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**MSU President Steven W. Shirley:
Create. Connect. Collaborate.**

In his inauguration address, Minot State University President Steven W. Shirley promoted the theme: Create. Connect. Collaborate.

"These are three very simple, yet powerful words upon which I want our faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters to act," Shirley said about the theme, which he felt would enable the university to meet the future's challenges.

The April 17 inauguration ceremony capped off a week of events celebrating Shirley as MSU's 11th president and commemorating its honored past and history of service while advancing its future. Shirley is also the president of Dakota College at Bottineau.

**MSU Staff Senate donates \$2,000 to Minot Backpack Buddies Program**

April 13, Steven Shirley, Minot State University president, on behalf of MSU Staff Senate, presented a \$2,000 check, to the Minot Backpack Buddies Program. The money was raised during Staff Senate's annual silent auction.

"Staff Senate is proud to commemorate President Shirley's inauguration by continuing Minot State's tradition of service," said Steven Swenson, Staff Senate president.

The Minot Backpack Buddies Program provides nonperishable food items to students in grades K-5, who are at risk of missing meals on weekends. The program was launched in 2013 by Minot State staff members in a College of Business leadership development initiative with \$10,000 in startup funds from the Souris Valley United Way. Initially, 56 Sunnyside Elementary students received a backpack



of food each Friday throughout the school year. Sunnyside's selection was based on the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced meals. Currently, 113 Sunnyside, Roosevelt and McKinley Elementary students receive a backpack. Backpacks are assembled weekly by MSU clubs and organizations, as well as community volunteers. To donate to Minot Backpack Buddies, go to www.svunitedway.com.



Pictured are, left to right, Steven Shirley, MSU president, Laurie Weber, Minot Backpack Buddies Program, and Steven Swenson, MSU Staff Senate president.

Honor Dance: Celebrates accomplishments in MSU's new century

This weekend (April 24-25), Minot State University's Dome will come alive with tradition, color and movement. Native American dancers and drum groups from throughout North Dakota and neighboring states and provinces will compete during the 26th annual Native American Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration. The event includes the acknowledgement of achievements, competitive dancing, vendor and information booths and food. The powwow is one of the largest student activities on campus.

This event, sponsored by the Native American Cultural Awareness Club and the university, will honor all 2015 graduates. An average of 19 Native American students graduate from MSU each year.

"Graduations and powwows have a lot of similarities. Both recognize accomplishments, dedication and hard work," said Annette Mennem, Native American Center director and NACAC advisor. "We will celebrate the Class of 2015 and wish its members good luck in their future endeavors."

On Friday (April 24) at 10:30 a.m., the Turtle Mountain Community College Anishinabe Club and JT Shining Oneside will give a cultural presentation.

To honor the graduates and their families, a buffalo meal will be served Saturday (April 25) in the Student Center at 5 p.m. The Standing Rock Sioux Game and Fish Department donated the buffalo.

Both days feature performances, dance competitions and the sale of Native American arts, crafts and food. The activities start at 11 a.m. each day. Two Grand Entries, the time when all of the dancers enter the arena, are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. each day. Charles Moran, Mandaree, will be the emcee, while Russell Young Bird will be the arena director with Little Shell Singers as the host drum group.

Following the 7 p.m. Grand Entry on Saturday, Steven Shirley, MSU's new president, will be introduced. A special honoring will commemorate Vice President for Student Affairs Dick Jenkins' service to MSU and Native American students. Jenkins retires June 30 after being at MSU for 31 years. The Honor Parade, in which all 2015 MSU graduates are invited to participate, follows the honoring at 8 p.m.

Dance competitions will be held for elders, men, women, teens, juniors and tiny tots. The competition for men includes traditional, grass and fancy dancing. Women's dance competitions include traditional, fancy and jingle styles. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Admission to the Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration is \$3 for ages 12-55; it is free to children under 12, elders and MSU students, faculty and staff.

In addition to MSU and the Standing Rock Game and Fish Department, the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, families of club members and Visit Minot provided support for the event. For more information, go to www.minotstateu.edu/pio/news/news_uploads/honor-dance-celebrates-accomplishments-in-msus-new-century.shtml. For questions, contact Mennem, at 858-3365 or annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu.

Virtual presentation with Norwegian ambassador and MSU students slated

Kare R. Aas, Norway's ambassador to the United States, will chat live with Minot State University students April 29 in Aleshire Theater, 1-1:50 p.m. The public is also invited to this event. With the new era of digital diplomacy, the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C., launched the #VirtualAmbassador Program, a new initiative, which enables university students from across the U.S. to interact live with Aas as he discusses Norway's top priorities including the Arctic and the relationship between NATO, the U.S. and Norway.



"Ambassador Aas will give a brief presentation via Skype, followed by a question-and-answer period by the American students," said Libby Claerbout, international programs director. For questions, contact Claerbout at

libby.claerbout@minotstateu.edu.

SSWO symposium to look at human trafficking

Minot State University's Student Social Work Organization, will sponsor "Stolen Lives: The Reality of Human Trafficking" April 30 in the Cyril Moore Science Center Auditorium, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jassy Bindra, human trafficking awareness coordinator with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is the featured speaker.

The conference will allow participants to increase their knowledge and understanding of human trafficking at a local and international level. In addition, case studies will be presented to assist professionals in identifying and intervening on behalf of victims and survivors of human trafficking. The conference is recommended for social workers, educators, case managers, medical staff, parents, law enforcement officers, counselors, psychologists, child care providers and nurses. For additional information, contact Dionne Spooner, social work instructor and SSWO advisor, at 858-3142 or dionne.l.spooner@minotstateu.edu.

MSU's Flat Tail Press to celebrate print

Minot State University's Flat Tail Press will host a celebration of printmaking May 2 in Hartnett 215E from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. MSU students and faculty will join printmakers from around the world to participate in the worldwide Print Day in May event. Focusing on the number 10, Flat Tail participants will create 10 unique print editions of 10 prints sized 10"x10" within 10 hours.



This is the first time that Flat Tail Press and MSU have participated in the Print Day in May event. The event began in 2007 when printmakers at Monterey Peninsula College in California designated the first Saturday in May to printing as a community. It has since become a worldwide event, including participants from various countries on five continents.

"We are excited to host our first Print Day in May," said Ryan Stander, art assistant professor and Flat Tail Press co-director. "Printmakers are often communal types, usually because they need a clean pair of hands to help, though sometimes they need someone else's expertise, and sometimes just for fellowship during a long day in the studio. This event brings all of that together and dovetails nicely with the educational mission of Flat Tail Press. Our goal as a press is to expand people's awareness and appreciation of the remarkable world of printmaking and make some great art along the way!"

Students and faculty will print using a variety of processes from woodcuts and screen prints, to lithographs and alternative photographic processes to make the 10 editions. All are invited to attend and learn more about the different printing processes and help participants with their prints. Follow Flat Tail Press at www.facebook.com/FlatTailPress for progress posts throughout the day. For questions, contact Stander at 858-3297 or ryan.stander@minotstateu.edu.

'Circle Mirror Transformation' brings drama and trauma

Minot State University's Program of Theatre Arts presents Annie Baker's "Circle Mirror Transformation" through Saturday (April 25) in Aleshire Theater at 7:30 p.m. Kevin Neuharth, communication arts associate professor, is the play's director. Doors open at 7 p.m.

"Circle Mirror Transformation," a 2010 Obie Award winner for the Best New American Play, tells the story of four enrollees in a six-weeklong community center drama class. Their experimentation with theatre games leads to hearts being quietly torn apart.

For tickets, contact the MSU theater box office at 858-3172. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors, students and children under 12. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with current MSU ID. Seating is general admission only, and reservations are strongly encouraged.



Spring 2015 Nursing Scholarship Day

Everyone is invited to attend the spring 2015 Nursing Scholarship Day, May 8 at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The schedule includes:

- 8:30-9 a.m. — Semester 2 Theory and Research presentation: "Time Management as it Contributes to the Sense of Well-being among College Students."
- 9-9:30 a.m. — Semester 1 (Geriatric Care Plan) and Semester 2 (Sentinel Events) poster presentations with cake/coffee /lemonade served in honor of National Nurses Week.
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. — Semester 4 Public Health Nursing presentation: "Program Planning: Development of 5 screening events for Target Population of >55 years of age and/or Disabled."
- 10:30-11 a.m. — Semester 5 Leadership and Management Change project: "Reducing the number of health care associated infections, specifically Clostridium difficile, by 50 percent within one year."

Any questions may be directed Nikki Medalen, nursing assistant professor, to 858-4476 or nicole.medalen@minotstateu.edu.

Northwest Art Center lecture compares early rebellions in the Americas



Luciano Figueiredo, history professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and visiting scholar at Stanford University, will present "Two American Insurrections" April 29 in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. as part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series. Figueiredo's talk compares and contrasts the Rum Revolt of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in 1660 and Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia in 1676.



"Both (uprisings) deposed the governor, both created new forms of political representation and both reduced taxes," said Figueiredo in the abstract of his talk. "Their differences, also great, were related to how indigenous and African populations were integrated into the local societies."

Figueiredo's comparative study attempts to discover some of the permanent conflicts that marked the birth of societies in the Americas. A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow Super's presentation. The lecture is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow the program.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. For questions, contact Avis Veikley, Northwest Art Center director, at nac@minotstateu.edu.

MSO ends season with 'A Fantastically French Finale'

The Minot Symphony Orchestra wraps up its 89th season, "Worlds Colliding," Saturday (April 25) with "A Fantastically French Finale." MSO will take the audience on a tour of the best of France that culminates in the epic *Symphonie Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz. This piece shows what happens when an obsession meets the mind of a brilliant composer. Violin sensation Chee-Yun also joins the MSO with the delightful, assertive sounds of the Lalo "Symphonie Espagnole."

Ticket prices for adults are \$20 main floor and \$25 balcony; senior citizen is \$15 main floor and \$20 balcony; students 12-18, \$10; children, \$5. Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, music associate professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program. For more information about MSO, visit www.minotstateu.edu/symphony/.

Hope for the Hungry Community Banquet follow-up

May 7, Minot State University students from an Honors class, "Community Problem Solving," will present a check for more than \$2,000 from the Hope for the Hungry Community Banquet to the Minot Salvation Army's food pantry. The event will be in the Honors Room (Model 208) at 10 a.m.

This student-planned fundraiser included a silent auction, catered dinner and live music. To wrap up their semester of work, students will also give a reflection on their learning experience. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For questions, contact Johannah Mayhew, MSU student, at johannah.miller@my.minotstateu.edu or Jessica Smestad, advisor, at jessica.smestad@minotstateu.edu.

New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employee, Thomas Barnes. Barnes is a custodian in the Dome. Previously, he worked for Staff Zone in Charlotte, N.C.

In the galleries

April 22-May 6 — "Weirdos," a capstone exhibition by Takuma Abe of Tokushima, Japan, Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery. A public opening reception for "Weirdos" will be Wednesday (April 22) in the Library Gallery, at 7 p.m.

April 22-May 7 — Minot State University Juried Art Show with Greg Walter, Dickinson, as the juror. A public opening reception will be April 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with awards and comments by the juror at 7 p.m., Hartnett Gallery.

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.

Lauren Akin, Minot Infant Development Program at the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, recently met the standards for certification of clinical competence in speech-language pathology through the American Speech Language Hearing Association. This nationally recognized professional credential represents a level of excellence in the field of speech-language pathology.

Faculty members, **Colin Andersen**, business information technology, **Rita Damberger** and **Efthalia Esser**, psychology, and **Orlene Schroeder**, communication disorders, completed the four-session "Online Blackboard Learn Instructor Crash Course: Basics and Content, Gradebook, Assessments, and Best Practices."

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.