



Minot State University to confer degrees May 15

President David Fuller will confer more than 700 undergraduate and graduate degrees during Minot State University's commencement exercises on May 15 in the MSU Dome beginning at 10 a.m. Commencement speakers are going to address Vision 2013, Strategy 3: Valuing Faculty and Staff Within an Engaged Community.

Faculty members should arrive at the south end of the second floor of the Dome dressed in academic regalia by 9 a.m.

All staff members are strongly encouraged to attend the commencement. If student assistance is not available during the two-hour block from 10 a.m. to noon, offices may close to allow staff members to attend this important event.

President Fuller invites all members of the MSU community to celebrate our student's achievements and the completion of their academic programs.

Aldrich, Anderson and Berg scheduled to speak at commencement

In looking ahead to Minot State University's centennial in 2013, this year's ceremony will recognize the institution's strategic plan, "Vision 2013." The 2009 commencement speakers, senior Aileen Aldrich, MSU Staff Senate President Nathan Anderson and MSU Faculty Senate President Kristi Berg, will address the strategic plan's third strategy, "Valuing Faculty and Staff Within an Engaged Community."

Aldrich, a Minot native, has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, with majors in biology and chemistry, while earning a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. She exemplifies student engagement with her long-term involvement in undergraduate research and education outreach.

Because of her research focusing on chromosome abnormalities in human leukemia, Aldrich presented at the North Dakota Academy of Science annual meeting, a joint meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and American Chemical Society and the American Association for Cancer Research annual meeting. As a recipient of the AACR-Thomas J. Bardos Science Education Award, Aldrich placed second for undergraduate research projects at the annual AACR meeting in 2008. The competition featured 40 undergraduate presentations. She also presented her work in the main poster session with approximately 6,000 other cancer researchers.

In fall 2009, Aldrich will begin her medical studies at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Grand Forks.

Anderson received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from MSU in 2003 and a Master of Science in management in 2004.

He began his full-time employment with MSU in 2006 as a training and research associate for the Rural Crime and Justice



Aldrich



Anderson

May 6, 2009

PIO update

It's been a true "roller coaster ride" these past four months, thanks to an entertaining North Dakota Legislative Session.

Unlike many other sessions, the challenge this year was what to do with a huge surplus. For some, the talk was all about spending; for others, it was all about saving. And, for the majority of us, it was a healthy mix of both.

According to an early analysis, North Dakota's final legislative budget for the next two years totals \$8.8 billion. That's a 36 percent increase over two years.

Legislators felt it necessary to provide \$593 million in state money for higher education. That's a 26 percent increase from state money given out in the 2007 biennium.

Minot State was able to receive federal stimulus dollars to help pay for the renovation of Swain Hall and one-time state funding for a capital project to either renovate the current coal boiler or to help pay for the installation of a geothermal energy system.

We appreciate the hard work done by state legislators to pass a bill that increases financial aid for students, builds campus infrastructure and improves campus equity funding.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

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Center. Currently, he is the College of Education and Health Sciences' accreditation technology support coordinator. In addition to being president of MSU Staff Senate, Anderson's campus involvement includes the Compensation Task Force, University Cabinet, the Information Technology Advisory Committee and the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Task Force.

Anderson is a member of the Edison Elementary Parent Teachers Association. He also teaches Sunday school and serves on the board of education at Minot's Christ Lutheran Church.

Berg is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Business Information Technology within the College of Business. This role includes teaching undergraduate and graduate database and management information systems courses on campus and online. She began her career at MSU in fall 1999 as a graduate teaching assistant. Since that



Berg

time, she has taught a variety of information technology courses within the College of Business and at the Minot Air Force Base, on campus, for community workshops and with College for Kids camps.

Berg earned a bachelor's degree in business education in 1995 and a master's degree in management in 2000 from MSU. Presently, she is pursuing a doctorate in organization management from Capella University.

In addition to service on Faculty Senate, Berg is a member of the General Education Ad Hoc Committee and the University Planning and Budgeting Council. Within the Minot community, she is an MSU Alumni Board member, a Minot Young Professionals Community Links co-chair and a Longfellow School PTA member.

Also at this year's commencement, Chester Reiten and his wife, Joy, will be special guests. Reiten, who was formerly mayor of Minot, is a businessperson and president of the Norsk Høstfest.

Minot State welcomes PRSSA as a new campus organization

There is a new organization at Minot State University that is making a name for itself, the Public Relations Student Society of America. A national organization, PRSSA is offered to universities across the country. Students at Minot State decided to start a PRSSA chapter in hopes of creating a long-lasting and successful association on campus.

This organization's mission is to provide successful communication to all Minot State student organizations, as well as to work with local businesses so that they may provide further communication of their promotions to the students. PRSSA members work on everything from posters, fliers and advertisements to press releases, Web site design and radio

public service announcements. The current PRSSA officers plan to provide all of these services at no cost to business clients or student organizations interested in marketing a service or event. So far this semester, members have had a bake sale to promote and fundraise for their organization and have helped out at an electronic waste recycling event on campus.

PRSSA's last meeting of the semester will be held Thursday (May 7) at 12:30 p.m. in Hartnett 311. The organization is encouraging all MSU students with undecided majors or any other area of interest to attend this meeting to learn about PRSSA. Attendees will also be able to see first-hand examples of work members have done this semester. High school seniors and local business people who feel they may be interested in PRSSA are also welcome to attend.

"I am really looking forward to this upcoming semester to see what PRSSA can accomplish with the new members and involvement on campus," PRSSA President Mary Christian said.

For more information, contact Christian at 770-324-3659.

State paleontologist talks about 'North Dakota Dinosaurs'

As part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, John Hoganson, North Dakota state paleontologist, will discuss "Dinosaurs, Sharks and Woolly Mammoths: Glimpes of Life in North Dakota's Prehistoric Past" Thursday evening (May 7).

"The oldest rocks exposed at the surface in North Dakota are only about 90 million years old and yet the fossil record of life in North Dakota extends to about 450 million years ago, based on fossils found in oil well cores brought to the surface during drilling," Hoganson said.

Hoganson will trace the fossil evidence of life in the state from the shells of ancient marine animals, through the dinosaurs, to the ground sloths and woolly mammoths that roamed at the end of the last Ice Age. Geologic and fossil evidence shows the state was once at the bottom of a sea, was once a subtropical, forested swampland and was at other times largely covered by glaciers. A much-publicized find was Dakota, a mummified duck-billed dinosaur. Dakota was discovered in 1999 near Marmarth.

The lecture is at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Admission is free and open to the public, and refreshments are served afterward.

Alumni Association's premier Gala event is Saturday

The 26th annual Alumni Association Gala Dinner and Auction is Saturday (May 9) at Minot's Grand International. The social and auction preview begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner



is at 6:45 p.m. The \$50 tickets include a gourmet dinner, and the attire for this event is semi-formal.

Successful bidders may win a traditional Irish dinner for eight, a MSU Summer Theatre season pass, a semester of MSU tuition, a six-month family membership at the Minot YMCA or original paintings by Vern Skaug and Floyd Fairweather. Other handicrafts include a beaver carved from wood and an accent chair hand painted in Minnesota Twins' colors of red, white and blue. Among other sports memorabilia are a basketball autographed by Larry Bird and a baseball signed by Joe Mauer. Special to the Gala, and attracting high interest for a number of years, are items incorporating salvaged fabric from McFarland Auditorium. Alumni Chuck and Jan Repnow and their daughter, Lydia, of Rugby are contributing 24 creations to this year's auction.

Net proceeds help fund scholarships and programs sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Staff Senate holds elections

This year, Staff Senate elections are being conducted electronically. Every Minot State University staff member is eligible to cast a ballot because three members at large are needed.

If a staff member is employed within a constituency that has one or more Staff Senate vacancies, the individual will cast a vote on the respective ballot and then be directed to the members-at-large ballot. If a staff member is employed within a constituency that has no Staff Senate vacancies, the person will be directed to the members-at-large ballot only. The names of individuals who are continuing on Staff Senate and the names of individuals who declined service have been removed.

To vote, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=WC7K_2fXPdQ9mKA07Hg7T0aA_3d_3d. The link has also been posted on the Staff Senate Web page. Voting closes on May 7 at 11:59 p.m.

Please direct election-related questions or comments to Nathan Anderson, at nathan.anderson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3082, or Linda Benson at linda.benson@minotstateu.edu or 858-3199.

Summer Theatre prepares for another great season

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," the first of four plays to be performed by Minot State University Summer Theatre, will run from June 16 to 21. The other scheduled productions are "Nunsensation: The Nonsense Vegas Revue," June 27-July 1, "The Odd Couple," July 9-13, and "Sweet Charity," July 21-26.

The company is made up of a variety of people including community members and MSU students, faculty and staff. Approximately, 8,000-10,000 theatergoers attend the productions every summer.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

MSU Alumni Association accepting Golden Award nominations

The Minot State University Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the MSU Golden Award. The 2009 Golden Award banquet is scheduled for Sept. 24.

The highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association, the Golden Award selections are based on outstanding service to the university or Alumni Association and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community.

Anyone may submit a nomination for the award to the Office of Alumni at 500 University Ave. West, Minot, N.D. 58707. The nomination should include the following information:

- Nominee's name, address and telephone number.
- Nominee's present position or occupation.
- Other positions held by the nominee in their career field.
- Did the nominee attend Minot State? If so, when?
- Other connections with Minot State and/or the Alumni Association.
- Qualifications and factors to be considered for the award.
- Nominator's name and telephone number.

Nominations can be submitted to the alumni office through May 22. Nominations are reviewed by a nine-person committee of alumni board members, past-award recipients and alumni-at-large.

The MSU Alumni Association began presenting its award in 1967, and the first recipient was Archie Peterson. For questions, contact the alumni office at 858-3234.

MSU self-study report featured at HLC annual meeting

From March 31 to April 2, 2008, a team of seven Higher Learning Commission reviewers visited Minot State University's campus to conduct a ten-year comprehensive accreditation site visit. In preparation for the visit, over 30 faculty and staff members spent close to two years compiling a self-study report and preparing the campus. Their hard work paid off with a successful accreditation visit. Additionally, last month, the Higher Learning Commission invited MSU to participate in a Self-Study Fair as part of their 114th annual meeting.

A primary focus of the annual meeting is to assist institutions with preparing for their accreditation visits. To that end, MSU and other institutions with exemplary self-study documents submitted copies of their reports for display in a resource room and had a representative available to answer questions during the three-hour Self-Study Fair.

Kristen Warmoth, dean of the Center for Extended Learning, represented MSU at the self-study event.

“On the day of the fair, I found myself talking to a steady stream of individuals who had seen our self-study document in the resource room, or who were looking for our table because their institution was very much like ours,” Warmoth said. “Many were interested in how we organized our report and others in how we communicated with the campus during the preparation process. All seemed very impressed with our document and asked for a link to the information we have online.”

“As a member of the self-study steering committee, I know the tremendous amount of work it took to prepare for the accreditation visit. Dr. Ron Royer, the self-study coordinator, was the driving force behind our success,” Warmoth said. “The faculty and staff who worked along with Dr. Royer should know that their effort not only paid off in our continued accreditation but also in the exemplary document that was displayed in Chicago this past April.”

MSU students receive honors at Humanities Award Luncheon

Minot State University humanities students received recognition at the Humanities Award Luncheon on April 16. Scholarship awardees and new student groups received recognition during the banquet.

“Humanities division students are among the finest here on campus,” said Linda Olson, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of art. “They have been involved in national conferences, have competed and have been recognized with state, regional and national awards, and above all, they are truly committed, excellent students.”

The Division of Humanities recognized their outstanding seniors with awards. The award recipients were Rochelle Bottari, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., English; Amber Jensen, Kenmare, broadcasting (public relations); Corey Serr, Minot, broadcasting (production); Adam Simonson, Minot, art; Christopher Stroschein, Mandan, theatre arts; and Virginie Vournas, Cannes, France, foreign language education (French).

The distinguished student achievement award winners for the 2008-2009 Division of Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences were also acknowledged. They were Ben Daggett, Glasgow, Mont., art; Lee Johnson, Minot, broadcasting (production); Corey Serr, Minot, broadcasting (production); and Nathan Zochert, Minot, English.

For more information, contact Olson at 858-3836 or linda.olson@minotstateu.edu.

Native American Honor Dance and Powwow honored the Class of 2009



Photos by Jesse Kelly.

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science held Math Track Meets

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science held the 34th annual Math Track Meets for area schools and other schools as far away as Langdon, Munich, Barnes County, Hebron, Dickinson and Sidney, Mont. The meets consisted of three events, one for students in grades 11 and 12 (April 8), one for students in grades 9 and 10 (April 15) and one for students in grades 7 and 8 (April 22).

Each event involved over 600 students who competed as individuals and as teams. Schools brought one to three teams



for each event. A team consisted of six students, three from each grade level. Individual results were tabulated, based on scores from four individual tests. The team results were based on individual test scores of all team members and the team test score. The tests included topics appropriate to the grade level. Top teams and individual finalists from class A and class B schools were awarded trophies and plaques.

Results, tests and pictures can be found at www.misu.nodak.edu/mathcs/TrackMeet.shtml.

SSWO filled vehicles for Earth Day

Not only did Minot State University's Student Social Work Organization fill the car on the Quad with plastic recycling, they also filled a Ford Expedition and the back of a pickup.

As part of Earth Day, President David Fuller also signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. For more information about the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, go to www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/commitment.php.



Minot State has Women of Distinction

At the YWCA Women of Distinction Banquet on April 21, the honorees included Minot State University students, faculty, staff and alumni.

This year's Women of Distinction winners included Melanie Moore, an MSU student and administrative assistant and testing coordinator in the Student Development Center, for Community Service-Volunteer; Pam Karpenko for Business-Entrepreneur; Sergeant Amanda Regler for Enlisted Military; Captain Aubrie Jones for Military Officer; Linda Olson, chair of the MSU Division of Humanities and professor of art,

for Professional; Sarah Rowe Clutts, an MSU student, for Student; and First Western Bank and Trust for the Business-Corporation Award. Finally, this year's YWCA 2009 Honoree was Mikey Hoeven, North Dakota's First Lady. Olson and Hoeven are both Minot State alumni.

Annually, this banquet honors women for their achievements and contributions to the community, as well as businesses and agencies committed to the empowerment of women. The Minot YWCA provides a safe environment to women and children in crisis.



Left to right: Aubrie Jones, Melanie Moore, Amanda Regler, Mikey Hoeven, Alice Fuchs accepting for First Western Bank and Trust, Linda Olson and Pam Karpenko. Not shown: Sarah Rowe Clutts.

MSU took awards at PBL Leadership Conference

Minot State students attended the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference in Bismarck on April 5-7. Those winning state PBL awards were:

- Who's Who — Whitney Loftesnes and Mallory Westby.
- Community Service Project — Chris Barney and Joe Burckhard, first place.
- Business Ethics — Loftesnes and Lifi Tchignaha, second place.
- Business Law — Chris Barney, second place.
- Database Design and Applications — Robin Deutsch, first place.
- Financial Analysis and Decision Making — Westby, second place.
- Financial Concepts — Westby, second place, and James Knudsen, third place.
- International Business — Dereck Ostdahl, third place.
- Justice Administration — Chris Barney, third place.

- Marketing Concepts — Ostdahl, first place.
- Statistical Analysis — Kelsey Barney, third place.
- Word Processing — Megan Perdue, third place.
- Future Business Teacher — Deutsch, first place.

PBL is the premier student business organization for colleges and universities in bringing business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

These students participated in various competitions, of which there were 36 events, by either taking tests or giving presentations that pertain to the business world. The reward for winning at state allows these students to represent Minot State University at the National Convention held in Anaheim, Calif., in June. The advisors for PBL are Dean Frantsovog and Sharon Reynolds.



Front row, left to right: Lexi Swallers, Granville; Lifi Tchignaha, Ngaoundere, Cameroon; Kelsey Barney, Minot; Whitney Loftnes, Norwich; Megan Perdue, Ray; Mallory Westby, Sheyenne. Back row, left to right: Dereck Ostdahl, Minot; James Knudsen, Minot; Chris Barney, Minot; Joe Burckhard, Minot; Eddy McCarty, Minot. Not shown: Robin Deutsch, Watford City.

Faculty, staff and student notes

On April 24, the North Dakota Association of Teacher Education recognized **Warren Gamas**, associate professor of education, as the Distinguished Educator at their annual meeting at the University of Mary. Gamas has over 10 years of service to NDATE – serving as Minot ATE president, NDATE state higher education representative and as NDATE president-elect. Throughout this time, he has demonstrated leadership skills as an officer representing teacher education and our state at national ATE conventions.

Announcements

MSU's IRB office has moved

Minot State University's office for the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects has moved from the Graduate School to the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities' administrative offices (Memorial 234). Also, Brent Askvig, executive director of NDCPD and professor of special education, has been elected chair of the IRB committee. He replaces Margi Coxwell, associate professor of education, who is leaving MSU.

The IRB committee is a federally mandated group of faculty and community members that reviews proposed research involving human subjects to ensure that the rights and welfare of the subjects are protected. Any MSU student, faculty or staff member who proposes to conduct research under the university auspices must apply for a review from the committee. All requests for IRB review should now be directed to Askvig. His contact information is 858-3580 or brent.askvig@minotstateu.edu. Researchers should also review materials on the IRB Web site www.minotstateu.edu/IRB/index.shtml.

— IRB committee

Friday is MSU Nursing Student Scholarship Day

MSU Nursing Student Scholarship Day is Friday (May 8) in the nursing department (Memorial Hall, third floor), 9 a.m.-noon:

- Student poster presentations, nursing department hallway, 9-11a.m.
- "E-rase your e-waste," a Public Health Nursing project presentation, Memorial 304, 11 a.m.-noon.

For questions, contact 858-4309 or becky.brodell@minotstateu.edu.

— Becky Brodell, instructor of nursing

SIFE provides gifts for graduating seniors

We would like the instructors to announce in all their classes that the Minot State University Students In Free Enterprise Club has gifts for all the seniors who are graduating this year. The gift is titled "Mapping Your Financial Future." The gifts can be picked up at the financial aid or career services offices until Friday (May 8). For questions, call 858-3294.

— Ron Weinmann, SIFE advisor

Open house for Coxwell

On May 14, please stop by the Graduate School (Memorial 200) and wish Margaret Coxwell, associate professor of education, well as she embarks on yet another adventure. Refreshments will be served from 1 to 3 p.m.

— Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and research and sponsored programs

Club Biology sponsors book drive

Please consider participating in the Club Biology-sponsored “Book Drives for Better Lives,” which is underway here at Minot State University. There are drop boxes in four convenient locations: across from the MSU Bookstore and on the first floors of Memorial Hall, Old Main and Model Hall.

Please leave any unwanted, good-quality textbooks (or good quality hardback novels, only) in the drop boxes, and Club Biology will take care of their distribution through Better World Books. Club Biology has partnered with Books for Africa, a literacy organization that funds shipping of academic and library books to Africa through textbook donation and resale. Better World Books is the largest single source of textbooks for teaching in African countries.

The book drive will end May 19 and coincides with the MSU Bookstore’s buyback period for spring. Students should consider donating any texts, especially those the bookstore will not buy back. For faculty, it is a great opportunity to clean out your offices of unwanted texts.

Thanks in advance for the huge donation made in Memorial Hall! Go Nurses!

For more information, call or e-mail Heidi Super, associate professor of biology, at 858-3079 or heidi.super@minotstateu.edu or Aileen Aldrich, MSU student, at ailien.aldrich@my.minotstateu.edu.

New parking permits

New parking permits for the upcoming year (June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010) will be on sale starting May 20, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The permits are available in the parking office, located at plant services. The Office of Plant Services will not be overbooking lots. The price for the annual permit is \$30 for a reserved permit and \$20 for an unreserved permit. When individuals come to purchase the permit, they should bring their vehicle license plate number(s) and their MSU Employee ID number.

For further information, visit the parking office link on the MSU home page www.minotstateu.edu/parking/.

— Roger Kluck, *director of facilities*

PeopleSoft self-service access to be utilized

The decision has been made to use the self-service capability recently introduced for PeopleSoft in lieu of printing and mailing pay advices. The last pay advices will be printed for the end of May’s paycheck on May 29. On June 15, paycheck information will be available through the self-service feature only. Please take the time to become familiar with the self-service feature. If you need help, please read through the short manual located at www.minotstateu.edu/hr/pdf/cnd_self_service_manual.pdf or contact the payroll and benefits personnel in the Business Office for assistance at 858-3334.

— Jonelle Watson, *controller*

PERSpectives newsletter outlines changes

The spring 2009 PERSpectives newsletter contains information about the benefit plan changes for the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Dakota Plan, termination of the Exclusive Providers Organization program and the new wellness program benefit. <http://www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/publications/perspectives-newsletter/spring-2009-active.pdf>

— Wes Matthews, *director of human resources*

In the galleries

May 6-21 — “My Matisse,” senior show by Rachael Vincent, Minot, Library Gallery.

May 7-June 3 — “Intercourse of Color” by Eric Buchmann, Minot, and “Heroes and Villains” by Iosefa Faiai, Minot, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for “Intercourse of Color” and “Heroes and Villains” is May 7, Hartnett Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

Calendar

May 6-June 5, 2009

May

- 7 Admission to teacher education seminar, Main 214, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
- 7 Faculty Senate, Westlie Room, 3:30 p.m.
- 7 Special Olympics track and field meet, Herb Parker Stadium, 6 p.m.
- 7 NAC gallery reception for “Intercourse of Color” by Eric Buchmann, Minot, and “Heroes and Villains” by Iosefa Faiai, Minot, Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
- 7 NAC lecture: “Dinosaurs, Sharks and Woolly Mammoths: Glimpses of Life in North Dakota’s Prehistoric Past” by John Hoganson, N.D. state paleontologist, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 7 Junior voice recital by Katie Langemo, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 7-June 3 NAC exhibit: “Intercourse of Color” by Eric Buchmann, Minot, and “Heroes and Villains” by Iosefa Faiai, Minot, Hartnett Hall Gallery.
- 8 Outdoor Track & Field DAC Championship, Dakota State U., Madison, S.D.
- 9 Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Dome, 9 a.m.
- 9 Music recital by Sally Podrebarac, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 9 Alumni Association Gala dinner and auction, Grand International, social 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:45 p.m.
- 9 Guest music recital by Jonathan Clark, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Luminus recital, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
- 11 Graduate School: last day to submit five copies of thesis/project if graduating spring semester.

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| 11 | Western Plains Children's Choir Concert, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. | 26-June 17 | NAC exhibit: "Triangle of Life: the Natural, the Imaginable, the Decidable," senior show by Erin Bertsch, Jenny Grabowski and Christina Martinez, Library Gallery. |
| 11-14 | Final exams for 16-week classes. | 30 | Last day to drop 8-week course without a grade of "W." |
| 11-15 | NDCPD site visit by MTARS. | 31 | NAC gallery reception for "Triangle of Life: the Natural, the Imaginable, the Decidable," senior show by Erin Bertsch, Jenny Grabowski and Christina Martinez, Library Gallery, 1:30-3 p.m. |
| 12 | Blood pressure screening, Student Center, second floor, 9-10 a.m. | | |
| 13-14 | Final exams for second 8-week classes. | | |
| 14 | Graduate School farewell for Margaret Coxwell, Memorial 200, 1-3 p.m. | | |
| 15 | Graduate School Hooding Ceremony, Nelson Hall, 8 a.m. | | |
| 15 | Commencement, Dome, 10 a.m. | | |
| 18 | Grades must be entered by noon. | | |
| 19 | Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m. | | |
| 20 | University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m. | | |
| 21-22 | CONNECT: orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall. | | |
| 25 | Memorial Day, university closed. | | |
| 26 | Summer classes begin. | | |

June 2009

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| 1 | Last day to add 8-week course. |
| 3 | Financial aid disbursement and summer tuition due, Business Office. |
| 4 | Northern Great Plains Technology Institute, Old Main, 8:30-4:30 p.m. |
| 5 | Northern Great Plains Technology Institute, Old Main, 8:30-1 p.m. |
| 5 | American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Old Main. |

Minot State University Mission

Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.

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