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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

Minot State University sociology majors **Alejandro Arroyo**, Merced, Calif., and **Jonathan Greiner**, Williston, had papers accepted for presentation to the Midwestern Sociological Society annual meeting in St. Louis. Arroyo will present "How North Dakota Native Americans from Reservations are Overcoming Obstacles to Get to College," and Greiner will give "The Value of Image: The Corporate Model in the Not-For-Profit Sector." Both projects grew out of the work they did in a research methods course taught by **Chelsea Starr**, assistant professor of sociology.

Two North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities faculty, **Sarah Carr** and **Lori Kalash**, conducted autism training to PATH foster parents and professionals Feb. 22 in Dickinson. Kalash, associate director of community services and project director for the Great Plains Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Program, along with Carr, research professional with GPAST, presented "Training in Autism, Intervention Techniques, and Evidence Based Research." This training covered a broad range of topics relating to autism, starting with the basics of autism and progressing through changes in the field, red flags, diagnosis, therapies and ending with information about evidence-based research.

Kalash also presented her dissertation research, "Perspectives of Parents who have a Child Diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Diagnosis," March 8 at the University of North Dakota Scholarly Forum in Grand Forks.

Shawn Carraher, director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy, and several College of Business students collaborated on research projects.

This fall, **Carraher**, **Anthony Anderson**, Minot, **Shela Bader**, Burlington, and **Andrew Verry**, Minot, authored a paper titled "Compensation Satisfaction as Compared between the United States and Canada." Carraher presented the paper to the Academy for Global Business Advancement at their conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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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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Carraher and **Anderson** wrote a paper, "Meaning of Working in the UK," which has been accepted for presentation to the Academy of Strategic Management at its conference in Florida.

Carraher, his father Charles Carraher, a professor of chemistry at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla., and **Anderson** authored a research paper concerning the world's environment with Finland serving as an example. It was accepted for presentation at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, England, for the Oxford Roundtable on the Environment this spring.

Carraher, Anderson, Mark Cuneo, Rapid City, S.D., **Aaron Cummings**, Deer Lodge, Mont., and **Ethan Fritel**, Hazen, wrote a paper, "The Meaning of Working in the United Kingdom, United States, Russia, and China." Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., accepted it for presentation at a conference this spring.

The Small Business Institute® also named **Carraher** as the recipient of the 2011 Showcase award at its annual meeting in February in Bonita Springs, Fla., in recognition of the innovativeness of the local MSU SBI program and the impact that the Directors Program has had.

The **deaf and hard of hearing education program** within the Master of Science in special education recently received reaccreditation from the Council on Education of the Deaf. This accreditation is valid until July of 2015. **Holly Pederson**, instructor of special education, led the reaccreditation effort. The CED, a national organization, promotes excellence in educating deaf and hard-of-hearing students. To achieve this mission, the organization establishes, promotes and monitors teacher education standards embodying best practices, reflecting current research and embracing diversity and multiculturalism.

For the second time, Minot State University seniors **Caroline Folven**, Byron, Ill., and **Whitney Loftesnes**, Norwich, have been named to the 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete team. The duo was among 219 student athletes named to the team nationally; Folven and Loftesnes were two of 18 players named from Dakota Athletic Conference institutions. To win the award, Folven and Loftesnes were nominated by the school's head coach, maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and achieved a junior academic status.

John Girard, professor of business administration and business information technology, and JoAnn Girard, his wife, wrote "Social Knowledge: Using Social Media to Know What You Know." The book was recently published by IGI Global, a publisher in Hersey, Pa.

Heather Golly, assistant professor of physical education, defended her dissertation, "A Descriptive Study of Athletic Training Education Programs Based on Findings on CAATE Standard H and Program Evaluations" in February. Her dissertation highlighted process athletic training education programs used to evaluate their programs.

Jennifer Heftner, instructor of special education is president-elect for the North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children. CEC is a state and nationally accredited organization involved in setting standards for people with disabilities, among other contributions. The Douglas native is also the 2010-11 president for the Autism Society for North Dakota, a support network for people living with autism-spectrum disorders and their families. Autism N.D. is a chapter of the Autism Society of America.

Marita Hoffart attained the designation of professor emeritus. Hoffart retired from the Department of Nursing.

Elaine Larson, director of teacher advisement and field placement and assistant professor of education, attended the Association of Teacher Educators conference Feb. 12-16 in Orlando, Fla. She was elected for a second term as treasurer of the National Field Directors Forum.

Bethany Stai, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy executive assistant, served as a session facilitator for the Southwest Academy of Management March 9-12 in Houston. At this conference, she also co-chaired the distinguished executive session, in which Clint Severson, a 1973 MSU graduate, spoke.

Chelsea Starr, spoke at the Santa Ana, Calif., Grrrl Fair 10th anniversary event March 12. The presentation, "Riot Grrrl Activism in the 1990s," was based on Starr's dissertation research.

Faculty and staff acknowledgements from the Feb. 23 University Cabinet meeting

Minot State University faculty members **Rebecca Anhorn**, **Lisa Borden-King**, **Patti Fedje**, **Laurie Geller**, **Paul Markel**, **Linda Olson**, **Dan Ringrose** and **Judy Swanson** thoroughly analyzed the First Year Experience program. Their thoughtful and outstanding final report will be submitted to Faculty Senate for further action.

Caren Barnett, Student Health Center, and Paul Brekke, MSU Fitness Center, sought and secured recertification for Minot State in the CEO Cancer Gold Standard program through 2011.

Suzanne Blessum, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, received internal recognition from her co-workers for collegiality and achievement in the workplace.

Minot State University art students took home seven awards in categories ranging from photography to illustration at the North Dakota Advertising Federation Student Competition Feb. 24-25 in Fargo. This year's professional judges awarded three gold ADDY awards and four silver ADDY awards to the students. MSU students who received gold ADDYs included **Nick Bremer**, Minot, in digital photograph for "Shh, They're Watching," **Max Patzner**, Minot, in television for "The Man with 2 First Names" and **James Skinner**, Hazen, in illustration for "Reality Dysfunction." **Josh Collins**, Minot, was awarded two silver ADDYs in digital photography for "Strawberry Lake" and "NDSF." The other silver ADDY recipients were **Aaron Jaeger**, Washburn, in direct marketing for "IT Christmas Card" and **Briana Schwan**, Burlington, in digital photography for "Snowflake." **Bill Harbort**, professor of graphic arts, advised the students.

Linda Cresap, the Graduate School and Research and Sponsored Programs, Kemerly Moorhouse, foreign languages, **Kate Neuhalfen**, advancement, **Vicki Troftgruben**, NDCPD, and **Renae Yale**, Gordon B. Olson Library, helped during the community celebration of MSU being invited into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Over 500 people were served cake and ice cream at that event.

Lisa Eriksmoen and **Heather Stroupe-Smith**, student life and housing, took care of students who could not go home over the semester break.

Stroupe-Smith also organized the "Pennies for Patients" charitable drive on campus. What initially started as a friendly competition among residence halls, quickly expanded to include the whole campus participating in this most notable cause.

Shan Haarsager, College of Arts and Sciences, has admirably supported the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee. In addition to keeping the committee updated, Haarsager scheduled candidates' campus visits despite limited hotel accommodations and tight schedules of university members.

Neil Nordquist, College of Education and Health Sciences, facilitated a partnership agreement with Briercrest College in Caronport, Saskatchewan. This should be a very strong relationship, and the "3+2" program will benefit students at both schools.

Emily Rodacker, NDCPD, has worked on grants not only for NDCPD, but she has also collaborated with the Rural Crime and Justice Center and the Great Plains Community Research and Service Center.

Deb Wentz, Office of the President, planned, organized and set up for another successful Board of Regents Legislative Social in Bismarck.

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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