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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

This fall, international faculty and staff members are donating time to teach “Countries and Cultures.” A sophomore-level class, it fulfills a diversity course requirement for the 25 enrolled students. In keeping with strategy four of Vision 2013, Minot State University continues to provide a diverse and multicultural environment with this unique class that features a different country every week.

Faculty and staff present lectures surrounding the social, cultural and historical elements of their countries. Individuals involved are **Kodwo Annan**, Ghana; **Mikhail Bobylev**, Russia; **Johnny Coomansingh**, Trinidad and Tobago; **Amina Escelara**, Morocco; **Efthalia Esser**, Greece; **John Girard**, Canada; **Steve Hayton**, Mexico; **Harry Hoffman**, Germany; **Prit Kaur**, India; **Amy Lopez** and **Ernst Pijning**, Netherlands; **Kemerly Moorhouse**, Peru; **Daniel Ngugi**, Kenya; **Dennis and Penny Simons**, United Kingdom; and **Virginie Vournas**, France.

An MSU faculty art exhibition will open Dec. 1 at James Memorial Art Center, Williston. Art faculty members displaying their work include **Jim Bailey**, **Andrea Donovan**, **Bill Harbort**, **Rose Klein**, **Linda Olson**, **Doug Pfliger**, **Walter Piehl**, **Patrick Sheldon**, **Suzanne Shope** and **Avis Veikley**. The show runs through Dec. 23.

Department of Business Information Technology faculty, **Kristi Berg**, **Deanna Klein**, **Tom Seymour** and **Lori Willoughby**, gave presentations at the International Association for Computer Information Systems Conference in Las Vegas, Oct. 6-9.

Berg presented the abstract “Classroom, Coffee, Collaboration: MIS Students Utilize YouTube” and chaired a session.

Klein discussed an abstract titled “Engaging Students in Community Events Using Social Media and Current Technologies.”

Seymour spoke about “Social Media in Higher Education.” He also chaired a session.

Willoughby served as IACIS vice president and conference chair and was elected president for 2010-2012. She presented the abstract “Vendor Trust Influencing CRM Strategic Implementation Process” and the paper “A Long Term Dynamic Model For E-Commerce Success.” In addition, Willoughby presented the panel “How To Build A Quality Internship.”

The Department of Communication Disorders continues to recruit a new departmental chair and a full-time tenure track faculty member. In the interim, **Leisa Harmon**, assistant professor of communication disorders, serves as the acting department chair. **Lisa Roteliuk**, instructor of communication disorders, attended “Videostroboscopy with Interpretation” at the Vanderbilt Voice Center in Nashville, Tenn., on Sept. 10-11; she is teaching Communication Disorders 532: Voice Disorders next semester.

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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.

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Kelsey Eaton and **Teddy Thorsgaard**, Minot State University Honors Program students, **Lynne Rumney**, humanities instructor and Honors Program director, and **Jane laPlante**, information literacy librarian, participated in the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Approximately, 2,000 people attend this conference annually.

Eaton, a junior, conducted research and presented a poster on sex education. The Minot native is majoring in addiction studies.

Thorsgaard, a math major from Bottineau, participated on a student interdisciplinary research panel, where he answered questions related to his research on the economic impact of health care. He was one of 16 students selected nationally.

laPlante presented a session related to work done at Minot State to equip Honors Program students in the digital age with the knowledge needed to navigate huge quantities of information with critical thinking, integrity and finesse.

The Honors Program, a part of Minot State's academic options for more than 20 years, has 125 students from the university's three colleges. The program focuses on superb research and preparation for attending graduate school.

Cynthia Feland, adjunct criminal justice faculty, was elected the newest judge in the South Central Judicial District. The South Central Judicial District encompasses 12 counties, including Burleigh and Morton counties. Feland, the senior assistant state's attorney in the Burleigh County State's Attorney's Office, is a member of the North Dakota Bar Association.

Cathy Horvath and **Darren Olson**, Information Technology Central, presented a session on unified communications at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif. EDUCAUSE is a premiere higher education event. It attracts more than 3,000 attendees annually from more than 30 countries.

Horvath, a member of EDUCAUSE's Fellowship Advisory Committee, recently met with committee members to select fellowship recipients. The fellowship program provides grants enabling information technology professionals to attend EDUCAUSE events.

Kemerly Moorhouse, instructor of Spanish, spoke about her study-broad trip to Peru at the fall Foreign Language Association of North Dakota conference Oct. 22. Last summer, she led a six-day teacher training program at Instituto Pedagogico Nacional Monterrero in Lima, Peru. The program ended with a cultural excursion to Machu Picchu.

Ward 5 selected **Tom Seymour**, professor of business information technology, as its alderman on the Minot City Council. He is a member of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council, SRT Board of Directors, Quentin N. Burdick Job Corps Center Community Relations Council and Minot Public Schools Business Advisory Board. A state senator until December, Seymour recently attended a meeting of the Higher Education Legislative Committee in Bismarck.

The Discovery Channel interviewed **David Roof**, NDCPD associate director of development, about behaviors caused by gender differences, news.discovery.com/human/post-coital-behavior-human.html.

Heidi Super, associate professor of biology, discussed "Molecular Genetics" at the 2010 Symposium on Excellence in Nurturing Undergraduate Research on Oct. 15 in Fargo. This symposium honored outstanding service by faculty in regional four-year universities and colleges nurturing undergraduate research in chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology. She was the only speaker from a North Dakota school.

Super and **Linda Olson**, chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of art, attended the 2010 Climate Leadership Summit for the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment in Denver, Oct. 12-13.

Super serves as the ACUPCC liaison for MSU President David Fuller's commitment to carbon neutrality, which he signed two years ago on Earth Day.

Faculty and staff acknowledgements from the Oct. 13 University Cabinet meeting

Suzanne Blessum, **Vicki Brabandt**, **Korie Huettl**, **Susie Mack**, **Linda Madsen**, **Kari Schmidt** and **Wendy Thomas** worked diligently in planning an enjoyable 20th anniversary celebration for the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Facilities management staff, **Brad Brestrup**, **Brian Otto** and **Terry Wald**, efficiently moved the Division of Social Science into Old Main before the fall term began.

Debby Brothers, Division of Social Science secretary, maintained daily responsibilities necessary to keep the division organized and accessible for faculty and students during its move.

The College of Business, and in particular **Tonya Critz**, **Julianne Eklund**, **Jan Repnow** and **Sharon Reynolds**, hosted a memorable recognition event for Doris Slaaten, professor emeritus. **Gene Paulson**, facilities management, dedicatedly ensured that rooms in Old Main were prepared and ready for the event.

Minot State University faculty members **Warren Gamas** and **Cheryl Nilsen** did extensive work in preparing for the November NCATE visit.

Laurie Geller and **Bill Harbort**, MSU NOTSTOCK co-coordinators, organized another tremendously successful NOTSTOCK event.

Head Coach **Wade Regier** and the MSU Men's Club Hockey team have started an exciting hockey season.

Robin Wagner and **Jonelle Watson**, Business Office, professionally balanced financial aid accounts.

Laurie Weber, assistant financial aid director, organized and participated in the \$MRTZ event that brought 370 high school students on campus.

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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