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Minot State reopens Hartnett Hall

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Hartnett Hall was originally constructed in 1976. Now, 48 years later, a new renovation takes over the historic building. Just off 11th Ave., through the heart of Minot State University, reveals the MSU Dome, Wellness Center, Swain Hall, Memorial Hall, and Hartnett Hall. These buildings define the campus through the courses taught and community uplifting the affects students and residents. Hosting daily sports events, student interaction, and parades of fun; this timeless road creates memories for students, facility, and residents to reminisce over for years and generations to come. However, this significant road has been under



Dr. Steven Shirley cuts the ribbon to officially reopen Minot State's Hartnett Hall.

construction for the past two years. During a special November 2021 session, the North Dakota State Legislature approved funding for MSU to renovate Hartnett Hall. Dr. Steven Shirley, president of Minot State University, oversaw the renovations. Reconstruction began in the Spring of 2022 it took over everything in the 55-year-old hall. Many

students were displaced. Harnett Hall houses the administration for the English Department, Communication Department, Art Department, and the Division of Humanities. All of the proceeding students were removed and rehoused into surrounding buildings. Ellie Scarbrough, a third-year art major, experienced the relocation from beginning to end. Spending her first year in the original Harnett, being transported to Swain Hall for her second year, and finally resting in the new and improved Harnett Hall. "I enjoyed the old Harnett because it had a lot of personality, but the new is definitely nice for accommodations and the technology that is there, being a graphic design student, it was really needed," she said. "It's really techie, it's like state of the art." Scarbrough currently has artwork displayed in Harnett Hall, a graphic photoshop piece labeled "The Witch." While she is excited to have her art displayed in the new building, she admits it is taking some time to get used to the new layout. "The old Hartnett was easy for me to get around for the classes I had, like drawing and graphic design," said Scarbrough. "It's just a little weird going from learning the original to getting into a schedule and knowing where everything is at in the new one. There is a bunch of student works displayed in the new Hartnett on the walls and I have a graphic

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NOTSTOCK returns

Ellie Scarbrough
Comm 281

NOTSTOCK — a portmanteau derived from Woodstock, Flatstock, and Minot's mantra, "Why Not Minot?" — is an annual live, hands-in, hands-on arts event held at Minot State University every fall since 2007. The event aims to celebrate the arts along with creating opportunities for the audience to hear and see art and create alongside artists. "One of my favorite things about NOTSTOCK is that it gives students and others in the community opportunities to step into the world of art and to try mediums that they have maybe always wanted to learn or have been curious about," said Lauren Price, MSU art major. NOTSTOCK originally started as an idea and conversation about poster art in the music industry between Laurie Geller, MSU vice president of academic affairs, and Bill Harbort, MSU art professor. 2007 marked the first



An artist works on a piece of artwork during NOTSTOCK.

NOTSTOCK, a one-day event-involving one printmaker, Jay Ryan, which had sparked an interest in many on campus. Seventeen years later, the one-day event has seamlessly evolved into a now three-day event. NOTSTOCK brings art enthusiasts together from all over the area including several

high school art classes visiting from Minot and surrounding areas. This year's guests include three designers and printers, a ceramic artist, a poet and literary artist, and regional bands. Mike Tallman, a Southern California designer known for his work with musicians like Paul McCartney and Phish, will be live printing throughout the event and presenting on Sept. 20. Carolyn Adkins, a Milwaukee-based graphic designer, and illustrator with music industry clients such as Billy Strings and Goose, will also be printing live and presenting on Sept. 20. Chris Gray, a graphic designer and partner at Half Hazard Press, will bring his expertise in design and illustration, working with high-profile clients like Ram Trucks and Summer Camp Music Festival. He will present on Sept. 19. Their artworks will be available for viewing and purchase at the MSU Northwest Arts Center

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Rick Hedberg Reflects on Homecoming

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Rick Hedberg, Minot State University's Vice President of Advancement/MSU Development Foundation homecoming. We used to have a pep rally on Friday afternoon and the President would cancel classes. The students were excited and involved in the homecoming activities." Hedberg remembers a vibrant atmosphere where

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Minot State Esports making waves in new space

Clayton Hawkins
Comm 281

With the reopening of Minot State's Hartnett Hall, arguably the building's new crowned jewel is a shiny new computer lab dedicated to the competitive gamers on campus. The Minot State Esports Arena is a lab that boasts five PlayStation 5s, four Xbox Ones, Four Nintendo Switches, eight flat-screen TVs, and over 20 PCs.

The gaming arena is just one of the many reasons gamers are flocking to one of the campus's hottest clubs. The Minot State University Esports club has been making waves in the University's gaming community. Established just a few years ago, the club has rapidly grown in membership, attracting students passionate about gaming. Minot State student and Esports Club President Brady

Dutcher is excited about the club's immediate future this upcoming semester. "The best part about being president of the club so far is seeing how big and involved everyone is this year," said Dutcher. "We had a huge turnout for our first meeting last week and are currently fielding seven competitive teams, so I'm looking forward to the rest of the year." The club meets biweekly on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Esports Arena on the first floor of Hartnett Hall. The club offers a variety of competitive games, including League of Legends, Overwatch, Valorant, Super Smash Bros, and Rocket League. The club currently fields seven competitive teams for competitions with other universities within the region. The Minot State E-Sports club has already seen success in various competitions since its inaugural season. This success has

not gone unnoticed, as the club has garnered attention from potential sponsors and university administration, who are considering further investments in facilities and resources to support the growing interest in e-sports. "The club is always open to have new people join up! If you're someone who enjoys playing video games and making new friends, E-Sports is a

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Dear Readers,

As the new staff advisor for The Red & Green, it is my pleasure to welcome you to another exciting academic year. Our team is thrilled to bring you fresh perspectives, compelling stories, and a vibrant mix of news, features, and opinions that reflect the dynamic spirit of Minot State University.

This year, we aim to not only inform but also inspire and engage you with content that resonates with your experiences and aspirations. From in-depth investigative pieces to light-hearted campus anecdotes, we are committed to delivering a newspaper that is both thought-provoking and entertaining.

We encourage you to get involved, whether by contributing articles, sharing your feedback, or simply by staying connected with us through our various platforms. Your voice is what makes The Red & Green truly representative of our diverse and talented student body. Please feel free to email us at redgreen@minotstateu.edu with story ideas, letters to the editors, or a calendar of events. The sharing of information does not have to stop at those three items, if you have an upcoming club meeting or anything that you feel is important to the student body at Minot State, please feel free to email us your ideas.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a year of great stories and even greater achievements.

Warm regards,
Robert W. Patchen
Staff Advisor, The Red & Green

Football brings the community together

Nicole Reeves
Comm 281

Football is a beloved sport by both students and the community. For two Minot State football players, the community pride that happens during Homecoming Week is extra special.

Noah Iosefa is a line-backer in his second year at MSU. He is both a team captain and a member of the team's Leadership Council, as well as an active member of MSU Life and a senator in SGA. He notices the difference during Homecoming.

"The school pride during Homecoming week compared from high school to college is night and day," he said.

This feeling is shared by senior offensive lineman Emmett Espino who says it is "it's really community based."

The Homecoming football game is always a highlight of the season and one of the biggest school events of the whole year. The Minot State football team has enjoyed some recent success by winning their first two games of the 2024 season against Valley City State University and Southwest Minnesota State University. This year's homecoming game will be against Northern State University on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Espino is going into his 9th semester at Minot State and final season with the team. Like Iosefa, he is active around campus and a part of the team's leadership council, a team captain, director in MSU Life, and vice president of finance for MSU's Student Government Association. Both agree that homecoming involves community.

"The spirit and pride extend outside of the school itself but also into the Minot community as well," said Iosefa.

The homecoming game is an opportunity

for alumni, family, and supporters of the school to gather and show off their pride for Minot.

"Homecoming is a time where the community shows up for us," said Espino.

Both players indicated winning on the field is where they see their hard work and hours spent practicing pay off

"Winning is the reason the team competes," said Espino. "It is an amazing feeling when the outcome of the game is a victory."

"It's nice to see the result of our hard work coming to fruition," Iosefa said.

But football and sports are not only about competing and winning. There are many life lessons and skills to be learned from sports, especially competing at the collegiate level. Iosefa said football has taught him "to be relentless and always work hard no matter the circumstance or adversity you face."

Something impactful a previous coach taught him was the word "mettle" which means "a person's ability to cope with tough and challenging times in a spirited and resilient way."

As a member of the leadership council there are additional skills that can be learned. Members of the leadership council communicate back and forth between the coaches and players. They advocate for players and reinforce the standards and expectations.

"As captains, we are both responsible for holding others accountable while setting a good example as a role model," said Iosefa.

Activities on homecoming day start with the parade through town at 10:30 a.m. which leads into the tailgate located in the parking lot on the east side of the MSU Dome. Beaver football will kick off at 2 p.m. at Herb Parker Stadium.

UPCOMING Events

Homecoming 2024 festivities set for the week of Sept. 13-14

Minot State University, the Minot State Alumni Association, the MSU Development Foundation, and MSU Athletics invite the public to celebrate Homecoming 2024 with multiple events held from Sept. 13-14.

Friday, Sept. 13

Athletics Luncheon, South Lobby of the Minot State Dome, 11:30 a.m.

Volleyball vs. Medicine Hat, MSU Dome, 12:30 p.m.

Academic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Hartnett Hall 200, 3 p.m.

Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet, Sleep Inn & Suites, 5 p.m.

Volleyball vs. University of Jamestown, MSU Dome, 6 p.m.

Women's soccer vs. Montana State-Billings, Herb Parker Stadium, 6 p.m.

Homecoming Reunion Social, Sports on Tap, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14

MSU Homecoming Parade, downtown Minot, 10:30 a.m.

Volleyball vs. Brandon University, MSU Dome, 11 a.m.

Tailgating, MSU Dome East parking Lot, 11:30 a.m.

Football vs. Northern State, Herb Parker Stadium, 2 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Mayville State, MSU Dome, 4:30 p.m.

For more information and all dates and times, see the MSU Homecoming 2024 website.

Golden Awards Dinner Sept. 12

Join us for the MSU Alumni Association Awards Dinner honoring the recipients of the 2024 Golden Awards and Young Alumni Achievement Award on Thursday, Sept. 12 with a social at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. in the 3rd floor student center conference center. This year's Golden Award recipients are: Dan Langemo, Teresa Loftesnes, Dr. Jeffrey A. Sather, Julie Keller Stavn. The Young Alumni Achievement Award winner is Jazmine Schultz. Tickets are \$35 per person. Please RSVP by Sept. 4 by registering here. For more information on the Golden Awards, head to the alumni website.

Minot State Athletics annual Homecoming Luncheon Sept. 13

Beaver Nation is invited to kick off Homecoming weekend at Minot State Athletics' annual Homecoming Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This annual event will be followed by the Beaver volleyball team making its home debut at 12:30 p.m. against visiting Medicine Hat in the Live 1st Homecoming Classic volleyball tournament. Both the Luncheon and Live 1st Classic will be held at the MSU Dome on the Minot State campus, with the luncheon on the 1st floor lobby of the Dome located on 11th St. Cost for the luncheon is \$10 with food provided by Homesteaders. Minot State coaches and select student-athletes will be on hand to speak to the crowd, and there will also be door prizes for those attending.

Honoring Beaver greats at Athletic Hall of Fame banquet Sept. 13

The Minot State Athletic Hall of Fame will grow on Friday, Sept. 13, with the induction of six legendary athletes and one championship Beaver team. The banquet will take place at 5 p.m. at the Sleep Inn, where honorees will include football player Bart Archdekin, women's basketball player Jennifer (Sundahl) Becker, baseball player Joe Engler, track and field athletes Tina Kirkpatrick and Nolan Taylor, former Beaver professor and Faculty Athletic Rep Robert Sando, and the 1972-73 men's wrestling team, NDCAC Champions.

Coffee with the Conductor Sept. 13

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will host Coffee with the Conductor on Friday, Sept. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Prairie Sky Breads in downtown Minot. This community event is a welcome opportunity to engage in conversations with Efrain Amaya, music director of the Minot Symphony Orchestra. This event is free to attend and open to everyone.

Mouse River Players season opener, Steel Magnolias Sept. 13-15, 20-22

Katy Allers, Minot State's TRIO Student Support Services director, will be directing the season opener for Mouse River Players, Steel Magnolias. The show is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. As well as, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. Assisting Allers behind the scenes from Minot State University, Seth Honerman, adjunct professor, as assistant director. Current MSU students working behind the scenes are Evan Putt, set design and Kimmy Knutson, costumes. Minot State alumni include Connor Donovan, stage manager; Chris Stroschien, lighting and sound designer/operator; Krys Zorbaugh, program and poster designer; and Holly Eidsness, costumes. The cast for the upcoming production includes several individuals from Minot State. MSU alumna Amanda Lindstorm will play Truvy, Britany Montez will play Annelle, and Kelly Thom will play Clairee. Current student Kylee Cook will portray Shelby. Sarah Honerman, assistant professor of performing arts, will play M'Lynn, while Cheryl Nilsen, faculty emeritus, will play Ousier.

Join Minot State Alumni Association in the Homecoming parade Sept. 14

The Minot State University Alumni Association invites the entire MSU community to walk with our float in the Homecoming parade on Saturday, Sept. 14. Meet us downtown near Prairie Sky Breads around 10 a.m., look for the giant inflatable beaver and the red Jeep. Wear your MSU red shirts! All parade walkers will be responsible for their own transportation.

Parade lineup workers needed Sept. 14

Serve as a parade assistant for the MSU Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9-11 a.m., featuring marching bands, floats, and walkers.

Communicate with parade drivers/entrants their designated lineup location

Assist in cleaning staging area after the parade

Assist in crowd control before and during parade lineup

Must be able to walk 3-4 blocks to assist with lineup

Perform other duties as assigned

Earn \$50 working from 9-11 a.m.

Fire drills Sept. 16-24

MSU Security will be conducting fire drills for Academic and Administrative buildings from Sept. 16-24. When the fire alarm is activated, leave the building utilizing the nearest exit. MSU Security will inform building occupants when to re-enter the building at the conclusion of the drill.

General Safety Reminders to Remember for Fire Emergencies:

Offer assistance to people with disabilities during an evacuation.

Close doors and turn off lights in your work area.

Elevators should not be utilized during a fire emergency.

Move to a safe location a minimum of 100' upwind from the building

Start Up Minot Academy powered by CO.STARTERS has openings, Sept. 18

Start Up Minot Academy powered by CO.STARTERS has openings for their business course starting Sept. 18.

10 week course

Meet once per week

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Vitalant Blood Drive Sept. 20

The Wellness Center is hosting a Vitalant Blood Drive on Friday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m

CultureStock Sept. 21

The Minot State University Diversity Council is excited to collaborate with the Minot Air Force Base and NOTSTOCK to bring CultureStock to our campus on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Uhrmacher, McConnell present 'Crafting Purposeful Teaching: Aesthetic and Ecological Perspectives' Sept. 24

Minot State is pleased to announce that Bruce Uhrmacher (University of Denver) and Christy McConnell (University of Northern Colorado) will be presenting a talk titled "Crafting Purposeful Teaching: Aesthetic and Ecological Perspectives" on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 5-6 p.m. at the Student Center Conference Center. Uhrmacher and McConnell, authors of several influential books including "Lesson Planning with Purpose: Five Approaches to Curriculum Design" will also be conducting professional development workshops with Minot Public School teachers earlier in the day. Their presentation at 5 p.m. is open to the public and will provide valuable strategies and insights for all educators, including university faculty. For more information, contact Dan Conn, associate professor and chair of the Department of Education and Inclusive Services, at 701-858-3267.

Carrell renewal requests due Sept. 25

The Gordon B. Olson Library would like to remind study carrell holders that carrell renewal requests are due by Sept. 25. Contact Celeste Hauser for renewal or for more information.

Norsk Høstfest seeking volunteers Sept. 25-28

The 45th annual Norsk Hostfest is slated for Sept. 25-28. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to assist with many tasks before and during the festival. Volunteers will receive free admission (\$44 value) to the festival each day they volunteer, a free Hostfest t-shirt, a Spicy Pie pizza coupon, snack, concert ticket discount (\$44 off to any concert), and a great time. For volunteers who volunteer for more than one shift per day, they will receive 20% off H'stfest swag and a meal voucher. Signing up now will guarantee volunteers their desired shift(s). Signing up with a friend will double the fun. Volunteers are needed to help Scandi chefs in the Scandi Kitchen, assist with move-in setup and move-out, sell tickets, along with other jobs. Go to Hostfest volunteer website to get more information and choose your job(s) and shift(s).

2024 North Dakota AI Conference Sept. 26

We are delighted to announce the "Being Human and Working in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" conference, a platform dedicated to examining the evolving relationship between humans and AI in the context of work, society, and personal development. This event will take place on the campus of Valley City State University on Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is hosted by the University of Mary, Valley City State University, and the North Dakota University System Dakota Digital Academy. If you have questions, please contact dakota.digital.academy@ndus.edu.

Minot State EMPOWER Grant – request for proposals due Sept. 30

Minot State University and the MSU Development Foundation are pleased to announce the third round of EMPOWER Grants, which will provide \$50,000 in support of academics. Faculty and staff members may request funding up to \$15,000 to increase student enrollment, to advance academics, or to enhance the academic experience for students. Proposals are due Sept. 30. See the EMPOWER Grant website for complete details.

Title IX courses online, due Sept. 30

Minot State University is using Vector LMS to offer Title IX courses online. Title IX training is mandatory, and there are no waivers. An alternate training is available for those who have difficulty with the content due to experiencing sexual misconduct.



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Chrisman’s Transition to Quarterback drives MSU’s Offense

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Carson Chrisman, the new quarterback for the Minot State Beavers, is quickly making a name for himself this season. After a standout performance against Valley City State University, where he rushed for four touchdowns, Chrisman and the Beavers continued their momentum with a thrilling win on the road against Southwest Minnesota State University.

Chrisman’s approach to the Valley City State game was focused and disciplined: “I expected us to put up great numbers with our rushing attack as a team,” Chrisman said. “Different teams will be susceptible to different plays, and it just so happened that Valley City’s defense was very susceptible to the quarterback run.” Despite his standout performance, Chrisman credited his offensive line for making his job easy. “I think two of my touch-



Photo courtesy of Sean Arbaut Photography

Minot State’s quarterback, **Carson Chrisman** races down the sideline against Valley City State University in the Beavers season-opening 38-7 win. Chrisman scored four rushing touchdowns in the game.

downs, I was untouched, and that says a lot more about the other 10 guys blocking than it does about me. They made it really easy for me,” he added.

The Beavers carried their

success into their next game against SMSU, with multiple players contributing to the victory. Erik Palmquist made a significant impact on the offense, scoring two rushing touchdowns that helped the

Beavers maintain control of the game. Palmquist’s powerful runs added another layer to Minot State’s ground attack, showcasing the team’s depth and versatility on offense.

While the offense shined, it was the defense that stole the show against SMSU. Minot State’s defense scored four touchdowns, including two pick-sixes from Nalu Cordeiro, who added six tackles to his stat line and earned the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week honors. Chrisman continued to play a crucial role in guiding the offense, as the Beavers secured a decisive victory.

Reflecting on the team’s success this season, Head Coach Ian Shields credited the offseason work that laid the foundation. “The difference began this offseason going all the way back to Spring Ball, into our Summer training, and throughout training camp. We have better internal leadership, a healthier culture in place, and a talented and determined group of young men that plan on accomplishing something special here at Minot State,” Shields explained.

The decision to transition Chrisman from defense to quarterback was a pivotal move that is paying dividends. “Following last

season, we had to find a QB with the necessary traits to run our offense efficiently,” said Shields. “We needed a competitive, tough, smart, dual-threat QB with leadership skills. Many times in this industry, you look to solve personnel problems externally, but I saw an opportunity with Carson to explore an internal option this past Spring.”

Shields’ decision has proven to be a game-changer. “He has really taken the challenge head-on and is a difference-maker for us,” Shields continued. “He’s certainly been a catalyst in many ways that’s propelled us forward offensively.”

As the Beavers prepare for their upcoming homecoming game, Chrisman’s emergence as a leader and playmaker continues to energize the Minot State offense. His dedication, combined with the contributions of teammates like Palmquist and the team’s defensive prowess, will be key factors in the Beavers’ pursuit of a successful season.

The Pride of MSU Marching band celebrates Homecoming

Madelen Wick
Comm 281

Beaver pride is at an all-time high during Homecoming week, and the Minot State University Marching Band is preparing to join the festivities. This year, the band will bring spirit and music to the Homecoming Parade and tailgating activities.

“I really enjoy performing for the Beaver fans and teams,” said MSU student Arik Napoles. “Being able to contribute to our team’s spirit is exciting!”

See the Pride of MSU Marching Band perform on a float in the Homecoming Parade at 10:30 a.m. Then head to the MSU Dome Lot for tailgating at 11:30 a.m., where the band will energize Beaver fans for the game.

While the band will not be performing a pre-game or halftime show at the Homecoming football game this year, there will still be plenty of spirit as the Beavers take on Northern State at Herb Parker Stadium at 2 p.m. The celebration will wrap up with the MSU volleyball team playing Mayville State

at 4:30 p.m. at the Dome. Events like these bring the band closer together, according to Napoles.

“The band is like its own little family,” he said. “We strive to push each other to be our best every rehearsal. There are plenty of times of laughter and jokes happening too. The friendships within the band are some of the best.”

The first band at Minot State University (Minot State Teacher’s College at the time) dates back to 1934 under the direction of Arturo Petrucci. Throughout the program’s development, the marching band performed in major venues across the United States, including halftime shows for the Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos, and Green Bay Packers. The Beavers also marched in the Portland Rose Festival in 1956 where they were named the Honor Band of the Festival.

In the fall of 1984, the marching program was officially disbanded, but 25 years later, Joseph T. Alme brought back the Minot State University Marching Band for

Homecoming 2009. Today, the band plays an important role in inspiring student spirit and culture.

“Don’t hesitate to join,” Napoles said. “We have many great student leaders and teachers in each section who will want to help you succeed. It also gives a sense of self-pride, as we’re always sharing music to the community.”

All students are welcome to join the band, whether they are music majors or otherwise. According to the MSU Department of Fine and Performing Arts, “We have members from every size high school, with every experience ranging from music majors to people with little or no experience. If you can play your instrument, we will help you do the rest! Our marching and concert band activities are designed to appeal to everyone. At least 85% of the band is made up of non-music majors.”

Students interested in the MSU Band Program should contact Minot State Associate Professor Charles Young by email at charles.young.1@minotstateu.edu.

Minot Symphony Orchestra opens 99th season Sept. 21

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The Minot Symphony Orchestra’s 99th season, “Movie Nights” opens on Saturday, Sept. 21, with Musicology at 6 p.m. and music at 7 p.m. in Minot State University’s Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Five out of the six performances of the 2024-25 season features music from a film score. Season performance dates include Sept. 21, Oct. 26, Dec. 14, Feb. 8, March 22, and May 3. Programs for the 2024-25 season include works by Tchaikovsky, Ponchielli, Rachmaninoff, Borodin, Albinoni, Saint-Saens, Amaya, and more.

The season will feature a world premiere by Ivy Kocher, the winner of the annual Young Composer Competition, the ND high school Young Artist Competition winner, a new Side-by-Side performance, and the MSU Division of Performing Arts Honors Competition winner. Featured soloists include Jorge Montilla, Eb Clarinet, and Oda Voltersvik, a Scandinavian pia-

nist. Also sharing the stage with the symphony this season will be the voices of Minot High School and Minot North High School choirs.

The season opener, “The Sleeping Beauty,” features Tchaikovsky’s The Sleeping Beauty Suite. Special guest, world renowned clarinetist, educator, and composer, Jorge Montilla will premiere Maestro Amaya’s original composition for full orchestra and Eb clarinet, Archipieelagos.

Tickets start at \$25 for adults with active military, senior, and student discounts available. Season tickets and individual concert tickets are available. All tickets are available at www.minotsymphony.com or through the box office at 701-858-4228. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is a unique blend of student, community, and professional musicians from the Minot area. The symphony is directed by Maestro Efrain Amaya, Associate Professor of Performing Arts at Minot State University.

Homecoming 2024 festivities set

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Minot State University, the Minot State Alumni Association, the MSU Development Foundation, and MSU Athletics invite the public to celebrate Homecoming 2024 with multiple events held during the week of Sept. 11-14.

“Homecoming is a special time of year for our alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University,” said Courtenay Brekhuis, Minot State’s director of alumni engagement. “With a variety of fun events planned, we are very excited to welcome everyone back to campus.”

The week kicked off with the MSU Alumni Association and MSU Development Foundation’s annual President’s Club Luncheon, honoring donors who contributed \$1,000 or more. The Luncheon is set for Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 12 p.m. in the Student Center Conference Center.

Another premier event is the Golden Awards and Young Alumni Achievement Award Dinner, happened on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Conference Center. The Golden Awards are the highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni

Association.

Athletics begins a busy week with an Athletics Luncheon on Friday, Sept. 13, at 12 p.m. in the South Lobby of the Minot State Dome. Athletics will host its annual Hall of Fame Banquet at 5 p.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites. MSU volleyball plays host to the University of Jamestown at 6 p.m. at the Dome, while MSU women’s soccer battles Montana State-Billings at 6 p.m. at Herb Parker Stadium.

The MSU Alumni Association will cap Friday off with a Homecoming Reunion Social starting at 7 p.m. at Sports on Tap.

The popular MSU Homecoming Parade will kickstart events for Saturday, Sept. 14. The parade is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Minot and will end at the Minot State Dome. For more information, see the MSU Alumni Association’s parade website.

MSU volleyball has a matinee date with Brandon University at 11 a.m. at the Dome, and tailgating in the MSU Dome East parking lot begins at 11:30 a.m. The Beavers football team will take on Northern State with a 2 p.m. kickoff scheduled at Herb Parker Stadium, and the volleyball team will cap the weekend off with a 4:30 p.m. match with Mayville State.

Cordeiro named NSIC and National Defensive Player of the Week

A record-setting performance by Minot State’s freshman defensive back Nalu Cordeiro earned him honors from the NSIC and garnered notice nationally, as well.

Named the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, Cordeiro was named D2 Football’s National Defensive Player of the Week on Tuesday after his performance in the Beavers’ 42-9 road win on Saturday to open league play.

Cordeiro set an all-time




Nalu Cordeiro

school record by returning

two interceptions for touchdowns in Minot State’s win at Southwest Minnesota State, and he now leads the nation with three interceptions this season.

His two touchdown returns also helped the Beavers tie an NCAA single-game team record for defensive touchdowns as Minot State had four defensive touchdowns in the victory.

Cordeiro returned his first interception 92 yards, a Minot State all-time record in interception return, as well.



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The Heart of Minot State Nursing: Celebrating dedication, expertise

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Minot State University's Nursing Program has long been a cornerstone of health-care education in North Dakota, and at the heart of its success is the dedicated faculty who have shaped the program into what it is today.

Of the 15 nursing educators, over half are proud graduates of the very program they now lead, bringing a unique blend of personal experience and professional expertise to their roles. Collectively, they boast over 100 years of experience in nursing education at MSU. Before transitioning into teaching, these educators worked in critical areas such as emergency care, ICU, maternal newborn, mental health, public health, NICU, geriatrics, and more. Additionally, all faculty members hold master's degrees, and many have earned doctorates, underscoring their commitment to lifelong learning.

Several of our faculty members continue to work as RNs at the bedside in addition to their teaching responsibilities, maintaining a strong connection to the realities of clinical practice.

Since our first graduating



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Dr. Amy Lee, chair, Minot State University Nursing Program.

BSN cohort in 1973, the Minot State Nursing Program has been a vital contributor to the nursing workforce in North Dakota. Currently, we graduate around 48 students each year. The program has produced a significant number of nurses, with most choosing to remain in the state to practice, thereby directly supporting and strengthening local health-care.

MSU's NCLEX pass rates are consistently above state and national averages, with a perfect 100% pass rate in 2023. Additionally, the BSN

Completion program offers flexible options for two-year RNs to obtain their BSN, a degree that, while not required for RNs, significantly enhances patient care and career advancement opportunities. Furthermore, many of our nursing students actively participate in collegiate sports, exemplifying their ability to balance rigorous academic and athletic commitments—a testament to their dedication and time management skills.

Nursing education presents unique challenges compared to typical classroom

work, particularly due to the extensive clinical experience required, which is directly supervised by nursing faculty. Clinicals demand hours of 1:8 instruction, and our students benefit from more clinical hours than those in other programs, making them highly sought after upon graduation.

The faculty's impact extends far beyond the classroom. They are not only educators but active contributors to the nursing profession through their involvement in professional organizations such as Sigma, the North

Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON), the North Dakota Nurses Association (NDNA), The North Dakota Nurse Research Collaborative (ND-NRC), the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Education and Administration (CUNEA), and the National League for Nursing (NLN). Their commitment to service, scholarship, and research is evidenced by their extensive community outreach efforts, published works, and ongoing research projects aimed at advancing healthcare in our region.

The Minot State Nursing faculty are mentors, role models, and leaders in the healthcare community. Their unwavering commitment to their students, their profession, and the people of North Dakota has made a lasting impact that extends far beyond the university's walls. As they continue to educate the next generation of nurses, they play a crucial role in shaping the future of healthcare in our state.

In a time when the demand for skilled, compassionate nurses has never been greater, the importance of the Minot State Nursing faculty cannot be overstated. Their dedication to the profession and their community is not only valued but essential to the continued advancement of healthcare in North Dakota.



Siriana Gudino

Gudino named NSIC Goalie of the Week

Minot State's goalkeeper Siriana Gudino is perfect on the young season, stopping all 10 shots she's faced through two contests.

That effort by the Beavers keeper, who posted back-to-back shutouts, earned her NSIC Goalie of the Week honors on Monday.

Turning aside all five shots she faced in the season opener on the road Thursday, Gudino recorded her fifth shutout at Minot State and led the Beavers to a 1-0 win over host Northwest Nazarene.

Unbeatable once again on Saturday in a neutral-site contest against Chaminade, Gudino recorded shutout No. 6 as a Beaver with five more saves in a 0-0 draw with the Silverswords.

Mentorship, soccer give Schmidt an entrepreneurial spirit

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Spend even a little time with the Minot State junior, and you can see the drive, determination, and imagination that make up the core components of a self-made man.

So, what was the motivation for Schmidt to enroll in MSU's entrepreneurship program instead of forging forward with his next big idea?

"I have accepted the fact that I don't know everything, that's a big thing," he said. "And my dad (Mark '93) went to MSU. He's said multiple times some of the best business decisions he made were straight out of the book. And then Clint (MSU graduate Clint Severson) was a big part of that. He was always telling me I should go back and at least try it."

While Schmidt's father serves as one of his earliest role models and a constant inspiration, his association with the Severson and the mentorship he has provided has catapulted Schmidt's career.

"Honestly, when I first met him, I was just so nervous to talk to him," Schmidt said. "I remember basically just telling him I have no idea what I'm doing. I've been able to get to this certain point, but how do I keep it going?"

"I grew up watching my dad grow his company, and that's how I got the foundation of how to start a business. I got to watch him and learned a lot from him. Once I decided to take it national, I needed to figure out who else to talk to. That's when Clint came in. Working with him has changed my life."

Severson — who is the namesake of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy and retired chairman of the board, chief executive officer, and president of Abaxis, a medical devices company based in northern California — acts as advisor, mentor, and confidant.

"Whenever I have a question, or I think I'm in trouble with some aspect, I can call him up, and we mostly just chat and brainstorm," Schmidt said. "He has always been able to explain things in ways I can comprehend, dropping it down to my level when I needed it. It started with basic financial advice and then how to set things up before I started moving forward. It's saved me a lot of hardship."



Submitted Photo

Noah Schmidt

Through his association with his father, Severson, and now Randy Conway, director of MSU's Severson Entrepreneurship Academy, Schmidt launched and grew Guardian Safety Nets. The company manufactures cargo nets originally designed for oilfield vehicles.

"It's been exciting to see the company grow," Schmidt said. "Of course, it never goes as fast or as slow as you want. When I started out, everything just flew by. We were working on getting the delivery of the product, and it seemed like just weeks, when in reality, it took a year and a half."

"It was difficult at first. This is my first company, and the expectation was I was going to get it right away and be a millionaire right away. I had to learn that it's going to take time, and honestly, I'm still trying to learn that; you must be patient."

The advice Severson gave as he began the company continues to resonate with Schmidt.

"I learned from Clint that you have to keep going and going and going," he said.

Schmidt started Guardian out of an idea and some good timing. While working with his father's family-owned automotive company, Harley's, multiple customers from the Bakken Oil Field ask for a product to secure cargo in their pickup truck beds. When the company that supplied Harley's with the product folded, Schmidt knew the market was right to take up the mantle.

We had multiple customers ask for accessories, and one that constantly came up was a better cargo net," he said. "The company that manufactured them for us before COVID ended up shutting down during the

pandemic. They had a good product, and we liked what they were doing, so we got a design team together — some of the main design people on my team worked for them — and learned from their mistakes to make a better product.

"It was perfect timing, and I have the best design team around because of it. It was a great place to start because there isn't anything like it on the market."

His early success with the company was tempered by sage advice from his team and his mentors. While he wishes things could move forward faster, he knows longevity comes from making smart decisions.

"I have to keep that in mind all the time; I can't get ahead of myself. I'm hungry, I want to have a good life and all that, and there is that part of me that is always thinking, what is going to make me the most money fast," Schmidt said. "But we focused on a great product, and, honestly, I get my tail kicked all the time. I can't say enough about the team I have around me. It's something I learned from my life in sports: you are only as good as your teammates around you."

Schmidt knows a thing or two about the life of an athlete as he lived a lifetime prior to coming back to his hometown.

As a 16-year-old, he enrolled in one of the most prestigious preparatory boarding schools in the country, IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, with the dream of becoming a professional soccer player.

His dream was shattered microscopically close as he, during a professional tryout in Minnesota as he suffered a hip injury during the second of a three-day practice. With

a contract nearly in hand, he was instead heading to surgery.

"They came to me on the second day and said they wanted to offer me a contract," he said. "I'm at the next practice; it's supposed to be the high point, and I feel something in my hip. I went to the doctor, and I completely tore my labrum, and it was pretty much over."

He doesn't regret what has transpired since.

"That was the only goal for so long," Schmidt said. "I'm right here, right where I should have been, and mentally, it was tough for a while. About three or four months after surgery was probably the lowest I've been in my life. But it was during that time that my business mindset started clicking."

Fast forward to enrolling at Minot State with Guardian beginning to take off, and a second chance at the pitch presented itself as MSU announced plans to start club men's soccer.

While it might not quite be a professional contract, his second life as a soccer player has been just as rewarding.

"I don't know how to explain it, but I feel like it was more meaningful being a part of a club program than a Division II national championship (during a year with the University of Tampa following his time at IMG)," he said. "Because we were a brand-new team and were working towards something big, it was like starting a business."

"I think we did all right to make it as far as we did and to do as well as we did, not losing a game except to the No. 1 team in the country. To make it that far was super sick, especially because it was my hometown. So, losing like that to Minnesota at the end of the year was tough, maybe the worst I've felt after a game in my career."

Schmidt returned to MSU Beavers FC for another season and is excited for yet another chance to play.

"So, yeah, growing up, soccer was everything for me; it was my only plan; I really didn't think about anything else," he said. "I think I picked up my work ethic from soccer, and it has translated into the business world. IMG was really intense, and I had to find ways to stand out."

"Obviously, I have other things going on in my life, and it isn't just soccer now. But it was something special to put on that hometown jersey."

Homecoming turns the Minot State campus into a lively hub of excitement

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As Homecoming Week arrives at Minot State University, the campus transforms into a lively hub of activities and celebrations. Students and alumni alike come together to participate in a range of events that highlight the spirit and tradition of MSU. From engaging games and spirited sports events to meaningful alumni gatherings and the very popular parade and tailgate, Homecoming is a special time that brings the MSU community closer.

But what does Homecoming truly mean to the student body?

Excitement for students comes from taking breaks after classes but enjoying the various activities held by MSU Life events bringing students together so they can have free food and tons of exciting free prizes. One of the week's many highlights is the "500 Ways to Win" event, where students can participate and win exciting prizes.

This event serves as a thrilling diversion from academic pressures and encourages unity and friendly competition among students.

Other than exciting activities, students, teachers and alumni get the chance to watch their friends, sons, or daughters play in the football game or the volleyball game. These events are particularly popular among students, offering a chance to unwind and bond with friends while celebrating their university's athletic culture. It's not just the action on the field but the enthusiasm of the crowd when it all comes together, the atmosphere is a once-in-a-lifetime feeling.

The most iconic elements of Homecoming at MSU are the parade and the tailgate. The Homecoming Parade is a festive and colorful procession that winds through the campus, featuring floats, marching bands, and various student organizations. It's a vibrant display of school spirit and creativity. Following the parade, the tailgate party is a highly anticipated event that kicks off the football game in style, where students, and alumni come together to enjoy food, music, and games before the big game. It's a chance for everyone to socialize, celebrate, and gear up for the high-energy atmosphere of the football stadium. It's a unique part of American culture you would never be

able to experience it anywhere in the world.

Several students at MSU shared their thoughts and experiences, offering unique perspectives on what Homecoming truly means to the student body. "Homecoming week is so exciting! It brings out amazing, positive, and fun vibes on campus but also the community. For me, as an international student homecoming is a time where I am stepping into something new and live a special tradition of American culture" said Alexa Sakar RHD of McCulloch Hall. "Since I am in the cheer team, we are always in the parade. We walk on the parade to the tailgate and get ready for the football game! It's fun to be surrounded by my team and the great spirit of the community." For many students being with friends and enjoying free food and music is what they have been waiting for.

"I am so excited for homecoming week. There will be an outrageous number of free items, free food, and tons of games! Homecoming is one of the best events Minot State has to offer. Homecoming for me, is family and friends coming together to celebrate a tradition, a tradition of returning home, reconnecting, and reminding everyone how strong of a community we are together", said Payton Wayman a member of the Minot State University wrestling team. "For homecoming week, it's fascinating to watch how people gather up to celebrate with each other. The games are fun, the school's spirit gets lifted and there is a lot of excitement from students for the upcoming events throughout the week. Like other students, I'm excited about it and see how this year's homecoming is going to be", said Xhuljano Shehaj.

As these students expressed, Homecoming at MSU is a time to come together, celebrate, and build excitement. Homecoming is a time for students to connect with their peers and the larger university community. For many, it's an opportunity to experience the tradition for the first time, and for some it would be their last year. It is more than just a series of events and athletic games, it's the heart of any college experience. Ultimately, Homecoming reflects the MSU tradition that has been going on for decades and will continue for decades to come.

Football Remains Main Event for Homecoming Weekend

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At Minot State University, as at many colleges around the United States, the annual homecoming celebration builds up in one highly anticipated event: the football game.

According to the University of Missouri Alumni Association, the tradition of homecoming dates back to the early 20th century. The University of Missouri hosted the first official homecoming in 1911. They were seeking to boost school spirit and encourage alumni to return to campus. Chester Brewer, the football coach and athletic director for the University of Missouri, invited alumni to attend a weekend filled with social events, rallies, and most importantly, a football game against its rival, the University of Kansas.

Football was chosen for several reasons. At the time, the sport was gaining popularity in American colleges, which attracted large crowds and generated excitement unmatched by other sports. As a fall sport, football also coincided with the start of the academic year, making it the perfect sporting event as celebration that intended to welcome students back to campus and reconnect alumni with their alma mater. The game's competitive nature, its status as a team sport, and its potential for dramatic plays were viewed as an excellent way to build school pride.

"Football is often the focal point because it brings everyone together in a way that few other events can," said Peyton Lamoureux, a former Minot State University football player. "The activities throughout the week on campus are a lot of fun, but the tailgating and pre-game events like 'Kegs and Eggs' are what really bring the community and alumni together. It's a great way for everyone to be a part of the big week."

Homecoming is about more than just the game. The week-long festivities typically include parades, pep rallies, dances, and other events designed to celebrate

school spirit and connect current students with alumni. At Minot State University, the homecoming parade marches through the city, featuring floats, marching bands, and performances that draw crowds from all over the city.

"Homecoming is a time to celebrate starting a new school year," said Megan Swenson, a sophomore at Minot State. "It's a week filled with fun and interactive events, and it ends with a parade and football game. My high school didn't have a football team, so we never celebrated homecoming. I think that has made me appreciate the way Minot State celebrates it even more. One thing I also love is the sense of school pride during homecoming week. It makes the atmosphere fun and festive."

Most international students have never seen a football game before in their home country because it is predominantly a sport played in the United States. Therefore for international students, it is a new experience. Liela Koguchi, is a former international student and alumna of MSU.

"The tailgate before the game invites everyone in the community to gather and meet friends after a long summer. Football is super fun to watch as an international student and I love the way it brings everyone at MSU together," said Koguchi.

The excitement doesn't stop with the student body. It extends to faculty and administration.

"Football is an exciting sport to watch for many. Football is mainly part of homecoming because of tradition and its ability to bring the community together," said Darren Seifert, head of the Department of Computer Science and MSU Alumnus

Football's importance in homecoming events can be attributed to tradition and its ability to unify a diverse group of people—from students and faculty to alumni, community members, and international students. The sport serves as a common ground in most communities here in the United States; a rallying point that reflects the spirit of competition and camaraderie.

Hartnett

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Photoshop piece where I Photoshoped myself into the Scarlett Witch."

The state-of-the-art refitted Hartnett Hall is now equipped with new HVAC systems, renovated classrooms and floors, and optimal natural lighting to the north facing front. The renovated classrooms include improved learning, performing, and study areas.

The facility were also considered during the renovations with new teaching spaces and offices also implemented.

Hartnett Hall is now also equipped

NOTSTOCK

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from Sept. 5 - 21.

WORDSTOCK returns with Erin Dorney, a conceptual poet from upstate New York. She will present her work on Sept. 19 and lead workshops and live poetry readings throughout the event.

"NOTSTOCK is always fun for everyone to enjoy," said Charlese Bell MSU art major. "My favorite part is printing fun designs on a t-shirt or tote bag to keep. Regardless of your experience, it gives you the opportunity to try out new creative things you'll end up loving!"

Attendees can enjoy DIY screen printing throughout the event, whether it be on paper, shirts, tote bags, or pants. The designs are set up for all to try with assistance from volunteers. There are also opportunities to engage in different forms of pottery.

POTSTOCK will feature ceramic artist Krissy Ramirez. She will showcase her work, influenced by her experiences growing up on the Arizona-Mexico border, through demonstrations and a presentation on Sept. 19. Her ceramics will also be featured at the Northwest Arts Center.

Hedberg

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students gathered in Swain Hall for the pep rally when the gym in Swain Hall had bleachers. He reminisced about the annual Johnny Holm Band concert, a staple of MSU's homecoming, with classic covers like "Mama Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to Be Cowboys" and "American Pie." The celebrations continued into the night with a homecoming dance at one of the local hotels on Saturday after the football game.

"I like the events that MSU Life has to keep people involved. They seem to have something going on every day. They also put out more free food than we ever got," said Hedberg talking about the current day homecoming events. "I think that it is similar. We get everybody back."

However, one noticeable shift is the

increased focus on reunions. "We always try to have different reunion groups. Last year, they did an all '80s reunion themed as 'The Decade of the 80s.' This year, there will be a couple of Greek life reunions," said Hedberg.

The emphasis on reunions is to reconnect alumni to their alma mater. "The foundation plans to keep putting these on to try and get people back to MSU," said Hedberg.

Not to be lost in all of the events, the iconic homecoming parade and the floats built by Greek organizations, a tradition still visible today in old photographs displayed in the student center is a center piece to homecoming weekend for the Beavers.

"Homecoming is about bringing everyone together," said Hedberg. "It's a tradition that continues to unite past and present generations of Minot State."

Esports

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great place to do both" said Dutcher.

Looking ahead, the club aims to expand its reach and continue to build on its successes.

"The best part of the

club is the friends you'll make along the way while you do things everyone enjoys," said Dutcher.

For more information, contact the club by email at esports@minotstateu.edu or connect with the club on social media to see about upcoming events.



Minot State to honor Michels, Schillo in 2024 Academic Hall of Fame

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Dr. Jacob Schillo



Dr. Vicki Michels

Minot State University will induct two new members, Vicki Michels '88 and Jacob Schillo '15, into the Minot State Academic Hall of Fame to represent its 2024 class.

A reception ceremony honoring Michels and Schillo is planned for Friday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. at the Hartnett Hall Collaboration Space on second floor. The public is invited to honor the newest members.

"Minot State is proud to announce Dr. Vicki Michels and Dr. Jacob Schillo as members of the Academic Hall of Fame," said Laurie Geller, MSU vice president for academic affairs. "Both Vicki and Jacob are exemplary scholars and leaders who have made significant contributions to their disciplines. We are proud of their accomplishments and are excited to honor them both."

The duo joins 11 other past recipients. Becky Becker '91 and Tim Henry were the most recent members of the Academic Hall of Fame, enshrined in 2020. Veronica (Cavallo) Pinnick '04 was inducted in 2019, Robert Hubbard '91 in 2014, Kim Baldrige '82 in 2013, Robert Holmen '83/'88 and Joe Alme '68 in 2012, and Carrie Forshner Evans '90, Lisa Feldner '86/'90, Delane C. Kristky '65, and Rosanne Olson '72 were a part of the inaugural class in 2011.

Michels received her bachelor's degree, majoring in psychology, from Minot State University, and her doctorate from the University of Wyoming in clinical psychology. She is a licensed psychologist,

professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Criminal Justice Chair, and the director of the Addiction Studies Program at Minot State.

She was part of the team that helped establish Trinity Health Center's outpatient behavioral health unit. Michels has served as the president of the International Coalition for Addiction Studies Education, the president of the North Dakota Board of Addiction Counselor Examiners, the chair of the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission Board of Commissioners, and the editorial board for the journal Substance Abuse. She has published research examining factors impacting post-traumatic growth, women prisoner's mental health, and older adults' cognitive abilities and mental health.

Schillo, a native of Iowa, served six years as a nuclear weapons specialist in the U.S. Air Force. His military service brought him to North Dakota, where, after completing his service, he pursued a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Minot State University. During his time as an undergraduate student at Minot State, he began his cancer research career under the mentorship of Heidi Super, focusing on

how chemotherapies affect DNA structure in leukemias.

He then pursued a doctorate in genetics at the University of Iowa, where he developed novel genetic sequencing technologies that advance our understanding of cancer evolution. Currently, as a scientist at Yale University, Schillo is working to uncover the mechanisms driving lung cancer metastasis, developing new therapeutic regimens to combat the disease.

Induction into the Minot State University Academic Hall of Fame honors meritorious service in an academic discipline and highlights the accomplishments of our most distinguished alumni. Nominations may be made by any individual or organization, either within Minot State University or from the community at large. Nominees must be Minot State alumni who completed a significant portion of their education at Minot State, have gone on to complete an advanced degree, and made a substantial contribution to the advancement of their field of study.

More information on the Minot State Academic Hall of Fame, including past winners and nominating individuals, can be accessed online.

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