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**MSU Alumni Association to bestow awards on 4**

Three Minot State University alumni, Brenda Foster, Darwin Langseth and Tim Mihalick, will receive the MSU Alumni Association's Golden Award Sept. 25 in the MSU Conference Center, 6 p.m. Kent Kirkhammer will receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association, the Golden Award selections are based on outstanding service to the university or alumni association and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community. The Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient is between the ages of 21 to 39.

Foster graduated from Minot State University in 1984 with an associate degree in general and legal secretarial studies. Later, she returned to MSU and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a concentration in banking and finance in 1992. Foster is executive vice president at First Western Bank & Trust, where she has been employed since 1981.

Langseth, a Minot native, is a proud alumnus of Minot State, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in music education in 1974. Langseth, president of Minot's Signal Management Corp, has been associated with the real estate industry for 30 years and is a two-time past president of the Magic City Apartment Association.

Mihalick, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, attended MSU and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1981. During his college career, Mihalick played football for four years and participated in track for two. He was inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. In Sept. 2009, Mihalick was named president and chief executive officer of Investors Real Estate Trust, after serving in various capacities in his 33 years at Odell & Associates, Odell-Wentz & Associates and IRET.

Kirkhammer originally came to Minot State from Pike Lake, Saskatchewan, to play hockey in fall 2002. After graduating in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and corporate fitness, Kirkhammer substitute taught in the Minot area. In 2008, he began working for Pure Energy, an oil field production testing company, where he quickly climbed the ranks to field superintendent. In 2011, Kirkhammer co-founded NewKota Services & Rentals, a company providing specific resources to the North Dakota oil field and beyond.

Banquet tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling 858-3373 by Sept. 22. To read the full news release, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/golden\\_awards\\_2014.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/alumni/golden_awards_2014.shtml).

**MSU Homecoming 2014: 'Beavers Assemble!'**



*Foster*



*Langseth*



*Mihalick*



*Kirkhammer*

Minot State University continues its tradition of excellence as it enters its second century and 85th Homecoming. It officially kicks off Sept. 21 and runs through Sept. 27.

For the entire community, MSU hosts the Community Block Party Sept. 25, 5-7:30 p.m., on the Old Main lawn. The Block Party, which is free and open to the public, promises family fun and entertainment for all ages. There will be free food (while it lasts), bounce houses and assorted kids' activities, door prizes and music by the MSU Jazz Band and Marching Band and musician Jason LeVasseur. Homecoming coronation at 7 p.m. on Old Main's steps caps the evening festivities. In case of inclement weather, all activities will move to the Dome.

To honor donors to the university, the MSU Development Foundation will host a President's Club Luncheon Sept. 24.



Sept. 25, recipients receive the highest honor bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association at a banquet in the Conference Center at 6 p.m. Brenda Foster, Darwin Langseth and Tim Mihalick are the 2014 Golden Award recipients, while Kent Kirkhammer will receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award. Banquet tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling 858-3373 by Sept. 22.

Sept. 25, the community is invited to attend a performance by Josh Vietti, an American violinist and composer, in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. Although generally billed as a hip-hop violinist, Vietti also incorporates gospel, country, pop, jazz and classical music and styles into his repertoire. This concert is free and open to the public.

Sept. 26, the Homecoming Alumni Reunion, open to all MSU alumni and friends of the university, will convene at the Holiday Inn, 7 p.m. This year, special reunion groups include communication disorders and business education alumni and the '64 and '65 baseball teams.

Homecoming reaches its apex Sept. 27 with the Homecoming Parade at 10:30 a.m. The parade route travels downtown 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 Wayne State College in football at Herb Parker Stadium, 2:30 p.m. During halftime, the Homecoming Royalty and the '64 and '65 baseball teams will be introduced.

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.

### Shipunov mentors MHS students for international forest contest

Two Minot High School seniors, Brandon Christman and Allison Rabe, will represent the United States through Thursday (Sept. 11) at the 11th International Junior Forest Contest in St. Petersburg, Russia. Alexey Shipunov, Minot State University biology assistant professor, mentored the students by providing data samples and assisting in data analysis. Joe Super, the students' Envirothon advisor, aided with the project and will accompany the students to Russia.



"We were notified of this opportunity by the North Dakota Forest Service. We knew this contest was a highly competitive process and that there was to be only one representative team from each country. But, with the assistance of Dr. Shipunov and the data he collected, augmented with the data Brandon and I collected, we were able to complete a relevant scientific research paper with enough value to be selected," Rabe said. "Through this project, we turned the devastation of the Minot flood into information that can help mitigate flood damage in the future."

To read the full release, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/pio/images/shipunov-mentors-mhs-students-for-international-forest-contest.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/pio/images/shipunov-mentors-mhs-students-for-international-forest-contest.shtml).

### Eckmann presents '101 Brain Boosters'

Terry Eckmann, physical education professor and motivational speaker, will present "101 Brain Boosters" Tuesday (Sept. 16) in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. Her book identifies a dozen brain boosters and teaches



how they contribute to improving brain function.

"101 Brain Boosters," published in May 2013, will be sold at a discounted price of \$15 (regularly \$20). The book can also be purchased at [www.amazon.com/101-Brain-Boosters-Terry-Eckmann/dp/1606792733](http://www.amazon.com/101-Brain-Boosters-Terry-Eckmann/dp/1606792733).



### **MSU NOTSTOCK: Campus-wide showcase of the arts is hands on and all hands in**

NOTSTOCK once again offers multiple hands-in, hands-on opportunities for guests to participate in the arts. Sept. 17-20, Minot State University's annual live, signature arts festival, NOTSTOCK 2014 celebrates printmaking, poetry, music, ceramics, theatre, foreign language and communication arts and features three special art exhibits.

"NOTSTOCK is my favorite week of the school year," exclaimed ShaunAnne Tangney, English professor and WordStock co-organizer. "You can hear the hum of creativity all over campus — music, poetry, art, performance — it's a blast for students and teachers alike!"

NOTSTOCK 2014 kicks off with two-time national poetry slam champion, Sierra DeMulder, performing her work Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Sept. 18-19, DeMulder will conduct workshops in the Conference Center and host a Poetry Slam Sept. 19 in the Beaver Dam at 1 p.m.

Artists Eric Nyffeler of Doe Eyed, Zeb Love and John Hitchcock, will screen print live in the Beaver Dam Sept. 18-20. Nyffeler will give a presentation of his work Sept. 18 at noon in Aleshire Theater. Love and Hitchcock will present at 10 a.m. and noon, respectively, Sept. 19 in Aleshire Theater.

PotStock opens its fifth year with guest ceramicists Brad Bachmeier and Ned Krouse. Bachmeier and Krouse and MSU faculty and students will give ceramics demonstrations, including raku firings, Sept. 18-20, outside the Student Center's north entrance. Participants can sit at a potter's wheel and attempt to throw a vessel with direction from PotStock guest artists.



"Referencing Wood," a traveling exhibit from the North Dakota Museum of Art, and "Magic City Print Show," a collection of prints by Minot artists, will be on display in the Conference Center. Both exhibits, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, are free and open to the public Sept. 18-19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Theatre kicks it up a notch in its third year. Special guest, Nick Hausman, a 10-year veteran of the Chicago improv scene, will host improv workshops and jam sessions. Workshops will be in the Black Box Theater, Sept. 18-19, 11 a.m. to noon. and 1 to 2 p.m. Jam sessions will be Sept. 18 in Aleshire Theater at 8 p.m. and Sept. 20 in the Beaver Dam at 1 p.m.

"Nick Hausman is a tour de force," said Carlen Gilseth, assistant professor of communication arts. "His sessions on improv are not to be missed!"

Jean-Francois Mondon, assistant professor of German, is presenting a foreign language writing workshop. Participants will explore the basics of Egyptian hieroglyphics, Chinese, Japanese and Russian writing systems and learn to decipher the mechanics. Mondon's presentation is Sept. 18 from 11:15 a.m. to noon in the Conference Center.

This year, KMSU and the Broadcasting Program will offer students the opportunity to be on live radio and unleash their inner broadcaster. Friends and family can listen to live interviews with guests Sept. 18 and 19 on channel 19, 10 a.m. to noon. Visit KMSU 19 on Facebook for more information.

A favorite NOTSTOCK activity, daily do-it-yourself screen-printing, continues Sept. 18-19, in the Beaver Dam 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors can choose a NOTSTOCK design and "pull" their own screen print. Participants are encouraged to bring their own T-shirts, hoodie, tote bag or other item to be printed. Local bands will also play daily during the event.

NOTSTOCK will host Wild Hands' album release party and concert, Sept. 19 in the MSU Amphitheater, 8-10 p.m. Wild Hands got its start at NOTSTOCK two years ago and has since toured the region, performed on Prairie Public Television, and recorded on Daytrotter.

"NOTSTOCK is unlike any other arts event," said Laurie Geller, Honors Program director and NOTSTOCK co-organizer. "It begs

you to pull a squeegee, perform poetry, throw on the pottery wheel and sing along with musicians. Come enjoy and create art with us.”

NOTSTOCK closes with a reception at 62 Doors Gallery & Studios Sept. 20, 7 p.m. Attendees will enjoy art, food and music with this year’s guest artist.

To read the full news release, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/pio/news/2014/09/msu-notstock](http://www.minotstateu.edu/pio/news/2014/09/msu-notstock).

For a complete list of times and events, visit [www.msunotstock.blogspot.com](http://www.msunotstock.blogspot.com). All events and performances are free and open to the public.

### **New faculty and staff aboard**

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Ash Bowen, Joseph Collette and Mehdi Hossain.

Bowen, English assistant professor, previously taught at the University of Alabama. He completed a Master of Fine Arts at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a doctorate at the University of North Texas, Denton.



*Bowen*



*Collette*



*Hossain*

Collette, geology assistant professor, last taught at the University of California, Riverside. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a doctoral degree from UCR.

Hossain, business administration assistant professor, taught at the University of Texas, Arlington, before joining MSU. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a doctorate in marketing from UTA. In 2013, he received a Doctoral Student Teaching and Research Award, and he was a Society for Marketing Advances fellow.

### **In the galleries**

Sept. 10-20 — "NOTSTOCK Guest Artist Poster Exhibit" features works by Zeb Love, Pittsburgh, Pa., Eric Nyffeler, Omaha, Neb., and John Hitchcock, Madison, Wis., Library Gallery.

Sept. 10-26 — "Americas 2014: All Media," a national juried exhibition, Hartnett Gallery.

A public reception with juror Kimble Bromley will be Thursday (Sept. 11), from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with Bromley discussing his selections and awards for the national competition at 7 p.m. A public reception for the NOTSTOCK artists will be Sept. 18 in the library gallery, from 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.*

**Guy Hanley**, assistant professor of science, coauthored a paper published in the May issue of the Proceedings of the San Diego Society of Natural History. Titled "The Scarabaeoid Beetles of San Diego County, California Part II, Diagnosis of Families Lucanidae and Scarabaeidae," this publication is the second in a series of four papers that will describe the entire known scarab beetle fauna of San Diego County. The county is quite diverse in habitat and climate, and as such, the beetle fauna is equally diverse with approximately 160 species, several of which were unknown to science until this study.

**Mary Mercer**, assistant director for program management at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, presented "Fading Support: The Key to Individual Empowerment Across Environments" at the 19th annual conference of Qualified Developmental Disability Professionals Aug. 5-8 in Nashville, Tenn.

### **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.**