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## A Message from Dr. Mrozik

We have just completed a very busy spring semester. Our Online development team has been working hard to prepare for our upcoming Blackboard Collaborate migration. We developed a wide variety of College for Kid's activities for this summer. Prepared for the launch of the first graduate program, at Bismarck State College Campus. We extended our offerings at the MAFB by adding GEM (General Education Mobile) an online option for all Airmen and flexible course options. We have also added new dual credit classes and new testing options. The details are included in the articles below. I hope you enjoy reading them.

—*Jacek Mrozik, Associate VP, Graduate, Online,  
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## Blackboard Learn: Software as a Service (SaaS) Rollout Delayed

On May 24, 2016, the NDSBHE reiterated its desire to adopt and support a single LMS implementation for the entire University System by passing a vote to proceed with consolidation into a single LMS environment.

Blackboard (Bb) Learn was selected so the majority of NDUS users would not have to learn a new LMS allowing more functional and technical support resources to be available to the campuses new to Bb Learn.

The Software as a Service (SaaS) delivery model was selected for the following reasons.

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES
  - No local hardware to support. Allows existing staff resources to be reallocated to other tasks.
  - All patching and upgrades done by Bb with near zero downtime. Allows for existing staff resources to be reallocated to other tasks.
  - All institutions will be on the same version of Bb. Creates efficiencies in training and support of users.

- Increased ability to provide advanced features and integrations to all institutions by having a single development process.

- FISCAL EFFICIENCIES

- Annual expenditures become more predictable and stable during the life of the contract. No hardware to purchase, install, and replace.
- Decreased licensing costs by leveraging the entire NDUS environment.
- Potential for shared services in the area of instructional design, training, and end user support.

A five-year contract was negotiated for the Bb Learning Essentials Bundle using the SaaS Advantage deployment and hosting model.

After extensive migration and planning efforts, six institutions (BSC, LRSC, NDSCS, UND, VCSU, WSC) went live in the single NDUS instance of Bb in the Fall 2017 semester. MiSU, DCB, DSU, MaSU and NDSU were scheduled to go

live Summer 2018. Blackboard experienced significant and unacceptable operational incidents throughout the first half of the semester that adversely affected faculty, staff and students. These incidents included two prolonged outages and a number of days of degraded performance.

These outages and performance issues conflicted with Bb's contractual obligation and were recognized as unacceptable by both NDUS and Bb.

Because of the issues with Bb Learn SaaS, Minot State University will not be going live during the Summer 2018 semester. Our new rollout date is going to be Spring 2019 semester.

We will however, be going live with the new updated version of Bb Collaborate Ultra during the Summer 2018 semester. We are currently using Bb Collaborate Original. Bb Collaborate is a real-time video conferencing tool that lets you add files, share applications, and use a virtual whiteboard to interact with your students. Collaborate with the Ultra experience opens right in your browser, so you don't have to install any software to join a session and can be integrated into your Bb course shell. If you are going to use Bb Collaborate this summer in your online course, please contact Sherie Saltveit (sherie.saltveit@minotstateu.edu – 858-3280) or Douglas Tiedman (douglas.tiedman@minotstateu.edu – 858-3832) for more information and training.

—*Sherie Saltveit, Online Instructional Designer*

## College for Kids Summer

College for Kids is going to be busy this summer. We have over 20 different camps and several sessions. We have new camps along with the some of the old favorites. There should be something for everyone! Our 30th summer is looking to be our best one yet!

—*Amy Woodbeck, Professional & Community Education Coordinator*

## Minot State University at MAFB

The MSU Center for Extended Learning (CEL) at Minot Air Force base continues to be very active, through both the base and Minot communities, participating in educational events and working hard on promoting awareness of our classes and degree programs. One of the latest initiatives was to extend our offering by adding GEM (General Education Mobile) online option for all airmen. Started in the spring 2018 semester, the portfolio of General Education online classes from MSU became available via Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) online platform.

While representing MSU at Airman Leadership School graduation in February, I had the honor of meeting Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. Chief Master Sergeant Wright is the highest enlisted level of leadership in the Air Force. It was truly a pleasure and an honor to meet him.

MSU hosted a MAFB Schools Open House titled "Is your New Year's Resolution to go Back to School" in December 2017 at the MAFB Education Center. Everyone got to enjoy food, giveaways and learned more information about enrolling into school.

MSU is known as the "go to school" when it comes to offering convenient class schedules for military students. We started the spring 2018 semester by offering a Flexible Delivery Speech class for the first time. This class format allows students to complete missed classroom activities and assignments online. It was very successful and increased our enrollment numbers. Thank you goes out to Dr. Kris Warmoth for introducing this new class format and for teaching both Spring Term I & Term II and making it such a success.

We continue to offer squadron classes; classes that are available around a particular squadron's work schedule. We had the opportunity to add two more squadrons to our series. The goal is to expand the offering of these classes all over the MAFB. Thank you goes to Rebecca Luck for all the hard work and time invested in the success of the squadron classes.

MSU test center at MAFB was recognized as one of the 2016-2017 TOP Clep Test Centers. MSU/MAFB Clep Test Center is #9 out of 124 stateside bases!!! Congratulations goes out to Kari Schmidt, Credit Coordinator/Test Center Administrator, who was recognized by MAFB Leadership for her hard work and dedication to the MAFB testing center.

We continue to strengthen the partnership between MAFB and MSU!

—*Brigitte E. Mikula, Program Coordinator at Minot Air Force Base*

## Minot State University on Bismarck State College Campus

The latest new collaborative effort in Bismarck State College is a Graduate Management Certificate, which will be offered on the BSC campus beginning in the fall of 2018. Upcoming promotion activities will include informational meetings around the Bismarck/Mandan area, with firms and associations to help get the word out on this new opportunity for members of our business community!

MSU @ BSC hosted a graduation recognition event for 42 MSU @ BSC graduates in early May. The reception was held at the National Energy Center of Excellence on the Bismarck State College campus.

The Bismarck campus accepted 20 social work applicants into the program for the upcoming Fall Semester. Sixteen of these students are currently in Social Work 250 Interpersonal Skills. Nancy Gordon, Social Work Program Director, traveled to the Council on Social Work Education in Alexandria Virginia for a “Reaffirmation Training” in anticipation of the Social Work accreditation process. From the start of Fall Semester to June 2020 the Social Work program will be completing/submitting a self-study of the program and planning a site visit. Nancy Gordon delivered a two-hour ethics presentation titled “Ethical Jeopardy” to the Student Social Work Organization Conference in March on the Minot State campus. The presentation focused on the NASW code of ethics and recent changes to the ethical code. In collaboration with the BSC Arts Quest committee, Nancy made arrangements with the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners to get two Continuing Education hours for the Documentary “Little Stones” that was shown at the Belle Mehus Auditorium in April. The documentary focused on global women’s issues and social injustice including human trafficking, domestic violence, genital mutilation and living wages.

Mike Wardzinski is the current advisor/instructor for the Minot State University Criminal Justice Program on the Bismarck State College Campus where he advised 24 full and part time students during the spring semester. The Criminal Justice Program continues to work with Bismarck State College to recruit students who wish to pursue their Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Mike is the Recording Secretary for the Bismarck State College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, which consists of representative of local agencies in the criminal justice field. During the 2016-2017 academic school year Mike attended several training conferences on topics such as Elder Abuse, Alzheimer’s Training, the 2017 North Dakota Legislative Session Law Update, Tactical Leadership in Law Enforcement, the 2017 North Dakota National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) School Safety Conference, and Ethical Decision Making in Law Enforcement.

Dr. Paul Markel is the Advisor for the MSU @ BSC Addiction Studies and Psychology degree programs. This past spring four students in the Addiction Studies program and four students in the Psychology degree program graduated. One student received a dual degree in Addiction Studies and Psychology. Psychology Addiction Studies Club (PASC) did some fundraising and plans to purchase

club jackets with some of their funds. One member of PASC attended the Red River Psychology Conference in Moorhead, MN. PASC received an Apple Seed award for our work last year planting trees at Zonta Park. The club plans to plant trees again this spring on Arbor Day in another park.

Since the Minot State University’s Management and Marketing degree programs on the Bismarck State College campus are online programs, Jeanne MacDonald’s advisee list included 30 students living in the Bismarck/Mandan/Lincoln area during the spring semester. Advising activities included meeting with current and prospective students to discuss summer and fall classes; visits to BSC classrooms to present MSU management and marketing programs to prospective students; and working on potential future offerings.

—*Bobbi Jo Zueger, Student Services Coordinator at Bismarck*

## Early Entry and Academic Testing Center

Enrollment of early entry (dual credit) totaled 187 students and 251 course enrollments for the Spring 2018 term. Schools currently collaborating with MSU for dual credit classes include Minot High, Nedrose, Bishop Ryan, Des Lacs-Burlington, Glenburn, Surrey, and Our Redeemer’s Christian School. Schools interested in offering this option to students, or to learn more about the early entry process, can call 701-858-3990 or visit our website at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/dual.shtml>.

The Academic Testing Center continues to provide placement testing and proctoring for students and community members. For testing center hours, exams offered, and other information, visit the website at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/act.shtml>. Appointments at the testing center can be made by calling 858-3830 or 858-3990. CLEP and DSST testing is available one day each week at the Minot Air Force Base. Military personnel can make appointments using an online scheduler at [askmsu.com/clepmaf](http://askmsu.com/clepmaf).

Older adults continue to enjoy college courses at no cost thanks to the MSU 65+ waiver program. For more information on the 65+ program click here: <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/65-plus-waiver.shtml>.

—*Kari Schmidt, Credit Coordinator*

# CEL ENROLLMENTS

## Center for Extended Learning Enrollments

|                                      | Spring 2017<br>Unduplicated<br>Headcount | Spring 2018<br>Unduplicated<br>Headcount | Change in<br>Headcount | % Change<br>in<br>Headcount |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Independent Study                    | 33                                       | 40                                       | 7                      | 21.2%                       |
| Online Asynchronous                  | 1137                                     | 1121                                     | -16                    | -1.4%                       |
| Online Synchronous                   | 42                                       |  | -42                    | -100.0%                     |
| Interactive Video (IVN)              | 56                                       | 62                                       | 6                      | 10.7%                       |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Dual Credit | 196                                      | 183                                      | -13                    | -6.6%                       |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Bismarck    | 66                                       | 53                                       | -13                    | -19.7%                      |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Fargo       | 80                                       | 85                                       | 5                      | 6.3%                        |
| Off Campus Face to Face: Minot AFB   | 220                                      | 214                                      | -6                     | -2.7%                       |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>1830</b>                              | <b>1758</b>                              | <b>-72</b>             | <b>-3.9%</b>                |

\*These numbers do not include non-degree credit courses (ASC 93).

## Student Enrollment by Mode of Instruction

| Type                                       | Spring<br>2017 | 2017<br>Percentage | Spring<br>2018 | 2018<br>Percentage | Change     |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| On-campus Only                             | 1463           | 46.80%             | 1423           | 46.52%             | -40        |
| On-campus & Online                         | 533            | 17.05%             | 579            | 18.93%             | 46         |
| Online Only                                | 510            | 16.31%             | 442            | 14.45%             | -68        |
| Distance Education Only                    | 441            | 14.11%             | 440            | 14.38%             | -1         |
| On-campus & Distance Education             | 54             | 1.73%              | 70             | 2.29%              | 16         |
| Online & Distance Education                | 93             | 2.98%              | 62             | 2.03%              | -31        |
| On-campus, Online, & Distance<br>Education | 32             | 1.02%              | 43             | 1.41%              | 11         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>3126</b>    | <b>100.00%</b>     | <b>3059</b>    | <b>100.00%</b>     | <b>-67</b> |

\*Numbers do not include enrollment in non-degree credit course or audits.

On-campus = Traditional Classroom Courses

Online = Online Asynchronous and Online Synchronous

Distance Education = Ind. Study, Dual Credit, Bismarck, Fargo, MAFB, IVN

—Jolina Miller, Online Program Coordinator