



2023-2024

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT





# YOU BELONG.

If you were ever a part of Minot, you might remember how we dream bigger, work together and build community. Now Minot offers more opportunities than ever with great careers and a balanced life. Visit our website and connect with a WayFinder to learn more about how you can be a part of the Magic in Minot. There is always a place for you here.

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**MINOT**

# Steven Shirley PRESIDENT



Thank you for your continuing support of Minot State University this past year. We are eternally grateful for your tremendous generosity and fully realize the profound impact you have on the education we provide. Your support helps MSU fulfill its mission and embodies the transformative power education has and the unlimited potential it can help bring our students.

In supporting academic programs, the arts, and research, you encourage new learning, discoveries, performances, and scholastic growth. With scholarships, you help empower students to chase their dreams without the worry of financial burdens. By investing in infrastructure and campus facilities, you help us establish an environment favorable for collaborating, teaching, and learning. With athletics, you help ensure MSU student-athletes have opportunities to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Regardless of what you support, your generosity helps guarantee Minot State remains a beacon of opportunity for current and future generations of students.

As we prepare to welcome a new class of students for the 2024-25 academic year, there are numerous highlights from this past year – many of which are not possible without your support and investment in MSU.

We recently reopened Hartnett Hall following a nearly two-year closure while undergoing a \$26.6 million renovation; we added two new bachelor's degrees in data science and museum studies; and our focus has been on final stages of the \$50 million EMPOWER capital campaign that will conclude at the end of 2024, including its five pillars of student scholarships, academic programs, facilities, athletics, and the Vision Fund. MSU's new men's club soccer team won the Great Plains Soccer Conference

in its inaugural year, women's hockey finished as the ACHA Division 1 national champion runners-up for the second consecutive year, and men's hockey coach Wyatt Waselenchuk was named the 2024 ACHA D1 national coach of the year. We dedicated the Plum River Native Prairie project, an urban prairie restoration located on the former Erik Ramstad Middle School property just south of MSU; Spring 2024 student enrollment increased over last year; a record of nearly \$428,000 was raised in 24 hours during our sixth annual Giving Day; and MSU hosted major events and speakers including president and CEO Neel Kashkari of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, the Recovery Reinvented conference with Gov. Doug Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Burgum, and Minot native and world-renowned Egyptologist Mark Lehner.

Thank you again for your belief in Minot State University along with the tremendous support you provide our students and wonderful team of employees. We are proud of our work educating students while also creating important opportunities for them to grow, succeed, and create new pathways in life. We are excited about the new year ahead, and I hope to see many of you at Homecoming as well as numerous other events throughout the remainder of the year.

THANK YOU for all you do, and ... as always,  
**GO BEAVERS!** ::::

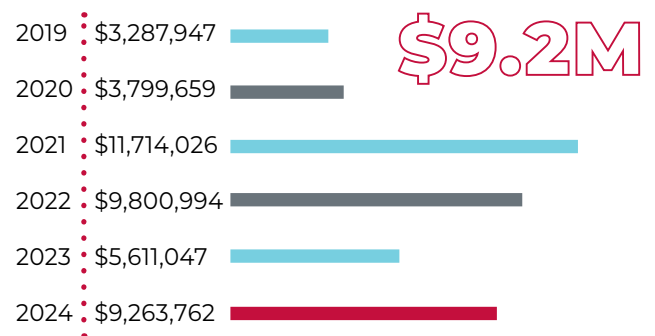


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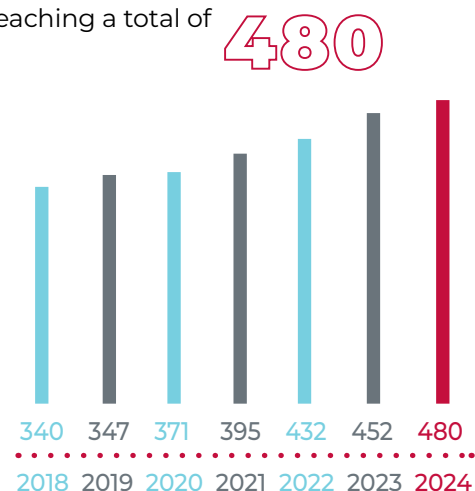
## Total Support By All Donors



## Growth of Endowed Funds Supporting Scholarships and Programs

In fiscal year 2024, endowed funds provided \$2 million in support of Minot State, with 75% of the funds supporting student scholarships and academic programs.

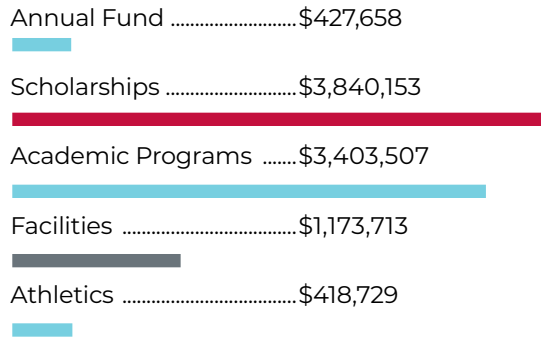
Endowed funds continued positive growth, reaching a total of



# » DONOR IMPACT

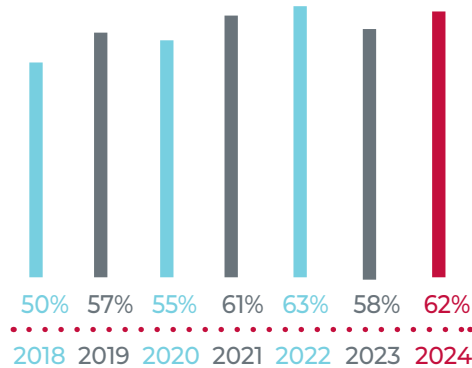
## Donor Gift Designation

The \$9.2 million in total donor gifts were distributed among five University priorities.



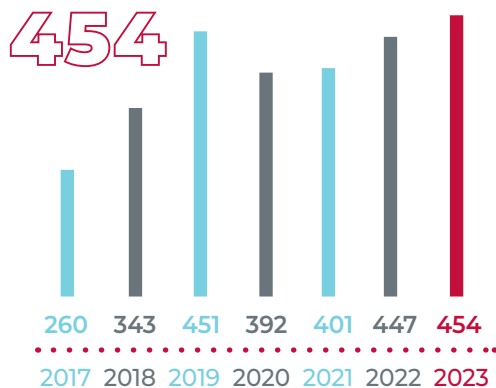
## Faculty and Staff Giving

**62%** of all faculty and staff support MSU financially.



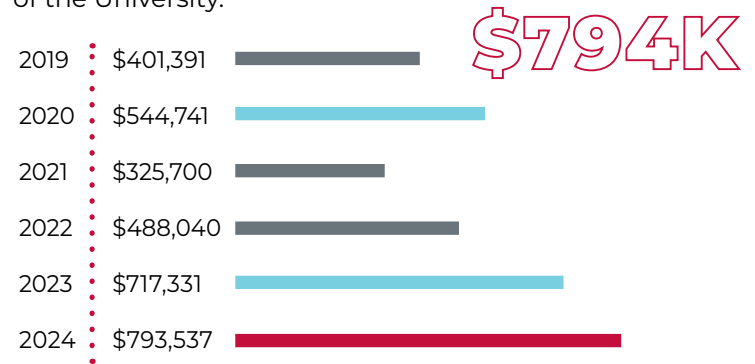
## President's Club Members

Annual contributions of \$1,000 or more.



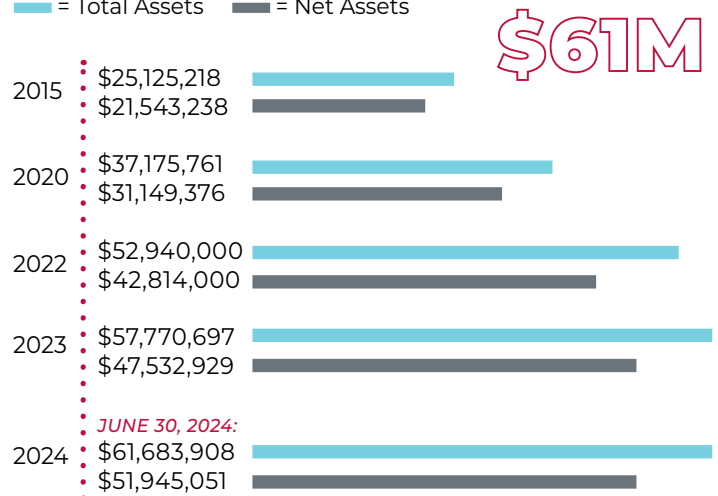
## Annual Excellence Donations

Our Annual Excellence Appeal is critical to the support of the University.



## Development Foundation Total Assets

— = Total Assets — = Net Assets





# EMPOWER

A CAMPAIGN FOR  
MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Minot State University Development Foundation's **EMPOWER** capital campaign publicly launched October 2022 and will conclude in December 2024. The \$50 million campaign is the largest fundraising goal in University history. As the campaign approaches the last few months of its ambitious goal, numerous opportunities to make an impact are still available.

## EMPOWER INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

### University Facilities



### Athletics



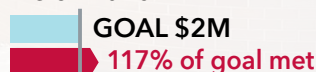
### Scholarships



### Academic Programs



### Vision Fund



## UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

### Hoffman Auditorium

Located in Cyril Moore Science Center, the renovation calls for new seating, sound, lights, and technology upgrades.

### Classroom Innovation and Technology

Labs across the University in multiple disciplines will be updated, equipment and instruments replaced, and classroom space enhanced.

## ATHLETICS

### Minot State Dome

Planned improvements include:

- Building a new strength and conditioning area with weightroom, football locker room, meeting space, and field-level storage.
- Expanding athletic and administrative offices and adding a food court, concessions, entertainment suites, a Beaver apparel shop, and an updated Athletics Hall of Fame.
- Improving displays with an optimized center-hung scoreboard.
- Renovating existing locker rooms.

### Herb Parker Stadium

Adding a northeast entrance gate including ticket office, restrooms, entertainment space, and pavers throughout the east mezzanine.

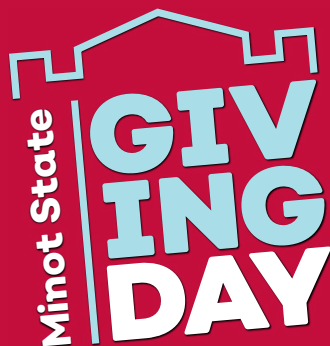
### Men's and Women's Hockey Endowment

Funding will support operations for our nationally-ranked programs.

If you are interested in  
**EMPOWERING** our students,  
please contact Rick Hedberg  
at 701-858-4483.



MinotStateU.edu/  
empower



# IMPACTFUL *record-breaking* GIVING DAY

Alumni and friends showed their support  
in a BIG WAY making generous, heartfelt  
gifts to dozens of MSU causes.

**\$427,733**  
Raised

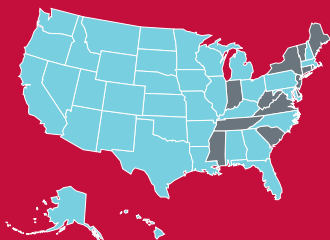
**1,752**  
Gifts

**634**   
New donors

**73**   
Projects assisted

**214**  
MSU faculty & staff  
donors

Gifts from **37** states & **6** countries



Save the  
date!

**GIVING DAY 2025**  
Wednesday, April 9

## » Establishing a SCHOLARSHIP

**CREATING A NAMED SCHOLARSHIP** through the Minot State University Development Foundation assists students and leaves a legacy at Minot State University. It is also a meaningful way to honor family and friends.

The first step is to determine whether you would like to establish an endowed scholarship or an annual scholarship.

### Endowed Scholarships

Endowed scholarship funds are designed to be permanent and can be created with gifts totaling a minimum amount of \$10,000 contributed in full at the outset or with an initial commitment that is added to over time until the endowment level of \$10,000 is reached. The principal of the fund is invested to produce income, and an annual award is made to a student(s). The principal remains untouched so the endowment can last into perpetuity.

### Annual Scholarships

Annual scholarships can be established with an outright gift of any amount. Unlike an endowed scholarship, an annual scholarship is not a permanent fund and is awarded only as long as you (or others) choose to contribute to the fund.

As a scholarship donor, you choose the name and the criteria. The Development Foundation staff is available to help you with the process. Endowed and annual scholarships are awarded to students based upon area of interest, geographical origin, merit, financial need, academic achievement, or other criteria.

Typically, a selection committee carefully reviews the scholarship applications submitted by students and selects the most deserving recipient(s) based on the donor-established criteria.

Contributors of a scholarship fund are notified annually when the scholarship recipient(s) has been selected and are informed of the name, as well as the amount of the award. Recipients often write a thank you note to the donor, and in some cases the recipient(s) and donor are able to meet.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on establishing a scholarship, contact the Development Foundation at 701-858-3890 or 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3890. ...





# Brent & Stacy ::: ASK VIG

MINOT

By Veronica Corey



## BRENT AND STACY (HOAG) ASKVIG HAVE BEEN AFFORDED MANY ADVANTAGES FROM THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY.

Now, the couple is giving back to ensure the next generation has the same opportunities.

"If there's anything about Minot State for us, it was the opportunities. We had a chance to try new things. Then we both ended up coming back here to work," Brent said.

Brent '81/'82 retired in 2020 as the executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD) and professor of special education emeritus after working at Minot State for over 33 years. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Minot State and his doctorate at the University of Idaho. Stacy '81 earned her bachelor's degree in medical technology at Minot State and her master's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1993. She worked as director of the laboratory at the UND Center for Family Medicine for 30 years. Stacy is also a former adjunct professor for hematology and parasitology classes and a current volunteer coach for the women's wrestling team at Minot State.

Brent had many opportunities to travel during his time at Minot State, even while he was faculty. The grants and endowments available to the NDCPD allowed for those opportunities.

"We got to travel a lot in the U.S. and internationally because of my position at NDCPD. Some of the grants were to work with other countries and so, we were in Norway 15 to 16 times and the Netherlands, Prague, and Italy working with folks from all over the world," Brent said. "That opportunity, that all the people who wrote our textbooks and who gave lectures when we went to national conferences, those were all our colleagues, and we're all on a first-name basis. Minot State gave that to us."

Before his retirement, Renae Yale '10, MSU Development Foundation database manager and longtime friend, encouraged Brent to start

an endowment at the University. He knew all too well what this would mean for future students and faculty, so the couple decided to increase the NDCPD endowment.

"We super-sized it," Brent said. "We put our name on it, and we gave them enough money so that they actually could go and get the match from the ND Challenge Grant Program. Rick (Hedberg '89, MSU Development Foundation executive director) was able to go and get that and the same with Stacy's scholarship."

For Stacy, wrestling has always been a part of her life, from playing with her family as a kid to watching her classmates in high school and later her own boys. She had already been helping the women's wrestling team by volunteering as an assistant coach and outfitting the locker room. Stacy partnered with Brittney Mitchem, MSU head women's wrestling coach, to determine the details for the first women's wrestling academic scholarship, named Stacy and Brent Askvig Women's Wrestling Scholarship.

"Women's wrestling is growing big time in the country, and I wanted to support that to keep it going. We know how hard it is to recruit people to Minot. They don't have the money for scholarships like your bigger universities, and so I thought that would help wrestling because Brittney is competing against larger universities, and it's difficult to recruit up here," Stacy said. "The students have to have a very good academic score to get the scholarship. Actually, Brittney was tougher about that than I was."

The couple's dedication to their passions for the NDCPD and the women's wrestling team is an opportunity they want to extend to future students and faculty.

"We just want to do a part of letting other people have those opportunities," Brent said. "We've been blessed by what we've been able to do at Minot State and what we've been able to gain from that. We want to give back." ::::

# ANNUAL AND ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are the pathway to a dream. They are the difference between a future attained and a future that remains out of reach. More than 480 scholarships have been established by individuals, organizations, and families wishing to empower generations of students.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Arts and Science Scholarship Endowment  
Darrell and Joann Henry Scholarship Endowment

### Art and Professional Communication

Art Scholarship Endowment  
Harvey and Arlone Twyman Scholarship  
Rosanne Olson Arts Scholarship Endowment  
Tom Willis Scholarship Endowment  
Vadell Family Scholarship Endowment  
Walter Piehl Scholarship Endowment

### Biology

Douglas and Patti Bengson Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Byron and Chris (Gay) Blowers Scholarship Endowment  
Randy and Pat Burckhard Scholarship Endowment  
Rose Morgan Scholarship Endowment  
Ruth and Charles Hoffman Botanical Scholarship Endowment

### Criminal Justice

Arthur T. Wilson Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Balas Family Scholarship Endowment  
Beall Law Scholarship  
Criminal Justice Scholarship Endowment  
Dan Draovitch Scholarship Endowment  
Gary Holum Scholarship Endowment  
Judge Wallace D. Berning Scholarship Endowment

### Math and Computer Science

Agnes and Ray Ladendorf Scholarship Endowment  
Blaine B. Kuist Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Don Selk Data Science Scholarship Endowment  
Erma Fahlgren Scholarship Endowment  
Gordon R. Olson Applied Math Scholarship Endowment  
Integrity Viking Funds Computer Science Scholarship Endowment  
Mary Buchwitz/Quandt Scholarship Endowment  
Math and Computer Science Scholarship Endowment  
Robert and Jennifer Feller Scholarship Endowment  
Robert L. Holmen Scholarship Endowment  
Xcel Energy Scholarship Endowment

### Performing Arts

Amstutz/Sundet Woodwinds Scholarship Endowment  
Arthur and Rebecca LaBrant Scholarship Endowment  
Bert Skakoon Music Scholarship Endowment  
Bert Skakoon Strings Scholarship Endowment  
Christopher Hanson Memorial Jazz Trombone Scholarship  
Community Rocks Scholarship  
Dorothy Van Sickle Music Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Ira-Paul Schwarz Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Joseph M. and Jackie Hegstad Scholarship Endowment  
Evelyn Sampson Music Scholarship Endowment  
Frances Leach-Blanche Lynch Memorial Scholarship  
Gary Stenehjerm Organ Scholarship Endowment  
Gay Gidley King Scholarship Endowment  
Gwenlyn Lawlar Scholarship Endowment  
Harold and Verna Aleshire Scholarship Endowment  
Harvey and Arlone Twyman Scholarship  
James M. Feller Scholarship Endowment  
Jeanne M. Sandberg Music Endowment

Jim and Norma Swanson Choir Scholarship Endowment  
John and Ann Jermiason Scholarship Endowment  
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Judy A. Spitzer Scholarship Endowment  
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Lyle C. Hanson Scholarship Endowment  
Lynne and Jon Rumney Scholarship Endowment  
Mary Lou Soukup Excellence in Music Education Scholarship Endowment  
Mike Berg Scholarship Endowment  
Minot State University Summer Theatre Scholarship Endowment  
Minot Symphony Association Scholarship Endowment  
Minot Symphony League Scholarship Endowment  
MSU Division of Music Student Teacher Scholarship  
Music Division Scholarship Endowment  
Ralph Wallin Keyboard Scholarship Endowment  
Robert O. "Red" Wuttke Scholarship Endowment  
Ruth Schell-Overholser Endowed Fellowship  
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Sally Thomas Violin Scholarship Endowment  
Stockman Sisters Music Scholarship Endowment  
Tim L. and Lynn M. Smith Scholarship Endowment

### Science

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Balas Family Scholarship Endowment  
Betty Iljana Scholarship Endowment  
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Rebecca Hill Medical Lab Science Scholarship Endowment  
Shirley Athletic Scholarship Endowment  
Srejma Family Scholarship Endowment  
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Xcel Energy Scholarship Endowment

### Social Science

Dr. Jonathan Wagner Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. N.M. Lillehaugen History Scholarship Endowment  
Frances Bane Crockett Scholarship Endowment  
Merton and Karen Johnsrud Scholarship Endowment  
Paul Morrison Scholarship Endowment  
Sarah Martinsen Scholarship Endowment  
Social Science Division Scholarship Endowment  
Virginia P. George Scholarship Endowment

## World Languages and Cultural Studies

Bram Davidson Writing Scholarship Endowment  
Division of Humanities Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Jonathan Wagner Scholarship Endowment  
Genevieve Rammell Multilingualism Award  
Harvey and Arlone Twyman Scholarship  
Helen Hoar Memorial French Scholarship Endowment  
Myrtle Nordwick Cantana Scholarship Endowment

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Aas Family Scholarship Endowment  
Adelaide and Eleanor Johnson Scholarship Endowment  
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 Brady Martz & Associates Scholarship  
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#### **Communication Sciences and Disorders**

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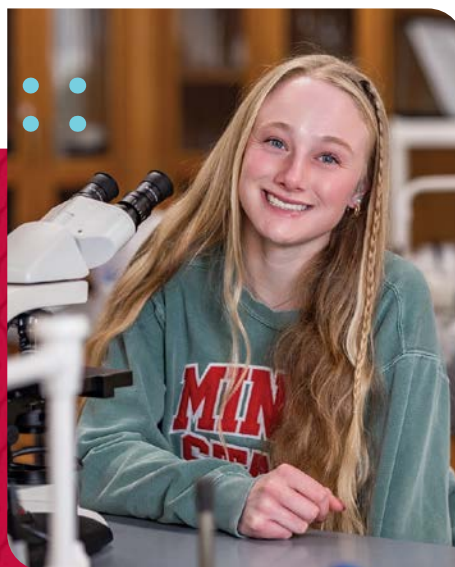
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 Tracy Petersen Snyder Scholarship Endowment  
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#### **Special Education**

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#### **Teacher Education and Kinesiology**

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 Balas Family Scholarship Endowment  
 Benjamin and Jennifer Slind Scholarship Endowment



"Your investment in my education means the world. With your help, I am one step closer to living out my dream of becoming a nurse."

*Drew Feist*  
 Minot

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

Blaine and Kathy DesLauriers Scholarship Endowment  
 Darrell and Joann Henry Scholarship Endowment  
 Minot Eagles Aerie 2376 Scholarship Endowment  
 Pat and ReNae Wheeler Scholarship Endowment

#### **Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work**

Brady Oberg Scholarship  
 Donna Stevick Scholarship  
 Dr. Richard Sheldon Psychology and Addiction Counseling Scholarship Endowment  
 George Shipley Addiction Studies Scholarship Endowment  
 Jim Wahlberg Social Work Scholarship Endowment

#### **Nursing**

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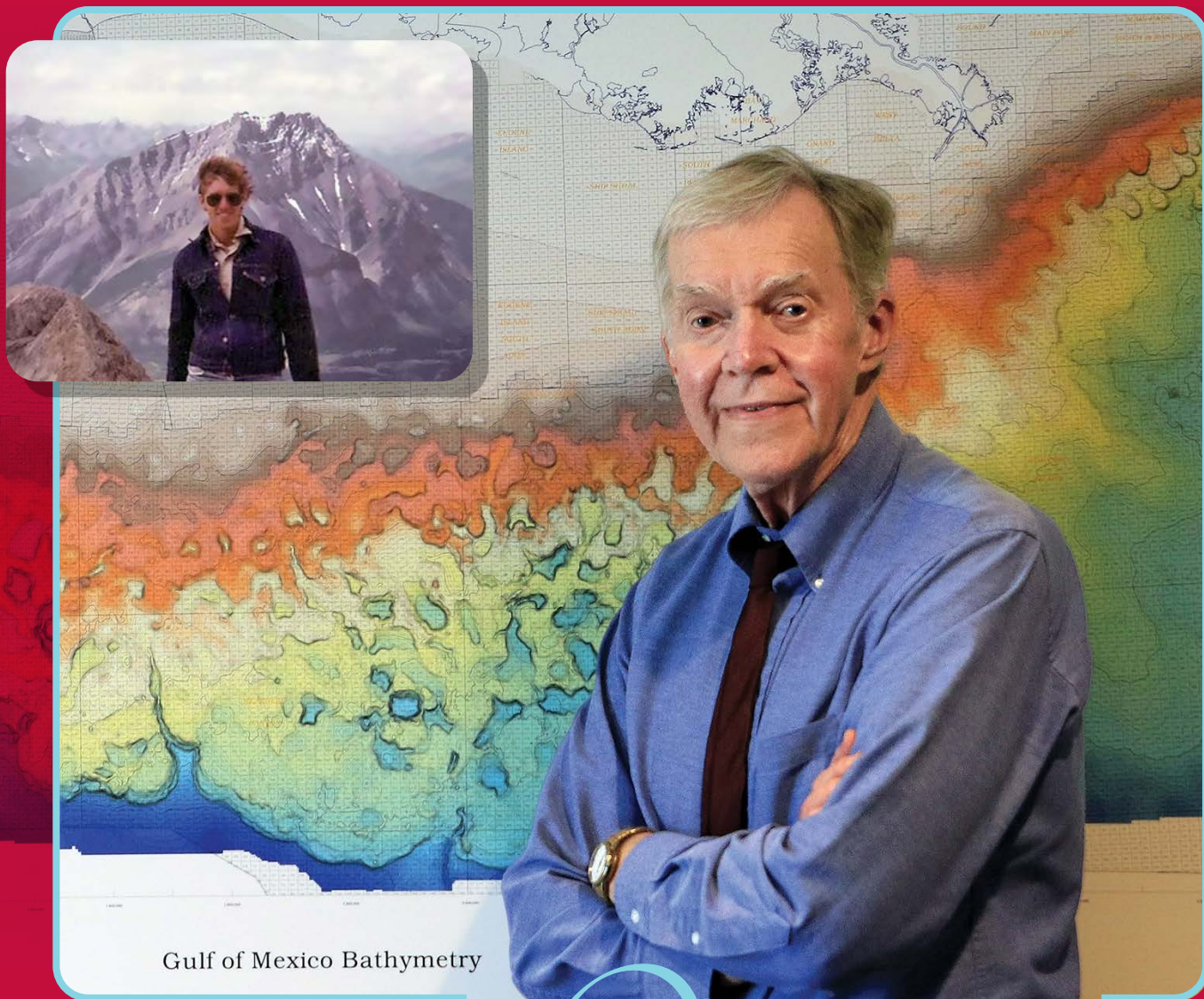
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## TECHNOLOGY CAN CHANGE IN WHAT FEELS LIKE AN INSTANT.

Working nearly 30 years as a geophysicist, Don Selk '72 has kept up with the latest geological advancements, even since retiring in 2003. Among all the changes, he continues to remember his time at Minot State as building a strong foundation, and he hopes to help future geophysicists from the University do the same.

When Selk chose to stay in his hometown for college, he didn't know exactly what major to choose, but when he started taking classes, the answer was easy.

"Geology Professor DeWayne Martin and Dr. Charles Hoffman in biology motivated me to pursue a career in science. Their lectures were nothing short of inspirational," he said.

Selk graduated with a major in earth science and concentrations in mathematics, physics, and geography. After MSU, he earned a master's in geophysics from the University of Utah and promptly started as a geophysicist for Chevron. He worked there his entire career where he gathered and processed seismic data using computer mapping, 3D computer modeling, and data visualization of the Earth's subsurface. The resulting maps and models were valuable in Chevron's oil exploration efforts. He was stationed in many cities across the United States, from San Francisco to New Orleans, as well as Alberta, Canada, and Khartoum, Sudan.

His undergraduate education came in handy through it all.

"My first year at grad school, I was surprised at

how much I carried over from the coursework at Minot State," he said. "I really enjoyed the classes, the math professors, the geology, the chemistry. I enjoyed all the science classes. That's what really helped me in grad school and in my career."

Today, Selk has established two endowments for Minot State students who want to pursue careers like his. One endowment is for data science, and the other for geoscience.

"I was thinking of myself back then, and I just wanted to help students who were interested in those careers to help them get going and pursue that," he said. "Since my career combined both of those, I thought it was only appropriate that I give back to Minot State for helping me have such a nice career."

For students who are interested in geophysics, Selk has one piece of advice.

"Take as many math, science, and computer science classes as you can," he said. "Many colleges didn't even have a data science curriculum until the last few years. You never heard of those terms in the 70s and 80s, but you can make a career out of it now. It was a real eye-opener. I was happy I was working with that information. That's where the math classes and science classes at Minot State really helped."

All in all, no matter where his career took him, Selk used the strong educational foundation he received from Minot.

"I really enjoyed my time there," he said. "I got into the science end of it and was lucky to get into a career that was in demand, so big plus to Minot State for helping me out." 🍌🍌🍌

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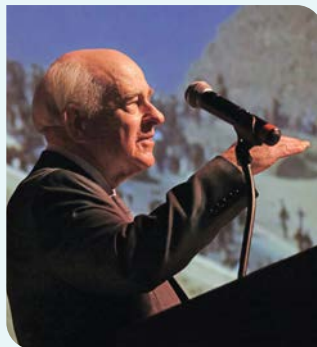
Minot State University was the site of multiple regional speaker events during the 2023-24 academic year.

- MSU's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall was the site of the 2023 Recovery Reinvented, hosted by North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Burgum.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari and MSU alumna Brenda Foster, chairman, president, and CEO of First Western Bank & Trust, took to the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall stage for a town hall.



*Gov. Doug Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Burgum*

- The 31:8 Project's fourth annual Bakken Human Trafficking Summit utilized Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, attracting law enforcement, medical, and other human services from across the state.



*Mark Lehner*

- Minot native Mark Lehner, a world-renowned Egyptologist and director of Ancient Egypt Research Associates, presented his work with the Giza Plateau Mapping Project during Geology Week.
- The Minot State Student Center Conference Center was the site for the 2023 Women's Public Leadership Symposium sponsored by Minot Women Connect and the Minot Area Chamber-EDC.
- Swain Hall Atrium was the site for the 2024 Looyenga Leadership Center Women's Leadership Conference in April.
- The Minot State Dome was the site of Minot Mayor Tom Ross' State of the City Address.



*Women's Leadership Conference*

- MSU served as a host site, using the North Dakota State Fairgrounds, for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Super Region V Tournament.

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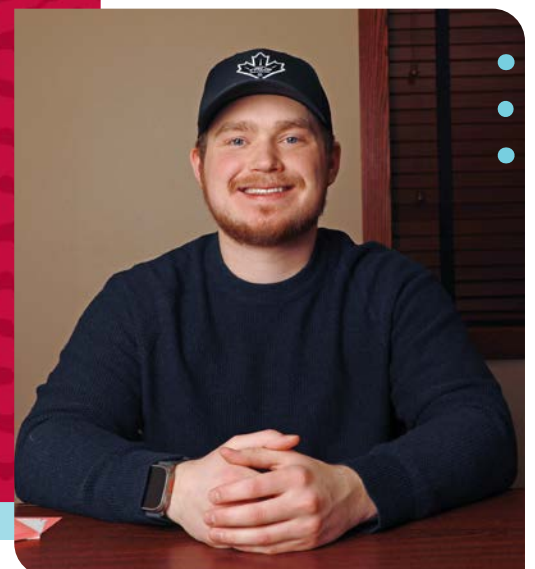
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Shawn Bennett  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

Minot State held two conferences that featured artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and data science in April along with the annual NoDAKoN in October.



*Entrepreneurial Perspective*

- MSU welcomed Silicon Valley data scientist Mark Graves for the keynote address during the University's first AI and Data Summit. The AI and Data Summit included an interdisciplinary panel with MSU faculty on AI and data and showcased Minot State student work during a poster session.
- NoDAKoN, in its third year, is a three-day cybersecurity-themed event held in October with the MSU SWIFT Club and the Computer Science Club along with the College of Business.

- The Severson Entrepreneurship Academy sponsored the second Entrepreneurial Perspective, focusing on AI and emerging technologies. The all-day event featured Mark Hagerott, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, and Shawn Riley, former North Dakota Chief Information Officer and co-founder of BisBlox, as keynote speakers. Clint Severson '73, retired CEO of Abaxis; Dustin Miller '04, owner of Pro IT in Minot; and Arnie Strebe '86, co-founder of BisBlox, were part of the programming.



*AI and Data Summit*



# Judie ::: BOEHMER

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

By Veronica Corey



**JUDIE BOEHMER'S '88 JOURNEY IS A TESTAMENT TO THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT, WHICH HAVE SHAPED HER INTO A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN THE NURSING PROFESSION.**

Fueled by gratitude, Boehmer aims to support the next generation of nurses.

"I was very fortunate to have a father who knew what it meant to have a bachelor's degree. My dad would always say, 'Education is power' and 'Give back to your community and take care of those who have taken care of you.' I felt like Minot State had taken care of me, and my parents had also felt I was safe there," Boehmer said. "I was fortunate to have their support. I would hear about other students with responsibilities such as providing food and a home for their family while trying to go to school and better themselves. If there's anything I can do to help and pay it forward for someone else, that's what I want to do."

Boehmer earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Minot State in 1988 and had a promising lineup of interviews awaiting her in Sacramento, California.

"I left North Dakota a month after graduation and drove my Dodge Turismo to Sacramento, California. I felt right at home seeing a John Deere working the rice fields off the side of the freeway," Boehmer said. "I started interviewing for nursing positions in December before graduating. I had 14 interviews and received an offer from each. I felt I had been incredibly prepared with the education I received from Minot State."

"I not only learned the science of nursing at MSU but also the art. The art of being a caring, empathetic, and compassionate nurse to those I care for and those I serve as a leader."

Boehmer has spent 33 years working in various nursing and leadership roles at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. She earned her master's degree in nursing administration from the University of Phoenix. She completed a fellowship at the Advisory Board Company in Washington, D.C., and attended the Executive Nursing Leadership Program at The Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 2021, she transferred to the University of California San Francisco, where she currently serves as the vice president and chief

nursing officer for the University of California, San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospitals in San Francisco and Oakland, California.

The assistance from the Minot State faculty gave her the confidence to excel as a registered nurse.

"The nursing faculty were great at Minot State; they were tough and were preparing us to join a noble profession. One instructor, Judy Swanson '74 (professor emeritus, nursing), had a lot of faith in me, and I am forever grateful for her support. She was someone I connected with and looked up to. We have remained connected through all these years. I had so much support getting through school," Boehmer reflected. "Not everybody has that."

In 2019, the MSU Development Foundation reached out, and Boehmer knew the time had come to show that same support.

"Jeremy (Feller '07, MSU Development Foundation development officer) reached out," she said. "I thought, now is the time. We are dealing with an incredible nursing shortage in every state."

Boehmer said her father would tell her, "Never forget where you came from. It's because of all those who supported you and Minot State for the success and person you are today. I owe it to my profession and Minot State so they can continue to produce highly skilled, competent nurses."

Philanthropy is significant to Boehmer. In 2019, she received the University of California, Davis Stewardship Award for her contribution to raising funds for the UC Davis Children's Hospital. Boehmer was the first nurse in UC Davis's history to receive this award.

Her gratitude prompted her to establish the Leonard Boehmer Memorial Scholarship Endowment and fueled her desire to inspire others to act similarly.

"I hope it inspires others to do the same thing and pay it forward in their career to someone else and just continue that giving," Boehmer said. "Hopefully, this will help create more nurses and contribute to our wonderful profession."

"I am forever grateful." ::::

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Isabella Penner  
 Blumenort, Manitoba



# Scott & Linda ::: ROSS MINOT

By Mike Stetson





FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES, SCOTT AND LINDA ROSS HAVE BEEN GIVING BACK IN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY, THE COLLEGE THEY BOTH ATTENDED WHICH HELPED SHAPE THEIR LIVES TODAY.

Linda, a 1991 graduate of Minot State with a degree in elementary education, retired from teaching this spring from Minot Public Schools. Her husband, Scott, works as a brand manager at Farstad Oil in Minot.

Both have been devoted Beaver Boosters for 19 years, supporting Minot State student-athletes. Scott has served on the Beaver Boosters Board of Directors in the past and is currently a member of the Minot State Board of Regents. The Ross family is a member of the Old Main Society, recognizing their lifetime giving to Minot State.

"We just like to give back," said Linda, "Minot State's an important part of the community, and it's important to have the college here."

"It's important we help raise scholarship money for students and athletes," Scott added.

They have four children, Kelsey, Kadee, Brady, and Ty, and two granddaughters, Sofia and Lilly. Ty will be starting classes at Minot State in the fall.

While they consider Minot State an important part of the community, Linda and Scott continue to support their former school in part because of their fond memories of being a Beaver.

"I just really enjoyed all the classes and meeting people and being involved in activities on campus," Linda said.

Scott transferred to Minot State after spending his freshman year at Dickinson State.

"Some of my favorite memories are of the big crowds that attended the Beaver games," Scott said.

"Linda and I, we've continued that throughout our marriage," he added of supporting Beaver athletics in person, as well as through Booster contributions.

Their commitment goes beyond their own personal support as loyal Beaver Boosters, but is one that connects Scott to Minot State through his work at Farstad Oil. He continues to help oversee the company's support of Minot State.

"I'm just carrying on a legacy that others before me have started," Scott said. "Farstad Oil has been a big supporter of Minot State for many, many years, long before I got there."

This is a partnership that – like Ross's own involvement – goes way beyond simple financial support. Farstad Oil offers internship opportunities to Minot State students, which benefits both in the long run, as often Beaver grads' time as an intern leads to a job at Farstad Oil. ...

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"As a student-athlete, it can be challenging to balance school, sport, and work. I am currently a sophomore majoring in biology and play on the women's soccer team. With your support, I can fully focus on academic and athletic education and do not have to worry about finances. Thank you for your support."

Rebecca Storr  
Aarau, Switzerland





# HIGHLIGHTS

Minot State University expanded Kevin Harmon's role into the newly established position of vice president for student affairs and intercollegiate athletics.

Along with over 15 years of service to the University as dean of admissions and vice president for student affairs, Harmon is a 1989 elementary education graduate and a former student-athlete, competing for the Beavers in wrestling.



Minot State's women's hockey team finished as ACHA Division 1 national runner-up for the second consecutive season, winning three straight overtime games before falling in the title game.

The men's basketball team earned its highest ranking in NCAA Division II history, peaking at No. 15 in the country and toppling No. 1 ranked and eventual national champion Minnesota State Mankato.



Minot State men's hockey head coach Wyatt Waselenchuk was named 2024 ACHA Division 1 national coach of the year.

# Vida Mae & Lawrence PETERSEN

BISMARCK

By Michael Linnell



Vida Mae and Lawrence (Pete) Petersen believe the spirit of their daughter, Tracy, lives on in the lives of the students who have been impacted by the Tracy Petersen Snyder Memorial Scholarship.

"After Tracy's sudden death, it was very im-

portant to us that her memory would live on and creating a scholarship in her name at Minot State, where she had received her nursing degree, would fulfill that wish," Vida Mae said.

And it's not just anecdotal.

"Tracy's sister, who is a doctor in Minneapolis, had a conversation with a patient and found out that the patient's daughter, who is now a nurse in Minneapolis, had received one of the scholarships!" she said. "The legacy goes on."

Tracy graduated from MSU with a degree in nursing in 1983. She died unexpectedly in March 1995.

The family felt it was only fitting to set up the fund to help future pediatric nurses, reflecting Tracy's professional skill and interest in the nursing care of children.

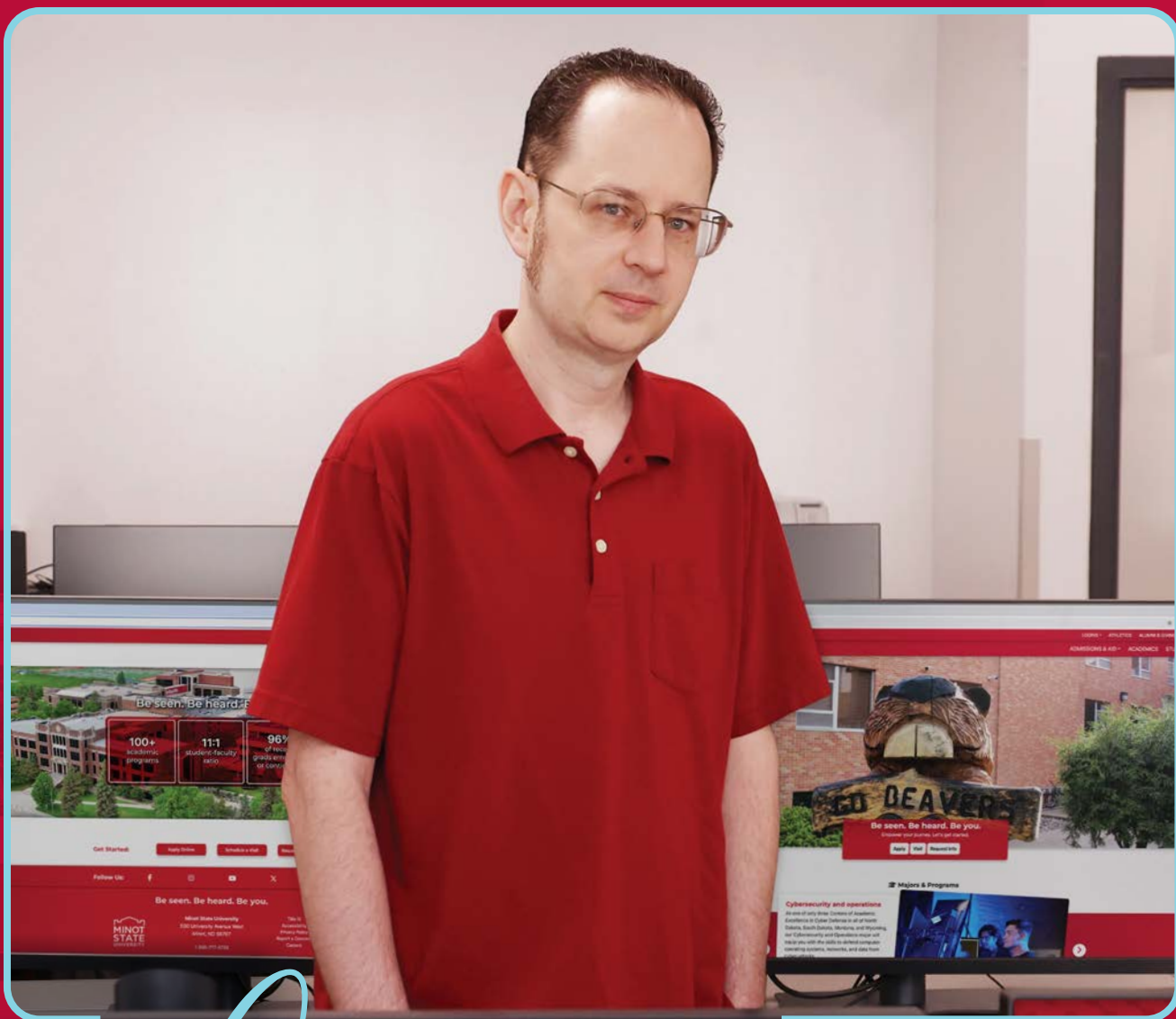
"To single out pediatric nursing was an easy decision," Vida Mae said. "Since childhood, Tracy had medical problems and had numerous stays in the hospital, and the nurses she had were always special. We felt this was a way to give back to the great care she received and may have started her desire to become a pediatric nurse."

The Petersen's also felt academic proficiency should outweigh financial needs to reflect their daughter's academic success.

"Although Tracy was an excellent student, she was never given the recognition of getting a scholarship because of her financial standing," Vida Mae said. "We wanted students with high scholastic scores to be recognized."

"Students who receive the scholarship know they have been chosen to carry on the work that Tracy had started."





# Anton ::: HUETHER

MINOT

By Michael Linnell

## ANTON HUETHER'S PHILANTHROPIC IDEOLOGY IS PRETTY SIMPLE.

If you want to see change, you have to make it happen, even if it starts small.

"It doesn't really matter how much you give or what areas you give to, it just takes someone to get it going," he said. "One area I've been drawn to is the MSU Greenhouse. I'm not necessarily that into it, it wasn't my major, but I walk by it every day. It's easy to walk around and not notice things, but it was something I could see and something I felt needed to get done.

"I feel I've reached a spot in my life where I should be giving back."

Huether, MSU's webmaster, has been associated with Minot State since his undergraduate days, earning a bachelor's degree in 2002 in art and graphic design with concentrations in marketing, broadcasting, and the MSU Honors Program. Even before his first class as a senior at Stanley High School, he was able to make connections that would serve him well into his future.

"I had no clue what I wanted to do, but I wanted to stay close to home, so I toured and met Bill Harbort (MSU art professor)," Huether said. "Bill had a great portfolio. I looked at what the department offered and thought I could make a career out of that."

His relationship with Harbort kicked off his career. Harbort first hired Huether for a job in the department and then connected him with Joe Ferrara, the director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD).

"I had a work-study job in the art department and made a website for them. At the end of my first year, Bill helped me get a job with NDCPD, and ironically, it was an NDCPD grant that provided my Mac in high school that started my interest in computers," he said. "I worked for NDCPD for four years, building websites and graphics. They

employed quite a few students to work on grant-based assistive technology. It was a really great opportunity during the tech boom that we were all fortunate to be involved in but probably didn't understand how fortunate. We were getting paid to work on all the new stuff as the web was rapidly changing the world."

It was during this time building sites he would find his eventual calling.

"I was probably one of the few people growing up who had a computer," he recalled. "I made my first website on the Macs in high school. After getting to do a few sites, I felt I could make a living with it.

"I got a chance to make the Red & Green's first site and Student Government Association's first site – if you needed a website, I was pretty much the person doing it. I'm not sure I made much money off of those projects, but they were building my portfolio."

Huether feels his giving is tied to helping future students gain the hands-on learning experiences he received early in his academic career. As a former recipient of the Harvey & Arlone Twyman Scholarship, he understands the direct, immediate impact giving can have on a student.

"I think it is all about opportunities," he said. "I built a good portfolio and a referral from an NDCPD co-worker, Chad Fenner '99, to get a job at Stevick (Business Specialties and Advertising). That built it a little more and the reference on my resume was priceless. When the job opened up in IT at MSU, I was here, I had been working on similar projects, I knew everyone, so it was a good fit for me and for the University. The Twyman (how art students referred to the scholarship) helped prop up many starving art students over the years.

"Without each of those opportunities, I wouldn't have been able to achieve what I have. Maybe it's a small amount to me, but it becomes an opportunity for someone else." ...



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## » HIGHLIGHT

Minot State's first season of men's club soccer was a successful one. Beavers FC earned the Great Plains Soccer Conference regular season championship and scored two wins to capture the MCF pool title at the Region V Tournament in Greeley, Colorado. Minot State Beavers FC finished with an 11-1-1 overall record, 9-0-1 in Great Plains Conference play, and were ranked No. 5 in the final Region V Men's Power Rankings. Beavers FC's only loss was to Region V co-champion University of Minnesota-Gold. The club also announced Bravera Bank as a premier sponsor for the team, signing a three-year agreement.



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OLSON  
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By Emily Schmidt



IF THERE IS ANY ONE EXPERIENCE THAT DESCRIBES THE DUALITY OF ROSANNE OLSON'S UNDERGRAD YEARS AT MINOT STATE, IT'S PROBABLY THIS: WHEN A SNAKE GOT LOOSE IN THE CYRIL MOORE SCIENCE CENTER.

"One time, at the start of a film studies class, a large snake somehow got loose near the entryway to the auditorium," she said. "There was quite a bit of commotion and chaos around the creature's escape. When no one came to claim it, I picked it up behind the head and tail (having never touched a snake before), so it would not bite me, and gingerly carried it off to someone who could take care of it. I always chuckle that it was a perfect example of art plus science in the same place at the same time."

Though Olson '72 had always envisioned herself as an artist, per her parents' preference, she graduated with a medical technology degree from Minot State. However, she ended up studying both, overloading her semesters with extra art and English credits and taking summer classes every year.

"I was able to choose a broad education in both art and science," she said. "It was unusual, but no one said no to that. People were supportive all the way."

Since then, Olson has come to see many connections between art and science, as well as art and almost everything. Unwittingly, her first introduction to photography – which became her career – started with a biology class in photomicrography.

"We would photograph cells under a microscope and develop the negatives into black and white prints in a small darkroom in the science building," Olson said. "I remember the smell of the stop bath (acetic acid) and the fixer. I remember the wonder of seeing a print emerge from the developer. And I remember being amazed at the complexity of cells and the complexity of the body in general. It was as if I was star-gazing inward."

While that experience didn't manage to directly lead Olson to her photography career, she ended

up there anyway. Earning a master's degree in journalism with a special focus on art from the University of Oregon in 1981 gave her the opportunity to practice her craft and eventually create her own photography business in Seattle in 1986, where she still is today.

Throughout all the photographic work she has created, including collaborations with the New York City Ballet, Seattle Opera, and Seattle Children's Hospital, she hasn't forgotten her alma mater.

"Minot State has invited me to participate in a number of group and solo shows over the years," she says. "It culminated at the Northwest Arts Center in 2022, with a retrospective of my career's work as a photographer, beautifully curated by Greg Vettel '09, Northwest Arts Center director. Minot State has also invited me to teach workshops to some of the photography classes and lecture to the art students and the community at large. The arts are the place of my heart, and to feel supported by Minot State as I have been, compels me to support it right back."

Earlier this year, Olson established two endowments, one for art students and one for the Northwest Arts Center. She lives in Seattle with her husband, Ted McMahon, a retired pediatrician. She continues to do portrait photography and she and her husband are deeply involved with the music and poetry communities in Seattle.

"I love the education I got at Minot State," she says. "Going to a small college in my hometown, I was not sure how it would stand up against any other college or university, but when I took the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) to get into grad school at the University of Oregon, my undergraduate education held me in good stead. I want to support the arts at Minot State because they have been so supportive of me." ::::

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Minot State University has a new Academic Excellence Scholarship for incoming freshmen with the opportunity to receive up to \$10,000. New freshmen admitted by the University's priority deadline of Feb. 15 who meet academic standards are automatically eligible for the award. Depending on final unweighted high school GPAs, the Academic Excellence Scholarship will award funds every year a student is enrolled at Minot State for a maximum of four years.



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Minot State University and the Northwest Arts Center (NAC) worked in collaboration with the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Interpretive Center to repatriate a war shirt of Chief Drags Wolf to his descendants in November. An important piece of Hidatsa heritage, the war shirt has been in Minot State's possession as part of the Ralph Hubbard Special Collection. Hubbard, a former professor at MSU, donated it as part of his extensive collection to the University in 1986. MSU personnel traveled to the MHA Interpretive Center in New Town and met with more than two dozen of Drags Wolf's descendants, for an emotional ceremony returning the war shirt that included prayers, riders from the X'oshga Clan, and a drum to perform his song welcoming the war shirt home.






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Minot State University implemented a new system of delivering and monitoring mental health and mental health treatment for students, named Stepped Care. The model is a multi-tier system of programs that seeks to meet students where they are in their mental health process while promoting autonomy and empowerment.



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Minot State University officially reopened the newly renovated Hartnett Hall in March, unveiling the \$26.6 million renovation funded by the North Dakota Legislature during a special session in 2021. Included in the state-of-the-art building are KMSU's studio, a new esports complex, an 80-seat recital hall, an updated Aleshire Theater, and new labs, workspaces, classrooms, and offices. MSU plans to host a Business After Hours and ribbon-cutting event on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Minot State will also begin the process of demolishing aging Dakota Hall residence hall during the late summer and early fall and return its footprint to green space.



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Minot State followed up a successful cyber boot camp in the summer of 2023 with an AI for Teachers Workshop in the summer of 2024. The Dakota Digital Academy (DDA), a unit of the North Dakota University System (NDUS), and the Northern Information Technology Consortium (NITC) teamed up to deliver a two-day IT/cyber bootcamp at six locations across the state in 2023, while MSU faculty Nigel George, associate professor of physics, and Daren Erisman, assistant professor of computer science, teamed with the DDA for the 2024 workshop. Gov. Doug Burgum signed HB1398 during the 2023 Legislative Session, requiring the teaching of computer science and cybersecurity and the integration of these content standards into school coursework from kindergarten through 12th grade, making North Dakota the first state in the nation to approve legislation requiring cybersecurity education.



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## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

**President's Club Luncheon**

Student Center Conference Center, 12 P.M.



## THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

**Golden Awards Dinner**

Student Center Conference Center, 6 P.M.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

**Beaver Booster Luncheon** • MSU Dome, 12 P.M.

**Beaver Homecoming Classic Volleyball Tournament**

MSU Dome, All day

**Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet** • Sleep Inn & Suites, 5 P.M.

**Soccer vs. Montana State Billings** • Herb Parker Stadium, 6 P.M.

**All Alumni & Friends Social** • Sports on Tap, 7 P.M.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

**Homecoming Parade** • 10:30 A.M.

**Tailgating** • 11:30 A.M.

**Football vs. Northern State** • Herb Parker Stadium, 2 P.M.

**Beaver Homecoming Classic Volleyball Tournament**

MSU Dome, All day