



A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Congratulations graduates!

Minot State University is proud of its Class of 2010. More than 650 undergraduate and graduate students were eligible to walk through commencement exercises May 14.



MSU and DCB sign two new articulation agreements

On May 24, Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau signed two articulation agreements. The purpose of these agreements is for MSU and DCB to better serve their growing transfer populations. David Fuller, MSU president, and Ken Grosz, DCB dean, represented their institutions.

Beginning fall 2010, students who graduate from DCB with an Associate of Science in elementary education will be able to transfer seamlessly into MSU's Bachelor of Science in Education program to major in elementary education. The agreement defines all requirements and outlines exactly how credits will transfer.

The second articulation agreement between MSU and DCB in criminal justice will also go into effect next fall. The "two-plus-two" transfer program in wildlife law enforcement is a blending of two programs. Students in the program will receive an associate's degree from DCB in wildlife management and then transfer to MSU to complete a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU with the emphasis on wildlife law enforcement. The program outlines the student course work, semester by semester, giving specific guidelines to ensure degree completion in four years.

For additional information, contact Kristin Wood, transfer and articulation agreement advisor, at 858-3413 or kristin.wood@minotstateu.edu.



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PIO update

Just because it is summer time, does not mean the Minot State campus is closed until the fall semester — much the opposite.

The months of May, June and July provide unique opportunities for students to take classes at MSU through a variety of options. This year, MSU is providing more flexible choices, and the number of students participating is on the rise.

The always-popular College for Kids camps start the beginning of June. The community-organized Relay for Life event will once again be held on our campus June 11-12.

Minot State is opening its doors, for the 26th year, to the statewide Municipal Finance Officers Institute, as city auditors from all over North Dakota will brush up on their skills.

And while the campus will be active, many alumni and friends will be supporting Minot State while hitting the links. The fifth annual Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour will take place around the region, starting June 9 in Velva.

There is no lack of activity this summer; just the way it should be on the campus of Minot State.

— *Mark Lyman, director of public information*

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Benson heads Staff Senate

Linda Benson, public information specialist, is the new Minot State University Staff Senate president. Other officers are Anton Huether, Web master and graphic designer, vice president and Tricia Houmann, benefits and payroll technician, secretary/treasurer.

Minot State University Staff Senate conducted elections electronically from May 3 to 13. Listed below, according to their constituencies, are the newly elected representatives, along with their areas of employment:

- **Plant services — athletic facilities/maintenance** — Tim Healy, athletic facilities, and Sherri Giessinger, plant services.
- **The College of Arts and Sciences** — Karen Humphreys, INBRE.
- **The College of Business/Library** — Renae Yale, library, and Sarah Walker, College of Business graduate programs.
- **Plant services — custodians** — Bill Klimpel and Scott Peterson.
- **North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities** — Chad DeCoteau, Kori Huettl and Vicki Troftgruben.
- **President's office, vice president for advancement, athletics, public information, Graduate School** — Benson, public information.
- **Rural Crime and Justice Center** — Rebecca Ruzicka.
- **Vice president for academic affairs** — Melissa Cantone, registrar's office, and Michelle Passa, financial aid.
- **Vice president for administration and finance** — Houmann, benefits and payroll, Anton Huether, Information Technology Central, and Mindy Rudnick, Business Office.
- **Vice president for student affairs** — Nancy Mickelson, counseling services, and Darla Weigel, student affairs.

The voter turnout by constituency was as follows: plant services-athletic facilities/maintenance, 25 percent; College of Arts and Sciences, 50 percent; College of Business and Gordon B. Olson Library, 41.17 percent; plant services-custodial, 42.10 percent; the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, 43.33 percent; president's office/vice president for advancement/athletics/Graduate School/Public Information, 61.54 percent; the Rural Crime and Justice Center, 54.55 percent; vice president for academic affairs, 47.06 percent; vice president for administration and finance, 51.16 percent; vice president for student affairs, 65 percent.

Statewide Victim Assistance Academy set for June 6-11



Minot State University will host the second annual Victim Assistance Academy for North Dakota, June 6-11, in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor). This

statewide training provides victim-service professionals with important updates on victims' rights and victim services, as well as new developments in the victim-assistance field.

The VAAND is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, given to the Rural Crime and Justice Center. Individuals who will receive training during the Victim Assistance Academy are law enforcement officers, social workers, prosecutors, advocates or any professional who works with crime victims.

This year's keynote speaker for the VAAND graduation ceremony will be North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. He is scheduled to speak June 11 at 11 a.m.

"What we plan to do with this program is enhance the knowledge and skills of those professionals who spend their time, day in and day out, with crime victims in North Dakota," said Nancy Murphy, Victim Assistance Academy coordinator. "The Rural Crime and Justice Center is excited to be able to offer this unique training academy to those professionals in North Dakota who work hard to defend and protect victims of crimes."

Topics for this year's academy include basic advocacy skills, crisis intervention, domestic violence, child victimization, building relationships with Native American victims of crime and recognizing the effects of trauma.

For more information, contact Murphy at 858-3447, 1-800-777-0750 ext. 3447 or nancy.murphy@minotstateu.edu.

Minot State to bring golf tour to area communities

Minot State University alumni and friends are invited to participate in the fifth annual "Summer Friend-Raising Golf Tour." The summer tour will stop in seven cities: Velva on June 9, Rugby on June 17, Stanley on June 23, Bottineau on July 6, Washburn on July 13, Garrison on July 20 and Kenmare on Aug. 5. These dates are subject to change.

The motto for the tour is "Golf One or Golf Them All." The format for each tour stop will be a four-person, nine-hole scramble. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5. A social will immediately follow completion of golf, estimated at about 7 p.m.

"The MSU golf tour is a great way to show our support to the surrounding communities and at the same time create more of an awareness of MSU," said Tawnya Bernsdorf, director of alumni relations and annual giving. "Everyone is welcome to come and participate!"

Golfers are responsible for their own green fees and cart rentals. Meals and refreshments are provided by the course, and purchase is optional.

Transportation from Minot State University to each course will be available at no charge. Reservations for transportation and meals are requested one week before the date of each outing. It is recommended that golfers interested in carts make reservations as soon as possible because the number of carts available is limited.

Prizes will be awarded at each event. The Friend-Raising Golf Tour is sponsored by Minot State University and Dacotah Bank.

Call the MSU Office of Advancement with questions or to register at 858-3890 or 701-800-777-0750, ext. 3890, or visit the Web site www.minotstateu.edu/alumni.

DCM marks 14th season

The Dakota Chamber Music, an institute and competition for strings and piano, will celebrate its 14th season June 14-20. The institute brings professional artists together with talented and motivated students and adults for intensive performance and study. Luminus, Minot State University's resident trio of Erik Anderson, Jon Rumney and Dianna Anderson, forms the core of the 2010 DCM faculty.

"This week demonstrates the lasting relationship that chamber music has with musicians, as performers of all ages gather to share and experience great music and friendships," said Erik Anderson, associate professor of music.

Generally, chamber music includes any music performed by a small number of performers with one performer to a part. The word "chamber" signifies the music is performed in a small room, often in a private salon with an intimate atmosphere. However, it usually does not include, by definition, solo instrument performances.

The Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital will be in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on June 17, 7:30 p.m. Luminus will perform the recital's first half and then join with guest faculty Chung Park and Laura Prokopyk for Dvorak's "Piano Quintet, Op. 81."

Park, assistant professor of upper strings at Idaho State University, Pocatello, serves as music director of the Idaho State Civic Symphony. He is also the music director and conductor of Project Copernicus, a large chamber ensemble dedicated to performing music by living composers that has received wide critical acclaim.

Prokopyk, a violinist, is the former concertmaster of the award-winning Cleveland Chamber Symphony, a group dedicated to new music. For the past two seasons, she has served as concertmaster for the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony.

She also enjoys teaching beginning string students in the Bismarck Public Schools.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students; they will be available at the door.

The student and adult ensembles will perform a concert of music they have worked on during the institute in Nelson Hall on June 20 at 1 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.

"The Sunday concert is an inspiring event," Erik Anderson said. "It annually bears out that the future of chamber music is secure."

Each year, DCM draws 40-50 musicians, high school through adult, from around the region to study and perform chamber music. It is by audition only and is run through the MSU Division of Music. Lynne and Jon Rumney started DCM in the 1990s, and Erik Anderson is the current administrator.

For further information, contact Erik Anderson at 858-3576 or erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu or visit www.minotstateu.edu/dcm.

'All Shook Up' opens Summer Theatre's 45th season

"All Shook Up," the first of four Minot State University Summer Theatre productions, will run June 15 through June



20. Built around the songs made famous by Elvis Presley, the musical tells the story of a small town girl with big dreams and the motorcycle-riding boy she falls for.

The other scheduled productions include "Unnecessary Farce," June 26-30;

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," July 7-11; and rounding off the season with the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," July 19-24.

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 are made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228.

2010 Northern Great Plains Technology Institute explored 'The Hybrid Classroom'

The Center for Extended Learning sponsored the third annual Northern Great Plains Technology Institute for Minot State University faculty and staff on May 18-19. This year's NGPTI used the theme of "The Hybrid Classroom" and allowed participants to explore new technologies and ways to enhance the teaching and learning experience in the hybrid classroom.

MSU faculty Lisa Borden-King, Rebecca Anhorn, Warren Gamas, Holly Pederson, Trisha Nelson and Ben Bruton presented in support of Sherie Saltveit and Mark Timbrook,



Left to right, Dianna Anderson, Jon Rumney and Erik Anderson)

Office of Instructional Technology. Faculty and staff Stephen Hayton, Kathryn Kilroy, Kristi Berg, Evelyn Klimpel, Linda Pettersen, Laurel Dimler, Treven Edwards, Timothy Morris, Linda Olson, Deanna Klein and Betty Vang attended.

Mikey Hoeven inducted into DKG



North Dakota's First Lady Mikey Hoeven, a Minot State University alumna, became an honorary state member of Delta Kappa Gamma on May 18. This international society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Bismarck's MSU SSWO provides a candlelight vigil for victims of violent crimes



Leann Bertsch, director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, spoke.



Hillary Caron, SSWO member



The DOCR Honor Guard presented the colors.

On April 19, the Bismarck branch of the Student Social Work Organization from Minot State University and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation sponsored a candlelight vigil for victims, family and friends of victims and the public who have been impacted by violent crime. The Bismarck MSU SSWO and the DOCR collaborated to honor surviving victims of violent crimes and remember victims who were lost because of violent crime.

Leann Bertsch, director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, gave the keynote address. She spoke about the DOCR being not only offender based but providing a variety of services to victims as well.

Other human-services professionals distributed information on the DOCR victim services, the Fair

Treatment Standard Act, which defines the rights of victims, and the new statewide victim notification system. This system is for anyone that wishes to register under a certain offender, and the system automatically notifies the registered person of any changes in the offender's status.

Two guest speakers spoke at the event. One was a victim of domestic violence, who described the physical abuse and verbal abuse she endured until she developed courage to leave the situation and seek help. The other guest speaker was the mother of a murder victim.

Native American Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration honored the Class of 2010



Chemistry student presented research at 2010 Posters on the Hill

Zane Young, a chemistry major, was one of 75 students from across the country chosen to go to Capitol Hill, as part of 2010 Posters on the Hill. The event, hosted by the Council on Undergraduate Research, recognizes student achievements in undergraduate research. The Minot native developed a new method for synthesizing natural products that could be used for the preparation of certain medicines including drugs used in the treatment of cancer. Young completed his work in the lab of Mikhail Bobylev, associate professor of chemistry.



Left to right, Senator Kent Conrad with Zane Young and MSU Professor Mikhail Bobylev.

MSU students recognized at Spring Banquet

At the Minot Association of Teacher Educators and Minot State University Spring Banquet, two Minot State University students received recognition.

The students received ATE Outstanding Student in Teacher Education awards. The elementary education award went to Amanda Anderson of Williston, and the secondary award went to Donna Randash, a music education major from Minot.

The yearly award looks for potential as a successful teacher and professional person, interest in teaching as a career, outstanding personal qualities and character, exceptional accomplishments during college training and high academic ranking.

In addition, the group presented the Linda Feldner Outstanding Cooperating Teacher award to DuWayne Walz,



who teaches science at Memorial Middle School, Minot Air Force Base.

Left to right, Amanda Anderson, Donna Randash and DuWayne Walz.

Bresciani named NDSU president

The State Board of Higher Education named Dean Bresciani, the 14th president of North Dakota State University, Fargo. Bresciani is adjunct professor and former vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University, College Station.

“The State Board of Higher Education is very pleased Dean Bresciani has accepted the presidency of North Dakota State University,” said Richie Smith, SBHE president. “We believe Dr. Bresciani’s experience, vision and commitment to the future of NDSU will help guide this university to even greater accomplishments.

“Search committee chair Steve Swiontek and the search committee members are to be commended for their excellent work,” said Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System.

Bresciani was vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University from 2004 to 2008. He continues as an adjunct full professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Human Resources Development.

Bresciani will assume the presidency June 15. He will earn an annual salary of \$300,000 with an initial term of three years.

— *NDUS news release*

Wellness works

Reaching goals the SMART way

Many people resolve to get back into shape every time the New Year comes around, but for some reason the majority fail to accomplish that goal. Perhaps they need to adjust the strategy they use when setting hard-to-reach objectives.

One proven way to set effective goals is using the SMART goal method. This method allows individuals to take vague ideas and transform them into reality.

- **Specific** — Goals must specifically state what accomplishment is expected. They are easily understood and not ambiguous or subject to interpretation.

- **Measurable** — Measurable goals leave no doubt about whether individuals can achieve them and allow participants to evaluate their progress. Measurable goals also allow you to evaluate your progress.
- **Attainable** — Goals are not too difficult or too easy. Easy goals do not motivate, and overly difficult ones may frustrate and lead to a perception of failure.
- **Relevant** — Goals are pertinent to participants’ interests, needs and abilities.
- **Time-bound** — Goals have specific completion deadlines, which can be both short term and long term to assist individuals to stay focused and on track.

If participants feel they are doing everything possible to attain that SMART goal but are still coming up short, perhaps they need a reality check. They can keep a diet and exercise journal for one week and check to see if they are actually maintaining a program that will get them where they want. Web sites, such as www.MyPyramidtracker.gov, help individuals record and analyze diet and exercise.

People often start a program with the intention of making a change, but struggle to stick with it. Without a real resolution to change, individuals will likely encounter many obstacles and barriers that will make sticking with the program difficult. People should consider the following tips before starting a program:

- Ask themselves why they want to make this change and for whom they are doing it.
- Write down a list of all foreseen benefits with making this change and a list of costs (e.g., time, effort and money). If benefits outweigh costs, participants likely will stick with the program.
- Identify a support system.
- Select rewards for achieving major steps in the program.
- Visibly place prompts that constantly remind individuals of their decision to change and remove any stimuli that may trigger undesirable behaviors.

This ACE Fit Fact is taken from ACE FitnessMatters® magazine. For questions, contact Paul Brekke, director of the MSU Fitness Center, at 858-3485 or paul.brekke@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

Food service vendor decision concluded

An exhaustive review of food vendors for on-campus services has recently ended, as the campus has experienced on-site reviews over the past two months. This process is one that Minot State University is required to undertake on a periodic basis.

This year’s process included five vendors who submitted bids for providing services for students, faculty and staff. The committee reviewing these bids was comprised of students and staff members. After the committee reviewed the information, they recommended Minot State contract with Sodexo to provide

food services on campus. The committee felt that all proposals, including Chartwells' proposal, described competitive and attractive food services. In view of the proposals and interviews, the committee believed that Sodexo's proposal, which included strong capital-investment support, innovative infrastructure improvements, creative student-interaction techniques and strong references from other higher education institutions, was the strongest and provided the assurance of continued quality and food service renovation.

Sodexo will begin providing services to the MSU campus on July 1. Chartwells will continue to offer services to the campus until June 30. Minot State appreciates the dedicated and fine services provided by Chartwells and their staff over the past 13 years. Meetings will be held with Chartwells to assist their organization and staff in the transition.

— Ron Dorn, vice president for administration and finance

CETL has mini-grants and travel grants available

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning would like to announce, to all faculty and staff, the availability of CETL mini-grants and travel grants.

The objective of these mini-grants is to enhance student success through engaged teaching and learning and/or enhanced civic or community engagement. CETL encourages any interested faculty or staff to apply for these mini-grants by June 1.

The CETL travel grants provide funding for faculty and staff to attend conferences that will assist in increasing engagement opportunities for MSU students, both inside and outside of the classroom. During the first round of awards, all grant applications are due June 1, with travel occurring no later than Sept. 30.

CETL mini-grant and travel grant information, instructions and all associated forms are on the CETL Web site at www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/fa_st_resources.shtml. Contact 858-3177 or beth.odahlen@minotstateu.edu with any questions.

— Beth Odahlen, CETL director

Career services announces name change and promotion

The career services area has changed its name to the Student Success Center. This name change encompasses a variety of services available in the office area — advising, career services, orientation and student activities. The offices remain located on the second floor of the Student Center, across from the Beaver Dam. The Student Success Center will provide students with a central place on campus where they can make connections through available services, resources and referrals. Through our services, we hope to provide students with the support they need to be successful.

With Debra Chandler, student services advisor, moving to New Mexico in early June, Tammy Wolf received promotion

to the student services advisor position. Wolf will use her vast knowledge and many talents to assist new students as they transition to the university. We thank Chandler for her hard work and dedication to MSU students and wish the Chandler family well.

The Student Success Center is open and services are available throughout the summer, so please refer students our way. For questions, call 858-3362. We look forward to working with everyone as we prepare for the upcoming semesters and finding ways to serve our students.

— Lynda Bertsch, director of the Student Success Center

Parking reminders

The Office of Plant Services reminds the campus that the 2010-2011 parking permits, which were bought in May, are not valid until June 1. Effective June 1, permit holders must park in their assigned parking lots. The restoration of K lot east and north of Olson Library will not take place until Aug. 1. Holders of K permits are to park in the temporary K lot west of the Olson Library.

When checking out a fleet car, remember that a personal parking permit does not cover fleet vehicles. In addition, all fleet vehicles when on campus must be returned to the motor pool lot at night.

For questions, contact 858-3210.

— Roger Kluck, director of facilities

Albers honored Friday

Brenda Albers will retire effective June 1. Her party will be Friday (May 28) in Main 106 at 2 p.m. All are invited to stop by to say goodbye. Albers has worked at Minot State University for 23 years — first in the residence halls, then the Administration Building and finally in the Division of Music and as the apartment cleaning coordinator for Pioneer Hall and Campus Heights. The custodial team and MSU will miss her dedication, work ethic and experience.

— Dale Kephart, custodial supervisor

In the galleries

May 26-28 — “Abstraction/Interaction” by MSU senior Carissa Schriock, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

May 26-June 25 — “Fantasy and Myth,” watercolors, drawings and prints by Jescia Hoffman, Bismarck, Library Gallery.

Calendar

May 26-July 2, 2010

May

26 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
26 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.

- 27-29 Outdoor Track and Field at NAIA National Championships, Marion, Ind.
 31 Memorial Day, university closed.

June

- 1 Summer classes begin.
 1-4 College for Kids: Poetry on the Move.
 1-4 College for Kids: Real Rock Band.
 2-3 College for Kids: Cheer Camp.
 3-4 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
 5 Last day to add 8-week class.
 6-11 Victim Assistance Academy for North Dakota.
 7-10 College for Kids: Seuss-a-like Writing Camp.
 8-10 College for Kids: Business of Babysitting.
 9 Financial aid disbursement and summer tuition due.
 9 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
 9 Summer Golf Tour, Velva, 4:30 p.m.
 9-10 College for Kids: Cheer Camp.
 11-12 N.D. Relay for Life, Old Main.
 14-20 Dakota Chamber Music Institute, Nelson Hall.
 15 Staff Senate, Jones Room, 9 a.m.

- 15-17 College for Kids: Fantanimals.
 15-17 College for Kids: Exploring Robotics.
 15-20 Summer Theatre: "All Shook Up," Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
 16 University Cabinet, Westlie Room, 9 a.m.
 17 Summer Golf Tour, Rugby, 4:30 p.m.
 17 Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 20 Dakota Chamber Music student and adult ensembles, Nelson Hall, 1 p.m.
 21-25 College for Kids: Inner Kids ... Inner Peace.
 22-24 College for Kids: Exploring Robotics.
 23 Weight Management Club, Jones Room, 8:30 a.m.
 23 Summer Golf Tour, Stanley, 4:30 p.m.
 24-25 CONNECT orientation and registration by invitation, call 858-3350, Nelson Hall.
 25 Graduate School: last day to file permit to take written comprehensive exams.
 26-30 Summer Theatre: "Unnecessary Farce," Amphitheatre, 8:30 p.m.
 28-July 1 College for Kids: Spanish for Children.
 29-July 2 College for Kids: Salamanders, Frogs and their Homes.

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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