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Vision 2013

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

Faculty, staff and student achievements

TeachTechTopia, which combines teaching and technology into an informational blog, named **Brent Askvig** as one of the top 10 most influential special education professors, mastersinspecialeducation.net/blog. Askvig is the executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities and a professor of special education.

Realizing emerging situations and trends in today's global world, **David Fuller**, president of Minot State University, and Jaspal Singh, vice chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala, India, signed a memorandum of mutual understanding on behalf of their respective institutions. The partnership will enable Minot State to develop long-term collaborative programs with Punjabi University. It entails visits by students, staff and faculty for education and research, joint participation for internationally funded projects, joint course development and delivery leading to diplomas, certificates and degrees. It also facilitates greater variety in student participation and preparation and contributes to the development of a diverse globally engaged student community. **Prit Paul Kaur**, assistant professor of criminal justice, and **Libby Claerbout**, director of international programs, will coordinate the activities for Minot State University; Professor Harvinder Singh Bhatti will do the same for Punjabi University.



The **Minot State University Student Social Work Organization** has participated in several fundraising and community awareness projects this year. Members walked in the Autism Walk and the Alzheimer's Walk. When SSWO members walked in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Walk, the organization donated \$150 in addition to what members raised as pledges. Students also walked in the Take Back the Night Walk; they wanted to support domestic violence victims and the Domestic Violence Center and raise awareness of domestic violence issues.

SSWO members were at the Major Fair, telling other students about the social work program and profession. In addition, many attended the recent North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare held in Minot Sept. 22-24. SSWO is participating in the Clubs and Student

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MSU CORE VALUES AND PURPOSE

MSU cares deeply about its students, their learning and their growth. The university is proud of its values and long-term commitment to teaching and learning with excellence, integrity and engagement; serving students and others respectfully and responsibly; following high ethical and moral principles; and supporting the values of community and place, where all community members are valued and respected for their work, contributions and freedom of expression. MSU helps people appreciate life and learning and contribute meaningfully to the lives of others.

To highlight and recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Minot State University students, faculty and staff, the Office of Public Information established a special, monthly edition of Minot State University Inside devoted to these achievements. This special, monthly edition includes professional or civic achievements or successes accomplished in recent months. MSU wants to highlight the many distinguished achievements realized by our campus.

— Mark Lyman, director
of public information

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Organizations/Student Government Association book drive for children. They participated in an Assessment Day meeting with others in their major, followed by a social and ended with the Take Back the Night Walk.

Minot State Psychology and Addiction Studies Club and MSU nursing students helped make the annual Minot Out of the Darkness Walk a success. The Out of the Darkness Walk raises funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The MSU students not only raised funds for AFSP, but they spent hours decorating, helped with registration and provided medical assistance. More than 200 walkers attended the event and more than \$25,000 was raised to help with suicide prevention. PASC raised \$800 for the foundation.

Melanie Moore, testing coordinator and administrative assistant for the Student Development Center, and **Linda Benson**, public information specialist, attended the North Central Regional Conference of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Sept. 17-19 in Valley City. Benson spoke about the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, and Moore served on a question-and-answer panel.

The **National Student Speech Language Hearing Association–Minot chapter**, which has 110 members, is extremely active in promoting reading in young children. The national “Raise a Reader” campaign, sponsored by the Pearson Foundation, is Oct. 7 www.readfortherecord.org/site/PageServer.

Rather than just throwing candy at the recent MSU Homecoming Parade, NSSLHA students handed out more than 300 scholastic books to the young patrons. This is the second year of such a promotion. In addition, NSSLHA hosts a booth at the annual Community Halloween Party at the Dome, where they also hand out large quantities of books as the treat of the evening. They have participated in this endeavor for the past four years.

Reading with children is an important step to helping children learn about communication, words, repetition and speech. NSSLHA is dedicated to helping promote early communication in all children. Although this is a large campaign, NSSLHA-Minot is also active in raising money for cancer, heart and stroke, and diabetes awareness, the YWCA and many other local charities with connections to communication, speech, language, hearing and feeding issues.

Teresa Seright, assistant professor of nursing, and **Deb Townsend**, assistant professor of nursing, completed their doctorate degrees. The Department of Nursing held its Nursing Convocation and annual Awards Ceremony in August.

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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