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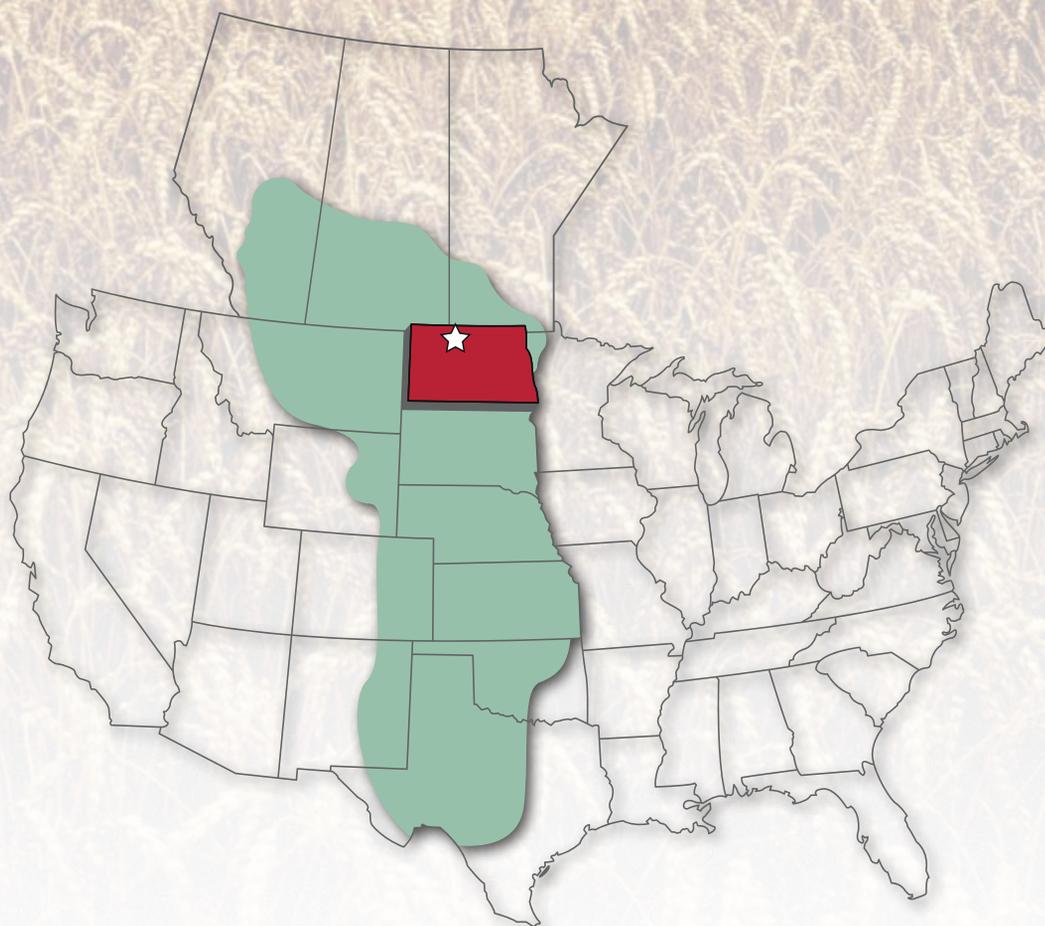
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Minot State University will achieve national distinction as one of the premier public, regional universities in the “great” Great Plains.

VISION 2013

Letter *from the* President

This report is one of many ways for us to say thank you to the people who devote so much of their lives and resources to helping us remain strong and responsive to students and our community. We also acknowledge and thank our faculty, staff, and students who make it possible to reach new levels of educational excellence and service. The people highlighted and identified in this report deserve our heartfelt thanks for making a difference at Minot State University.

On the page to the left of this letter are a map and our Vision 2013 goal. The broad green area in the center of the map is a place known as the Great Plains, a great place we're very proud to be a part of. Even more noticeable is the distinctive place of our university prominently located in the upper center of this region and our great country. One might even be as bold to see that our place is located in the center of our globe. However one might interpret our location, the fact remains that our role in the Great Plains, in our state and country, and even in the world is becoming central to our vision and future.

Our place is important to us and to our vision for the future, because we see our responsibility to contribute to the welfare of our place, its people, and the common good. I witness this spirit first hand every day. Recently I stopped by a mall parking lot to say hello and offer my encouragement to our social work students and faculty standing in cold rain and "freezin' for a reason" to help the homeless. These students and their faculty demonstrate an admirable and responsible commitment to outstanding education and to others, just as do each of the faculty, staff and students in the pages of this report.

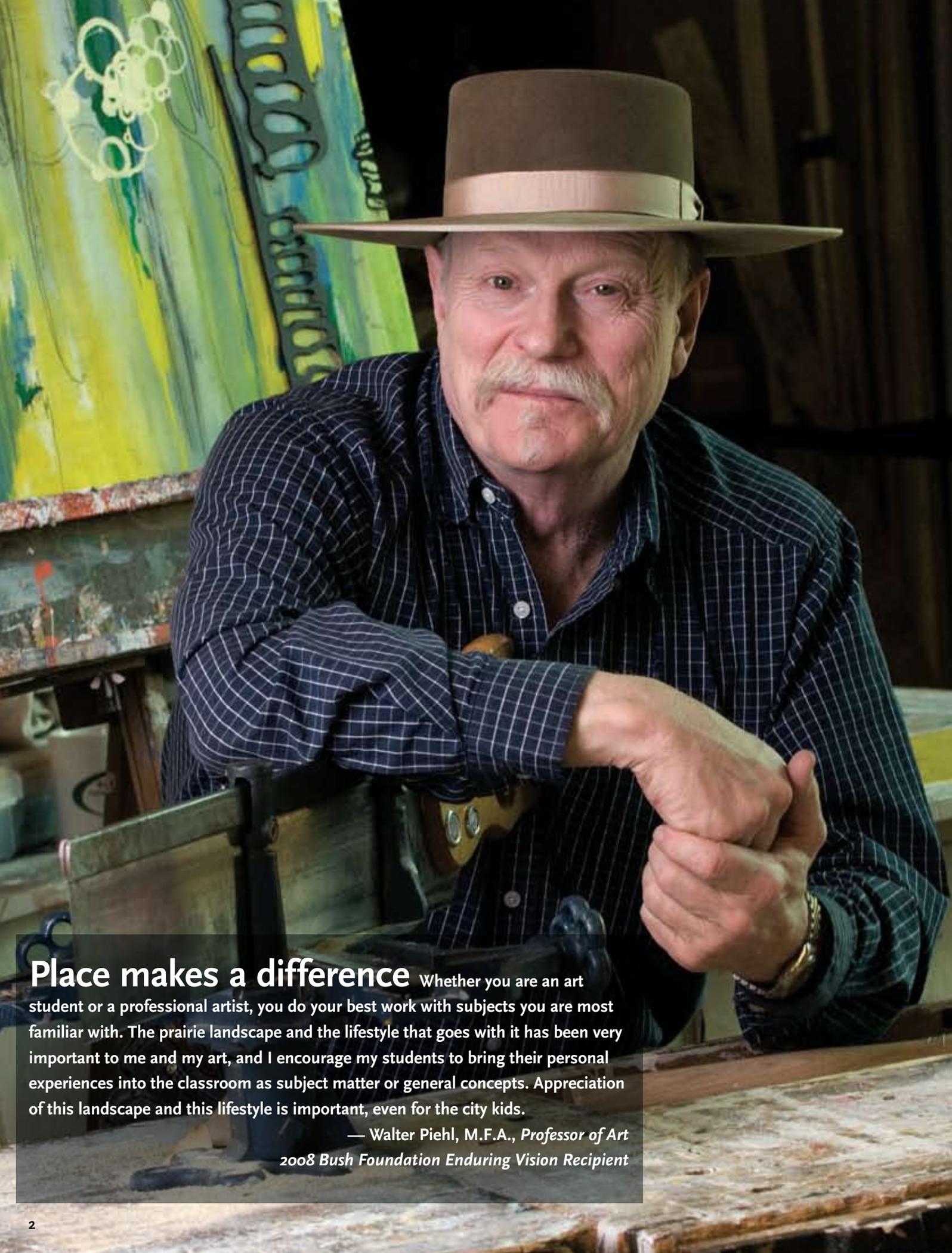
Walter Piehl demonstrates this commitment through his art and national reputation, Chris Beachy through his scholarship and field-based research with students supported by distinguished grant programs, Conrad Davidson through his engaging teaching and global outreach in Africa, Vanessa Anderson through



her outstanding record as a student and active role as a representative on the Chamber Board of Directors and her engagement as a student scholar, Andrew Evanoff through his many achievements and successes, and many others who demonstrate well that we take very seriously the importance of place and engagement. Our successful mentoring program, Foundations of Excellence project, multicultural partnerships, our nursing program's outreach, our athletes' recognition as a "Champion of Character" program, and the exceptional research and grant programs place Minot State University directly in the center of the Great Plains and the globe.

We are proud to celebrate our place and the significant role we play in it, and in so doing, recognize that our achievements and future promise depend on our Minot State University community and its many strong supporters. Thank you.

— DAVID FULLER, President



Place makes a difference Whether you are an art student or a professional artist, you do your best work with subjects you are most familiar with. The prairie landscape and the lifestyle that goes with it has been very important to me and my art, and I encourage my students to bring their personal experiences into the classroom as subject matter or general concepts. Appreciation of this landscape and this lifestyle is important, even for the city kids.

— Walter Piehl, M.F.A., *Professor of Art*
2008 Bush Foundation Enduring Vision Recipient

Piehl *receives* \$100,000 award

Walter Piehl Jr., Minot State University professor of art, is one of three recipients of a \$100,000 Enduring Vision Award from the Bush Foundation.

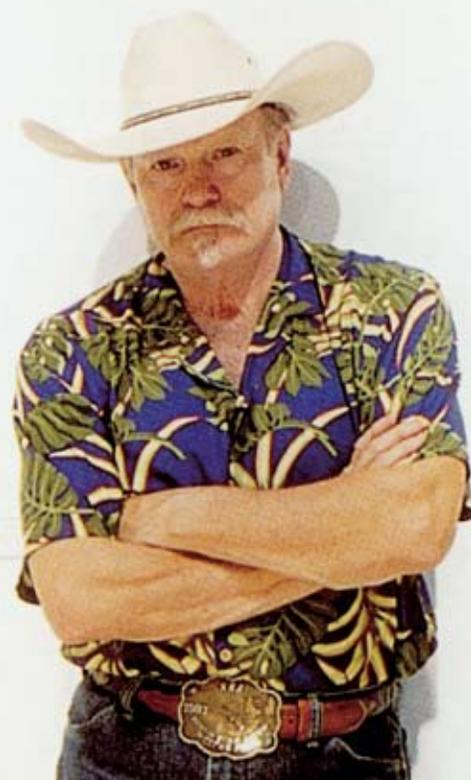
“It’s a once-in-a-lifetime dream for an artist,” he said.

In June, the Bush Foundation announced that Piehl, Frank Big Bear, a painter from Minneapolis, and Janet Jacobson, a woodcarver from Harris, Minn., were the first recipients of the award. A first of its kind in the country, the award focuses on boosting the artistic investigations of mature artists.

Piehl, Big Bear and Jacobson each will receive \$100,000 over the next three to five years to encourage their continued influence on present and future generations of artists, audiences and their field of work.

Using acrylic on canvas or paper, Piehl treats Western Americana themes with modern art influences and interpretation. He combines an expressionistic style with literal and interpretive investigations of many facets of Western American life. His work is often large in scale, in series, abstract, and saturated with color and contrast.

Piehl has been a Minot State University faculty member since 1970.



Great place to start, great place to stay

When I picked Minot State I really didn't know what I wanted to do, but I liked the campus and I liked Minot in general. So, I decided to start here and I ended up staying here.

Right now I'm doing a six-month internship in U.S. Senator Kent Conrad and U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan's Minot office. One of the things I do is take calls and letters from constituents and try to help them resolve problems. Sometimes they write letters or stop by and say, "Thank you. Your help meant the world to us." I like being part of that. After I graduate, I hope to get an internship in Washington, D.C.

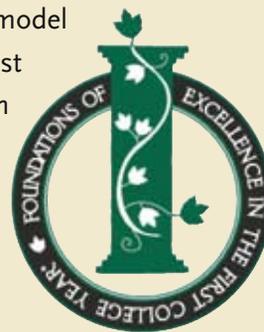
— Vanessa Anderson
Jamestown, N.D.
German & Sociology



Foundations of Excellence

Minot State University has been part of a 2007-2008 national cohort of thirteen four-year schools dedicated to improving first year student learning, through intentional programs that engage students in a comprehensive, integrated and coordinated approach. Students who learn from the solid base of a positive first year experience will learn more effectively and emerge better qualified to become successful.

The Foundations of Excellence model is a blueprint for building the first year of college as the foundation for undergraduate education. Minot State University has committed to a course of action designed to improve first-year student learning.



Mentoring

As a student my freshman year of college I had a mentor and it was great. I loved the fact that I could stop in and see my mentor at any time. I could ask her any questions and she would answer them or find the answer. She made me feel more comfortable on campus, especially because I was homesick a lot. I am still in contact with my mentor.

— Danielle Renner
Junior

Being new to school, the mentoring program was so helpful. I had someone to go to whenever I had questions and felt that the programs we went to were on topics very relevant to university students. I enjoy being a mentor as it gives me an opportunity to do for new students what I experienced in my first year at MSU. I love to be any help to new students, anything I can do to make their first year here easier! I feel that this program benefits both the mentee and me.

— Brittany Engel
Junior

The mentoring program at Minot State University is designed to assist incoming freshman with their transition to the academic and social environment of college. This is accomplished by pairing incoming freshman with a faculty, staff or peer mentor who can assist students with accessing resources and providing support to make our students' first year at Minot State University a success.



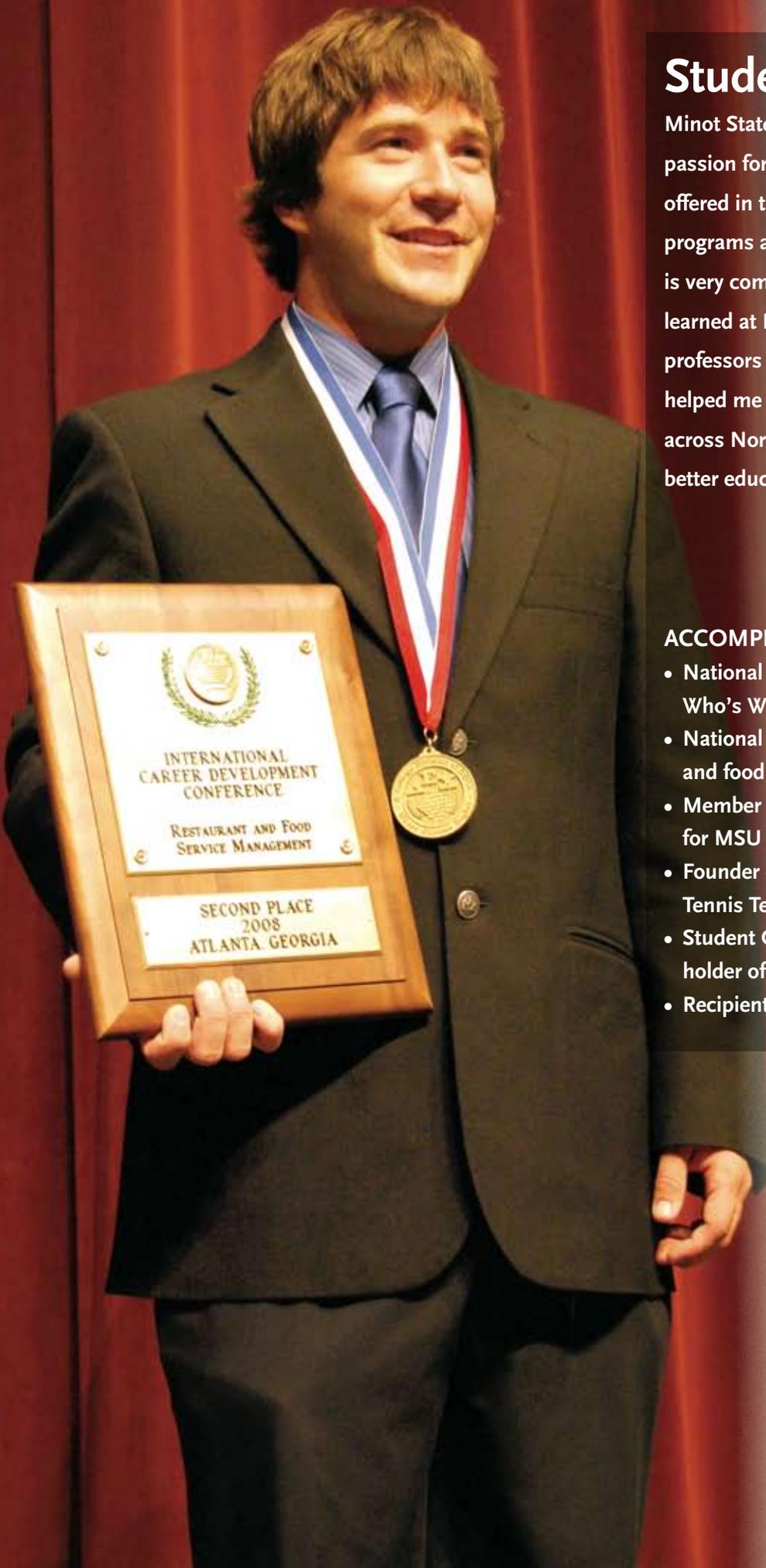
Student Success

Minot State University instills within students a passion for success. If you compare the programs offered in the College of Business with similar programs around the country, you'll find Minot State is very competitive. I feel confident in what I've learned at Minot State University. Talking with my professors about their professional experiences has helped me know what I want to do with my life. All across North Dakota, I don't think anyone gets a better education than Minot State students.

— Andrew Evanoff, Minot, Class of 2009
*Triple major marketing, management,
international business*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- National winner of DECA/Delta Epsilon Chi Who's Who Award
- National second-place winner in DECA restaurant and food service management competition
- Member of Dean's Student Advisory Council for MSU College of Business
- Founder of MSU Men's and Women's Club Tennis Team
- Student Government Association officer and holder of state collegiate positions
- Recipient of numerous academic scholarships



Minot State dean *shares expertise in* Africa

Conrad Davidson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spent time in southern Africa helping a Minot State alumnus with a radio network designed to benefit Sudan.

“I’ve been used to the Minot lifestyle for over 20 years,” Davidson said. “The two weeks I spent in Nairobi, Kenya, exposed me to many differences — traffic, food, living conditions. Many of our problems here pale in comparison.”

Jeremy Groce, a 1994 MSU graduate with an English major, invited the dean to help him improve the quality of SRS’s radio dramas. Davidson helped with scriptwriting, radio acting and dialogue at the Sudan Radio Services in Kenya.

SRS is an independent media outlet dedicated to the nation’s peace and development. It provides news and informational programming six days a week in 10 languages.

In addition to working with radio scriptwriters, Davidson led a two-day acting workshop for radio actors.



Multicultural Partnerships

Minot State University welcomed the first group of Chinese exchange students from SIAS International University last fall.



The 15 Chinese students and their American counterparts are part of the Intercultural Graduate Management Cohort. The on-campus version of the College of Business's master of science degree in management (MSM) lasted 12 months.

The program consists of five eight-week terms, with students taking two courses per term. Classes were taught evenings and weekends to accommodate graduate students from the Minot area who are working professionals.

The objectives of the MSM program are to develop leadership, management and communication skills in an applied context. Chinese and American students also teamed up on work-related projects.

Minot State also recently joined ranks with three Native American tribes and a South Korean University. MSU signed three-year partnership agreements with Turtle Mountain Community College, United Tribes Technical College, and Fort Berthold Community College.

MSU and the tribes agreed to a "two-plus-two" collaboration model, which means courses students complete at the tribal colleges will apply toward four-year degrees at the university.

"One of the primary strategies of our new strategic plan is to build a multicultural campus," MSU President David Fuller said. "We want to increase diversity, and strengthening our relationships with the tribal colleges is an important part of that."

Minot State also signed an agreement with PaiChai University in Daejeon, South Korea. PaiChai boasts a new business program that is taught in English. MSU faculty will have the opportunity to teach at PaiChai, and PaiChai faculty would teach at Minot State.

MSU also has partnership agreements with Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey; Telemark University College in Skien, Norway; Kristianstad University in Kristianstad, Sweden; and Aalborg University in Aalborg, Denmark.



Athletes *in the* community



Minot State University athletes are designated “Champions of Character” and serve the community in a variety of ways.

- The MSU Baseball team held a “Dream Catchers Day” at the MSU Dome. The evening saw over 20 challenged children participate in a baseball game. A pizza party was held following the game.
- The MSU Women’s Basketball team made visits to the Trinity Nursing Home to engage residents in conversation and card playing.
- Several of our MSU teams participated in local elementary school “fun nights” in which they supervised booths and conducted games for the youth.
- The MSU Baseball team held a “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” game for their fall scrimmage to raise money and create awareness for breast cancer. They also sold raffle tickets during the annual Y’s Men’s Rodeo in support of breast cancer research.
- The MSU Baseball and Softball teams participated in a “Dodge Drive for Kids” evening to help raise money for Edison and Perket Elementary Schools.
- The MSU Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams held a Coaches vs. Cancer night to raise money for cancer research. Players wore pink warm up shirts for breast cancer awareness and money was raised through program sales and free will donations.
- Over 40 student-athletes parked cars for the MSU Gala held at the Dome.
- The MSU Track and Field team participated in the 4th annual work-a-thon. Members of the team did yard work for elderly individuals and supporters of the program.

Real life-changing experience

As part of a community health course, my nursing classmates and I performed a health care needs assessment in Minot. We found a need for services like foot care, especially among the elderly and disabled. So our class and instructors created an idea for a student-faculty run adult health maintenance clinic on campus. To think we actually thought of it ourselves and took part in creating this clinic is amazing.

— Brittany Johnson
Devils Lake, N.D.
Nursing



Outreach office @ Magic City Campus





Minot State opened an outreach office at Minot High School's Magic City Campus in September.

In January, the outreach office opened as a pilot project to help high school students learn more about university life and to showcase MSU's offerings.

"Not only will this office open students' minds to Minot State University, but also to the possibility of attending any university," said Rebecca Porter, recruitment coordinator. "We hope to provide advice for students in all aspects of planning their collegiate future."

During fall semester, the MSU office is open on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enrollment Services staff operate the office. In the future, MSU hopes to open offices at other high schools.



Great Plains Scholarships

Incoming freshmen from the Great Plains now can apply for two new scholarships at Minot State University.

The Great Plains Exceptional Scholar Award requires that incoming freshmen achieve a 3.65 or above GPA in high school and obtain a composite ACT score of 30-36 or a combined SAT score of 1,340-1,600.

This award provides students with a \$14,000 scholarship to be paid in increments of \$3,500 per year for four consecutive undergraduate years. To be eligible for the initial award and subsequent renewals, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and maintain a GPA of 3.3 or above.

The Great Plains Emergent Scholar Award requires that incoming freshmen have a GPA of 3.50 or above and a composite ACT score of 26-36 or a combined SAT score of 1,180-1,600 for an award of \$1,500, or that the

incoming freshmen have a GPA of 3.00 or above and a composite ACT score of 23-36 or a combined SAT score of 1,070-1,600 for an award of \$1,000.

Both scholarships require that students submit a one-page essay that demonstrates their civic engagement or contribution to a sense of place.



Grants *and* research

Amphibian Growth Project awarded \$68,000

Minot State University's Amphibian Growth Project received a \$68,000 grant from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in June to initiate amphibian biomonitoring internships during the summer months from June 2008 to June 2010.

The AGP is under the direction of Christopher Beachy, Ph.D., MSU associate professor of biology.

With this grant funding, MSU will be collaborating with Fort Berthold Community College, Turtle Mountain Community College and the University of North Dakota to monitor amphibian populations in selected locations across North Dakota.

The project will help to foster the relationship between the NDGFD, tribal governments, MSU, UND, FBCC and TMCC. It will also provide opportunities for fulfillment of MSU's memorandums of understanding with FBCC and TMCC.

INBRE research at MSU highlighted

The Idea Network Biomedical Research Excellence researchers at Minot State University are featured in the Summer 2008 issue of North Dakota Medicine magazine.

"One of the major goals of the INBRE program is to create a pipeline of undergraduate students from the state's primary undergraduate colleges who would go into biomedical research, behavioral research and the health sciences, such as medical, dental school and pharmacy," said Donald Sens, Ph.D., professor in UND's department of pathology and INBRE principal investigator.

After six years, the results are paying off. It's most evident at MSU where research has expanded from four to seven INBRE-funded projects, a molecular biology lab has been added, up to 75 students have received research experience and more of the university's graduates are pursuing careers in science and healthcare professions.

With INBRE funding, MSU has also developed outreach programs for Native American students at Fort Berthold Community College and Turtle Mountain Community College.



NDCPD hosted autism symposium

Minot State University's North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities sponsored "The North Dakota Symposium on Autism," a ground-breaking event, in March.

The goal of the symposium was to launch a new service, training and research program on autism at the NDCPD.

The key to a cure for autism could be in catching it early. Signs can be seen in children as early as 18 months. Children who have trouble communicating or seem to have issues with creating relationships could have autism.

In larger school districts, materials and programs are available to work with autistic children, but smaller schools usually lack them. Federal and state funding has to be directed to the latter schools.

The incident rate of autism has gone up five times in the last 20 years. If parents suspect that their child is showing signs of autism, they should log on to www.ndcpd.org.



Research team confronts the puzzle of leukemia

Several Minot State students are making names for themselves in the field of cancer research. Under the direction of Heidi Super, Ph.D., MSU biology professor, Aileen Aldrich, Alysa Anderson and Jeremy Horrell are trying to decipher the mysteries of infant and childhood leukemia.

In their research, the students have studied the meloid-lymphoid leukemia (MLL) gene on chromosome 11. Leukemia is often associated with chromosomal translocation. In these translocations, chromosomes break in two spots, change places and fuse again in the wrong spots.

The breaks occur in a breakpoint cluster region of the MLL gene. The students suspect that proteins are the cause of the abnormal transfer. The students hope to identify the proteins and better understand their role in the process.

The research is funded by a grant from the North Dakota Idea Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence.

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