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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

MSU launches \$1.1 million TRiO-SSS

Last week, the staff of TRiO-Student Support Services moved into their new office in Minot State University's Student Center (second floor) as part of a \$1.1 million Title IV grant. The five-year grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements and serves to motivate students toward completing their postsecondary education. The program strives to increase the retention and graduation of its participants and help students move from one level of higher education to the next.

"The TRiO Student Support Services program offers support to students who possess rising potential but need the motivation and confidence to succeed with their university education," said Holly Major, TRiO Student Support Services program director. "We are funded to serve 200 students per year."

To be eligible to participate in the TRiO-SSS program, an individual must be currently enrolled or have been accepted for full-time enrollment at Minot State University, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and meet at least one of three qualifications. The qualifications are being a first-generation college student (neither parent nor guardian has received a four-year degree), being income eligible (family income is at or below federally determined guidelines) or having a documented disability.

Services TRiO-SSS provides to students include:

- Academic tutoring, directly or through other services provided by the institution, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science and other subjects, to enable students to complete postsecondary courses.
- Advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection.
- Financial aid assistance by providing information on programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships and helping in completing financial aid applications.
- Education or counseling services to improve the financial literacy and economic literacy of students, including financial planning for postsecondary education.
- Activities designed to assist students in achieving career and academic success.

TRiO staff members are Major, Tiffany Fylling, Jancy Brisson and Lynn Redden.

Major, an alumna, previously was the family support specialist for Minot's Pathfinder Parent Center. She earned her master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing from Minot State.



Left to right: Tiffany Fylling, Lynn Redden, Holly Major and Jancy Brisson.

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PIO update

I know I'm not the first one to welcome the TRiO-Student Support Services program to campus, and I hope I'm not the last one either!

Minot State University is very fortunate to have been selected for this federal grant. It will directly impact some of our highest-need students.

The team of Holly Major, Tiffany Fylling, Jancy Brisson and Lynn Redden has the potential to be a real changing force in the lives of MSU students.

The TRiO-SSS is in place to assist first-generation students, low-income students or those with documented disabilities. These are students that deserve our attention. These are students that have the most to gain from a quality education provided at Minot State.

If you know of any student who can benefit from the services provided by the new MSU TRiO-SSS, please contact Major at 858-4402 or holly.major@minotstateu.edu.

— Mark Lyman, director of public information

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Fylling, learning skills specialist, served as the administrative assistant in MSU's Office of Enrollment Services. She completed a bachelor's degree in health science from Valley City State University.

Brisson, advising coordinator and another alumna, was an admissions counselor at Dakota College at Bottineau. She holds a master's degree in counseling from North Dakota State University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU.

Redden, administrative assistant, was an admission advisor at San Joaquin Valley College, Bakersfield, Calif., before moving to Minot in July. She received an associate's degree in hotel office management and sales and marketing from Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif.

TRiO-SSS is holding its first workshop, "Secrets to a Successful Semester," today (Jan. 13) at 6:30 p.m. and Friday (Jan. 14) at 12:15 p.m. The workshop, which is open to all MSU students, starts with check-in at the TRiO-SSS office.

To apply for the TRiO-SSS program, visit www.minotstateu.edu/trio/ or contact 858-4402 or holly.major@minotstateu.edu.

MSU hires Porter as registrar

Rebecca Porter assumed her new duties as Minot State University registrar Jan. 5. Previously, she served as recruitment coordinator in the Office of Enrollment Services.



"Rebecca possesses a breadth of experience gained from being on the Minot State campus for 10 years, both as a student and an employee," said Selmer Moen, interim vice president for academic affairs. "That experience will be helpful in this position."

The Bottineau native completed a bachelor's degree at MSU in May 2005 with two majors, broadcasting (public relations/advertising option) and psychology. She began her employment at the university in December 2005 as a student recruiter with promotion to recruitment coordinator in 2007. While working in enrollment services, Porter continued her educational pursuits and received a master's degree in management from MSU in July 2008.

The registrar is responsible for the oversight and management of registration and student records. Responsibilities under Porter's supervision include scheduling of courses and classroom space, records maintenance, student advising and assignment of advisers, evaluation of transfer credit, provision of official and unofficial transcripts and training for users of the PeopleSoft student database.

Porter replaces Jennifer Sick, who accepted a teaching position with Minot Public Schools.

For additional information, contact Porter at 858-3126 or rebecca.porter@minotstateu.edu.

MSU and MACA bringing Doug Talley Quartet to Minot

Minot State University in partnership with the Minot Area Council of the Arts will host the Doug Talley Quartet, a Midwest-based jazz ensemble, Friday and Saturday (Jan. 14-15). The crowning event of the visit is a Saturday evening (Jan. 15) concert in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. The Minot State University Jazz Ensemble will join them at this concert; admission is \$10.



Well-respected educators and equally respected jazz musicians, the Doug Talley Quartet will visit Minot-area schools Friday (Jan. 14) as part of MACA's Arts in the Schools program from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. That evening at 8 p.m., MSU's Student Government Association will host a jazz jam in the Beaver Dam. The jazz jam, which features the quartet with community and student musicians, is free and open to the public. Saturday (Jan. 15), the Doug Talley Quartet will conduct master classes and clinics with MSU music students from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Formed in 1995, the Doug Talley Quartet consists of Wayne Hawkins, piano; Tim Brewer, bass; Doug Talley, saxophone; and Keith Kavanaugh, drums. The group has compiled four albums of original music and played at numerous jazz festivals and workshops. Doug Talley has also performed in Las Vegas with The Four Freshmen, The Platters and The Diamonds.

Contact Terri Aldrich or Steve Veikley, MACA, at info@minotarts.org for information on scheduling or purchasing tickets for Saturday evening's concert.

Pijning discusses 'The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone'

Ernst Pijning, professor of history, will contemplate "The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone" by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett, Wednesday (Jan. 19).

People need not read the featured book ahead of time and are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The book talks, sponsored by the Gordon B. Olson Library, begin at noon and conclude in time for 1 p.m. classes. All are held in the lower level of the library in Group Study Room 2.

State B Boys tickets go on sale Jan. 19

Tickets for the 2011 State Class B Boys Basketball Tournament open to the general public for purchase Jan. 19 at noon.

All purchases are final and nonrefundable for the tournament, which is set for March 3-5 at the MSU Dome.

Tickets can be purchased in four ways.

Customers who choose to use the Internet can log on to www.msudome.com and follow the instructions provided.

Ticket orders may be made by phone by calling the Minot State Department of Athletics at (701)858-3041.

There will be walk-up sales beginning at noon on Jan. 19 and running Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. following the initial date at the athletic department main office at the MSU Dome.

Finally, customers can order tickets by mail by sending a check payable to "N.D. State Boys BB Tournament" postmarked on or after Tuesday (Jan. 18), to the following address: Rick Hedberg, athletic director, Minot State University, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, N.D. 58707.

When ordering tickets by mail, there is a \$4 handling-and-shipping fee. Please include your mailing address, the number/type of tickets requested and add the \$4 fee to your check. Any requests postmarked prior to Tuesday (Jan. 18) will be returned unfilled. There is a limit of eight tickets per individual, and all purchases are final and nonrefundable.

Ticket prices for the 2011 boys tournament are: Adult season reserved (all three days), \$41; adult session reserved, \$7.50 daily; adult session general admission, \$6.50 daily; student season general admission (all three days), \$18; student session general admission, \$4.50 daily; and children two years and under are free if they will sit in someone's lap.

Sessions for the 2011 tournament are March 3 and March 4 begin at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. March 5's sessions are set for 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information and to view a seating map, please log on to www.msudome.com or call the MSU Department of Athletics at 858-3041.

Cole-Harding will discuss 'The Evolution of Cooperation'

Shirley Cole-Harding, professor of psychology will open the Northwest Art Center lecture series for spring semester with "The Evolution of Cooperation" Jan. 24.

Cole-Harding holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado-Denver, a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and a doctorate from the University of Colorado-Boulder. She came to Minot State University in 1992.

All lectures are held in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. They are free and open to the public, and refreshments are served afterward.

MSO provides 'A Rich Full Day' at family concert

The Minot Symphony Orchestra's "Family Concert: A Rich Full Day" is slated for Jan. 29. Michael Horwood's



"The Amusement Park Suite" will portray the fun, joy and festivities of a day in an amusement park. Making an MSO debut, the winner of the annual High School Concerto Competition will also be welcomed to the stage. Maestro Dennis Simons, professor of music, conducts the orchestra.

Minot State University students, faculty and students are admitted free with a current ID. Additional tickets for adults are \$20 per concert or \$65 for a season ticket. The price for senior citizens is \$15 single, \$50 season; students 12-18, \$10 single, \$30 season; children, ages under 12, \$5 single, \$15 season. All concerts are held in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The remainder of "Old World, New World" includes "Spring Concert: A Night to Remember/An Affair to Remember," March 5 and "Pops Concert: The Long Way Home," April 16.

'Messiah' performance raises funds for MSU music scholarships

Larry Walter, president of the Heritage Singers men's chorus, recently presented Marv Semrau, Minot State University vice president for advancement, with a check representing the



Marv Semrau (left), MSU vice president for advancement, accepts a check from Larry Walter (right), president of the Heritage Singers.

proceeds from the Dec. 5 "Messiah" concert.

The donation, given by the Heritage Singers and Voices of Note women's chorus, will go to the Joseph Hegstad Music Scholarship and the John Strohm Music Scholarship at MSU.

"The annual production of the 'Messiah' is a very special community tradition. We are thankful that, through their talents, the Heritage Singers and the Voices of Note have chosen to invest back into their community by supporting Minot State University student scholarships" Semrau said.

The Heritage Singers, the Voices of Note, the MSU Concert Choir and area community members united in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall for the concert. Ken Bowles, chair and professor of music within the Division of Music, conducted the singers and a combined MSU and community orchestra.

This joint venture celebrated the legacies of John Strohm and Joseph Hegstad, professors emeritus. Strohm was instrumental in organizing several community performances of the



"Messiah" performance.

"Messiah." Hegstad was the founding director of the Heritage Singers and Voices of Note.

For additional information, contact Semrau, at 858-4483 or marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu.

SHDC wins Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest

On Dec. 17, the judges of the Staff Senate Holiday Decorating Contest named the Student Health and Development Center as the competition's winner. The center received the traveling plaque. Other entries were the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, Club Biology, the College of Business, the Department of Communication Disorders, Information Technology Central, the Minot Infant Development Program, the MSU Post Office and Rosie Winczewski, from math and computer science.

Chamber of Commerce sponsors legislative forums

The Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee will once again host Saturday Legislative Forums. The first begins Jan. 15 at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, Room 201, 9 a.m.

The forums give those attending a chance to meet with Minot legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the auditorium.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 22, Room 201.
- Jan. 29, Room 201.
- Feb. 5, Room 201.
- Feb. 12, Room 201.
- Feb. 19, Room 201.
- March 12, Room 201.
- March 26, Room 201.
- April 9, Room 201.

Wellness works

Making healthy resolutions

Healthy New Year! It is time to think about those resolutions again. Everyone resolves to do the same things each year and then forgets about them around Jan.15. How about just working on two or three resolutions that may help the participant become healthier? Here are some thoughts floating around the Student Health and Development Center:

- Maintain a weight loss journal.
- Get back to the gym.
- Start an exercise program.
- Reduce stress.
- Learn to say "NO!"
- Drink more water.
- Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Meditate.
- Play more.
- Control portions.
- Resume walking.

The Student Health Center wishes each of you a happy, healthy new year! For questions, contact Caren Barnett, Student Health Center director, at 858-3371 or caren.barnett@minotstateu.edu.

Announcements

Application deadline for Staff Senate Scholarships is Friday

The criteria and application forms for the Minot State University Staff Senate Scholarship are available at www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/pdf/ss_scholarship.pdf.

The endowment fund's purpose is to assist staff or their dependents in their educational pursuits at MSU. The deadline to submit applications to Merri Jo Connole in the Office of Financial Aid is Friday (Jan. 14).

For questions, contact staffsenate@minotstateu.edu or a Staff Senate representative.

— *MSU Staff Senate Scholarship Committee*

Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award nominations due Feb. 1

Nominations for the Minot State University Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award must be received by Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president, no later than Feb. 1. The nominator is to submit a letter of nomination and three accompanying letters of support. All nominations are presented to Faculty Senate for consideration. Formal recognition of any selected nominations will occur at the April 7 Employee Appreciation Banquet.

Awarding of the Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award is based on the following criteria:

- The nominee must have made significant contributions to Minot State University during employment at MSU.
- The nominee must have been retired from Minot State University for a minimum of five years. The MSU Faculty Senate may waive this requirement at its discretion.
- The nominee must exhibit evidence of outstanding contributions and ongoing commitment to MSU post-employment.

If you know of a deserving retired MSU faculty member, please consider submitting a nomination. For questions, contact 858-3106 or cheryl.nilsen@minotstateu.edu.

— *Cheryl Nilsen, Faculty Senate president*

Grants for international initiatives available

Funding is available for Minot State University departments, faculty, staff and students to support projects that will enhance internationalization at MSU. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, institutional partnership building, faculty research, development of international group-study opportunities, international student/scholar support and internationalization of the curriculum. Proposals must demonstrate the ways in which student learning will be directly affected and describe the long-term benefits for the general campus community. Grants can be sought for up to \$2,000. To apply for an International Initiatives Grant, all applicants should refer to these grant guidelines, www.minotstateu.edu/academic/pdf/Vision2013FundingPriority-InternationalizingtheCampus24FEB10.pdf. The application deadline is Saturday (Jan.15), and funds must be dispersed by June 15, 2011.

Study Abroad participation is also supported through this grant program by way of financial awards to individual students. Awards will range from \$200 to \$500 for an individual summer program or faculty-led study tour, \$1,000-\$1,500 for a semester program and \$1,500-\$2,000 for an academic year-long program. Study-abroad participants seeking a scholarship should refer to the Study Abroad Scholarship Application, www.minotstateu.edu/international/pdf/StudyAbroadScholarshipApplication.pdf. The application deadline is Saturday (Jan. 15).

For more information, contact at 858-4155 or libby.claerbout@minotstateu.edu.

— *Libby Claerbout, director of international programs*

Work study students must have processed FAFSA by March 15

If Minot State University departments have work study students who wish to be considered for summer and fall work study, please remind your student workers of the following: To be considered for summer and/or fall work study, students must have a processed 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file with the Office of Financial Aid by March 15. In order to meet this deadline, students should have their FAFSA filed online no later than March 1.

Everyone's help is appreciated in visiting with your student workers and reminding them of this upcoming deadline. For questions, contact 858-4152 or merrijo.connole@minotstateu.edu.

— *Merri Jo Connole, financial aid counselor*

ND ACE holding spring meeting at MSU

All Minot State University women are invited to join the North Dakota American Council on Education Women in Higher Education Network for our spring meeting at MSU the afternoon and evening of Feb. 1.

ACE promotes leadership growth for women in higher education. No dues — no commitments — just time to network with other North Dakota women in higher education. Our group is just getting started, but we have exciting adventures ahead! Please take a look at our website, www.ndsu.edu/diversity/diversityatndsu/resources_for_women/ndace/, specifically, check out the links for key services and opportunities offered by affiliating with our group.

Our February meeting will begin at 4 p.m. with a general meeting, followed by dinner on campus; and then we will attend the campus presentation given by Carlotta LaNeir, author of "It's a Mighty Long Way." If you have not received your free copy of this great read, contact Julie Keller, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning administrative assistant, know.

Space may be limited, so RSVP by calling 858-3250 by Wednesday (Jan. 19).

— *Linda Cresap, dean of the Graduate School and MSU campus representative for ND ACE*

In the galleries

Jan. 12-Feb. 6 — Best of Show Americas 2010: Paperworks, "Transitions," by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio, Library Gallery.

Jan. 12-Feb. 18 — "Americas 2011: Paperworks," juror Victoria Goro-Rapoport, Kearney, Neb., Hartnett Hall Gallery.

The public reception for the Werger exhibit is Wednesday (Jan. 19) in the Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m. The public reception for "Americas 2011: Paperworks" is Wednesday (Jan. 19) in the Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.

Calendar

Jan. 12-26, 2011

- 12 Boren, MSU Division of Music, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
- 12 Women's and Men's Basketball at Dickinson State University.
- 13 Last day to add first 8-week class.
- 13 Women's and Men's Basketball at University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.
- 14 Men's Club Hockey vs. University of Oklahoma, All Seasons Arena, 7:30 p.m.

- 14 Doug Talley Quartet Jazz Jam, Beaver Dam, 8 p.m.
 15 Doug Talley Jazz Quartet, Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 15 Men's Club Hockey vs. University of Oklahoma, All Seasons Arena, 2 p.m.
 15 Indoor Track and Field at NDSU Bison Classic, Fargo.
 15 Wrestling at Dickinson State University.
 16 Guest music recital by violinist Benjamin Sung and pianist Jihye Chang, Nelson Hall, 3 p.m.
 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, university closed.
 18 MSU Life: Plastick Musik, abstract percussion show, Nelson Hall, 7 p.m., free and open to the public.
 18-20 NAC printmaking workshop, Hartnett Hall 215, 4:30–8 p.m.
 19 MSU Life: Club Fair, Beaver Dam, 11 a.m.
 19 Brown Bag Book Talk: Ernst Pijning, history, on "The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone," by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett, Olson Library, noon.
- 19 NAC public reception for Best of Show Americas 2010: Paperworks "Transitions" by Art Werger, Athens, Ohio, Library Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
 19 NAC public reception for "Americas 2011: Paperworks," with juror Victoria Goro-Rapoport, Kearney, Neb., Hartnett Hall Gallery, 6:30–8 p.m.
 19 Wrestling at Dickinson State University.
 20 Last day to add 16-week class.
 21 Women's and Men's Basketball at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, S.D.
 21-22 Men's Club Hockey at University of Arizona.
 22 Women's and Men's Basketball at Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.
 22 Wrestling at Jamestown College.
 24 NAC lecture: "The Evolution of Cooperation," presented by Shirley Cole-Harding, MSU Department of Addiction Studies/Psychology/Social Work, Aleshire Theater, 7 p.m.
 24-25 – Men's Club Hockey at Arizona State University.
 26 – Financial Aid Disbursement and Spring Tuition Due.

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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