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**MSU Homecoming 2013: 'Then, Now, Always'**

Minot State University continues its tradition of excellence as it celebrates its 100th birthday and 84th Homecoming. It officially kicks off Sept. 21 and runs through Sept. 29.

For the entire community, Sept. 21 hosts the MSU Community Block Party, noon-4 p.m., on the lawn in front of Old Main. The Block Party, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Minot Young Professionals.

Sept. 22 features a short community church service in the Beaver Dam at 10 a.m. Kari Williamson, campus pastor, will officiate, and fellowship will follow the service.

Sept. 23, Switchfoot will perform and debut their new film, "Fading West," in the Dome at 7 p.m. Access is available through the north entrance only. Concert tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door or \$10 with MSU ID at the Student Activities Office.

Sept. 24, the MSU Alumni Association will dedicate a Beaver statue on the Dome's south side at 10 a.m. The community is invited to attend to commemorate MSU's first classes 100 years ago. Home Free, an a cappella group, will perform in Aleshire Theater at 9:30 p.m. This concert is also free and open to the public.

To honor donors to the university, the MSU Development Foundation will host a President's Club Luncheon Sept. 25.

Sept. 26, recipients receive the highest honor bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association at a banquet in the Conference Center at 6 p.m. Lona Anderson, Rob Anderson, Gary Cederstrom and Clint Severson are the 2013 Golden Award recipients, while Nathan Conway will receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award. Banquet tickets are \$25 and can be reserved by calling 858-3373 by Sept. 23.

Sept. 27, the Homecoming Alumni Reunion, open to all MSU alumni and friends of the university, will convene at the Grand Hotel, 7 p.m. This year, special reunion groups include an All Greek Reunion and the '83 and '85 football teams. Admission is \$20.

Homecoming reaches its apex Sept. 28 with the Homecoming Parade at 10:30 a.m. The parade route begins by Thompson Larson Funeral Home, travels Main Street, Central Avenue and north on Broadway to its final destination in the Dome parking lot.

A tailgate party will follow in the Dome's east lot. The MSU Beavers face off against Winona State University in football at Herb Parker Stadium, 1:30 p.m. During halftime, the Homecoming Royalty, the MSU Marching Band and the '83 and '85 football teams will be introduced. Then dressed in red, hundreds of MSU students, alumni and friends will gather on the football field for an MSU Centennial Celebration group photograph. Photos can be ordered at [www.minotstateu.edu/100](http://www.minotstateu.edu/100).



Homecoming concludes Sept. 29 with the MSU Academic Hall of Fame banquet in the Conference Center at 5 p.m. The inductee is Kim Baldrige, chemist and 1982 MSU graduate, who specializes in theoretical chemistry and supercomputing. A Minot native, Baldrige is a professor of theoretical chemistry at the University of Zurich. Banquet tickets are \$27 for adults and \$20 for students. Tickets may be obtained by contacting 858-3989 or [amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu](mailto:amy.woodbeck@minotstateu.edu).

For more information, visit the Homecoming Week website, [www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/homecoming.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/homecoming.shtml), or call student activities at 858-3987, advancement at 858-3373 or athletics at 858-3041.

### **MSU Community Block Party: 'We're gonna party like it's 1999!'**

You might not be Prince, but you will be treated like royalty at the MSU Community Block Party. Set your calendar for Sept. 21, noon to 4 p.m. on the Old Main lawn for this year's event. A celebration of Minot State's Centennial, the Block Party promises family fun and entertainment for all ages.



Free lunch and birthday cake will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Throughout the Saturday afternoon, the area will host bounce houses and assorted kids' activities, historical videos in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, door prizes, campus tours, First Lutheran Cemetery tours, music by the MSU Jazz Band and Marching Band, DC Entertainment and Jason LeVasseur. Biographer and MSU faculty, Mark Timbrook will also be available to sign "When Dreams Come True," the centennial edition of MSU history.

At 2 p.m., a special Centennial program will include the Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard and several local, state and national guests commemorating MSU's continuing legacy of education, service and community engagement. Homecoming coronation at 3 p.m. caps the afternoon festivities.

The Community Block Party, sponsored by the Minot Young Professionals, is free and open to everyone. All campus lots will be available for guest parking. For questions, contact Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director, at 858-3062 or [teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu](mailto:teresa.loftesnes@minotstateu.edu).

### **'The Marriage of Figaro'**

Western Plains Opera presents "The Marriage of Figaro" Friday (Sept. 13) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday (Sept. 15) at 3 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. "The Marriage of Figaro," a classic comedy by Wolfgang Mozart, is one of the world's most beloved operas.

Brilliant professional guest performers head a large cast of Minot State University students and faculty along with Minot community members. Amanda Hall, a rising star in the opera world, will sing the role of "Countess Rosina."



The opera will have full orchestral accompaniment. Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25, depending on seat selection. For advanced tickets, call 858-3185.

### **MSU NOTSTOCK art festival: bursting at the seams**

NOTSTOCK showcases MSU NOTSTOCK 2013 celebrates poster art, poetry, music, ceramics, theatre, foreign language and communication arts and features a special art exhibit. This art festival continues through Saturday (Sept. 14).



Most events and performances are free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.msunotstock.blogspot.com](http://www.msunotstock.blogspot.com).

### **Democracy Café promoting student, community conversations**

"Contemporary Community Issues," known as Poli Sci 275 in the undergraduate catalog, just got more intriguing. Jynette Larshus, assistant sociology and political science professor, is introducing an ongoing event, "Democracy Café," taking students out of the classroom and into the community to engage in real-world discussion with community leaders.

"My goal is to foster non-partisan discussion on important civic issues in our community, and to connect students and community members who care about the issues," Larshus said.

Larshus will host Democracy Café at MSU's student-run Beaver Brew Café and invite both presenters and interested community members for a cup of coffee. She figured the Beaver Brew Café would be a comfortable setting where students and other guests could learn more, share perspectives, brainstorm and meet others who share their passion.

Beginning Tuesday (Sept. 17), from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Democracy Café will host facilitators every three weeks. The first program will feature Bethany Andreasen, history professor, and Mark Timbrook, instructional design coordinator and published historian, to discuss "100 Years of MSU Civic Engagement."

Democracy Café's inaugural meeting also coincides with Constitution Day, commemorating the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States Sept. 17, 1787. MSU's Sociology Club and History Club will sponsor a "Free Speech Plaza" and invite students to comment on current issues posted in the Quad. Free Speech Plaza is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Democracy Café is open to the public and is funded in part by the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning. It is also part of MSU's commitment to the Democracy Project in conjunction with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. For more information and a complete schedule of topics, contact Larshus at [Jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu](mailto:Jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu) or 858-4324.

### **MSU offers online training for Michigan teachers**

The Minot State University Department of Special Education has entered an exciting new partnership with the Michigan Department of Education to provide graduate-level training to teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Nationally, university programs that prepare teachers of students with low-incidence disabilities, including hearing and vision loss, are facing budget cuts. Recent program closures left the state of Michigan with no university program to prepare highly qualified teachers for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

To address this need, the Michigan Consortium for Teacher Preparation was formed. MSU, along with eight other higher education institutions from across the country, will deliver an online endorsement program that will permit certified teachers to obtain an additional endorsement on their Michigan teaching certificate in deaf /hard-of-hearing education.

Students can choose courses from any of the participating universities. These courses are offered through a variety of online platforms, webinars, video conferencing and face-to-face meetings. Consortium students are currently enrolled in MSU courses this fall.

"This is an opportunity for MSU to participate in an innovative program that helps meet the needs of students with hearing loss. Our distance delivery technology allows us to prepare outstanding teachers anywhere in the world," said Holly Pedersen, deaf and hard-of-hearing education program director for MSU's graduate special education degree. "It is a very exciting time in special education."

For questions, contact Pedersen at [holly.pedersen@minotstateu.edu](mailto:holly.pedersen@minotstateu.edu).

### **Navigator to assist with access to health insurance**

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence at Minot State University, has been awarded a \$414,000 cooperative agreement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to assist North Dakotans with accessing health care insurance through the federal Health Insurance Exchange.



"North Dakota decided to be a part of the Federal Healthcare Exchange, which will become known as the Marketplace. Residents will choose from a variety of health care plans with the open-enrollment period being from Oct. 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014," explained Neil Scharpe, Navigator project director. "If individuals enroll in plans before Dec. 31, 2013, coverage should begin Jan. 1, 2014. For those enrolling in January or February of 2014, expectations are that coverage will begin the month following enrollment."

NDCPD will establish a statewide collaborative network of regional navigators and certified application counselors. Navigators, stationed in each of the state's eight human service regions, will coordinate recruitment of additional CACs from local community organizations to meet that region's needs. The regional navigator will synchronize training, disseminate educational materials, and monitor the unbiased implementation of the Affordable Care Act by assisting all North Dakotans in choosing an appropriate health care plan that best fits their needs.

NDCPD will provide navigator support to people who are uninsured or underinsured. Specifically targeted groups include North Dakotans most at risk of being uninsured: people with mild disabilities, people with mental health disorders, farmers, young adults, Native Americans, small-business persons, people who are unemployed and people who are drug or alcohol addicted. For questions, contact Scharpe at [neil.scharpe@minotstateu.edu](mailto:neil.scharpe@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3596.

### **In the galleries**

Sept. 11-19 — "HSH SOS," Americas 2012: All Media Best of Show by Renee Couture of Glide, Ore., Library Gallery.

Sept. 11-26 — "Nature and Geometry" Americas 2013: All Media, on display Aug. 20 through Sep. 26 with juror Bill Goldston, Bay Shore, N.Y., Hartnett Gallery. The public reception with Goldston will be Sept. 19 in Hartnett Gallery, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Faculty and staff achievements**

*The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.*

**Chuck Barney**, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, recently presented, in conjunction with the Small Business Administration, a seminar at Minot Air Force Base titled "Boots To Business." The seminar's purpose was to assist USAF personnel exiting the service that have the desire to open their own business. Specifically, Barney provided an overview of the entrepreneurial process, what it means to be an entrepreneur, the opportunities and challenges and military skills and attributes that transfer over to entrepreneurship.

**Jerry Stai**, assistant accounting and finance professor, passed his chartered financial analyst exams and is now a CFA chartholder. CFA is a professional credential earned by a candidate who successfully completes the program and meets professional requirements.

**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.*

**Be seen. Be heard.**