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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Special edition of Inside

### 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

**Brent Askvig**, executive director of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, was recently selected as a member of the Association for University Centers on Disability and Administration on Developmental Disabilities technical assistance conference planning team. This group of AUCD members develops the theme and program for the annual AUCD directors' meeting, as well as the ADD technical assistance conference. This year's meetings are in Washington, D.C. in April.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction selected **Lisa Borden-King**, associate professor of education, to serve on the State Literacy Team. The State Literacy Team will consist of 10 to 14 individuals with expertise in literacy development and education for children from birth through grade 12.

**Johnny Coomansingh**, assistant professor of geography, recently published "Sweet and Sour: Trinidad and Tobago." This book will interest individuals who wish to understand the social, cultural, political and economic dynamics of a developing Caribbean nation. This book is available in the Gordon B. Olson Library.

**Michael Duffy**, professor of marketing, completed an extensive course of study and earned the Certified Requirements Manager certification through the Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, Va. Duffy is the only CRM at MSU and possibly in North Dakota. His certification is a tremendous asset if any organization in the state wants to engage in a federal government contract.

Six faculty members and eight students from the Department of Communication Disorders attended the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Philadelphia in November. Graduate students **Maegan Guest**, Regina, Saskatchewan; **Beth McAleer**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and **Cassandra Meyer**, Dickinson, along with their faculty advisors presented posters sessions based on their thesis research. Guest presented "The Cycles Approach to Intervention for Children with Down Syndrome;" McAleer highlighted "Teaching Children with Autism to Identify Emotions Portrayed by Faces;" and Meyer outlined "Effects of Sample Size on Mean Length of Utterance for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder." Faculty members attending the convention were **Cheryl Gerard**, **Lesley Magnus**, **Dianne Maupin**, **Lisa Roteliuk**, **Orlene Schroeder** and **Leisa Harmon**. **Neil Nordquist**, dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences, also attended.

**Barbara Massine-Johnson**, instructor of special education, has written "Mirror/Mirror: Reflections of Autism," which is slated for release Feb. 1. The book unveils the image of what autism looks like and positive ways to face those challenges so families and education professionals can discover the beauty of the child beneath the mask of autism-spectrum disorders.

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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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**Audra Myerchin**, assistant professor of communication arts, will present an original piece of writing, "Pre and Post Testing to Evaluate Program Effectiveness," to the INTED2011 conference in Valencia, Spain, March 7-9. The conference promotes international collaboration in education and research in all educational fields and disciplines.

**Dennis Simons**, associate professor of music and director of the Minot Symphony Orchestra, received his doctorate degree in teaching and learning, higher education, from the University of North Dakota in November. Possessing a recital diploma from London's renowned Royal Academy of Music, this institution also awarded Simons a fellowship, a distinction limited to only 250 living alumni at any one time.

**Penny Simons**, instructor of piano and coordinator of piano studies, acquired her doctorate degree in teaching and learning, higher education, from the University of North Dakota in November. Simons has a master's degree in music from the Institute of Education, London University, and undergraduate performance and teaching degrees from the Royal Academy of Music, London. In addition, she has a postgraduate diploma in piano accompaniment. Simons also undertook an undergraduate degree in art history from the University of Manchester, England.

## Faculty and staff acknowledgements from the Dec. 15 University Cabinet

**Treva Eman**, **Kate Neuhalfen** and **Marv Semrau**, advancement; **Sue Krebsbach**, **Sheri Saltveit** and **Kris Warmoth**, Center for Extended Learning; **Julie Keller**, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning; **Gary Ross** and **Lori Willoughby**, College of Business; and **Rick Heit** and **Teresa Loftesnes**, marketing; represented Minot State University at the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Showcase of Business.

**Melanie DeBoer-Brunsdon**, **Michael Linnell** and **Chad McNally**, athletics; **Kristi Berg**, **Dean Frantvog** and **Jerry Stai**, College of Business; **Roger Kluck**, facilities management; **Teresa Loftesnes**, marketing; **Laurie Geller** and **Cheryl Nilsen**, mathematics and computer science; **Deb Wentz**, president's office; and **Heather Golly** and **Warren Gamas**, teacher education and human performance; worked diligently in preparing for the visit of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference delegation.

### 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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