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A NEWSLETTER FOR EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

ACHIEVEMENT 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, served as a federal grant reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education in the "Stepping Stones to Innovation" grant competition this summer.

The Federal Depository Library Program recognized the Gordon B. Olson Library on the Minot State University campus for excellence in providing federal government document services to Minot and surrounding areas. The GBO Library is the first library in North Dakota to be recognized by the federal government for excellence with its depository program. **Stephen Banister**, library director, commended **David Iversen**, cataloging and government documents librarian, and **Donna Just**, government documents assistant, for their efforts with the depository program. The FDLP website spotlights the GBO Library for September. To read the entire article, visit www.fdlp.gov/outreach/spotlight/1017-sept11spotlight.

Linda Benson, public information specialist, judged two static exhibit categories at the Ward County 4-H Achievement Days Aug. 9.

Tara Bjornson, project assistant with the Healthy Communities International Program, received a master's degree in forensic psychology from the University of North Dakota in August. Bjornson has been with HCI since May. She has an associate degree in criminal justice from Dawson Community College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from MSU.

Becky Brodell, retired professor of nursing, presented a research poster, "Group Caring Environment in Nursing," at the 2011 Improvement Science Summit and Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice in San Antonio, June 28-July 2. Participants in Brodell's study were nursing students surveyed at midterm during fall semester 2010.

The spring 2011 Peer Review featured "The North Dakota Story: One State's Path toward Collaboration and LEAP." **Andrea Donovan**, assistant professor of humanities, co-authored the article with colleagues from other ND institutions.

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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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Gov. Jack Dalrymple appointed **Leisa Harmon**, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders, to the North Dakota Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Language Pathology July 1 to serve a three-year term.

Elaine Larson, assistant professor of education and director of teacher advisement and field placement, attended the Association of Teacher Educators summer conference in Philadelphia, Aug. 5-9. The National Field Directors Forum is an integral part of ATE. Larson serves as membership chair and treasurer.

Mary Mercer, NDCPD community training and technical assistance coordinator, presented "Social Capital and Community Connecting" at the 16th annual National Association of Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professionals conference in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2-5.

Melanie Moore, testing coordinator and administrative assistant for the Student Health and Development Center, chaired the 57th annual convention of the Dakota State Auxiliary for the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Bismarck, June 10-12. FOE approved the grant application of **Heidi Super**, associate professor of biology, for \$5,000 from its Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund. Moore handled the delivery of the application and presented the check during the convention.

The Department of Communication Arts awarded **Audra Myerchin**, assistant professor of communication arts, a distinguished scholar award.

Myerchin, **Beth Odahlen**, director of the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, **Nancy Pearson**, instructor of communication arts, and **Gary Ross**, chair and professor within the Department of Business Administration, will be panel members at the National Society for Experiential Education conference in Dallas, Oct. 19-22. Their presentation topic is "Growing Pains: One University's Journey to Implement Engagement Across Campus"

Pearson will serve as the respondent for a panel presentation, "Reflections of Teaching: Pedagogical Experience and Research in Communication Education," at the Communication Speech and Theater Association convention in Mandan, Sept. 15-17.

Northwestern Mutual recognized MSU student **David Scharpe** with its Target 20 Award, which highlights financial representative interns who performed at an elite level while helping clients achieve financial security during the year. Scharpe, a business major from Minot, is affiliated with Burckhard Network in Minot. Since 1987, more than 25,000 students nationwide have participated in the company's internship program.

Kari Schmidt, principal investigator, and **Askvig**, NDCPD, presented a paper titled "Bullying and Suicide among Youth with and without Disabilities" at the third annual North Dakota Dropout Prevention Summit, sponsored by the North Dakota Education Association in Bismarck, June 8.

"The History of Social Media and Its Impact on Business," by **Tom Seymour**, professor of business information technology, with assistance from students **Simeon Edosomwan**, **Sitalaskshmi Kalangot Prakansan**, **Doriane Kouame** and **Jonelle Watson**, was approved for publication in the special management history issue of the Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship for July. "Smart Grid U.S. Transmission Grid: Issues and Opportunities," by Seymour with help from **Wade Kadrmas**, was accepted by Review of Business Information Systems Journal. Seymour and students **Jenny Huschka** and **Ryan Huschka** had "Show Your 'RELATIONS' in Social Media," an eBook supplement to "How to Leverage Social Media for Public Relations Success," approved for the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies Expo and Summer Convention, Minneapolis, July 26.

Chelsea Starr, assistant professor of sociology, presented two papers at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in August. The papers were "Riot Grrrl 10 Years Later: Conceptualizing Social Movement Longevity" and "The Role of Social Media in the Tunisian, Egyptian, and Libyan Revolutions." Her research methods class, Sociology 278, is currently working with the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People as part of a larger project to assess the impact of the flood and the oil industry on affordable housing statewide.

ShaunAnne Tangney, associate professor of English, will present a paper, “Where I was From Too: Joan Sesion and Me, and the Deep Ambiguity of Being Californian,” at the Western Literature Conference in Missoula, Mont., Oct. 6-10.

Juan Vadell, a senior from Minot, was elected the director of public relations for the North Dakota Student Association. Vadell is majoring in communication arts (public relations).

The Minot City Council appointed **George Withus**, information technology coordinator, as the new Ward 2 alderman Aug. 15. Withus fills the vacancy created with the death of Hardy Lieberg, an alumnus and regent.

Acknowledgements from University Cabinet

Melanie DeBoer-Brunsdon, assistant athletic director for compliance and student life, worked diligently on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Candidacy Year Two annual report, which was submitted June 1.

Facilities management staff and **Student Housing staff** committed countless hours to prepare the campus for housing evacuees and numerous emergency services personnel due to flooding.

Facilities management also ensured that campus properties were properly protected against flooding, even while some of them faced their own personal property damages.

Chipper Farrell, head golf coach, led the MSU Women’s Golf Team to the National Tournament in Tennessee, May 19-21. Farrell was also recognized as the Dakota Athletic Conference Men’s and Women’s Golf Coach of the Year.

Bill Triplett, head softball coach, led the MSU Softball Team to the National Tournament in Alabama, May 19-21.

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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