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Message from the President



Support by friends of MSU has never been as important as it is right now. North Dakota is experiencing financial challenges, and the state's economic slowdown is impacting higher education especially hard. As the current legislative session proceeds, MSU (as well as N.D.'s other public colleges and universities) is being asked to prepare a budget representing a reduction of approximately 20% compared to the state appropriation received during the last biennium. For MSU, this translates to a cut of over \$9 million. We are getting through this difficult time, but

it is not without sacrifice. Gifts such as that of Severson and Ahart, along with a recent major gift from the Janis Dislevy estate (to support MSU's College of Business), and a significant investment by Trinity Health (to support nursing at MSU and at Dakota College at Bottineau), are helping soften the pain, ensuring MSU continues delivering and growing important academic programs for our students.

Your support, whether financial, or based on time and talent you contribute to MSU, will help the university

navigate these challenging waters and continue serving our students and serving our region. MSU has a long and proud tradition exceeding 100 years, and while times are somewhat challenging right now, the support of our friends, alumni, and supporters is helping ensure MSU is as strong now as it ever has been.

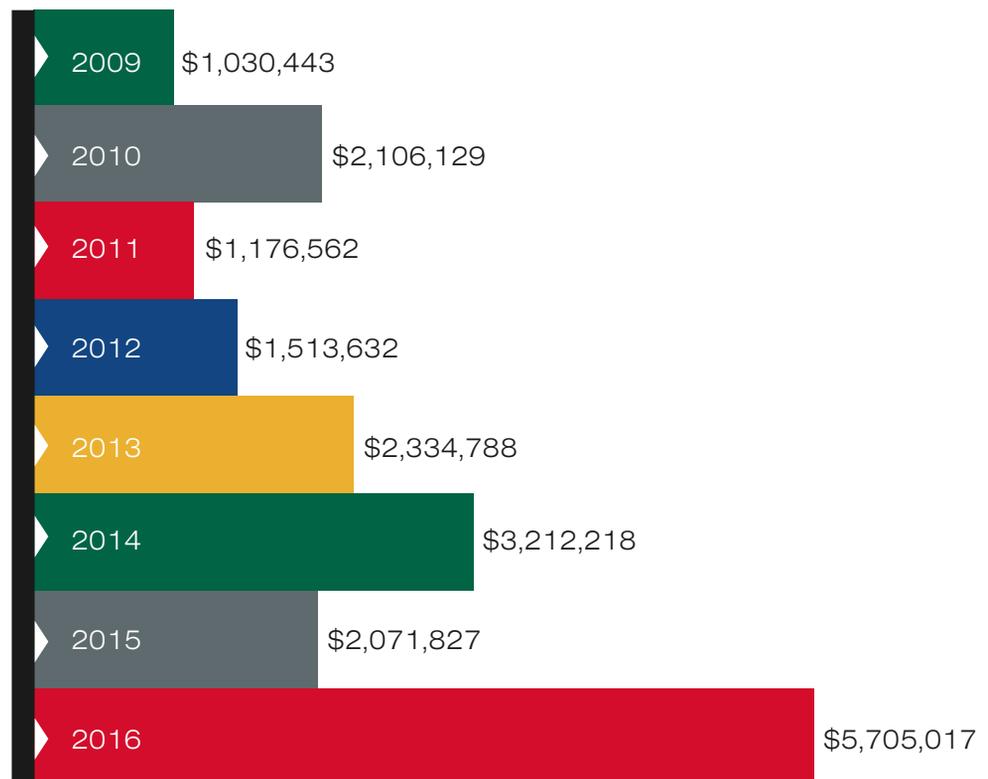
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Steven W. Shirley, Ph.D.
President

As you can see in the graph on this page, we have a lot to be proud of at Minot State University.

And when I write "we," I mean all of us — every single person reading this issue of *Connections*. The 2016 calendar year was a record year for the MSU Foundation as \$5.7 million was raised. This shattered the previous record by a nearly 80% increase. Of course, this record is not possible without the generosity, support, and trust of our supporters and donors. In particular, I would like to thank Clint Severson and Conni Ahart — their \$2 million gift for entrepreneurship education announced last year is helping ensure MSU's success. Also significant last year was continuation of the Challenge Grant program supported by the N.D. Legislature, the Governor's Office, and the N.D. State Board of Higher Education.

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COVER STORY



Alum succeeds in global enterprise

Andrew Evanoff '09, senior product manager with Abaxis, takes risks and reaps rewards in a professional adventure that uncovers the mystery of living abroad.

Cover Photo:

Evanoff outside the Abaxis Corporation in Frankfurt, Germany.



Alum succeeds in Go for it.

This is the single most important piece of advice Andrew Evanoff '09, a senior product manager with Abaxis, has to share with anybody who is uncertain about a great opportunity.

“You jump in and take a risk,” Evanoff said.

“It may not have been practical, but it changed my life for the better.”

global enterprise





vanoff earned a degree in marketing from Minot State University in 2009. Upon graduation, he worked as an intern with Abaxis, a medical device company in northern California. This was an unexpected opportunity, as Evanoff had only met Clint Severson and Conni Ahart one month prior to graduation.

Severson is chairman of the board, chief executive officer and president of Abaxis. He is also the 2007 Forbes Entrepreneur of the Year and a 1973 alumnus of Minot State.

“They (Clint and Conni) take a special interest in people from Minot,” Evanoff said. “While they were speaking in Minot, I got a chance to sit with them at Beaver Brew Café and get to know them. At the end of their visit, I thanked them and didn’t expect to see them again, but a short while later, they reached out to me and asked if I’d be interested in an internship.”

Severson and Ahart welcomed him to California, assisted him with finding a place to live and mentored him. Once he completed his three-month internship with Abaxis, the company hired Evanoff full time as a business development associate. After a year, he switched to sales. While life with Abaxis in California was grand, he knew the company offered more opportunities.

“I had never traveled abroad,” Evanoff said. “And Abaxis was in Europe, so I decided to pursue that adventure.”

Evanoff kept in touch with the managing director at Abaxis Europe, who was aware of his aspirations to relocate. In 2013, the opportunity to operate out of Frankfurt, Germany, presented itself.

“I jumped in cold,” he said.

“I transferred to sales, and it was structured differently. In the business outside of the Americas, a lot of the

work is with focused distribution partners, rather than directly with our end customers. And, rather than having a territory designated by zip codes, your territory is defined by a group of countries or world regions.

“As an international account manager, the main focus of my work was in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, with other projects throughout Europe and Asia. After almost four years based in Germany, I’ve had the opportunity to work in almost 40 countries around the world, a great professional and personal experience.”

Evanoff has continued to move up the ladder in his eight years with Abaxis and was recently promoted to senior product manager.

The decision to move across the globe turned out to be everything Evanoff

hoped for, and Minot State helped prepare him.

“MSU does a great job of teaching you to be more adaptable,” Evanoff said. “I spent quite a bit of time learning from (former College of Business dean) JoAnn Linrud.”

What was the most important lesson Evanoff acquired at MSU?

“I learned how to learn,” he said. “Even now, there are days I feel totally lost, but by the end of the day, I find a solution.”

Working with business people in over 40 countries presents many challenges, but it’s something he thoroughly enjoys.

“What is so fun is adapting the corporate strategy to local markets,” Evanoff said. “It’s completely different compared to working in the U.S. You take Europe, with 740 million people, and every market is different, so you have to market differently to each

one. The constant need to adapt your strategy is fascinating.”

Abaxis produces heavily regulated products, and regulations can vary drastically from one country to the next. In addition to varying regulations, the need to adapt is essential when working with a multitude of cultures.

“Everybody is really proud of their culture, so a successful company not only respects culture but also embraces it,” he said. “A big part of embracing a culture is establishing yourself in the company and the community. Most cultures want to be inclusive, so you can really learn a lot by being open and interested.”

The mystery of living abroad continues to unveil itself through not only his professional travels but also his personal life. Married last year, Evanoff and his wife, Simone, welcomed a daughter, Sarah, in February.

“My wife and daughter are by far my proudest accomplishments,” he said. “I met Simone through work and colleagues ... kind of an office romance. Simone has a doctorate in neuroscience and works in technical/scientific marketing.”

Not only do the Evanoffs travel for business, but they also spend weekends in other countries.

“Frankfurt is a great place to live,” Evanoff said.

“Germany is great from a lifestyle perspective. We can fly or take a train to most European countries in a few hours. It’s fun when we have a long weekend and decide to go to Prague. It’s been incredible seeing so much of the world. I love North Dakota, but Europe has been fantastic.” ■





NURSES

touch nearly every life at some point in time. From birth to death and many times in between, nurses impact countless lives.

Above: Nursing instructor Amy (Sullivan) Roberts '01 (left) works with students in the MSU nursing simulation lab.



SIMULATION

is key to strong MSU nursing program

educating highly skilled, compassionate nurses has become much more involved over the years, but Minot State University and its supporters have ensured that the MSU Nursing Program is as robust and current as ever. With rapidly changing health care, this task is no easy feat.

“The health care delivery system has become extremely complex,” said Niki Roed,

chair of the MSU Department of Nursing. “Communication and coordination of care among providers, specialties and disciplines, evidence-based practice standards and the requirements of governing agencies, such as Medicare, Medicaid and insurance companies, makes health care difficult to navigate for nearly all of our patients and their families. It is even more dif-

ficult to teach this complexity in the classroom.”

Nursing education has evolved immensely over the years. Formal nursing education programs began in the United States in the early 1900s, at a time when nurses were trained in the acute-care hospital setting, often through trial and error.

In 1970, the MSU Department of Nursing was

established, and the learning process involved lecturing, textbooks and faculty-led clinical experiences. Fast forward to 2017, nearly 50 years later, and dramatic changes have been made in how nurses are educated. It is difficult to find clinical agencies that are willing to collaborate with nursing programs, due to their own challenges with the complexity of health care. Patients

are sicker, turnover is higher and resources are lacking. Finding appropriately trained personnel and patients willing to authorize nursing students to work with them can also be a challenge.

“Hands-on experience and education at clinical sites are often left to chance, as it depends on what happens that particular day,” Roed said.

The solution? Simulation. The implementation of high-fidelity simulation across the entire nursing curriculum provides students a similar experience and enables them to practice and make mistakes in a safe environment. It also gives instructors the ability to keep track of what information the students receive and what the additional focus needs to include.

“Simulation is a wonderful tool,” Roed said. “And while it certainly enhances our clinical experiences, it does not replace them. Simulation and real-life, hands-on experience go hand in hand.”

Simulation became a key part of nursing education in the late 2000s, but the equipment and supplies have



Niki Roed, chair, Minot State University Department of Nursing

been expensive. Thanks to the support of its donors, the MSU Nursing Program has always provided not only the most current technology in high-fidelity simulation experiences, but also support for supplies and equipment to prepare students for the clinical setting and workplace. These items include medication carts with scanning options, IV pumps, and ventriscopes for listening to heart and lung sounds.

MSU is also fortunate to have highly qualified faculty with a wide range of practical experience who are excellent in

incorporating evidence-based practice across the lifespan.

“Jim (Jensen) and I invested in MSU’s Nursing Program because it is very good and much needed,” said Karen Jensen. “Jim was chair of the Trinity Hospital board of directors for 12 years and witnessed first-hand the need for nurses and was an advocate for this program.”

The program continues to thrive and graduate highly qualified nurses to provide safe, quality care across the state. This is the result of the joint effort between the MSU Department of Nursing and its supporters. Since the program’s inception, donors have not

only funded the much-needed supplies and equipment, but also numerous scholarships for nursing students. Due to the rigor of academics and clinical requirements in nursing programs, students often find it difficult to work during college. These scholarships provide students with financial assistance so they can focus on their education.

Recently, Trinity Health, Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau embarked on a five-year collaboration to assist in meeting the health care needs of the region and create additional opportunities for students to



“Once you become a nurse, you become a teacher, and the nursing students I precept now are benefiting so much from simulation. I’ve been at Trinity since I was 15, and it was that collaborative effort between Trinity and MSU that helped me to make sure I had the best experience possible.”

— Elizabeth Malnaa '14,
BSN, RN at Trinity Health Emergency/Trauma Center

receive a nursing education in the community. Trinity Health committed \$1.25 million to MSU's Department of Nursing and \$500,000 to DCB's nursing programs. The initiative, Nursing for the Future, is aimed at ensuring that both institutions will continue to admit, prepare and graduate high-quality nurses.

"Our organizations share a vision of attracting talented people into the nursing profession, so we can continue to support our patients and region for years to come," said Karen Zimmerman, RN, MSN, Trinity Health vice president and chief nursing officer. "This partnership demonstrates what we can do together when faced with challenges in an ever-changing but very exciting industry."

While the number of nurses employed in North Dakota has increased in recent years, there continues to be a severe shortage. This is due in part to the fact that the nursing roles have blossomed over the years. Nurses no longer work only at the bedside, but many have taken active roles in different venues, including quality,

revenue and case management, leadership, telemedicine, hospice, public and community health, and much more.

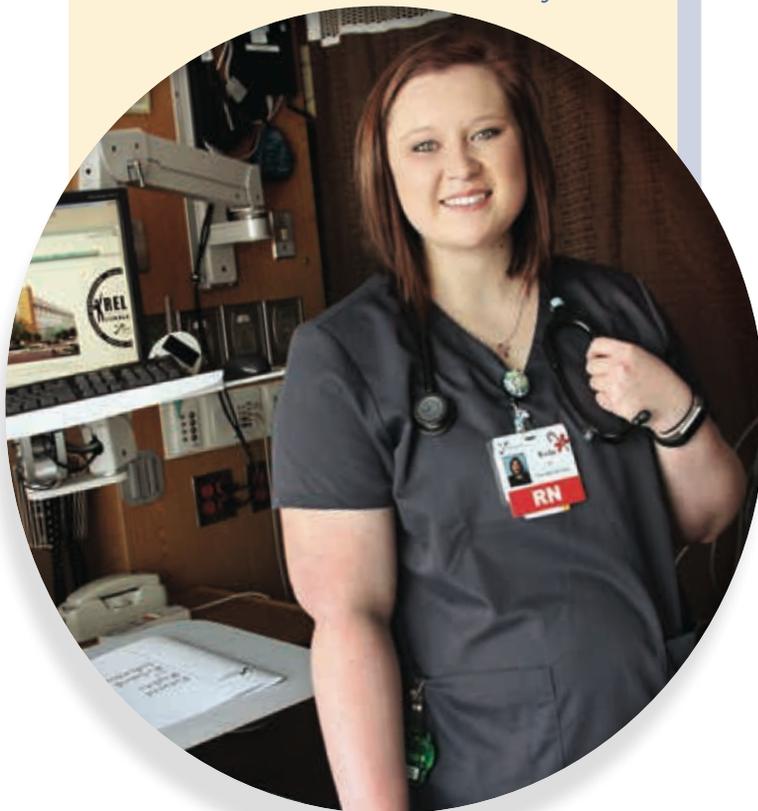
"People are living longer with more complex health issues," Roed said. "Nurses will continue to play a huge role in managing the quality of life for these individuals at the bedside, in nursing leadership, as advanced practice nurses, or in nursing education."

Thus, the need for nurses continues to grow, and the MSU Nursing Program needs to grow with it. The program admits students every semester and always has more applicants than available positions. In order to admit additional students, the space would need to expand for faculty and clinical site options.

"In order to maintain a quality program, we need highly qualified faculty, equipment and supplies for teaching and preparing students for the clinical setting," Roed said. "We are extremely grateful for all of our donors over the years and to those who will help us to maintain and continue to grow our program in the future." ■

"All of the MSU instructors want to see their students succeed, and the simulation throughout the program is great, as it provides a safe place to learn from your mistakes. I also discovered what I wanted to do when I interned at Trinity. It was an invaluable experience."

— Kylie Mindt '16
BSN, RN, Ortho/Neuro Unit
at Trinity Health



Representatives of Minot State University, Dakota College at Bottineau, and Trinity Health celebrate their partnership to educate nurses. Pictured left to right: Larry Brooks, DCB; Dawn Romfo, DCB; Pat Holien, Trinity Health board; Jerry Migler, DCB; Steve Shirley, MSU; Laurie Geller, MSU; Karen Krebsbach, Trinity Health board; Karen Zimmerman, Trinity Health; Niki Roed, MSU



Minot State grad travels multiple lanes in the fitness industry

Sean Levesque graduated from Minot State with a degree in corporate fitness and physical education in 2000. He never intended to pursue that degree, but MSU physical education professor Terry Eckmann saw his potential and redirected his career.

His MSU training enabled Levesque to pursue a career of serial reinvention in the fitness industry. The Minot native has been a schoolteacher, personal trainer, nutrition coach, corporate fitness specialist, YMCA manager and regional director, entrepreneur, life coach and salesman. He has also served as a master trainer in fitness guru Jillian Michaels' organization among others. He currently lives and works in the Twin Cities area.



Levesque recently spoke to *Connections* about his time at Minot State and his career in fitness ...

Looking back, why was Minot State such a good fit for you?

The intimate setting lent itself to developing relationships. The professional relationships can be long lasting and impactful as you develop your career. You have someone to talk to, ask questions of and rely on.

As for relationships, Terry Eckmann was a shaping influence on your career, first through the Trinity Wellness Center in Minot and later as an MSU professor. How did she get you started?

She hired me, a green student who had no experience with training or teaching, and put me in front of groups of people and made me start teaching. Thanks to her, I got started in this career that has lasted 20-plus years now.

Gary Leslie, another physical education professor, was also an important influence on you. How so?

He inspired me. He always had profound things to say that made me think about things in a way I hadn't before.

He pushed his students and believed in them. Some days I did not want to go

to class because of the workload. He gave you what you needed to be successful and had high expectations for you.

After almost three decades in the fitness industry, what advice would you give current MSU students?

One of the things I highly recommend is to make yourself as marketable as you possibly can. So many people want to focus on one or two things. That can hold you back from all the opportunities that are out there.

You don't know what you don't know when you're young. Seek as much knowledge as you can. Get certified in many different areas. The network you will develop and the experience you get can be very powerful. I've always had three or four jobs over the years — one full time and a handful of other part-time jobs. In fitness, there are so many things you can do.

More than 60 percent of the American population is overweight and obese. Obesity, which plagues 36 percent of the population, adds \$147 billion to the nation's medical bill each

year and leads to 120,000 preventable deaths annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. How is the fitness industry confronting this issue?

We're still not anywhere close to making a dent in the obesity epidemic. Less than 3 percent of our population gets the recommended 20 minutes a day of exercise. The only way we're going to do that is if we're able to meet people where they are.

The No. 1 and 2 most powerful retention tools in our industry are one-on-one personal training and group exercise live. Virtual programming is a great bridge to get people confident with movement and get them into a gym to develop a relationship with a trainer or group exercise instructor. We're trying to get people moving their bodies as much as possible. We're trying to inspire people one class at a time.



WELLBEATS, your current employer, is the world's leading virtual group fitness provider. It partners with health clubs, military bases, corporations, schools and recreation centers to provide a wide variety of online exercise classes for members. How does it work?

On any device, at any time, anywhere, you can download our app or go to a website and find one of our classes when you belong to a facility that is offering WELLBEATS.

We have always been looked at as the pioneers in this particular virtual space, and we're trying to stay in that same place.

Virtual programming is growing like crazy. It's going to be very difficult

to be competitive if you don't offer virtual fitness in your gym or corporate office.

Describe the range of virtual programs that WELLBEATS offers.

We launched a line of kids programming last summer. We have classes called Purposeful Play for the 3-to-5-year-olds. Generation Fit takes all of our adult programming and (puts) it in a kid-friendly setting. We did a line of classes called Sports Ready, which is sports conditioning to prepare a kid's body for the field or court.

We have a line of classes for the boomer generation, 45 to 65 year-olds, and a line of classes called Silver and Fit for those 65 and older.

With everything from pre/post natal to senior classes, we're trying to hit every demographic.

Besides weight management, what other benefits does exercise offer?

We want to exercise regularly because it's the right thing to do. Our bodies were built to move. It makes you feel better, makes you more creative. You sleep better and have more energy. It can positively impact every area of your life.

You and your wife, Kay, have three children — Conner, 13, Renae, 10, and Caden, 7. How do you get them to exercise?

The most powerful thing we can do as parents is to be good role models. It's not what you say, it's what you do that makes the biggest impact on kids. ■

New home discovered on

d music professor became enchanted with Minot and its artistic possibilities, so she and her husband settled here to pursue their careers.

“Ken (Bowles, retired MSU Division of Music chair and professor) and I came here as newlyweds on an adventure in August 1993,” recalled DeVera Bowles, a MSU music professor. “Minot had so much going on — choral groups galore, multiple civic bands, Summer Theatre, Høstfest, resident orchestra and opera company. I was impressed by the quality of the schools, the Northern Plains focus on hearth and home, and the beautiful summers. I quickly came to love Minot State and North Dakota.”

Bowles joined the music faculty in 1994. In addition to maintaining a voice studio, Bowles participates in campus, community and state activities.

The native of Chadbourn, N.C., names her mother, Betty Jane Hughes Ward, as her most powerful role model and credits her father with encouraging her advanced musical studies.

“I continue to realize how deeply I’m impacted by my mother’s influence. She was strong willed and committed to her children,” Bowles said. “Although she wasn’t trained as a musician, she loved music, especially singing. My father, Bill Edwards, encouraged me to pursue graduate studies as I approached 30. My mother knew I had a knack and let me pursue piano and voice study without pushing me to be competitive.”

Bowles credits many strong, professional musical influences in her life.

“Ed Miller, my first voice teacher, absolutely opened my world,” she said. “He took me to hear Benita Valente in the Bach Aria group and Beverly Sills in concert! I sang in the Pfeiffer College Concert Choir with Dr. Richard Brewer. My love affair with choral music began and has steadily grown through my working relationship with my husband. Coincidentally, Dr. Brewer began his collegiate teaching at Minot State Teachers College.”

Bowles earned her bachelor’s degree at Pfeiffer College and her master’s degree in vocal performance at Eastern Carolina University. In 2009, she completed her doctorate in vocal performance through Texas Tech University.

Through the years, Bowles has witnessed many changes to the campus. The renovation of Ann Nicole Nelson Hall provided MSU with a state-of-the-art performance hall, possibly the best in the state. She finds the climate resulting from a more diverse faculty to be enriching. Colleagues, fellow artists and her students continue to inspire Bowles.

“We’re always making music,” Bowles said. “There’s an endless stream of opportunity to create and share. I’ve worked with nine teachers/coaches and countless students. They’ve all taught me something.”

Bowles’ passion for music and teaching remains.

“I love teaching voice,” Bowles said. “Ken is my favorite tenor, and singing with him is the best. Now that he’s retired, maybe we’ll find more time for recitals together.” ■



northern adventure



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Marques said.

South American student excels in new setting

A Brazilian exchange student has overcome early culture shock to quietly weave herself into the fabric of Minot. While friends in Sao Paulo followed the siren song of large American universities in warmer climates, Barbara Marques chose the Grant Wood setting of Minot because of its smaller size,

frosty climate and opportunity to practice English.

“North Dakota is different from the whole country,” she said. “Many people say this is a special place. I think it is too. I love it.”

Marques’ biggest adjustment to Minot wasn’t the language or weather, however; it was food.

“I had a hard time finding fresh vegetables and fruits in Minot,” she said. “And

in Brazil, our biggest meal is lunch; here it’s dinner.” But over three years, she has slowly succumbed to American cuisine, developing a helpless addiction to cookies, brownies and ice cream.

Marques, a junior, is majoring in international business and marketing. She is gaining valuable experience as marketing coordinator for Sodexo, Minot State University’s provider of dining services.

“I plan events, design posters, advertise; I do all our social media,” she said. “It challenges me. I’ve been learning a lot about time management and reporting to other people.”

Marques lived on campus during her first year, so she has a sense of students’ dining needs. She also solicits their opinions on a regular basis.

“Seeing that they’re happy when we do something different makes me happy,” she said.

For the last two years, Marques has lived with MSU staff members Joan and Stephen Banister, further deepening her roots in the community.

“They’re my family here,” she said. “We’re really close.”

The quietly driven Marques hopes to explore new landscapes when she graduates next year.

“I’d like to do my master’s degree and serve a mission for my church. I’m not sure what the order will be,” she said. “I’d like to go somewhere a little bit warmer. I’m OK with the cold, but four years might be enough.”

Her long-range vision is less clear-eyed, however.

“My ultimate goal is to open a business, maybe a franchise,” she said. “I don’t know if I’m staying in the States or if I’m going back home.”

Marques will figure it out. She has a track record for making solid choices. She’s proud that she attended an American university, paid her own way and earned top grades.

“I’ve learned so much about myself here,” she said. “I came to know wonderful people that are part of my heart for the rest of my life.” ■

downtheroad

with Leif Bakken



“If mom or dad are listening to their son or daughter play, they want to hear their name and hometown. Getting those things right is super important to me,” he said.

Never satisfied, Bakken plans to take his webcasts in nervy new directions next year.

“We want to do a pregame, halftime and postgame show, coach and athlete interviews ... make it ESPN-esque,” he said.

After graduation, Bakken hopes to begin the giddy climb to the major college and professional ranks. But one thing he can't do is return home.

“I have a contract with my dad that for two years after graduation I will not come back and ranch,” he said. “He wants me to pursue my own dream.”

To paraphrase his webcast signoff, sports fans will be hearing much more from the frighteningly talented Leif Bakken “down the road.” ■

Using his vocal talents, junior Leif Bakken has become the streaming voice of Beaver athletics on the Internet.

The slightly built broadcaster speaks in rapid-fire volleys of words. Facts, figures and stories spew from his mouth like sparks.

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Bakken, who grew up on a family ranch near Lemmon, S.D., quit playing basketball in high school. Wanting to stay close to the game he loved, he broadcast JV games on a local radio station. Unwittingly, he had found his niche.

“I knew this is what I wanted to do. I just love sports; it's a passion,” he said.

Bakken enrolled at Minot State to major in broadcast production. With the brash naivete of a freshman, he approached the Athletics Department about webcasting sports. Skeptical officials soon marveled at his output. The first year, he did play-by-play for volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and softball.

Knowing little about volleyball before his first game, he did research using standard millennial methodology — he scoured YouTube for videos.

“I watched NCAA volleyball championships, Division I, beach volleyball. I studied; I learned the terms,” he said.

His sophomore year, Bakken added soccer, a sport he came to love. This year, he incorporated football into his home-game-only repertoire. The broadcasting dynamo takes an academic approach to game preparation.

“I treat it as a class, getting background on players, printing off rosters, looking at stats,” he said. “I can get numbers and names together quickly. It's something that has always clicked with me.”

When streaming live sporting events, Bakken maintains a breezy earnestness, striving to please his always-invisible audience.

RUDOLPH'S RISE



Tyler Rudolph ranks in the top 35 in the country in scoring, rebounding and double-doubles. He is third in the NSIC in scoring at 20.9 per game and leads the league in rebounding (10.1) and double-doubles (13). His 13 double-doubles gives him 27 for his career, a number he is especially proud of.

There was a time early on in Tyler Rudolph's career when the numbers didn't necessarily foretell future greatness.

Over the first 10 games of his career, while battling mononucleosis and adjusting to college basketball, he averaged just 3.5 points and 3.7 rebounds per game.

But then it all changed after a Christmas break.

"I was stuck in my room for about three weeks straight," he said. "I knew I was going to have to work even harder because of what I missed. It was a really hard process, but the coaches guided me through that. Coming off the break, I started to understand what it took to be a college basketball player, and my body got back into shape."

There was a glimpse of what was to come late in his first season. He reached double figures for the first time against Minnesota Crookston in January, broke loose for 20-plus points twice and netted his first double-double, scoring 22 points and adding 10 rebounds against Bemidji State in February.

Fast forward to the second week in February 2017 and the now junior from Bismarck is passing legends in MSU men's basketball and NCAA basketball for that matter. He moved past MSU great and Hall of Fame coach Dale Brown for 12th all-time in scoring and currently sits in ninth all-time with 1,288 points.

"Those types of things you don't think about too much in the season, but when he moved past 1,000 points and 500 rebounds and he's just a junior, you start to realize how the stats are piling up," said MSU head coach Matt Murken. "One thing I really think makes him so special is he doesn't think about that too much; he just wants to help us win. But there will be a time this summer where we will realize just how good he's been and how consistent he's been."

What has set Rudolph apart are an amazing work ethic and a relentless motor. Overcoming mono in his first season set the tone.

"It's just getting in the gym and working on getting better each and every day," Rudolph said. "You don't need to spend six hours in the gym because you might

not actually accomplish anything in that time. I try to get the most out of those workouts.

“Balance is a big thing for me. I’m an accounting major, and a lot of work goes into being a business major. I try my best to balance the time I have, plan my days out — when I will shoot and when I have to work on homework. I’ve been able to manage my time really well.”

“We really liked his motor coming out of high school; he just played hard,” Murken said. “We also knew because of his work ethic his best basketball was ahead of him. It’s because he puts in the time. Did we think he would average 20 and 10 a night? I don’t know, but it’s a testimony to how hard he works at the game.”

Rudolph’s well-rounded play started early in his sophomore season. He had four double-doubles in his first six games and hit for 20 points or more twice. By the end of the season, he scored in double figures in all but one game, reached double figures in rebounding in 12 games, finished with 20 points or more 10 times and had 12 double-doubles.

Through 20 games this season, he ranks in the top 35 in the country in scoring, rebounding and double-doubles. He is third in the NSIC in scoring at 20.9 per game and leads the league in rebounding (10.1) and double-doubles (13). His 13 double-doubles gives him 27 for his career, a number he is especially proud of.

“That’s the biggest thing for me. The points will come and go, but rebounds are something I can do every night,” Rudolph said. “I can work hard and crash the boards every night.”

His breakout sophomore season also gave him fuel for this season. After finishing ninth in scoring and second in rebounding, he was left off the All-NSIC First Team. He ended up with second team honors — a fine accomplishment — but that gave him motivation.

“I was proud of my season and making the all-conference team, but it was something I took into the summer with me,” he said. “I knew I would have to improve in all these areas to become a first-team player.”

“He has really added more versatility to his game,” Murken added. “He has a knack for making baskets and that comes from him getting in the gym and making all kinds of shots — different moves, off-balance shots, left-handed shots — everything to improve. One of the things he did this off-season was work on his passing. You can’t just run guys at him because he will make the right play.”

Both Rudolph and Murken acknowledged the team’s improved offensive play as well in his progression this season. As teams found out early, you couldn’t double Rudolph.

“I knew that teams would try to take my inside game away, so I worked on more mid-range and outside jump shots,” Rudolph said. “We

have some great shooters this year, and the double-teams haven’t come as much as I thought. With Ricci (Luis Ricci Maia) and Russ (Russ Davis) hitting outside shots and Nate (Nathan Mertens) taking guys off the bounce, teams have had to really pay attention to our whole team.”

“This is probably the most balanced offensive team we’ve had during my time here,” Murken added. “So it’s difficult to give him too much attention.”

While he doesn’t spend much time reflecting on his rise through the MSU record books, he does feel fortunate to be mentioned in the same sentence with the likes of Brown.

“I do look at the stats, and I know the history and the rankings,” Rudolph said. “Getting to 1,000 points was a goal, but it isn’t something I would dwell on each night and try to force shots just to get there. It’s been pretty cool to see the guys I’m on the list with.” ■



Simple formula, **BIG REWARDS**

The formula for Eric Manlove has been pretty simple. He has always had a love of sports, especially baseball. But it's the preciseness of statistics and rules that has been an even bigger draw.

Manlove has turned that into two different career paths. One has been a career in sports broadcasting that has taken him to the San Francisco area, and the second netted him the Mid-County Officials Network (MCON) Rookie of the Year in 2016.

"I've always liked the rules end of it," Manlove said. "I liked the stats when I worked for sports information at Minot State. I actually got interested in officiating while in college when Mike Hultz (former MSU men's basketball coach) got me involved in refereeing football. When I moved (to California), that was something I thought about doing. When the opportunity came up last year, I figured I would get involved."

He was named the Rookie of the Year at the MCON year-end convention after working more than 70 games in baseball and softball, with players ranging from 5- and 6-year-olds all the way up to high school seniors in the East and North Bay areas.

The award took the first-year official by surprise.

"The president said to make sure that my fiancée Deanna (Mosher) '11 and I were able to attend the year-end banquet, but he didn't really say why," Manlove said. "It was really unexpected. This was my first year doing baseball, and getting that kind of feedback was great. It was very humbling. It's not why I got involved. I just like being out on the diamond helping the kids play the game properly."

Manlove has experienced baseball at multiple levels as a player, official and front office worker. He played one season for Minot State in 2008 after playing in the youth leagues and American Legion baseball in the Fargo area. After graduation from MSU with a broadcasting degree in 2011, he worked in a couple of different television markets before moving to California.

It was there that he moved into the management end of baseball, working for the San Rafael Pacifics in the Pacific

Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, an independent league. He was stadium operations director for one season before becoming the assistant general manager with the Pittsburg Diamonds in the league.

He was educated quickly about the fickle nature of independent baseball after two seasons.

"It was loads of fun. There were a lot of rough patches, but we earned a championship at San Rafael. I got a championship ring there, and that made all of it worth it," he said. "I went to Pittsburg because I like a challenge, and I feel like I put them in the right direction, but the owner backed out, then came back and didn't want to pay me."

"I saw the highs and lows of independent baseball. I think that helped me get a new perspective in the job I do now for CSN (Comcast Sports Net—Bay Area). It was a great learning experience for me. We needed to sell baseball to the average person. We had to make it fun and get them to come back."

Manlove works in the CSN editing department, cutting up game film of San Francisco's professional teams.

"I get to watch the area's pro teams — A's, Giants, Raiders, Warriors, San Jose Sharks — there are seven we cover here," he said. "I loved being in the sports information world, and I get to do some of that now. I moved away from this world for a couple years, but this is what I went to school for, and I'm pretty good at it and want to get better."

His work at CSN might make his Rookie of the Year days a thing of the past, however, as he is able to officiate only when he isn't busy at work. He worked high school football, earning varsity playoff experience. He is set to begin his second season with baseball and softball this spring.

"I love the officiating," he said. "I couldn't believe when I was in school at MSU that five years later I would be in California doing these things." ■





DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Additional opportunities for charitable gifts from your IRA

In the last issue of Connections, I discussed how all or a portion of one's Individual Retirement Account could be left to a charitable organization by making a simple change to the account holder's IRA beneficiary designation form. For persons holding assets in IRAs, this approach can afford substantial income tax



savings, as opposed to making a charitable gift upon death using one's last will and testament.

As it turns out, IRAs can also be excellent vehicles for making annual gifts to a person's favorite charitable organization for those who have reached 70½ years of age. Legislation was signed into law in late 2015 making IRA charitable rollovers (i.e., qualified charitable distributions) permanent. Up to that point, this had always been a year-to-year determination. As it now stands, this so-called IRA charitable rollover legislation permits donors 70½ years of age or older to make direct tax-free transfers from their IRAs to a qualified charitable organization, without payment of income taxes on the distribution. Furthermore, the distribution can satisfy some or all of the donor's annual required minimum distribution, beginning at 70½ years of age. While no income tax charitable deduction is available with respect to the distribution, there is a complete avoidance of income tax liability on the withdrawal and transfer to the charity. And the gift reduces the donor's taxable estate for federal estate tax purposes as well.

To take advantage of this opportunity, the donor must simply notify the charitable organization and then arrange for the rollover to be transferred directly from his/her IRA to charity. The donor cannot have the funds deposited to a personal checking or savings account prior to the gift; otherwise, the donor will be liable for income tax on the IRA withdrawal.

If you are in a position where you need to take an RMD from an IRA (which, by the way, can be taken at any time during the year and not just in the month of December, which is typically the case), and are considering a gift to Minot State University, we would be happy to visit with you about how these objectives can be combined in a way that meets your charitable goals. Please feel free to contact the MSU Development Foundation at 800-777-0750 or 701-858-3399 for more information or to schedule an appointment at your convenience. As always, your consideration of Minot State University is much appreciated! ■

— Dan Langemo, development officer —

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2017

Alumni Association
and Beaver Boosters

Basketball Appreciation Night



Snapshots from top left to bottom left:

- Future beavers Harrison and Ike Trudell, sons of Betsy (Vig) '06 and Darrik Trudell '03
- Pat (Wolfe) Burckhard '74, Rick Hedberg '89 and Randy Burckhard '74
- Hundreds of alumni and friends enjoyed the basketball appreciation night festivities.
- Robert Frantsvog '71, Dean '97 and daughter Cambry Franstvog with President Steve Shirley
- MSU Alumni Association board members Tess Foley '15, Julie (Kouba) Benson '78, Kristi (Schaefer) Berg '95/'00 and Breanna Benson '16
- The Cook Family, Cindy (Martin) '84, Jesse '87, Callie '15 and future beaver Theo.



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1955



Lowell Latimer, state acting secretary of Service Corps of Retired Executives, received the North Dakota SCORE

Member of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding and dedicated service.

1965



Thomas W. Fredericks, senior partner of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP in Louisville, Colo., was one of

four individuals to receive the American Bar Association's prestigious Spirit of Excellence Award. The award recognizes lawyers who personify excellence on the national, state or local level and who demonstrated a commitment to racial and ethnic diversity in the profession.



Mike Hepper was inducted into the Washington State Coaches Association Cross Country Hall

of Fame. Hepper taught for the Richland School District for 30 years and was a track and field and cross country coach for 18 years. He coached three individual state champions in track and field and as head coach in cross country, his teams of 1973-74 and 74-75 won the Washington State Cross Country Championships. He was inducted into the Richland High School Hall of Fame as a coach both in track and field and cross country. Mike and his wife, Nita '64, have been married for 52 years and have two daughters, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They live in Richland, Wash.

1972

Vicky (Bonsness) Campbell, First Western Bank & Trust, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in November. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

1983

Brad Williams purchased the Lariat Lounge in Wishek. Williams spent the past 15 years in Hallock, Minn., where he owned and operated the Valley Motel.

1985

Colette (Engelhard) Cunningham, preschool speech and language teacher at Dakota Elementary at Minot Air Force Base, received the Heart of a Teacher Award.



1986



Janis (Burger) Neumann, family nurse practitioner, joined Sanford Health Walk-in Clinic in Minot.



Kevin Burckhard, financial representative of Northwestern Mutual in Minot, has qualified for 100 Lives Club. This

honor recognizes financial representatives who have a total of 100 or 150 new lives insured.

JoAnn (Magandy) Schapp, Bishop Ryan Catholic School science teacher, was a 2016 Trees Award winner recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University. The awards go to individuals, organizations and agencies that contribute to forestry activities in an outstanding way. Schapp was introduced as the year's environmental educator.

Scott Grochow retired as the Rugby High School football coach after 32 years of coaching and 26

years as a head coach. Grochow will continue to be RHS's athletic director.

1988



Brad Brown is the regional director of the North Dakota Department of Human Services West

Central Human Service Center in Bismarck and Badlands Human Service Center in Dickinson. He is responsible for programs, services, operations and personnel. Brown, a licensed addiction counselor and clinical supervisor, has been the director of addiction treatment services at the department's Southeast Human Service Center in Fargo since November 2011. Prior to joining SEHSC, he was the admissions and marketing director at ManorCare Health Services in Fargo and before that he held various clinical and business development positions at Prairie St. John's in Fargo. He serves in the North Dakota Army National Guard and is the battalion commander for the 2nd Training Battalion, 164th Regiment Regional Training Institute located at Camp Grafton in Devils Lake.

1989

Laurie (Dempsey) Pranke is the elementary principal at Harvey Public School. Pranke has 27 years of experience in elementary education as she taught at Sheyene, Warwick and Four Winds in Fort Totten.

Penny (Lodeon) Ballantyne is teaching at Mohall Lansford Sherwood School District. Prior to joining the MLS School District, Ballantyne taught 16 years in Westhope and three years in Belcourt. She and her husband, Russ, have two children and live in Westhope.

1990

Paula (Lovdahl) Brown is teaching sixth grade at Stanley Elementary School. Brown previously taught special education in Glendive, Mont., 12 years in elementary special education in

Stanley and seven years teaching fifth grade in Stanley. She and her husband, Dave, live in Stanley and have two sons.



Chris Lamoureux was promoted to executive vice president at First Western Bank & Trust. Lamoureux, a

Newburg native, joined the Trust Department in 1990 and was named manager in 1996. He is chairman of the Trust and Trust Investment Committees and a member of the Management and Loan Committees for First Western Bank & Trust and serves on the North Dakota Banking Association Trust Committee. Lamoureux presently serves as the vice president of Rugby's Center Mutual Insurance Company board of directors. He has been active on the boards of Christ Lutheran Church Foundation and the Minot Area Community Foundation and as a former member of the Sertoma Club of Minot. He served on the Beaver Boosters Club and Alumni Association boards at Minot State University and is a member of the Minot State University Athletic Hall of Fame.



Lisa (Hurdelbrink) Goldade is the director of special education for the Pembina County Special Education

Cooperative. Goldade and husband, Dale '95, moved to Cavalier in April 2016. Since 1995, she was a teacher, special education teacher and counselor for Minot High School-Central Campus. Goldade earned her master's degree in special education in 2000.

1991

Vicki (Fitterer) Mattson is a special education teacher in Belfield under West River Student Services. Mattson previously worked in developmental delay from birth to three-year-old education. She received her special education degree in 2008.

1993



Sabrina (Grover) Herrmann was promoted to marketing specialist at First Western Bank & Trust. Herrmann

is involved in a variety of organizations in Minot, her hometown, including the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors, Minot Optimist Club and the Minot State University Alumni Association Board. She has been with First Western Bank & Trust since October 2014.

1995



Bobby Smith is employed part time with the city of Hampton, Va., as a museum aide at the Hampton Air Power Park. Smith retired in 1991 from the United States Air Force. He was employed at Burdick Job Corps Center as a counselor, manager of counseling, vocational manager and team manager, and director of residential living for 18 years prior to moving to Hampton.

1996



Paula (Fredrickson) Dunn is the Title 1 teacher at Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City School District in Grove City, Minn.

1997

Diane Gravely is the director of nursing for Bethany Housing and Assisted Living in Fargo. Prior to joining Bethany in 2006 as a certified medication aide, she was a flight attendant for Independent Air.



Terry Pavely is in his 20th year teaching in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. He is currently teaching at

Ecole Centennial, a K-8 school. Terry is also in his 10th season as head coach of the Swift Current Diamond Energy Wildcats, a female midget AAA team in the SF-MAAAHL. This past November, Pavely was an assistant coach for the U18 Team Saskatchewan that participated in the U18 National

Women's Canadian Championships in Regina.

1998

Sandra Felchle is the owner of Northern Tax in McClusky. Felchle provides computer training and experience in the farm and local aspects of income tax preparation.

Eric Schaeffer joined First International Insurance in Minot as an agent. Schaeffer has more than 20 years of professional and business management experience. He most recently was a community banker with First International Bank & Trust in Minot.

1999

Mary (Peterson) Sadler is a nurse practitioner with Trinity Health's Neurology Department. Sadler works closely with neurologists and other clinical staff to assess, diagnose and treat patients with neurological illnesses and injuries. Previously, she served as an occupational health/family practice nurse practitioner with Sanford Health. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the North Dakota Nurse Practitioners Association, the American Academy of Neurology and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Lynette (Maurer) Vachal joined the North Dakota State University Extension Service as the Mountrail County 4-H youth development agent. Prior to joining NDSU Extension, Vachal was the business manager for her family's oil field service business. Previously, she taught science to students in grades 7-12 in Stanley, Berthold and Plaza and was a well-site geologist.

2000

Tamara "Dee Dee" (Schimmelpfenning) Sauer, is the office manager at the Berthold Farmers Elevator, where she has been on staff for more than five years. Previously, Sauer was at Trinity Health as an office assistant supervisor.

2001



Melinda (Ebach) Kempel joined American Trust Center in Bismarck as a registered investment adviser.

Kempel has over 21 years of experience in the investment industry and most recently was a regional associate with Investment Centers of America, Inc.

2002

Brent Danks teaches seventh grade social studies and U.S. history, psychology and government at junior/senior high at Stanley Schools. Danks previously taught in New Town and Harvey. He and wife, Carol, have two children.

2003



Karna Taft was promoted to vice president of business development at Town and Country Credit Union. Taft has 14 years of experience in the financial industry with 11 years of management experience.



Karena (Lunday) Carlson joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier Properties. As a realtor, Carlson

concentrates on residential and commercial real estate sales in North Dakota and Minnesota. She worked in the communications field for many years after graduation. She's actively involved in the community donating her time and talent to the Jeremiah Program, Fargo Public Schools Parent Teacher Association, Fargo Moorhead Professional Communicators and the North Dakota Professional Communicators.

2004



Jason Ogaard joined Peoples State Agency in Westhope as an insurance agent. Prior to taking this position, Ogaard was

a regional director for Integrity Viking Mutual Funds. Jason and

his wife, Katie (Kjelshus) '06, have three children.

Terri (Ward) Phillion is the executive director for the American Red Cross in western North Dakota. She heads the entire western N.D. chapter, including Minot, Williston, Dickinson and Bismarck and other area communities. The area covers about 28 counties. Phillion most recently held the position of Visit Minot sales director.



Jason Anderson, who joined Bank of North Dakota in 2010, was promoted to technical support manager in information technology. Anderson previously was integration team lead and enterprise application support.

2005



Luis Estrada was promoted to senior vice president of operations at First Western Bank & Trust. Estrada, a Texas native, has held a variety of positions during his 13 years with the bank.

Dustin Hager serves on the Rugby Public School Board. Hager is a physician assistant at the Heart of America Medical Center and Heart of America Johnson Clinics. He and his wife, Angela (Jordan) '07, a math teacher in Rugby, have four children.

Jamie (Bright) Hammer, registered nurse, serves on the North Dakota Board of Nursing. She has been employed at Trinity Health since 2005. She is currently the assistant nurse manager of the women's and children's services. Her nursing focus is the neonatal intensive care unit, pediatrics and neonatal flight.



Jason Merck, financial representative of Northwestern Mutual in Minot, has qualified for 150 Lives Club. This honor recognizes financial representatives who have a total of 100 or 150 new lives insured.



Inez (Sprenger) Rose is a memory care manager at Edgewood Vista in Bismarck.

2007



Kiernan (Grosz) Bullinger, a Bottineau native, joined the staff of First Western Bank & Trust in September

as a mortgage lending loan processor. Previously, Bullinger was a project manager in the Development Department at IRET Properties.



Kelly Loos joined KK BOLD as an account executive in its Minot office. She works primarily with the advertising agency's Minot area clients. Prior to joining KK BOLD, Loos was the sales and marketing director at Minot's Holiday Inn.



Jona (Parisien) Peltier entered into private practice at Seven Stone Healing and Health Center of Behavioral Health and Healing in Belcourt. She specializes in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, is certified in thought field therapy and utilizes positive psychology daily in her practice. Peltier is trained in structured psychotherapy for adolescents responding to chronic stress. Peltier and her husband, Evan, have two sons.

2008

Andria (Pigeon) Miller is a sales coach at Lake Chevrolet for Bergstrom Cars. Miller has been with Bergstrom Cars for 10 years.



Jamie Wirth, director of the Great Plains STEM Education Center at Valley City State

University, was named one of Prairie Business magazine's "40 Under 40" honorees. This award recognizes top business professionals in the Northern Plains.



Lindsay Fornshell is a customer service representative/agent for Town & Country Insurance Agency.

2009

Michelle Galster has been hired by Northland Health Center in Minot. Galster, a therapist joining the behavioral health team, will provide individual as well as couples/marital therapy. She also has experience working with critical incident stress management, employee assistance programs and with military personnel and families.



Kari Haarsager joined Pediatric Therapy Partners in Bismarck as a speech-language pathologist.

Haarsager has experience in pediatric outpatient care and in an educational setting. Her areas of interest are articulation disorders, stuttering and written language.

2010



Jennifer (Thorgramson) Kleen, who previously worked in local media, is the executive director for the Minot Zoo Crew at Roosevelt Park Zoo.



Laura (Preskey) Bryant was promoted to member services supervisor at Town and Country Credit Union.

Bryant has been with the credit union since February 2015.



Laken (Jurgens) Moore was promoted to finance specialist II at the downtown Bismarck branch of Starion Bank.

2011



Megan Ward, family medicine provider, joined Sanford Health Northwest Clinic in Minot.



David Scharpe, a financial representative with the Minot office of Northwestern Mutual, has been appointed as growth and development director within the company. Scharpe has been associated with Northwestern Mutual since 2008.

Alyson (Williams) St. Ours is an applied behavior analysis supervisor with Autism Centers of Michigan.

2012



Sidney (Foss) Compton was promoted from senior associate to manager for Brady Martz & Associates in Minot.

Compton joined the firm in 2012 and works in the audit and tax department.



Tyson Schatz was promoted from senior associate to manager for Brady Martz & Associates in Minot. Schatz is

a certified public accountant and works in both audit and accounting and tax. He joined the firm in 2012.

Alicia Rogers teaches first grade in Parshall. Rogers previously taught first grade in Oklahoma for three years.

Jonathan Fugleberg received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers. Fugleberg retired in spring 2016 from May-Port CG after teaching for nine years. He returned to work at a former employer, FM Global, a property insurer, as an underwriting specialist.

2013

Jay Borseth is teaching physical education and health at Max Public School.

Kyli (Locken) Drosdal is teaching first grade in Stanley. Previously, Drosdal was the director of Wee

Care Preschool in Stanley. She and husband, Drew, live in New Town and have two children.

Randi (Moore) Swanson teaches first grade in Underwood. Swanson previously taught in Sawyer. She and her husband have a two-year-old daughter and live in Max.



Grant Johnson joined Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative in October. Previously, he worked as a

member services representative for Town and Country Credit Union. Johnson finished his online MBA in financial management through Northcentral University. He and his wife, Jenna, live in Kenmare.

2014



Mandie (Carlson) Blikre was promoted from associate to senior associate for Brady Martz & Associates in Minot.

Blikre joined Brady Martz in the fall of 2014. She is a certified public accountant and works primarily in the outsourcing and tax departments.

Sarah Klug is teaching science at Tioga High School, which includes life sciences, physiology and anatomy classes. Klug will also teach a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) class which looks at everything from energy to electronics.

Ella Van Berkom is the Tioga High School music teacher. Van Berkom began her teaching career at Velva School. When she is not teaching music to new musicians, she plays in the Williston City Band and the Drum and Bugle Corps.



Anzley Harmon is a production artist with Super Studio, a business unit of Flint Group, located in Fargo. Harmon

previously worked as a graphic designer for Stevicks in Minot.

2015

Chad Marshall is teaching K-6 grade physical education at Hazen Public School.

Alyssa Bauer is teaching fifth and sixth grade science in Beulah.



Mike Montonye was recognized by the North Dakota CPA Society for receiving one of the three highest combined scores on the certified public accountant exam for N.D. candidates. Montonye is an accountant with Brady Martz & Associates.

Tamara Heidelberger is teaching sixth-grade math, health, spelling and keyboarding at Hazen Public School. Heidelberger is also the assistant coach for volleyball.

Kersten Brown joined Western Equipment Finance as a documentation administrator. Prior to joining Western Equipment Finance, she was a mortgage loan processor at First International Bank & Trust in Minot.

2016



Michael Pelo, a native of Heber City, Utah, has been appointed a full-time financial representative by Northwestern Mutual of Minot.

Kristen Petersen is teaching third and fourth grade at Bowman County Schools.



Ian MacDonald relocated to Bismarck to join First Western Bank & Trust as an online banking specialist.

Kayla (Scholes) Tatro is teaching sixth grade in Glen Ullin. Previously, Tatro taught at Bell Elementary School and substitute taught in Glen Ullin, Carson and Elgin. She and husband, Jacob, live in Carson.

Attended



Alecia Berg, of Signal Realtors, has been awarded the certified residential specialist designation by the Council of Residential Specialists. Berg has been a full-time realtor with Signal Realtors since 2009.



Lexi Bahl is Spicy Pie's marketing director.

Nicole Comerford teaches first grade at Parshall Elementary School. Previously, Comerford worked as a paraprofessional at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Easton Page is the Carrington city auditor.

Barb Welk is the branch manager of North Star Community Credit Union in Bottineau and Rugby. Welk and her husband have three children and eight grandchildren.

Steve Burton owns The Outfitters in Minot. The store specializes in hunting gear and fishing equipment.

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7.26.17

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9.23.17

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In Memory

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately September 2016 to January 2017 or as submitted.

Graduates

'40 Schroeder (Sand), Helen; Parker, Colo.
'41 Heringer, Neil; Butte
'42 Heckman, Dorothy; Denver, Colo.
'46 Kinney (Grove), Vivian; Rugby
'47 Gerlinger, Raymond; Kansas City, Mo.
'49 Bohmbach (Steffenson), June; New Town
'49 Weisser (Josewski), Lois; Grand Forks
'50 Cross (Follman), Ruth; Portland, Ore.
'50 Sackman (Van Berkomp), Shirley; Rapid City, S.D.
'52 Stack (Ostby), Yvonne; Minot
'53 Skadeland, Kenn; Williston
'53 Walker, Arthur; Billings, Mont.
'54 Geibel (Paulson), Doreen; Longmont, Colo.
'54 Gray, Theodore; Bismarck
'55 Penne (Astrup), Una; Bismarck
'57 Barr, Lowell; Rapid City, S.D.
'57 Blore (Knudson), Marilyn; Crystal, Minn.
'58 Block (Day), Janice; Polson, Mont.
'58 Boardman (Schieve), Edna; Bismarck
'58 Hauf, Ronald; Makoti
'58 Lowry (Bolton), Sharon; Missoula, Mont.
'59 Larson (Tarvestad), Jacqueline; Minnetonka, Minn.
'60 Buechler (Hansen), Dorcas; Bismarck
'60 Coats, Wilbert; Othello, Wash.
'60 Enander, Leonard; Kenmare
'61 Horner, Richard; Pearland, Texas
'63 Easton, Bernard; Waldorf, Md.
'64 Dacks (Ditmer), Edith; Fargo
'64 Proefrock, Myron; Littleton, N. C.
'66 Schneider (Jennings), Anne; Harlem, Mont.
'67 Chilson, Dale; Fargo
'67 Elker, Carlton; Underwood
'67 Stein (Tatley), Shirley; Devils Lake
'68 Maule (Wright), Dorla; Stillwater, Okla.
'69 Haugen, Joe; Bismarck
'69 Jacobson (Benson), Josephine; Crosby
'70 Lysy, Frank; Eau Claire, Wis.
'70 Vaagen, Roger; Fargo
'71 Black (Brick), Elsie; Knox
'71 Helland, Donald; Fargo
'71 Kizima (Patek), Marguerite; Minot
'71 Lokken, Glenn; Minot
'72 Ehlke (Strom), Marlene; Ft. Collins, Colo.
'72 Peck (Kittelsson), Adeline; Minot
'73 Birch, John; Ponca City, Okla.
'73 Hovey, Michael; Bismarck
'75 Gillespy (Landry), Sarah; Raleigh, N. C.
'75 Kerns, Ray; Stanton
'76 McQuay, Bonnie; Minot
'77 White, Hubert, Jr; Vancouver, Wash.
'81 Mayer (Kessler), Emma; Minneapolis, Minn.

'81 Sartwell, Selmer; Minot
'83 Cavanaugh, Gerald; St. Michael
'84 Barrows (Irwin), Donna; Phoenix, Ariz.
'85 Hagel, Dennis; Maplewood, Minn.
'86 Evenson, Pat; Mesa, Ariz.
'86 Herron (Bennett), Carol; Brainerd, Minn.
'86 Howell, Charles; Manson, Iowa
'87 Fuchs (Borner), Darlene; Bismarck
'87 Morrison (DesLauriers), Cleo; Minot
'88 Reahr (Page), Terry; Columbia, Mo.
'89 Fiske, Daniel; Fargo
'90 Porter (Milstein), Sherrie; Fargo
'91 Kirby (Andes), Bonnie; Minot
'95 Long, Roger; Bismarck
'97 Bunce, Michael; Minot
'98 Irwin, Troy; Minot
'02 Cable, Trent; Fargo
'09 Wedge, Jeremy; Wasilla, Alaska
'12 Allen, Darla; Minot
'14 Oyen, Andrew; Bismarck

Attended

Aden, Anthony; Roseville, Minn.
Anderson, Raymond N.; Minneapolis, Minn.
Backes (Jensen), Millie; Minot
Boettcher (Wilson), Marian; Portland, Ore.
Brien, Dale; St. John
Coleman (Huber), Charlotte; Westhope
Corn (Bunker), Shirley; Mims, Fla.
Dieterle (Martin), Phyllis; McClusky
Dillow (Isaacson), Connie; Wahoo, Neb.
Fox, John; Sandusky, Ohio
Goodlaxon, Jake; Billings, Mont.
Green (Ohnsager), Joann; Williston
Grinolds, Hazel; Auburn, Calif.
Hennix (Christianson), Dorothy; Minot
Hooks, Quentin; Denver, Colo.
Jessen, James; Wise River, Mont.
Jolliff (Beck), Phyllis; Olympia, Wash.
Jordet, Vernon; Crystal, Minn.
Kitzman (Herschlip), Genevieve; Fargo
Klecker (Lee), Sheila; Bismarck
Krenz (Thiel), Irene; Bottineau
Langerud (Ralph), Nina; Fargo
Lautt (Kessler), Lora; Sartell, Minn.
Loerch, Roger; Harvey
Lucy (Wallace), Ardith; Minot
Marion, Bernard; Sacramento, Calif.
Miller (Curtiss), Edna; Tioga
Murphy (Albertine), Mary; Becker, Minn.
Poire (Copiskey), Raissa; Duluth, Minn.
Rau, Aaron; Kief
Rhead (Spicer), Elizabeth; Regina, Sask.

Rostad, Clayton; Minot
Schmidt, Lawrence; Minot
Scholberg, Richard; West Fargo
Shafer, Gary; Tioga
Shelton (Elkins), Lois; Wheat Ridge, Colo.
Simbalenko, Levi; Minot
Stalter (Lundt), Diane; Austintown, Ohio
Steffen, Jeff; Bismarck
Tastad (Beaver), Anna; Rolette
Wick, Vernon; Grand Forks
Zimmerman, Dennis; Anamoose

Friends

Biberdorf, Marvin; Bottineau
Cederstrom (Collins), Gladys; Minot
Eaton, Jonathan "Jock"; Minot
Enno (Kegley), Bonnie; Minot
Dybing, Alf; Maddock
Fink (Diamond), Selma; Scottsdale, Ariz.
Gabel, William; Minot
Harkison (Haugeberg), Blanche; Minot
Hendrickson (Witt), Joyce; Minot
Hennes, Joseph; Minot
Kramer, Daryl; Minot
Lansverk (Freeh), Betty; Minot
Lansverk, Owen; Minot
Larson (Olson), Jackie; Fargo
Michaels (Balfour), Alice; Minot
Narum, Thelma; Minot
Orluck, Daniel; Minot
Overvold, Olav; Cando
Ronde, Morris; Minot
Severance, Lester; New Town
Shirek, Randy; Minot
Strong, Almon; Albuquerque, N. M.
Sundet (Strock), Delores; Moorhead, Minn.
Tuchscherer, James; Rugby

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Geesaman (Ohmann), Virginia, music professor emeritus; Minot
Kime, Sarah, former minority counselor; Albuquerque, N.M.
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Corey

Easton Dean entered the world Nov. 25, 2014. He was welcomed by **Amanda (Bjergaard) Corey '14** and her husband, Kelly.



Craun

Orson McArthur entered the world Oct. 22, 2016. Proud parents are **Jeff Craun '14** and his wife, Caroline.



Cummings

Aaron Cummings '12 and **Erin (Neumann) Cummings '13** had Seamus Scott on Oct. 19, 2016.



Enander

Odin James was born Feb. 19, 2016, to **Samantha (Johnson) Enander '10** and her husband, Ashton.



Fischer

Kira (Wallstrum) Fischer '11 and her husband, Dustin, welcomed a baby boy, Wyatt Cooper, on Jan. 5, 2016.



Goldade

Joe Goldade '11 and **Lindsey (Grigas) Goldade '08** joyfully welcomed twins, Hattie Bea and Henry Beau, on Dec. 23, 2015.



Grina

Carter Allen joined the Grina family Aug. 18, 2016. Parents are **Ashley (Bartsch) Grina '09/'15** and her husband, Justin.



Head

Proud Beaver parents **Jory Head '14** and **Elysha (Blikre) Head '12** joyfully welcomed Luca Dean on Jan. 25, 2016.



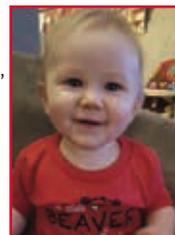
Hernandez

Leni Maude was born Oct. 25, 2016, to **Marion Hernandez '13** and **Brittany (Diegel) Hernandez '13/'15**.



Johnson

Hendrix Crew made his appearance Feb. 12, 2016. Proud Beaver parents are **James Johnson '09** and **Tenille (Armstrong) Johnson '08**.



Kranda

Kayla (Bodvig) Kranda '06 and her husband, Kyle, joyfully welcomed Karson Raymond on March 25, 2016.



Roteliuk

Reagan August was born July 14, 2016, to Lisa (Anderson) Roteliuk '97/'00 and her husband, Rusten.



Skarphol

Anna (Alex) Skarphol '07/'09 and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Lucy Ray on Feb. 24, 2016. She joins big sister Janie.



Nagel

Grady Ryan was born Dec. 11, 2016, to Chelsea (Carlson) Nagel '07 and her husband, Ryan.



Rowe

Weston Michael was born June 4, 2016, to Melissa (Hoots) Rowe '11 and her husband, Stanley.



Walker Gaskill

Blaine Robert joined the world on April 28, 2016. He was born to Abby Walker Gaskill '07 and her husband, Robert.



Neether

Proud Beaver parents Tyler Neether '09 and Stefanie (Merck) Neether '07 welcomed their second little one, Lainey Mae, on June 21, 2016.



Ryan

Melissa (Solomonson) Ryan '10/'12 and her husband, Daniel, welcomed twins, Dex Patrick and Lenna Rae, on April 15, 2016. They join big sister Karter.



Willert

Foster Myles entered the world Aug. 8, 2016. He was proudly welcomed by Jordan Willert '15 and his wife, Kaitlin.



Patterson

Landon Lee joined the Patterson family Dec. 4, 2016. Proud parents are Kyle Patterson '13 and Kelsey (Wagner) Patterson '14.



Settersten

Hudson Dale was born to Kristin (Duchsherer) Settersten '12 and her husband, Steven, on May 19, 2016.



Zerr

Hadley Faith was born March 7, 2016, to Trista (Weinmann) Zerr '13 and her husband, Justin.



Reykdal

Kayla (Mitchell) Reykdal '09 and her husband, Chris, had Abby MaKenna on May 31, 2016.



Sinclair

Trajan Avery was born April 6, 2016. His parents are Trevor Sinclair '02 and Shayla (Strasser) Sinclair '02. Trajan joins big brothers Treston (6) and Truay (4).



Rostvedt

Easley Brian entered the world June 16, 2016. Parents are Alexa (Hornecker) Rostvedt '14 and her husband, Ethan.





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