

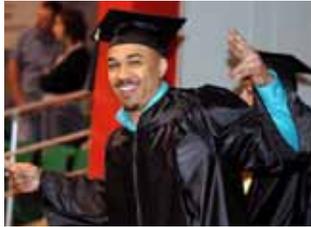


### Public Information Office

A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

## Congratulations graduates!

Minot State University is proud of its Class of 2011. More than 690 undergraduate and graduate students were eligible to walk through commencement exercises May 13.



## DCM marks 15th season

The Dakota Chamber Music will celebrate its 15th season June 6-12. The institute brings professional artists together with talented and motivated students and adults for intensive performance and study. Minot State University's resident trio, Luminus, forms the core of the 2011 DCM faculty. Erik Anderson, Jon Rumney and Dianna Anderson comprise the trio.

"This week demonstrates the lasting relationship that chamber music has with musicians, as performers of all ages gather to share and experience great music and friendships," said Erik Anderson, associate professor of music.

Generally, chamber music includes any music performed by a small number of performers with one performer to a part. The word "chamber" signifies that the music can be performed in a small room, often in a private salon with an intimate atmosphere. However, by definition, it usually does not include solo instrument performances.

The Dakota Chamber Music faculty recital will be June 9 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Luminus will perform the recital's first half and then be joined by guest faculty Tim Nelson, Sean Neukom and Andrew Smith.

Nelson is currently the orchestra teacher at South High School in Fargo, principal violist with the Fargo Moorhead Symphony, violist with the FM Symphony's 8th Street Quartet and an adjunct viola instructor at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. The 8th Street Quartet maintains an active concert schedule in the North Dakota/Minnesota region, performing chamber music from Bach to the 21st century.

Neukom, an MSU alumnus, is a musician and composer. His live performances and compositions work to educate about the significance of classical music in today's society and the importance of music programs in school systems. Currently, Neukom resides in Pittsburgh, where he works closely with the string quartet Freya to present a concert series aimed at non-conventional venues.

Smith, associate professor of music at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, is returning to DCM, where he taught 2000-2003. At UNLV, he performs regularly as a cellist of The Cerberus Trio. He is a member of the Camerata Deiá, a group founded in 2001 to be the resident ensemble with The Festival Internacional de Deiá, a summer festival in Mallorca, Spain. He is also a founding member of The Adriatic Chamber Music Festival, a summer



*Left to right, Dianna Anderson, Jon Rumney and Erik Anderson*

## May 18, 2011

### PIO update

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."  
—James Dent

Summer signifies the opportunity to slow down and rejuvenate. My shoes click down the Student Center corridor, uninterrupted by the ambient noise of Starbucks lattes, cash registers or sidebar conversations on the way to my office. It would appear as if campus is eerily quiet and unhurried.

Do not be lulled into such leisurely thoughts.

Activities abound all over campus. This summer, crews will install 450 wells in the North Well Field and connect and convert Swain Hall, the library, the Dome and the Wellness Center to a partial geothermal loop. The corridor from Cook to Dakota Halls is being landscaped to include new sidewalks, seating areas, lighting, drumlins, bushes, trees and plants. By fall, Beaver Creek Café will include a pizzeria, a C-store and seating for 180+. The Slaatzen Center will have two remodeled high-tech rooms; offices in the Administration Building will be on the first floor; stadium seating will be replaced; the Wellness Center will be enclosed; and MSU will have a new fiber network and server.

Enjoy and embrace this summer's opportunities for change and revitalization.

— Susan Ness,  
public information director

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music program in southern Italy, where he has taught and performed since its inception in 1998. In the fall of 2008, he joined the Las Vegas Philharmonic as principal cellist.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and will be available at the door.

The student and adult ensembles will perform a concert of music they have worked on during the institute in Nelson Hall on June 12 at 1 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.

“The Sunday concert is an inspiring event,” Erik Anderson said. “It annually bears out that the future of chamber music is secure.”

Each year, DCM draws 40-50 musicians, high school through adult, from around the region to study and perform chamber music. It is by audition only and is coordinated by the MSU Division of Music. MSU faculty Lynne and Jon Rumney started DCM, and Erik Anderson is the current administrator.

For further information, contact Erik Anderson at 858-3576 or [erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu](mailto:erik.anderson@minotstateu.edu) or visit [www.minotstateu.edu/dcm](http://www.minotstateu.edu/dcm).

## Vision 2013 Merit Award recipients named

Minot State University announced Vision 2013 Award recipients. Faculty and staff eligible to receive a Vision 2013 Merit Award demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the university toward its Vision 2013 goals and specific objectives.

The following individuals earned this year’s Vision 2013 Merit Awards: Andy Bertsch, business administration; Mikhail Bobylev, chemistry; Lisa Borden-King, teacher education; Deborah Brothers, social science; Kelly Buettner-Schmidt, nursing; Melanie DeBoer-Brunsdon, athletics; Andrea Donovan, humanities; Warren Gamas, teacher education; Donna Harvey, library; Joseph Jastrzembski, history; Evelyn Klimpel, student development, Mary Mercer, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities; Linda Olson, humanities; Ernst Pijning, history; Dan Ringrose, history; Lisa Roteliuk, communication disorders; Rebecca Ruzicka, Rural Crime and Justice Center; Jessica Smestad, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning; Sarah Walker, Job Corps Executive Management Program; and Darla Weigel, student affairs.

The selection committee, made up of four vice presidents, the athletic director and Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and Staff Senate presidents, reviewed more than 40 nominations. Supervisors nominated employees based on criteria directly related to MSU’s Vision 2013.

## CASCLS Grand Opening Conference scheduled

The Center for the Applied Study of Cognition and Learning Sciences is hosting the CASCLS Grand Opening Conference June 15-17 on Minot State University’s campus. Participants will hear national keynote and regional speakers and learn how the mind/brain functions.

“The conference is a wonderful opportunity to see practical ways in which new neuroscience discoveries are influencing how professional educators approach teaching,” said Deb Jensen, CASCLS director. “It will also help participants sort out fact from myth in claims about ‘brain-based’ education.”

The keynote speakers are Pat Wolfe, an educational consultant and author, and Dan Willingham, cognitive psychologist, columnist and author.

Wolfe is a former K-12 teacher, county office administrator and adjunct university professor. Her area of expertise is the application of brain research to educational practice. Her book “Brain Matters” is indispensable for teachers learning about the brain, and “Building the Reading Brain: Pre K-3” examines how students learn to read.



Wolfe

Willingham is currently a professor of psychology at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Until 2000, his research focused solely on the brain basis of learning and memory. Now, his research concerns the application of cognitive psychology to K-12 education. He writes the “Ask the Cognitive Scientist” column for American Educator magazine and is an associate editor of Mind, Brain, and Education, a professional journal. He also wrote “Why Don’t Students Like School?”



Willingham

Participants may choose sessions from four conference strands: perception and literacy, processing and numeracy, emotion and intelligence, bio-chemistry and movement and the brain and behavior. They can also tour the new CASCLS facilities in Swain Hall, see findings from applied dyslexia research and look at new electroencephalography, or EEG, and eye-tracking applications.

The conference will interest P-12 educators, higher education faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, counselors, social workers, parents, trainers, and the public. MSU students may attend at a reduced rate with a current student ID.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction approved the CASCLS Grand Opening Conference for Title I re-education. The conference is also approved for one semester hour of graduate workshop credit through MSU.

For questions, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/cascls/events.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/cascls/events.shtml) or contact Jensen at 858-3043 or [deb.jensen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:deb.jensen@minotstateu.edu).

## New staff aboard

Minot State University would like to welcome one new employee, Sarah Jacob.

Jacob is an early interventionist in the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities' Minot Infant Development Program. She was previously employed by Maxim Healthcare Services in Fairview Heights, Ill. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Jacob is engaged to Shawn Forbes, a United States Air Force officer. She enjoys leading worship, playing piano, biking, traveling and spending time with Willow, her shih-poo.



Jacob

## Summer Theatre prepares for great season

"The Drowsy Chaperone," a tribute to old musicals, is the first of four plays Minot State University Summer Theatre will perform. It will run from June 14 to 19 under the direction of Aili Smith, assistant professor of communication arts.



The other scheduled productions include "The Pirates of Penzance," June 25-29; "Don't Dress for Dinner," July 7-11; and with the musical "My Fair Lady" concluding the season July 18-23.

"I'm looking forward to good weather, new shows and a great season," said Kevin Neuharth, Summer Theatre director.

Summer Theatre is celebrating 46 years in the Minot community. The company comprises a variety of people including community members, MSU students, faculty and staff. Approximately 10,000 attend the productions every summer.

All shows are in the MSU Amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$3 for MSU personnel and summer students with current MSU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the Summer Theatre box office at 858-3228, starting June 1.

## Troftgruben heads Staff Senate

Vicki Troftgruben, North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities business operations specialist, is the new Minot State University Staff Senate president. Other officers are Anton Huether, webmaster and graphic designer, vice president, and Connie Teets, teacher advisement and field placement assistant, secretary/treasurer. Linda Benson, public information specialist, moves into the position of past president. Staff Senate elected this executive committee May 17.

Minot State University Staff Senate conducted elections electronically from May 2 to 13. Listed below, according to their

constituencies, are the newly elected representatives, along with their areas of employment:

- NDCPD — Sarah Carr and Cheryl Merck.
- College of Education and Health Sciences, enrollment services, Graduate School, Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service and international programs — Teets.
- Members at large — Nathan Anderson, College of Education and Health Sciences; Julie Keller, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, and Lynn Redden, POWER Center.

## Visiting professor knows culture affects literacy

Carol Westby, an expert in childhood language disorders, served as a visiting faculty member in Minot State University's Department of Communication Disorders. Westby taught the undergraduate Language Disorders class and the graduate Language and Literacy class during the second half of spring semester 2011.



Westby

Westby feels it is imperative for people to understand literacy and diversity. Children's language develops from birth to adulthood and is influenced by culture.

"Cultures differ and influence learning. Anything I do has a cultural approach because every family or person thinks differently," Westby said. "I look at a child's development and consult the family to meet their goals."

Educational and health care programs are serving an increasing number of children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Often poverty also impacts these children, and their academic achievements are significantly below that of the general population. Westby advocates a family-centered focus in assessment and intervention that gains an understanding of the expectations of students and families receiving services.

Westby, a speech-language pathologist, possesses a great desire to empower learners from young children to college students, especially first-generation college students. She began writing grants proposals more than 20 years ago at the University of New Mexico. The experience broadened her expertise to include early childhood education, literacy, anthropology and cultural issues within education.

"If you don't encounter another culture, you don't discover your own," Westby said.

Westby is a fellow of the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association and holds specialty recognition in child language. She received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Iowa's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, the ASHA Award for Contributions to Multicultural Affairs and the honors of ASHA. She has published and presented nationally and internationally on language-literacy relationships, assessment and facilitation of written language

and issues in assessment and intervention with culturally and linguistically diverse populations. Westby has also written several book chapters that present structures for literate language assessment and intervention.

Westby completed a bachelor's degree in English at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., and master's and doctoral degrees in speech-language pathology from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

## SBHE elects 2011-12 officers

Grant Shaft was elected 2011-12 president of the State Board of Higher Education, and Duaine Espegard was elected vice president May 9 at a meeting at Bismarck State College.

Shaft, Grand Forks, is the current vice president. He is a partner in the law firm of Shaft, Reis and Shaft, Ltd. He served in the North Dakota House of Representatives from 1986 to 1990. Shaft began his first term on the board July 1, 2007, was reappointed to the board by Gov. Jack Dalrymple and will serve through June 30, 2015.

Espesgard, Grand Forks, currently chairs the Budget, Audit and Finance Committee and the Executive Compensation Committee. He is a retired Bremer Financial bank director, chief executive officer and regional president. Espesgard served in the North Dakota Senate from 2000 to 2006. He began his first term on the SBHE in March 2007, was reappointed by Gov. John Hoven and will serve through June 30, 2014.

The term of Jon Backes, Minot, current president of the board, ends June 30. He did not seek reappointment to the board.

## Wellness works

### Walk Minot

Everyone is welcome to join Walk Minot and explore Minot from all angles while enjoying fresh air and exercise. Participants can learn from community leaders as they walk through trails, parks and neighborhoods and by landmarks around the city.

Walk Minot, sponsored by Minot Area Team Wellness, is free and open to everyone. All walks are at a leisurely pace, family-friendly and last approximately one hour. Walk Minot T-shirts are given as door prizes.

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday (May 24) at 10 a.m. — John MacMartin, Eastwood Park resident, will lead a walk through the historic Eastwood Park neighborhood. Meet at Roosevelt Pool south parking lot, Central Avenue W.
- June 7 at 6:30 p.m. — Walk through the Scandinavian Heritage Park with Verla Rostad, Scandinavian Heritage Association office manager. Meet in the Town & Country Center parking lot, 1015 South Broadway.
- June 21 at 10 a.m. — Rich Berg, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch staff member, will lead a walk west on the rural

Fourth Avenue trail. Meet at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch horse barn, across from entrance to the ranch.

- July 5 at 6:30 p.m. — Walk through Roosevelt Park Zoo with Kim Thompson, events coordinator. Meet at the Roosevelt Park Zoo front gate, 1219 Burdick Expressway E.
- July 19 at 10 a.m. — Walk along the Souris River from Wee Links to the Bark Park with Ron Merritt, Minot Park District director. Meet at Wee Links, 900 Forest Road SW.
- Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. — Walk through historic Downtown Minot with Bonnie Kemper, Downtown Association representative. Meet at the Parker Senior Center parking lot on the north side of building.

For questions, contact 857-6444.

## Announcements

### Faculty professional development opportunity: Universal Design for Learning

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education, the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities developed a faculty development course on Universal Design for Learning. Course readings and multimedia presentations are designed to be completed in six to eight hours at the faculty member's convenience. Up to 80 faculty members from Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau who complete the course requirements will be paid \$125. For more information, view the course flier, [www.ndcpd.org/astep/pdf/UDL\\_Faculty\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.ndcpd.org/astep/pdf/UDL_Faculty_Flyer.pdf). Contact Jamie Hardt to register at [jamie.hardt@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jamie.hardt@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3580.

—Mary Mercer, community training core coordinator

### TRiO changes name

TRiO Student Support Services is now the POWER Center. POWER is about "Providing Opportunities With Enhanced Resources" for students who qualify; empowering the students to be engaged and connected. Students who are part of the POWER Center benefit from priority registration, workshops, behind-the-scenes tours, mentoring, POWER Hours (supplemental instruction) and many other great opportunities.

A limited number of students can be part of the POWER program. Interested students should apply before leaving campus or during summer semester as POWER is open year round; any spaces remaining will be offered to incoming students during CONNECT sessions beginning in June. POWER is funded by a TRiO Student Support Services grant from the U.S. Department of Education and is open to students who are U.S. citizens working on their first bachelor's degrees.

To join or learn more about POWER, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/POWER/](http://www.minotstateu.edu/POWER/) or contact 858-4047 or [lynn.redden@minotstateu.edu](mailto:lynn.redden@minotstateu.edu).

—Lynn Redden, POWER program assistant

## NDCPD Access Scholarship available

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities established the Access Scholarship to help Minot State University students with significant developmental disabilities finance their college experience. The MSU Development Foundation manages the scholarship endowment; the NDCPD Consumer Advisory Council Scholarship Committee screens applications and determines the scholarship recipients.

More information and the application form are online at [www.ndcpd.org/disinfo/access.shtml](http://www.ndcpd.org/disinfo/access.shtml). The application deadline is June 1.

—*Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director*

## Benefits update

As a result of The Affordable Care Act, Minot State University's group health plan through North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota will now offer coverage to dependent children up to age 26. From now through June 13, employees have the opportunity to enroll children (who are not already enrolled) in the group health plan as long as they are less than 26 years old. Coverage will be effective on July 1. To find out more information, go to the NDPERS website, [www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/publications/transitional-enrollment-2011.pdf](http://www.nd.gov/ndpers/forms-and-publications/publications/transitional-enrollment-2011.pdf). The health insurance form is available on this website as well.

To enroll the newly eligible dependent children, complete the form and send it or drop it off at the MSU payroll and benefits office by June 13. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact NDPERS (1-800-803-7377) or MSU's Tricia Houmann (858-3334).

—*Wes Matthews, director of human resources*

## E-waste pickup timeframe set for Aug. 1

Minot State University will again participate in the free Apple Recycling promotion. The tentative pickup week will be Aug. 1. If departments have unusable electronic equipment, such as computers, monitors and televisions, Information Technology Central and facilities management staff will pick up those items throughout the spring and summer months. All e-waste items must be MSU-owned and have a completed Change of Inventory form. No personal e-waste is allowed under this free program. A tentative deadline has been set for the last week of July to allow time to palletize and shrink wrap any remaining items.

Please participate. Contact the Help Desk at 858-4444 or submit a work-order request to [helpdesk@minotstateu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@minotstateu.edu).

—*Cathy Horvath, director of information technology*

## In the galleries

May 18-June 1 — "Diamond in the Rough," jewelry by MSU seniors Erika Edwards and Kayla Cote, Olson Library Gallery.

May 18-June 15 — Senior show by MSU students James Skinner, Jon Ross and June Szczur, Hartnett Hall Gallery.

### 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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