FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for your service!

Please stop in the Veterans Center (Administration 152). The Veterans Center is here for student veterans and would appreciate it if student veterans would keep us up to date and bring any suggestions they may have to help the center better serve them.

— Andy Heitkamp, Veteran Services director

US Armed Forces dates—March

3 Navy Reserves Birthday
15 American Legion Birthday
19 National Day of Honor
30 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

Events Attended in February

Feb. 4........Safe Communities
   Early Alert meeting
Feb. 5........Military Affairs Committee
   ADA webinar
Feb. 10........Mental health first aid training part 1
Feb. 11........Mental health First aid training part 2
   American Legion Womens Auxiliary Unit # 26 meeting
Feb. 20........Webpage Webinar
Feb. 21........American Legion meeting
Feb. 22........University Cabinet
   Inter-Agency meeting
Feb. 24........ADA Webinar on Read and Write Gold
Feb. 26........North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities and Minot State University’s University Diversity Committee speaker Kostas Voutsas
   Practices for Serving Student Veterans webinar

Important Dates

Mar. 2........... Campus Connection training for students – 1:30 p.m., Conference Center (Student Center third floor)
Mar. 3........... Campus Connection training for students - 1:30 p.m., Conference Center (Student Center third floor)
Mar. 6........... Fall and summer graduation applications due
Mar. 16-20.... Spring break (no classes)
Mar. 23......... Second eight week classes begin
Mar. 24-26.... Summer and fall registration (Currently enrolled students)
Mar. 26......... Last Day to add second eight week class
   Last day to drop a second eight week class or withdraw from all classes and receive 100 % refund
The Registrar’s Office will conduct training on use of your campus connections account for producing your graduation plan, planning your required classes by semester, and use of the “what if button” on March 2nd and 3rd. The 50 minute instruction block was very well received by those in attendance fall semester. Current Minot State Veteran students using benefits are encouraged to attend to help them make sure they are getting the most out of these educational benefits! Contact Andy Heitkamp; Veteran Center Director, at (701)858-4002 with questions.

North Dakota Brian Injury Network
Open House – Wednesday March 11th 4 – 6 p.m.
Independence, Inc. A Resource Center for Independent Living, 300 3rd Ave. SW, Suite F, Minot, ND 58701

Stop by and learn about the NDBIN’s resource facilitation Program for brain injury survivors and their families. Information about our free referral service will be available. A Resource Facilitator from NDBIN will be on site to answer questions about life after brain injury, finding available resources and navigating the service system. For more information contact Nickie Livedalen, resource facilitator, NDBRIN, Nicole.livedalen@med.und.edu at (701)317-4172
Pennies for Patients underway

Annually, Minot State University Residence Life staff fundraise for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the “Pennies for Patients” competition. LLS strives to eradicate leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

LLS, the world’s largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, was founded in 1949. It also funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. Chapters exist throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Last year, MSU raised $5,044.68, but this year, it hopes to raise $5,500.00! Residence Life provided a money bucket for each office and encourages all offices to participate. The competition runs through March 13.

For questions contact Camila Van Dyke (Pennies for Patients program coordinator) at camila.vandyke@minotstateu.edu or 858-3584. Donations of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, bills and checks (made payable to LLS) are gratefully accepted.

To learn more about The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, visit its website at www.schoolandyouth.org/mn. To make a donation online, go to visit http://mn.llsevent.org/ng/index.cfm/a81dea/regPages/pledge/MINOTSTATEUNIVERSITY/.

Ali’s Info

Hello fellow student veterans. I enjoy being part of this newsletter with you. I have been busy entering information to our Veterans Center log spreadsheet. Thanks to all who diligently sign in and provide the pertinent information needed to keep the log accurate and complete.

The log has become a valuable tool and is used on a need basis. I feel compelled to inform everyone about the Free Soup Tuesdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Administration room 158. The room is right next door to the Veterans Center. It would be great to see more of you join us for a hot bowl of many varieties of soups and don’t forget a sweet treat also. Special “Thanks” to the Lutheran Campus Ministry for providing this fantastic way to share fellowship. Midterm exams for spring semester 2015 will soon be our main focus. Hope everyone gets the opportunity to relax during Spring break. Stop by and visit; it is always fun to see you.

With respect
Ali Coleman, Veteran Center Work Study

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars to provide $100,000 in scholarships

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars is accepting scholarship applications from North Dakota high school seniors and college students. Scholarships ranging from $500 to $2,500 will be awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. Applicants must be from a North Dakota community with an active Dollars for Scholars chapter to qualify. Students from a wide range of backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Scholarship offerings cover a variety of categories including need-based, vocational/technical schools, military family, and community service and continuing college students. Scholarships sponsors by professional associations are also available to college students in specific majors, including: accounting, advertising, agricultural economics, banking, business, communications, computer and information technology sciences, economics, education, finance, graphic arts, journalism and nutrition.

The application deadline for all North Dakota Dollars for Scholars scholarships is April 1. Additional scholarship details and the online application are available at northdakota.dollarsforscholars.org. To apply, students must create a profile in our online student center. This profile allows students to be matched to scholarships based on their personal information. Students will also be able to use this profile to find future opportunities from their local chapter as well as North Dakota Dollars for Scholars and the national organization.

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars 2015 Scholarships (Application deadline April 1)
APPLY ONLINE AT northdakota.dollarsforscholars.org

High School Senior Scholarships
• Dr. Frandkin Community Service/Volunteer scholarship
  ▪ $500 scholarships will be awarded to students who excel in community service
• Military Scholarship
  ▪ $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to dependents of members of a North Dakota military unit/installation (Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student)
• JoAnn Link Hertzel Vocational/Technical/Trade School Scholarship
  - $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending a vocational or technical/trade school
  (Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full-time student). Students pursuing mechanics, electrical, welding or surveying will receive preference for scholarships sponsored by Falkirk Mining Company and Coteau Properties Company.

Current College Students Scholarships
• $2,500 scholarship awarded to a student pursuing an education degree (Applicant must be a junior or senior with a 2.5 GPA or higher and must be a full time student and be employed at least 10 hours per week).
• Military Scholarship
  - $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to dependents of members of a North Dakota military unit/installation (Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student).
• James A. Guy returning students/graduate students scholarship
  - $1,000 scholarships will be awarded (Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student) Must major in accounting, advertising, agricultural economics, banking, business, communications, computer and information technology sciences including programing, data processing, web design, system analysis, networking, engineering, simulator maintenance, economics, finance, graphic arts, journalism including related majors that support community such as, nutrition and dietetics.

2015 Scholarship Sponsors
Summa cum laude – $10,000 + (Bank of North Dakota)
Magna cum laude: $5,00-$9,999 (Coteau Properties Company, Falkirk Mining Company, James A Guy Memorial Endowment)
Cum laude – $2,500-$4,999 - (Bell State Bank & Trust – Fargo, MDU Resources Foundation, Robert & Doris Alin Legacy Scholarship Endowment, Starion Financial)
(888)592-8540 – statrdirector@undfs.org – www.northdakota.dollarsforscholars.org

MSU Writing Center is open
The MSU Writing Center is now open for tutoring. The Writing Center is located on the lower level of Gordon B. Olson Library. Tutoring is free for all Minot State University students. Tutors can help with papers in any subject, at any stage of the writing process. The center offers both 30-minute and one-hour sessions.

The Writing Center believes in engaging the writer and tutor in conversation and collaboration to work on their paper, which means students need to be present and involved in the session. Writing Center staff do not do “drop off editing.”

For students who cannot make scheduled times, the center offers e-tutoring, tutoring via email. However, face-to-face sessions are more beneficial, because students can ask questions and receive more immediate feedback. If a student makes an e-tutoring appointment, he/she does not need to also schedule a face-to-face session.

The Writing Center uses WC Online, a web-based scheduling site. To access the site, students should go to http://minot.mywconline.com/ and create an account. Students can then log in and click on any white space in the online schedule to make an appointment. Tutoring works best if students schedule an appointment well before the due date. The Writing Center should be one stop on the way to a finished paper, not the last stop.

Writing Center tutors are available for presentations to classes as their schedule permits. To schedule these or for more information, please contact 858-3073 or via email at patti.kurtz@minotstateu.edu

—Patti Kurtz, Writing Center director
American Legion Women’s Auxiliary member Carol Crabbe presents Valentine’s Day cards for the Minot State University student Veterans.

Thank you to the Office of Enrollment Services for helping with the Veterans valentines from the American Legion Auxiliary unit #26. Pictured above is (left) Carissa Botton and (right) Erica Ziegler. Below (right) Cole Kruger and (left) Forrest Macy.

Souris Valley Amateur Radio Club is having training classes for Amateur Radio License.

All ages are welcome to participate.
Classes will start Tuesday March 10th, 2015 at 7 p.m. and continue meeting each Tuesday for 6 weeks.
The cost will be $25.00 and will be refunded if you attend all classes, complete the course and pass the Technician Class Amateur Radio Test.
Classes will be held in the Red Cross Building (2021 4th Ave. NW, Minot, ND). Signs will be posted to guide where to go from there.
Registration by March 3rd, 2015 is required.
Drop In Tutoring

Old Main Room 101/103

Contact Jessica Smestad (701)858-4039

Check the website for schedule or stop in the tutoring center: http://www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/

Math Clinic is located in Model Hall 212

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1(888)442-4551

Disability services are also available for anyone with a service documented disability by contacting Evelyn Klimpel (701)858-3371. Alternate format, testing accommodations, note taking, and electronic books are just a few of the accommodation available.

http://www.minotstateu.edu/disability_services/

Check out what's happening on campus —MSU Calendar of Events

WWW.MINOTSTATEU.EDU

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https://www.facebook.com/MinotStateVeterans

Minot State University Facebook page link
https://www.facebook.com/minotstateuniversity