18 saves for Minot State, which improved to 28-2-3 and finished the regular season with a 6-0-0 record against Mary. The Marauders fell to 19-10-0. Anthony's record improved to 14-2-2, they face the University of Jamestown at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31.

### MSU def. University of Mary, 6-1

Joey Moffatt scored twice, and William Dyke made 16 saves as the top-ranked Minot State Beavers defeated the University of Mary Marauders 6-1 on January 25. The Beavers, who improved to 27-2-3, scored two power-play goals and led 2-0 after the first period. Reid Arnold, Logan Cyca, Jay Buchholz, and Logan Rands also scored for Minot State. Jacob Murray scored the lone goal for Mary, which fell to 19-9-0. Dyke improved his record to 11-0-1 with the win.

### Minot State def. Jamestown, 4-3

Jay Buchholz scored twice in the third period, including the game-tying goal, as the top-ranked Minot State Beavers rallied for a 4-3 victory over the No. 5 University of Jamestown Jimmies on January 24. Trailing 2-0 entering the third period, Minot State scored four goals in the final frame to secure the win. Logan Rands also scored for the Beavers, and

Brett Tataryn netted the game-winner with less than four minutes to play. Jake Anthony made 17 saves to earn the win in goal for Minot State, which improved to 26-2-3. Jamestown fell to 19-11-0. Brad Fortin and Kole Christensson scored for the Jimmies in the first two periods. Mario Decapite added a power-play goal in the third.

### MSU def. Waldorf University, 6-2

ALBERT LEA, Minn. – The top-ranked Minot State Beavers completed a two-game sweep of Waldorf University with a 6-2 victory on January 18. Sheldin Howard, Trenton Curtis, and Logan Cyca scored in the first period to give the Beavers a 3-1 lead. Josh Pederson added a goal in the second period, and Reid Arnold and Ben Johnson scored in the third for Minot State, which improved to 25-2-3 on the season. Waldorf fell to 4-16-0. Mason Kelly made the start in goal for the Beavers, improving his record to 3-0-0.

### MSU def. Waldorf University 11-3

ALBERT LEA, Minn. – The top-ranked Minot State Beavers men's hockey team exploded for 11 goals in an 11-3 victory over Waldorf University on January 17. Colby Joseph and Walker Jerome each scored twice for the Beavers, who improved to 24-2-3 on the season. Waldorf fell to 4-15-0. After a 1-1 first period, Minot State erupted for five goals in the second period to take control of the game. Matthew Yakubowski, Payton Jerome, Sheldin Howard, Brayden Pawluk, Josh Pederson, and Brett Tataryn also scored for the Beavers. William Dyke made the start in goal for Minot State, improving his record to 10-0-1. The Beavers added five more goals in the third period, while Waldorf managed two.

## Women's hockey recaps

### Minot State def. Niagara 2-0

Haylie Bieber made 28 saves to shut out Niagara University as the No. 6-ranked Minot State Beavers completed a weekend sweep with a 2-0 victory on Sunday. Paige Kozak scored in the second period, and Marlie Rutherford added a goal in the third for the Beavers, who improved to 18-7-2. Niagara fell to 7-10-2. Bieber improved her record to 7-5-2 with the shutout. The Beavers will travel to Minneapolis at 6:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 1 and 1:00 pm Sunday February 2 for a series against the University of Minnesota.

### Minot State def. Niagara 4-1

Paige Kozak scored twice, and Jillian Ackerman made 27 saves as the No. 6-ranked Minot State Beavers defeated the Niagara University Purple Eagles 4-1 on January 25. After a scoreless first period, Niagara took a 1-0 lead early in the second period on a goal by Mackenzie Addley. Marlie

Rutherford tied the game for Minot State with her first collegiate goal, and Abby Pineau and Kozak added power-play goals to give the Beavers a 3-1 lead. Kozak scored again in the third period to seal the win for Minot State, which improved to 17-7-2. Niagara fell to 7-9-2. Ackerman improved her record to 5-1-0 with the victory.

### Midland University def. Minot State 4-1

FREMONT, Neb. – Callie Maguire scored two empty-net goals to lead the Midland University Warriors to a 4-1 victory over the Minot State Beavers women's hockey team on January 18. Katie McNair and Rylee Martin also scored for Midland, which improved to 17-4-1 on the season. Minot State fell to 16-7-2. McNair opened the scoring in the first period, and Martin added a power-play goal to give Midland a 2-0 lead. Cameron Schmidt scored the lone goal for Minot State in the third period, assisted by Makena Welby. Magu-

ire then sealed the win for Midland with two empty-net goals in the final two minutes.

### Midland University def. Minot State 5-2

FREMONT, Neb. – Makena Larson scored a hat trick to lead the Midland University Warriors to a 5-2 victory over the Minot State Beavers women's hockey team on January 17. Larson's power-play goal in the first period gave Midland a 1-0 lead. Makena Welby tied the game for Minot State early in the second period, but Larson scored again to put the Warriors back in front. Grace Page extended Midland's lead to 3-1 before Larson completed her hat trick with another power-play goal in the third period. Sydni Richards added an empty-net goal for Midland, and Addison Dyck scored a power-play goal for Minot State. Cameron Schmidt, Makena Beard, and Welby had assists for the Beavers, who fell to 16-6-2 on the season. Midland improved to 16-4-1.

## Women's basketball recaps

### Minot State def Minnesota-Duluth 37-29

Emma Mogen scored 16 points, and Jessica Mogen added 11 points and 11 rebounds as the Minot State Beavers rallied from an eight-point halftime deficit to defeat the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs 58-48 on January 25. Maya Aguilar chipped in 13 points and six rebounds for the Beavers, who improved to 6-15 overall and 5-9 in the NSIC. Minot State trailed 37-29 at halftime but outscored the Bulldogs 29-11 in the second half. A 14-0 run in the third quarter, capped by a 3-pointer from Jaime Skeggs, gave the Beavers a 43-37 lead. Minot State's defense held Minnesota-Duluth to 29.7 percent shooting from the field and 19.4 percent from 3-point range. The Beavers outrebounded the Bulldogs 44-43.

### Wayne State College def. Minot State 63-45

WAYNE, Neb. – Maya Aguilar scored 13 points, but it wasn't enough as the Minot State Beavers fell to the Wayne State Wildcats 63-45 on January 17. Emma Mogen added 11 points and 9 rebounds, and

Jessica Mogen chipped in 10 points and 7 rebounds for Minot State. The Beavers, who fell to 4-14 overall and 3-8 in conference play, led 15-12 after the first quarter, fueled by three 3-pointers. They extended their lead to 24-14 in the second quarter with a 9-0 run, but Wayne State rallied to take a 46-35 lead into the fourth quarter. Minot State's defense held the Wildcats to 39.6 percent shooting from the field and forced 13 turnovers, but the Beavers couldn't overcome a cold shooting night. Aguilar, Emma Mogen, and Jessica Mogen combined for 34 of the Beavers' 45 points.

### Concordia, St. Paul def Minot State 93-40

Taury Hight scored nine points, but the Minot State Beavers fell to the No. 22-ranked Concordia-St. Paul Golden Bears 93-40 on Friday. Jessica Mogen added eight points and five rebounds for the Beavers, who dropped to 5-15 overall and 4-9 in the NSIC. Minot State struggled from the start, trailing 25-11 after the first quarter and 47-18 at halftime. Concordia-St. Paul extended its

lead to as many as 53 points in the second half. "It's just a disappointing night for us," Minot State coach Ryan Clark said. "I think the level of competition that we've set for ourselves...we didn't come out with that same fight tonight." The Beavers got 18 points from their bench.

### Minot State def. Augustana 69-55

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Sydney Gustavsson scored 18 points, and Emma Mogen added 15 as the Minot State Beavers defeated the Augustana Vikings 69-55 on Saturday. The Beavers, who improved to 5-14 overall and 4-8 in conference play, shot 46.2 percent from 3-point range, hitting 12 of 26 attempts. Maya Aguilar chipped in 14 points and 6 rebounds for Minot State. After falling behind early, the Beavers went on an 8-0 run in the first quarter and led 35-24 at halftime. Minot State extended its lead to 53-30 in the third quarter and cruised to the victory. The Beavers forced 23 turnovers and outrebounded Augustana 32-25. Aguilar hit four 3-pointers for Minot State, and her two steals led the team.



# Accreditation process reaffirms MSU nursing excellence

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Minot State Department of Nursing excels in nursing excellence.

One key component reaffirming this is a current National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) passing rate of 100% in 2023.

Part of the MSU Department of Nursing's commitment to excellence is having a complex, accredited program designed for nursing success, and the department is busy working through renewing its accreditation this year.

Amy Lee, chair of the department of nursing, expressed her pride in the program and its mission.

"It is a time for our program to shine and really be proud of the work we are doing, the nurses that we are creating, and the environment we create so that students can succeed and be great nurses," said Lee. "Nursing is something you must have a passion for."

"Regionally, the program is accredited by the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON), which is essential for legally operating within the state and allows our graduates to be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)," said Lee. "Additionally, the program is nationally accredited by



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MSU nursing department reaffirms accreditation.

the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which is a voluntary certification indicating that our program meets the rigorous standards of nursing education."

According to Lee, regional and national accreditation is essential for students, not only to show the program is teaching at the highest standards but to help students move on in their academic careers.

"Not only is CCNE accreditation a mark of quality for our program, graduating from a nursing program that is nationally accredited is usually a requirement if students wish to pursue a graduate degree in the nursing

field," said Lee.

Ensuring that the program meets every requirement can be a daunting task and challenging to prove despite knowing that it is embedded into the program, it is all a collaborative effort between faculty, staff, and students to prove.

"It is such a big task; we must show how our program and curriculum show not only the standard but also the concepts and the essentials of preparing new nurses for the environment," Lee said. "Achieving and maintaining CCNE accreditation involves an in-depth, ongoing evaluation by our faculty, examining everything from curriculum and

clinical experiences to faculty credentials, student support, and outcome measures.

"This year, we are also incorporating the updated 2024 standards and the new Essentials from 2021, which define the core curriculum and expected competencies for baccalaureate nursing graduates."

With brand new standards introduced this year, the nursing program must now prove again how MSU nursing educates on the required core curriculum.

"One of the biggest differences between this self-study and the one we wrote in 2020 is that instead of speaking to how we met the

nine defined essentials of baccalaureate education for professional nursing practice, under the 2021 Essentials, we must speak to how we meet the 10 domains, the eight concepts, and the 45 competencies," Lee explained.

However, more than simply showing on paper how the curriculum of MSU nursing meets the standard, the students must exhibit it, as well.

"We need to show that our students are demonstrating and showing us that they can meet these competencies," she said. "That our student can not only understand it but apply it and think critically to care for

patients."

Lee referenced multiple areas on Minot State's website and national websites to help individuals further understand what accreditation looks like and how it is measured.

"I encourage you to take a look at the Essentials and review the domains, concepts, and competencies — it will give you an idea of how we structure the curriculum in our program," Lee added. "In addition, we write our Student Learning Outcomes based on these standards and evaluate Student Achievement Outcomes based on them as well."

## Minot Symphony Orchestra hosts ‘Your Minot, Your Lyrics’ anthem contest

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The Minot Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is thrilled to announce the "Your Minot, Your Lyrics" Anthem Contest. Anyone with a deep connection to Minot is encouraged to submit text for consideration to become a new anthem for the City of Minot.

In celebration of the Minot Symphony Orchestra's 100th season in 2025-2026, and in partnership with the City of Minot, the MSO is aiming to create a theme song that captures the spirit, pride, and essence of the Minot community. This anthem will serve as a tribute to the people, stories, and shared experiences that make Minot the "Magic City."

Writers, wordsmiths and poets with a deep connection to Minot, are invited to take part in a special Anthem Poetry Contest that will serve as the official poetic voice for Minot. The goal of the contest is to create a powerful anthem that celebrates the strength and resourcefulness of the people of Minot, located in the heart of the Western Plains. The poems should reflect the resili-

ence, determination, and unity that define our community. The anthem will not only be a tribute to Minot's enduring spirit, but also a celebration of what makes it a wonderful place to live—a city that has weathered challenges, embraced its people, and flourished with pride.

Minot Mayor Tom Ross shared his excitement about the project, "What better way to celebrate 100 years of serving our community through music, than to give the ultimate gift of a Minot Anthem. Together our community can create a gift that will last for generations. Created by the very best of our Magic City."

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to all writers, wordsmiths and poets with a deep connection to the Magic City. Entries from all backgrounds and skill levels are welcome. There is no fee to enter.

**Format:** The poem should be structured like an anthem — a piece that could be performed with strength and pride. The poem must incorporate a theme of harmony and unity while celebrating the spirit of Minot. This could be in the form of a hymn, a rallying cry, or an inspiration call to action, ideally fitting for public performance. The

anthem should be between 20 and 40 lines — long enough to capture the essence of Minot but concise enough to be easily performed or sung.

**Original Work:** All submissions must be original, not previously published or performed. Plagiarism or use of AI will result in disqualification. Submissions must be in English.

**Deadline:** Entries must be received by midnight on Monday, April 21, 2025.

**Prizes:** \$500 cash, lyrics credit, and 2 season tickets for the Minot Symphony's 25-26 season will be awarded to the top entry. The 2nd and 3rd place entries will receive a 6-ticket flex pass for the MSO.

**How to Submit:** Entries must be submitted electronically on the Google form at [www.minotsymphony.com](http://www.minotsymphony.com).

The entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges including Mayor Ross, Dr. Eads, and Maestro Efrain Amaya. The winner will be announced at the Minot City Council meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025 and the anthem will be premiered by the Minot Symphony Orchestra with area choirs in March 2026.

"I moved to Minot 30 years ago

and never intended to make it my home. Coming from Devils Lake, ND, Minot was "Too big" for me. It is challenging to put it into words, but there is just something about the Magic City that makes it home. I am very excited to read the entries for this contest, and you never know, I just may submit one myself," said Ellen Fenner, Executive Director of the Minot Symphony Orchestra.

Entries should invoke a sense of pride, hope, and resilience. It should celebrate elements of Minot past, present, and future, acknowledging the hard work of its people, the beauty of its landscapes, or the unique charm that makes it the "Magic City."

Full contest details and entry form can be found at [www.minotsymphony.com](http://www.minotsymphony.com). Contact the Minot Symphony Orchestra at 701-858-4228 or email [minotsymphony@minotstateu.edu](mailto:minotsymphony@minotstateu.edu) with any questions.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is a unique blend of student, community, and professional musicians from the Minot area. The symphony is directed by Maestro Efrain Amaya, Associate Professor of Performing Arts at Minot State University.

## MSU women's wrestling beats Jamestown for season sweep of Jimmies

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JAMESTOWN — Three pins for the Beavers proved to be just enough for victory January 15 on the road.

The Minot State women's wrestling team completed a season sweep of in-state rival Jamestown as the teams tied 20-20 in their dual, but the tiebreaker went to the Beavers who won three of the five matches contested on the mats.

Jamestown picked up two wins by pin and two forfeit wins, Minot State received a forfeit victory, and the two other matches were double forfeits.

Keela Kary, Nina Sandoval, and Madilyn Schuck led the way to the victory for Minot State (3-5 duals) as each won their respective match by pin.

Kary won her match at 131 pounds by pin in 45 seconds against Nora Houghlum, while Sandoval won in 1 minute, 35 seconds in her 180-pound match against Celia Jaeger, and Schuck won in 1:43 in her 207-pound match against Grace Todhunter.

Claiming those three victories provided the Beavers with the team win as both teams scored 20 points, sending the dual to the tiebreaker with the first criteria being total individual match wins.

Megan Ebach added a win by forfeit for Minot State at 138 pounds.

## Minot State's Madilyn Schuck battles way to consolation championship

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YORK, Neb. — An early setback didn't deter Minot State's Madilyn Schuck at the York Open women's wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Motivated by a first-match loss, Schuck went on a win streak to claim the consolation championship and finish 3rd in the 207-pound weight class.

Schuck was the top performer on the day for the Beavers who also got a win Saturday from Emily Light, but no other placers. Light earned a win by pin in 1 minute, 8 seconds to start her day in the 124-pound bracket be-

fore two setbacks ended her run.

The reverse happened for Schuck, who after dropping her opening match came back with a 7-0 win by decision over Alexa Ramirez from Southeast Community College in her first consolation bracket tilt, then a 3-2 win by decision over Jadalyn Bohm from Iowa Western Community College in the consolation semifinals.

Schuck then finished off the 3rd-place match in less than a minute, claiming the consolation championship with a win by pin in 37 seconds over Chadron State's Estrella Vasquez-Gutierrez.

The Minot State women's wrestling team is off next weekend and returns to the mats on February 1 when they compete at the Grand View Open in Iowa.

## Wayne Joint goes unbeaten as Beavers split 4 duals at SMSU Dual tourney

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**Minot State 25, Southwest Minnesota State 18**  
**Upper Iowa 39, Minot State 3**

**Minot State 22, Fort Hays State 21 (tie-breaker)**

**Wisconsin-Eau Claire 43, Minot State 9**

MARSHALL, Minn. — Minot State's Wayne Joint enjoyed a perfect day on the mats, leading the way for the Beavers who picked up a pair of dual victories, including one that counts in the NSIC standings, at the Southwest Minnesota State Dual Tournament on Saturday.

Battling at 131 pounds, Joint started off his perfect day with an 11-0 major decision win over the Mustangs' Chase Hanson, then picked up the lone win for Beavers (5-5 duals, 1-3 NSIC) against former NSIC foe Upper Iowa, beating Dawson Schmit in a 7-2 decision.

Win No. 3 on the day for Joint came in a 9-5 decision over Andrew Honas of Fort Hays State,

then Joint wrapped up his run of four straight victories with an 8-0 major decision win over Calvin Singewald of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

As for the Beavers as a team, they started the day with a 25-18 win over host Southwest Minnesota State in an NSIC-counting dual.

Minot State then fell 39-3 to Upper Iowa before picking up a 22-21 win over Fort Hays State that came down to the first tie-breaking criteria, most match wins by pin as the Beavers prevailed with pins by Adrian Chavez at 141 pounds and Ryan Hrcka at 157 to just one pin by the Tigers.

The Beavers closed out the

day with a 43-9 setback against Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Minot State is back in action next weekend competing in NSIC duals at Sioux Falls on Friday and at Augustana on Saturday.

Chavez added a pair of wins on the day to the Beavers total with his win by pin in 2 minutes, 13 seconds over Kevin Honas of Fort Hays, and an 11-0 major decision victory over Dylan Louwagie from Southwest Minnesota State.

Ethan Wonsner and Cannon Potts also added two wins each on the day for Minot State as Wonsner won a 3-2 decision over Drew Bell of Fort Hays State at 149 pounds and won an 8-3

decision over Jacob Messner of Southwest Minnesota State.

Potts won by pin in 2:25 over Kody Marschner of Southwest Minnesota State in their 197-pound match and added a 17-1 technical fall win over Cole Matulenko from Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Gavin Turk added a 5-1 win in the tie-break over Connor Padgett of Fort Hays State at 174 pounds, Brendan Barnes won his lone match of the day, a 12-2 major decision over Caden Young of Southwest Minnesota State at 165 pounds, and Hrcka's pin came in 4:49 over Marcell Dely of Fort Hays State in their 157-pound match.





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MSU junior **Ayoub Berthe** (20) and his teammates have the Beavers on a two game win streak over the weekend and at No. 20 / No. 17 in the polls this week.

# Minot State men’s basketball up to No. 20/17 in polls

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A pair of home wins over the weekend helped the Minot State men’s basketball team move back into the top 20 in the nation as the Beavers climbed two spots in this week’s NABC coaches poll released today.

The Beavers (20-3 overall, 11-3 NSIC) beat Concordia, St. Paul 92-78 in a battle for second place in the NSIC on Friday, then completed the weekend sweep with a 75-68 win over Minnesota Duluth on Saturday.

Thanks to the two wins, Minot State picked up 102 points in this week’s NABC Division II Coaches’ Poll to land at No. 20.

NSIC-leading Southwest Minnesota State moved up one spot to No. 13 with 211 points and was the only other team from the league ranked in the Top 25, while Winona State had 2 points and was among the schools listed in “others receiving votes.”

Minot State is back in action tomorrow night, Wednesday, January 29, playing at Minnesota Crookston, then hosts Northern State at the MSU Dome on Saturday, February 1.

The top four teams in the NABC poll remained the same with Washburn (Kan.) (19-0) at No. 1 followed by Daemen (N.Y.) (18-0) at No. 2, Nova Southeastern (Fla.) (17-1) at No. 3, and Alabama Huntsville (17-1) at No. 4. Missouri S&T (16-1) moved up to No. 5, jumping from the No. 9 spot.

Minot State moved up to 17 in this week’s D2CSC poll voted on by the nation’s college sports communicators. The Beavers received 122 points in the poll.

Southwest Minnesota State was up one spot to No. 9 with 223 points in the D2CSC poll, while Concordia, St. Paul had 8 points and is among the teams listed in the “others receiving votes.”

The top three in the D2CSC poll remained the same with Washburn (Kan.) (19-0) at No. 1 followed by No. 2 Nova Southeastern (Fla.) (17-1), and Daemen (N.Y.) (18-0) at No. 3, while Alabama Huntsville (17-1) and Ferris State (Mich.) (18-3) traded spots with Alabama Huntsville moving up to No. 4 and Ferris State slipping to No. 5.

Minot State climbed to a program-best No. 4 in the nation this season and has been

ranked in eight consecutive NABC polls and five consecutive D2CSC polls this winter.

## Minot State men’s basketball No. 18/22 in latest polls

The Minot State men’s basketball team returns to their home court after two tough weekends on the road and the Beavers remain one of the best teams in the nation according to the national polls.

After splitting on the road last weekend, the Minot State men (18-3 overall, 9-3 NSIC) slipped in the latest NABC coaches’ poll to No. 22 in the nation as the Beavers prepare to host Concordia, St. Paul this Friday night and Minnesota Duluth on Saturday. The Beavers also fell four spots to No. 18 in the latest D2CSC Top 25 poll voted on by the nation’s college sports communicators.

Both the Golden Bears (14-4, 9-3) and Bulldogs (12-5, 7-4) received votes in the NABC poll and were among the teams in “others receiving votes,” just outside the Top 25. Each received 10 points.

Fellow NSIC foe Southwest Minnesota State (15-3, 10-2) is No. 15 in the latest poll, the only other team from the NSIC in the Top 25. The Mustangs collected 140 points in the poll and climbed seven spots from No. 22 last week.

The Beavers received 70 points in the latest poll as they slipped from No. 14 in last week’s poll.

Minot State climbed to a program-best No. 4 in the nation this season and has been ranked in seven consecutive NABC polls this winter.

The top three in the NABC poll remained the same with unbeaten Washburn (Kan.) (17-0) at No. 1 and unbeaten Daemen (N.Y.) (16-0) at No. 2, while Nova Southeastern (Fla.) (16-1) held onto the No. 3 spot.

Alabama Huntsville (16-1) moved up one spot to No. 4 and Findlay (Ohio) (16-1) climbed from No. 9 to the No. 5 spot.

Minot State received 93 points in the D2CSC Top 25 poll as they now have been in the poll for four consecutive rankings.

Southwest Minnesota State climbed to No. 10 in the D2CSCS poll with 199 points, up three spots, and Concordia, St. Paul collected 6 points and was listed in “others receiving votes.”

Washburn was No. 1 in the D2CSC poll followed by No. 2 Nova Southeastern, No. 3 Daemen, No. 4 Ferris State (Mich.) (17-2), and No. 5 Alabama Huntsville.

## Schaeffer

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then coach, Randy Hedberg ’77, who is the older brother of Rick Hedberg ’89, currently the executive director of the MSU (Development) Foundation,” he said. “It was through the efforts of Randy Hedberg recruiting a group of players from a high school team in Brandon that brought me to Minot State in the fall of 1988.”

Over the next four years, the accounting major developed relationships on and off the field, from friendships to mentoring.

“For me, what stands out over the four years was really two things. One was the friendships that were developed that I still have today with individuals, as chance would have it from North Dakota and Montana primarily. No doubt, it was partially through the football team. And the second thing that stands out for me was the honors program, which exists today and actually began during my first year at the University,” Schaeffer said. “It was led by the science department professor, Ron Royer. I had the good fortune of benefiting from the foresight and guidance of Ron Royer through the honors program.

“He was kind enough to take an interest as I pursued my education and while at Minot State.”

After Schaeffer graduated with his bachelor’s in accounting from Minot State, Royer continued to advocate and encourage him to pursue postgraduate studies.

“He encouraged me to go to law school, and so immediately following Minot State in the fall of 1992, I attended Southern Illinois University. I pursued, at that point, something that was called a joint degree. It was a Master of Accounting and Juris Doctorate joint degree. Normally, a Master of Accounting will take you two years to complete, and a law degree will take you three. You can combine them and do them in four,” he explained. “And so, I graduated three years later, in the spring of 1995. It was actually December of ’94, but I walked the stage in May of ’95 with that joint degree.”

Once finished with his joint degree from Southern Illinois University, Schaeffer started working for Ernst and Young, an accounting firm in St. Louis. With this new experience came another educational adventure.

“When I was with Ernst and Young, I started in St. Louis, then I was transferred to New York for a short-term assignment. While I was working in Manhattan, my peers at Ernst were pursuing Master of Law in Taxation degrees at NYU-New York University,” he said. “I had never heard of a Master of Law in Taxation.

“I felt in order to be competitive in the marketplace, I needed to go back to school,” Schaeffer added. “So, it was the assignment in Manhattan that opened my eyes to say that I needed to go back for a fourth degree to be competitive in the marketplace.”

That drive to stay ahead didn’t end there. His career at BP marked the next chapter in his commitment to continuous learning.

“I joined BP in Chicago in 2001 and pursued an MBA. I was doing some work in the treasury department at BP in addition to working in the tax department,” Schaeffer said. “And so, over the course of three years, I pursued a part-time Master of Science in Finance degree from Saint Xavier University.”

As Schaeffer’s education advanced, so did his career at BP, leading to opportunities in new roles and cities.

“The first move I made was from Chicago. I was there from 2001 to 2004. I worked in the tax department and also spent time working with the treasury function. I then moved to Houston to work in our lower 48 oil and gas business. When I arrived in Houston in 2004, it was like starting all over with a whole new company,” he said. “I had my network and my colleagues in Chicago, but this whole new experience of being involved, not with tax and treasury, but in an oil and gas business in Houston, was very unique and very different. What was special about it in my mind was that I didn’t have to leave my existing company for that new opportunity. I found that new challenges and opportunities continued to present themselves as I worked on various projects across the globe, and now, since Oct. 1, being a president/head of the country for BP in Canada and the breadth of opportunities that come along with that.”

As Schaeffer reflects on a career filled with global experiences and profession-

al milestones, he acknowledges that the greatest lessons have been the simplest ones. No matter how complex the challenges or high the stakes, he believes success stems from the core values that guide our relationships and interactions.

“Always be respectful. It doesn’t matter where you are from or what country you are in. Being polite and respectful carries a conversation, and I think it also just helps with the interaction of individuals with individuals,” he explained. “That’s the one thing I carry. Be yourself, but be respectful, always. There are times of stress, and there are times of laughter, but just always be courteous and respectful, and to be certain that you give people the time and the space that they want.

“Everything I ever needed to know, I learned in kindergarten. Be kind. Be respectful. If you borrow something, return it.”

Schaeffer also learned the value of connection and the importance of staying grounded. He credits these lessons to the friendships and relationships he’s built over the years, many of which continue to shape his perspective today.

“The friends from growing up, grade school, junior high, high school, and at least for me, I found the most formative years being in college and, in particular, being an undergrad at Minot State. The friendships that I developed over the course of those years shaped me as a person,” Schaeffer said. “I still carry those friendships today with colleagues and friends, for example, Randy Conway ’92 at Minot State. Just their insights, views, and perspectives that carry along with you. You know, those friends that you establish friendships with at a younger age that don’t go to work with you, but they’re the same individuals today as I knew back then. They keep you grounded.

“They don’t know me as Scott Schaeffer, who works for BP. They just remember me as Scott Schaeffer, who went to school with them at Minot State over the course of years.”

While friendships have kept him grounded, Schaeffer’s family has been his anchor through the years.

“My wife’s name is Kristina, and we’ve been married since 2001. Kristina and I met in law school at Southern Illinois University back in 1992. We have a son named Cameron, of course; he goes by Cam. Cam would tell you he’s from Texas. He was really born in Chicago, but we moved to Texas when he was about two years old,” he said. “We currently live in Calgary, and Cam is attending Mount Royal University in Calgary-MRU. He’s in his fourth year there studying business.”

Before Schaeffer took on his role as president of BP in Calgary, he was considering retirement, but with his new role closer to home and less travel, it was an easy answer to postpone retirement a little longer.

“I am not traveling much in my new role, and I’m quite excited about that,” he said. “So, I will have less travel and will be spending a lot more time in Canada, with a little bit of travel to the East Coast, to Ottawa, and within Alberta. I was considering retirement, and then, fortunately, this opportunity was presented to me to relocate back to Calgary, where my wife and son were living. And so, I jumped at the opportunity as a result of that. I felt a little bit too young to retire anyway.

“So, as opposed to retiring next year when I’m 55, I will continue to work for a few more years, which is probably a good thing. Then, I will probably work part-time or on a volunteer basis, maybe at the golf course, cutting grass. And that will be it. That will be enough.”

With his new role offering a better balance between work and home, Schaeffer is turning his attention to the lessons he’s learned throughout his career. One key takeaway he shares is the power of relationships and how they can shape a career.

“The one thing I would tell the students today, as I expressed when I was there. Introduce themselves, talk, and meet people,” Scheffer said. “You never know where the relationships that you develop at a university will take you in the future; heaven forbid, five years from now, you’re applying for a position. You sit down with the interviewer, and it was a person you sat next to for an entire semester in business class, and you never took the time to introduce yourself.

“Learn to talk, learn to interact, learn to communicate, and develop that network. You never know where it is going to lead you. Invest the time in the person sitting next to you.

# Minot State’s Caleb Van De Griend candidate for Bevo Francis Award

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For the third time this season, Minot State’s junior forward Caleb Van De Griend was named the best player for the weekend in the NSIC.

The Beavers’ 6-foot-8 forward from Bridgetown, Australia set a new single-season Minot State record for rebounds over the weekend, helping lead No. 22 Minot State to a sweep at home and earning him NSIC Men’s Basketball Player of the Week honors.

Van De Griend was also



Caleb Van De Griend

named NSIC Player of the Week on December 2 and December 23. His 3 NSIC Player of the Week awards this season leads the league.

Van De Griend averaged 21.5 points and 11.5 rebounds on the weekend, which included 20 points and 15 rebounds Saturday in a 75-68 win over Minnesota

Duluth.

Saturday’s effort on the glass gave Van De Griend 303 rebounds this season, a new single-season Minot State record as he passed Tyler Rudolph’s mark of 291 set in 2016-17.

Friday, in a 92-78 win over Concordia, St. Paul in a battle for 2nd place in the NSIC standings, Van De Griend led the way for the Beavers with 23 points and 8 rebounds.

Van De Griend leads the NSIC in rebounding, averaging 13.2 rebounds per game, and is second in the league in scoring at 19.4 points per game. He also leads the NSIC in field-goal percentage at 72.4 percent (176-of-243), which is third-best in the nation.



# MSU men’s wrestling recaps

## No. 8 Augustana 36, Minot State 6

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The Minot State men’s wrestling team battled but the 8th-ranked Augustana Vikings proved to be a bit too much January 25 as the Beavers fell 36-6 in an NSIC dual.

Wayne Joint and Ryan Hrcka led the way for Minot State (6-6 duals, 2-4 NSIC) as each picked up a win, while the Beavers’ Jake Swirple, who is ranked No. 9 nationally at 285 pounds, battled into overtime before suffering a setback.

Joint picked up a 3-2 win by decision over Braiden Kort at 133 pounds, getting the Beavers on the board in the dual, and Hrcka added a 3-2 win by decision over Davin Rose at 157 pounds, keeping Minot State close, down 14-6 midway through the dual.

An injury default at 165 pounds then sparked the Vikings, though, as Augustana who won the next five matches to finish off the team victory.

That included a battle at 285 as Swirple and Max Balow went into overtime tied 1-1 before Balow made a late charge in the tie-breaker for a 6-1 win.

## Minot State 24, Sioux Falls 18

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Making their first trip to Sioux Falls to take on the 2nd-year Cougars, the Minot State men’s wrestling team prevailed with a late surge in an NSIC dual on January 24.

Brendan Barnes won by pin, helping the Beavers even up the dual, then Cannon Potts added another win by pin as Minot State pulled away late for a 24-18 win.

Dylan McDonald, Ryan Hrcka, Gavin Turk, and Jake Swirple all added wins by decision for Minot State, which is in action at No. 8 Augustana on Saturday night.



Submitted Photo

Minot State’s **Ryan Hrcka** locks up Minnesota State Moorhead’s **Jacob Reinardy** during their 157-pound match Jan. 16 at the MSU Dome. Hrcka scored a 7-0 win by decision. Photo by Sean Arbaut

Trailing 12-3 in the dual, Hrcka started the charge for the Beavers (6-5 duals, 2-3 NSIC) with a 2-1 win in his 157-pound match over Lincoln Fink, then Barnes picked up a win by pin 1 minute, 40 seconds into the second round of his match at 165 against Cooper Sanders, tying the dual 12-12.

Turk then completed a run of three straight Minot State wins with an 8-2 decision at 174 pounds over Grant Moraski, giving the Beavers a brief lead as a pin by the Cougars at 184 put them back on top.

Potts changed that for good in his 197-pound match, pinning Stetson Davis in 1:03 to give Minot State a 21-18 edge.

Swirple then iced the team win as the No. 9-ranked heavyweight picked up an 8-2 decision at 285 pounds over Isaiah Laguna for the final margin of victory.

McDonald got the

Beavers started with an 11-5 decision win in the 125-pound match against Jaxton Packer in the first match of the evening.

## Minnesota State Moorhead 23, Minot State 16

Minot State’s Brendan Barnes kept attacking, and in overtime it paid off.

His Beaver teammates did the same but unfortunately came up just short in a comeback bid against visiting Minnesota State Moorhead, which hung on for a 23-16 dual win at the Minot State Dome on Thursday in NSIC men’s wrestling action.

Barnes battled even with the Dragons’ Jacob Thomas in their 165-pound match, which went to overtime tied 1-1. In the extra session, Barnes aggressively shot for the takedown time and again, finally wrapping up Thomas as 50 seconds in the extra

session for a takedown and a 4-1 sudden-victory win.

The second win in a determined charge by the Beavers (3-3 duals, 0-3 NSIC), who trailing 18-0 started their comeback thanks to Ryan Hrcka who cruised to a 7-0 win by decision at 157 pounds over Jacob Reinardy.

Barnes’ overtime victory added to Minot State’s momentum, and a 1-point team penalty against the Dragons (5-2, 1-2) for unsportsmanlike conduct, trimmed the dual difference to 17-6.

The Beavers comeback continued with a standout performance from freshman Gavin Turk at 174 pounds as he made his dual debut for Minot State scoring a 13-1 major decision win over Anthony Sykora.

Down 17-10 heading into the final two matches of the dual, the Beavers comeback came up short

as Mason Gode scored a pinfall win at 184 for Minnesota State Moorhead to ice the dual win.

Just enough margin as Minot State’s Cannon Potts finished off the Beavers determined comeback with a pinfall win of his own over the Dragons’ Isaiah Huus with 1 minute, 31 seconds left in his 197-pound match for the final 23-16 score.

Minot State wrestled without No. 7-ranked Jake Swirple as the Beaver heavyweight is in Florida this weekend for the Podyum Bowl college football all-star game which kicks off at 8:45 a.m. (Minot time) this Sunday.

The Beavers also saw a close match slip away as Ethan Wonsler led 3-1 headed into the third round of his 149-pound match with Cody Wieneen, who used a last-second takedown to score a 6-3 win by decision.

# Indoor track and field recaps

BISMARCK – Minot State senior thrower Dallas Reese led the way for a small contingent of Beavers competing Saturday at the University of Mary in Bismarck Winter Classic as he finished third in the shot put with a personal-best effort of 50 feet even.

While Reese led the way for the Minot State men, Afton Wride led the Beaver women as she was fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 34 feet, 4.25 inches, and fifth in the long jump with a mark of 16-3.25.

Also competing for the Minot State women was Erica Nelson, who was 11th in the shot put with a throw of 34-11.

On the men’s side, Ethan Graham was 16th in the shot put for the Beavers with a mark of 44-6.75, while Evan Hartt was 12th in the weight throw with a distance of 46-4 and 21st in the shot with a throw of 42-6.75.

The Minot State track and field teams will be back in action next weekend as the Beavers head to Grand Forks for the UND Open on Saturday hosted by North Dakota.

## Krebsbach excels

BISMARCK – Minot State junior sprinter Summer Krebsbach continues to do exactly what you hope to do in track and field: Improve each competition.

For the second time this winter, Krebsbach broke her own school record in the women’s 60-meter dash finishing 2nd on Saturday in the event at the Marauders Indoor Opener.

Finishing in a time of 7.66 seconds, Krebsbach broke her own NCAA Division II-era school record of 7.78 seconds which she ran last month in the season opener for Minot State.

Her performance led the way for the Minot State track and field teams, who were in action for the second time this indoor season and the first time since taking six weeks off for the holiday break.

Joining Krebsbach in leading the way on the women’s side were Camryn Adams, who claimed the lone victory on day for Minot State, Emily Mattern, who had two top-5 finishes, and Bailey Wride, who was 5th in the mile.

Adams won the women’s 200 meters in 26.82 while Mattern was 4th in that event in 27.11 and added a 5th-place finish in the 400 meters in 1:01.00, and Wride finished 5th in the mile in a career-best time of 5 minutes, 7.23 seconds.

On the men’s side, Devan Daniels came oh-so-close to another school record – .01 second away – as he was 6th in the men’s 60-meter dash in 7.02 seconds.

Joining him in leading the way for the Minot State men were Peyton Tuhy, who was second in the mile, Ramon Duran, who was 2nd in the 400 meters and 6th in the 200, Zaccharius Brown, who was 3rd in the 400 and 4th in the 200, Nasir Dilworth, who clocked the fastest prelim time in the 60-meter hurdles but did not run in the finals, and Ethan Graham, who was 4th in the shot put in his collegiate debut.

Tuhy finished 2nd in the mile in 4:32.18 for the Beavers, while Duran was 2nd in the 400 in and 6th in the 200 in 23.12.

Brown also doubled up in the 200 and 400, finishing 3rd in the 400 in 51.16 and 4th in the 200 in 22.99, while Dilworth clocked a time of 8.36 in the hurdle prelims but did not compete in the finals, and Graham was 4th in the shot put with a throw of 47 feet, 1.75 inches.

The Beavers continue a busy indoor season in two weeks as they next compete at the UND Open hosted by the University of North Dakota on February 1.

# MEN’S BASKETBALL

## Minot State def. University of Minnesota Duluth 75-68

Caleb Van De Griend had 20 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Minot State Beavers to a 75-68 victory over the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs on January 25. Ayoub Berthe added 19 points and seven rebounds for the Beavers, who improved to 20-3 overall and 11-3 in the NSIC. Jaxon Gunville chipped in 17 points, and Sam West had 14. Minot State trailed 41-38 at halftime but used a 6-0 run in the second half to take the lead for good. “We came together at the end,” West said. “There were lots of ups and downs throughout the game. Lots of lead changes, but we stuck together.” The Beavers outrebounded the Bulldogs 37-33 and hit eight 3-pointers.

## Minot State def. Augustana 82-77

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Caleb Van De Griend scored 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, and Jalen Cook added 23 points as the Minot State Beavers snapped a three-game losing streak with an 82-77 victory over the Augustana Vikings on January 18. The Beavers, who improved to 18-3 overall and 9-3 in conference play, started the game with a 10-0 run but trailed 36-33 at halftime. Minot State regained the lead with a 7-0 run in the second half, capped by Van De Griend’s layup, and held on for the win. Cook hit seven 3-pointers, and the Beavers shot 13 of 31 from beyond the arc. Minot State outrebounded Augustana 38-28 and collected 13 offensive rebounds. Sam West just missed a triple-double for the Beavers with 9 points, 8 rebounds, and 9 assists. “Our guys responded well to adversity tonight,” Minot State coach Matt Murken said. “That was a really

hard-fought win.”

## Minot State def. Concordia St. Paul 92-78

All five starters scored in double figures as the Minot State Beavers defeated the Concordia-St. Paul Golden Bears 92-78 on January 24. Caleb Van De Griend led the way with 23 points and eight rebounds, and Jalen Cook added 19 points for the Beavers, who improved to 19-3 overall and 10-3 in the NSIC. Minot State shot well from 3-point range, hitting 11 of 23 attempts. After taking a 46-38 lead into halftime, the Beavers used a 10-0 run in the second half to pull away. “It felt great,” Minot State’s Ayoub Berthe said. “After going on that three-game losing streak, we had to pick it back up.” Berthe finished with 14 points for the Beavers. Jaxon Gunville also scored 14. Minot State outrebounded Concordia-St. Paul 33-32 and had 13 assists while committing only six turnovers.

## Wayne State College def. Minot State 78-69

WAYNE, Neb. – Despite Caleb Van De Griend’s double-double of 19 points and 16 rebounds, and Jaxon Gunville’s 19 points, the Minot State men’s basketball team fell to the Wayne State College Wildcats 78-69 on Friday, January 17. The Beavers, now losers of three straight, struggled early, trailing 48-35 at halftime. A 10-0 run in the second half, capped by Jalen Cook’s jumper, brought them within four, but Wayne State held on for the win. Ayoub Berthe also contributed 13 points and 6 rebounds for Minot State. The Beavers shot well from three-point range, hitting 9 of 23 attempts, with Gunville sinking five. Despite outrebounding Wayne State 31-29, Minot State couldn’t overcome the early deficit.

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# HONORROLL

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**Beulah** Nicole Ferebee  
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**Bowbells** Cambry Ankenbauer  
**Burlington** Kaelyn Bachmeier, Alexa Bravo Jeffreys, Annika Dear-durff, Allisen Haxton, Shaylie Holen, Reese Kurtz, Mia Wiese  
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**Deering** Hailey Wargo  
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noz Sakar  
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kaoui  
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## Minot State Fall 2024 VPAA and Engagement Honor Roll

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The Engagement Honor Roll is ordered by the students' last name. Students named to the VPAA Honor Roll are ordered according to their hometowns. North Dakota students are listed first, followed by students with out-of-state hometowns listed alphabetically by state, then hometown; and then Canadian students alphabetically by province, then hometown. Finally, international students are listed by home country and hometown.

## ENGAGEMENT HONOR ROLL

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Minot Faith Hauck  
Minot Addyson Hughes  
Henderson, Nev. Conner Meldrim  
Rome, Italy Jihao Tao  
Lake Stevens, Wash. Cayden White  
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**NORTH DAKOTA STUDENTS**  
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Berthold Isabella Johnson, Kate-  
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Bismarck Nikki Blowers, Brook Bonnet, Ella Gilkerson, Kristy Glines,  
Cameron Schmidt, Nicole Wolfer  
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bigail Macclennan, Isaac Patchen,  
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Crosby Megan Hay, Tia Nygaard  
Deering Cavanna Andel  
Dickinson Jacob Kirsch, Sage Lecoe  
Douglas Megan Kramer  
Fargo Catherine Francis, Amelia Kollie, Brita Lindhag,  
Fessenden Haleigh Lematta  
Garrison Connor Seidler, Alys-  
sah Torno  
Grand Forks Cole Barta, Nicole Wilebski  
Granville Natasha Gail  
Hettinger Sidra Sadowsky  
Jamestown Dominique Scobee  
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Larimore Camryn Adams  
Leeds Lacey Guthmiller  
Mandan Dustin Braaten, Cambry Fyllesvold, Trista Geffre, Jennifer Kary,  
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Kevin Castillo, Coren Coombs,  
Taylor Coonrod, Maria Cree,  
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Anthony Disantis Jr., Brea Ege-  
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Victoria Estrada, Chinasa Eze,  
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# SCENES AROUND CAMPUS

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Hoop, there it is. Apparently, someone's aim was a little off in the fall semester. We're blaming the wind, of course. Photo by Gavyn Herfendal and Nick Poolman



# Minot State Lifelong Learning Institute offers ceramics classes

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Minot State University's Lifelong Learning Institute will offer multiple ceramics classes as part of its Spring 2025 class schedule, including open studio, beginner, and advanced methods.

"We are very pleased to have recently retired professor Linda Olson '84 continue to teach the region by offering multiple ceramics classes for the entire community," said Cole Krueger, MSU marketing director. "There are a variety of classes to fit everyone's interest in ceramics. If you want to get involved in creating, this is an excellent opportunity."

Olson retired from teaching at Minot State in 2024 after nearly 35 years at Minot State. A North Dakota native, she earned her bachelor's degrees in art, English, and psychology at MSU, a Master of Arts from the University of Montana, and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Dakota. Olson has worked in several public collections, including the North Dakota Council on the Arts, the Skien, Norway Art Center, the University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University PEARS Collection, and Minot State University, as well as in many private collections. She will be joined by MSU Artist in Residence and Ceramics Studio Manager Blaire Engel.

The events kick off with Open Studio running from



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Immersed in creativity. A participant in Minot State University's Lifelong Learning Institute explores the art of ceramics, shaping their own unique piece in the Ceramics Studio.

Feb. 4 to April 15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Open Studio is considered at the advanced level and has two cost structures with four sessions/month at \$85 and 12 sessions for \$250 and includes clay and firing fees. Registered attendees will receive a small private locker and a designated studio shelf.

Beginner-level classes include Throwing Date Night Mug Class, Beginning Wheel Throwing, Continuing Throwing, and Hand Built Cup or Mug, which are \$50 per person.

Throwing Date Night is scheduled for Feb. 5 and 12 from 6-8 p.m. and is 18-plus. This hands-on pottery class is for two individuals exploring the art of wheel throwing together.

Beginning Wheel Throwing is scheduled for Feb. 7, 14, and 21 from 6-8 p.m. and is for ages 16-plus. This introductory class will allow

students to explore wheel throwing and various applications to create simple forms.

Continuing Throwing is Feb. 28, March 7, and March 14 from 6-8 p.m. and is 16-plus. This is an independent studio class in which students continue to develop their skills, knowledge, and proficiency working in clay.

Hand Built Cup or Mug is March 11 and 18 from 6-8 p.m. for ages 16-plus. In this class, enjoy the relaxing and pleasant process of hand-building in clay and treat yourself to a unique handmade object.

Family Tile Making is for ages 16-plus or 6-plus with parent or guardian on April 4 and 11 from 6-8 p.m. This class will feature designing your own ceramic tile in a family-friendly class.

All classes are scheduled for the Minot State's Ceramics Studio in the lower level of historic Pioneer Hall.

# Minot State: Launching careers in computer science, data science

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Choosing a major is one of the most pivotal decisions a student makes during their academic journey. For those considering their future at Minot State University, the computer science and data science programs offer unique opportunities to develop cutting-edge skills and enter some of the fastest-growing fields in the job market.

At its core, the computer science major at Minot State University is designed to prepare students for an array of career paths in the technology sector, with a strong focus on foundational and applied computer science principles. Minot State's computer science program offers several options for students to specialize in areas that align with their interests and career goals. These include computer security, where students learn to protect systems and data from cyber threats; database de-

sign/administration, where students develop skills to organize and manage complex data; software development/engineering, where they gain expertise in creating efficient and innovative software solutions; system administration, where they master the art of managing IT systems; and web programming, where they learn to develop dynamic websites.

Along with computer science, the data science program emphasizes experiential learning. Students have the opportunity to work with big data, tackling real-world problems through internships, conference presentations, and hands-on projects. Data science at Minot State is inherently interdisciplinary, blending elements of mathematics, computer science, and business to provide a well-rounded education. Students delve into mathematics to learn statistical methods and data modeling techniques necessary for interpreting data.

The demand for computer and data science jobs is skyrocketing across in-

dustries. Companies are increasingly relying on data to make informed decisions, optimize operations, and understand consumer behavior. As a result, graduates find themselves in high demand at companies like Microsoft, Apple, Facebook, and Nvidia, as well as in industries like agriculture, finance, and medicine.

Both the computer science and data science majors at Minot State University offer unique and rewarding opportunities for students to grow academically, professionally, and personally, with the chance to secure a high-paying job after graduation. If you are interested in software development and data analysis, these majors might be for you. The skills you develop in these programs are not just relevant for today's job market but will remain essential for years to come. By choosing computer science or data science at Minot State, you're not just earning a degree; you're investing in a future filled with possibility and innovation.

# How to manage your college experience

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As a senior at Minot State University, I have spent every semester on campus. I have been through every challenge and struggle that most other seniors have and so will all the younger classmates sooner or later. From academic pressures like staying up all night finishing homework, and personal hardships. These experiences have taught me valuable lessons that I wish I knew as a freshman.

One of the first challenges you will notice is the academic transition. High school work is nowhere close to the courses and the work you must do in college. College courses were far more demanding than high school classes. It wasn't just the increased workload; it was also the level of independence expected from students. Professors aren't there to remind you of every deadline or check in on your progress. Most students mismanage their time and procrastinate. This leads to assignments and homework not being done or being submitted late. The best solution that I have found out is, to do the work as soon as you get it, its fresh in your mind that you can get it done right away, if you have multiple assignments at ones, then do the easiest ones first, because you can get them done quick with all the time remaining to do the hard assignments.

Doing it this way will bring you success and good grades, with no procrastination.

College is more than just academics. It's a place to grow, find friends, and discover passions and ways to earn money. Most students find the wrong friend group in their first semester. My advice would be to look for people that match your way of thinking and goals, stick with friends that are smarter than you so you have to force yourself to get better. It's also very hard not to get distracted with what everyone is doing, I would say it's ok to have fun but not to the point where you are wasting your time and money.

I joined many clubs, engaged myself in extracurricular activities and went to competitions to keep myself busy and activities that will help build up my resume. It's never too late to prepare for life after college, the earlier you get your resume done with impressive projects and internships it'll help you stand out from the crowd. To be successful and get a high paying job working hard and smart is key in your college years, if not then you will struggle in college and outside.

Take time to reflect on your journey. Celebrate your achievements, learn from your mistakes, and remember the moments that make college special. Remember, your time here is finite, so make the most of it. Mastering how to overcome challenges, failures and setbacks will only make you stronger.

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