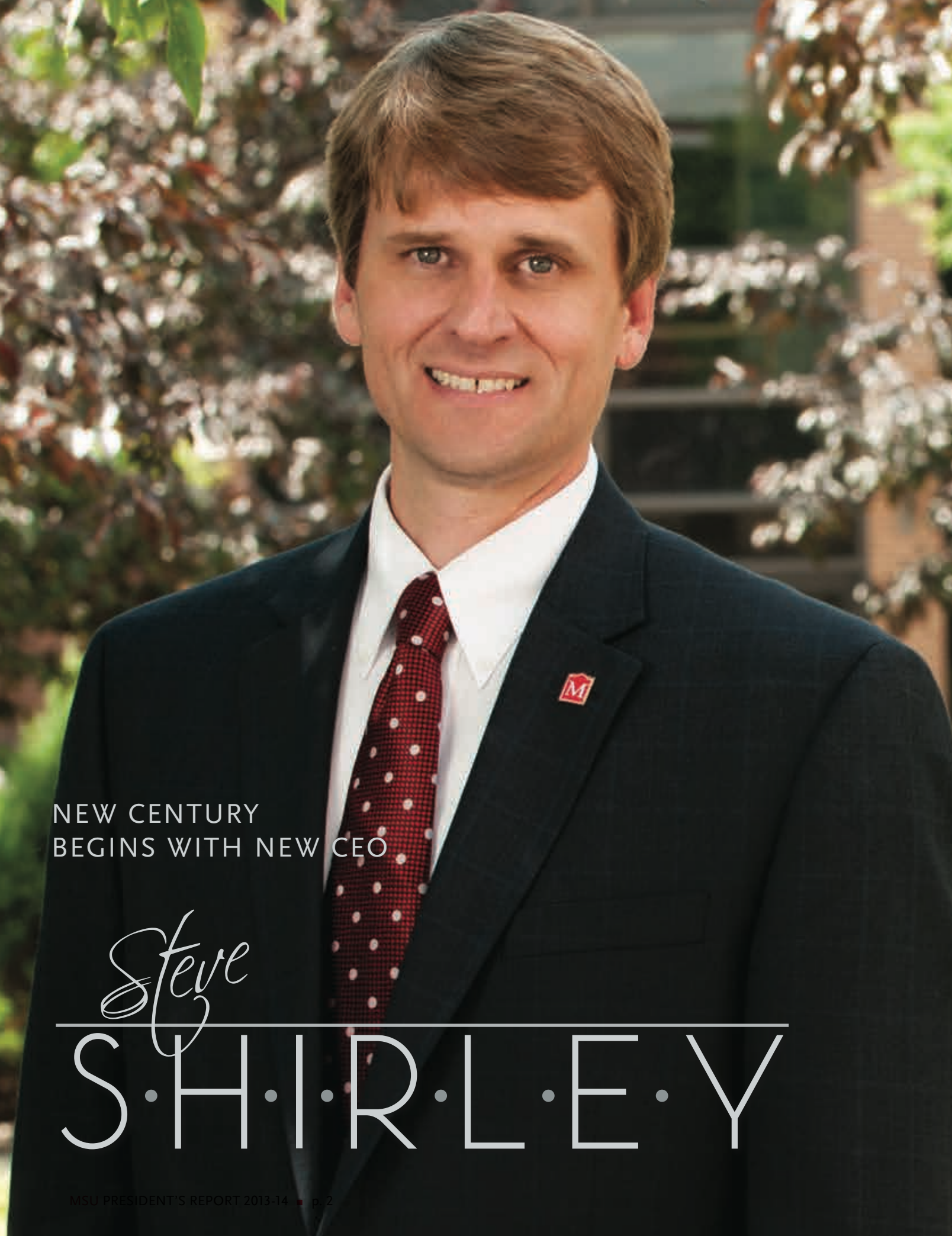


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013 – 14





NEW CENTURY
BEGINS WITH NEW CEO

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Welcome to this 2013-14 edition of Minot State University and MSU Development Foundation's President's Report.

As you know, Minot State is coming off a highly successful year long Centennial Celebration (you can see highlights in this publication), and we are excited to begin a second century of service. Tens of thousands of students have received a first-class education and countless opportunities to succeed and flourish at MSU throughout the years. The students, faculty and staff of Minot State are contributing on a daily basis to the educational, cultural and economic successes of our entire region.

Without a doubt, it is an exciting time at Minot State University. The campus and community continue to recover and move forward from the devastating impact of the 2011 Mouse River flood. It is a period of not only renewal and recovery, but also a period of tremendous growth and optimism, given the strong regional economy along with the growth of North Dakota's energy sector.

Major changes have occurred and are underway with the physical infrastructure

on the MSU campus. Work recently began on the \$4 million press box/concessions/suites renovation and addition to Herb Parker Stadium, and this project is scheduled to be completed by April 2015. The state-of-the-art Wellness Center that opened in late 2012 is providing exciting new opportunities for our students, faculty and staff. The re-opening and renovation of 11th Avenue is transforming the north side of the campus. A new Facilities Management building is being constructed this summer north of the Dome to house MSU's facilities personnel. Other developments are occurring throughout campus: an array of academic options at both the undergraduate and graduate levels are available to current and future MSU students; the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy is expanding; the Beavers are competing (and succeeding!) in the NCAA Division II Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities is a key North Dakota asset,

continuing to fulfill its important mission; the Gordon B. Olson Library is undergoing a remodel this summer; MSU Summer Theatre just concluded a terrific 49th season; and a strong partnership remains intact with Dakota College at Bottineau. These and many other programs and projects continue strengthening the Minot State campus, and I encourage you to visit if you have not recently done so!

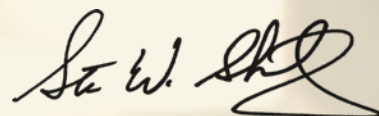
It is no accident that many of these initiatives are occurring at a time when MSU has received an all-time record of gift revenue (over \$3.4 million in fiscal 2014). The private gifts we offer help MSU recruit and retain the absolute best and brightest students and continue making improvements to this wonderful university. Thanks to everyone who has supported Minot State University with your time, talents and treasure. Your contributions have played a key role in achieving so many accomplishments throughout the university, and they are supporting our students and helping create such a bright

future for this campus. It takes ALL of us to make this happen. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Since beginning as president of Minot State on July 1, 2014, I cannot help but be more encouraged and enthusiastic with each passing day about being part of the MSU community. This truly is a special campus with wonderful people dedicated to helping our students succeed. I continue meeting new friends, alumni and supporters of MSU every day and I am inspired by their dedication and commitment to this fantastic university. It is a great place to call home, and I want to personally thank each of you for helping make MSU such a vital and integral part of the overall educational landscape in North Dakota.

It is indeed an exciting time at Minot State University. Thank you, and as always, GO BEAVERS!

**STEVEN W. SHIRLEY, PH.D.
PRESIDENT**



Scholarships in Action

Scholarships have many classifications, from merit-based, to need-based, to student- or career-specific, but ultimately, they all serve the same purpose: to aid a student in furthering his or her education.

College of Business Mentor Scholarship Program



Lona Anderson, program founder

MANY STUDENTS COULD NOT EASILY PURSUE AN EDUCATION if it were not for scholarships, and Lona Anderson, retired realtor, knows that firsthand. Because she was awarded grants and scholarships, Anderson was able to earn a Bachelor of Science in Education from Minot State University in 1968. Now, Anderson is thanking her scholarship donors by paying it forward through the **College of Business Mentor Scholarship** she established for the 2013 – 2014 academic year. Ten business students were selected based on a number of criteria, and each student received a \$4000 scholarship. Through the Mentor Scholarship Program, they were each given the opportunity to develop a mentee-mentor relationship with an individual or business person from the Minot community. Three of those students share their experiences and the significance of the program towards their future.

AMANDA BLIKRE

Amanda Blikre, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting this spring, was paired with Matt Kramer, accountant and owner of I. Keating, and Kelly Kramer, owner of Salon 18. Blikre describes it as a unique opportunity and a glimpse into what working in the “real world” is all about.

“I have worked for Kelly at Salon 18 for three years, and she has given me many leadership opportunities and mentored me all along,” Blikre said. “And when I met with Matt, he told me all about his journey out of school, working for a CPA firm and all the avenues available to accountants. I once thought about owning a business, but he really taught me that it takes a certain person ... a certain passion. I am not a big enough risk taker. After touring I. Keating and learning all the responsibility of a controller and other positions, I realized I really liked the idea of rising up to that challenge.”



Amanda Blikre and Matt Kramer, owner and accountant for I.Keating Furniture.

Blikre describes the scholarship as not only a blessing for her, but for her family.

“The Kramers’ generosity was such an inspiration to me,” Blikre exclaimed. “Lona Anderson taught us the impor-

tance of being around those who impact our community ... it was like a light bulb turned on for me. It helped me to visualize where I want to go and who I want to be in the future.”

TYREL ERICKSON

Tyrel Erickson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in energy, economics and finance, and hit the ground running after graduation. He is currently working for Enbridge as a maximal field technician, collecting data from assets in the field. His relationship with the Domres family, owners of Fiberglass Specialties, was the perfect fit.

“I learned so much from the Domres family, from how a small business can combat a shortage of labor to the importance of knowing your business, your customers and your industry,” Erickson said. “Fiberglass Specialties was a great fit. They all had a great attitude, and I would like to follow in their footsteps and give back like they did. I am involved in Young Professionals of Minot, and it is through this organization that I would like to give back. The Mentor Scholarship really helped me get through the last year of college and gave me the opportunity to develop relationships with different business people in the community.”



Left to right: Tyrel Erickson and Luke Domres, shop foreman, for Fiberglass Specialties.

MALLORY BRODAL

A business education major who finished her degree in a speedy three years, Mallory Brodal also benefitted greatly from the Mentor Scholarship. She was assigned to work with Larry Sundbakken, real estate agent and part owner of Signal Realtors, and Marlys Sundbakken, a retired teacher's aide.

“Larry and Marlys and the Mentor Scholarship Program taught me the true meaning of giving back,” Brodal said. “I will be teaching business education at Grenora High School in the fall, and while I knew teaching was what I wanted to do, it is so great to know that there are wonderful people like the Sundbakkens who serve as a vital resource for knowledge in the business and teaching community. Receiving the scholarship meant I could focus more on my studies, which enabled me to graduate summa cum laude. All of this inspired me to be a scholarship mentor for other students someday.”



Left to right: Mallory Brodal with Larry Sundbakken, real estate agent and part owner of Signal Realtors, and Marlys Sundbakken, retired teacher's aide.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MENTOR SCHOLARSHIP would not be possible without the generosity of organizations, such as the Roger Odell Fund and United Community Bank, and the ten mentors who donated their time and money. Anderson's dream is that the MSU Business Mentor Scholarship Program will have a lasting impression on the students who receive the scholarship money, donors and mentors, and she hopes to continue the program in the future.

Scholarships in Action

KRYS ZORBAUGH

The Mentor Scholarship is one of many scholarships awarded to students, impacting their lives and inspiring students to pay it forward. Krys Zorbaugh, however, received a different type of scholarship.

At the age of 35, Zorbaugh's educational goal was to make a change and take care of "life's priorities" by returning to school and pursuing a nursing degree. Then came the devastating 2011 Mouse River flood that changed the lives of thousands forever. For Zorbaugh, it gave her a whole new perspective on life. What she envisioned for her future changed right along with the landscape around her. In spring 2012, she decided to pursue a passion she held dear to her heart for years — theater.

"I find myself immersed in an environment that inspires and challenges me," she said. "The wealth of opportunities available to students at Minot State University — the small class sizes, hands-on experience and invaluable dedication of an engaged and caring faculty and staff — continue to make all the difference in my life. My course of study has reignited my passion for theater and my determination to make a difference in the world ... not just change my life."

Zorbaugh immersed herself in the many options offered at MSU. She became involved in Campus Players, MSU's oldest student organization, and held the position of secretary for the 2013-14 academic year. From productions to community outreach, Zorbaugh has dedicated herself to the ideals of Campus Players. She was also nominated



Charles Wollschlager and Krys Zorbaugh as Carl and Grace in the Spring 2013 MSU Theatre Arts program's production of William Inge's "Bus Stop."

for an Irene Ryan Award over the course of two semesters; she was on the President's List 2012-14; and she worked as a Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning intern in the MSU Public Information Office. Zorbaugh was also a Harold and Verna Aleshire Drama Scholarship recipient two consecutive academic years, 2013-14 and 2014-15. The scholarship is awarded to an upper-class Minot State student majoring in drama, and the recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

"As an older-than-average student, I rely primarily on grants, scholarships and student loans to finance my education," she said. "It was a daunting task

to take on additional debt at this point in my life. So receiving this generous gift (Harold and Verna Aleshire Scholarship) encouraged me to face the challenge. Knowing there are people out there for the success of a student makes it easy and inspires me to work harder and pay it forward. They chose me; they believe I can make a difference; and it's such an inspiration."

Upon graduation, Zorbaugh plans to become deeply involved in Minot-area theater and performing arts and pursue a master's degree with additional coursework in education, broadcasting and journalism.

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Krys Zorbaugh

MICHAEL NORDQUIST

Another Minot State student whose education was supported by a scholarship is Michael Nordquist, a young man of abounding energy and ceaseless activity.

The recent MSU graduate managed to attend college full time, work part time and care for a wife and three children. And his irrepressible drive will take him to medical school this summer.

Michael Nordquist — a young man of abounding energy and ceaseless activity.

A Howard Randall Scholarship assisted Nordquist financially while at Minot State. Established in memory of a former employee, the scholarship is awarded to family members of university faculty and staff. Michael Nordquist's father is Neil Nordquist, dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences.

"At graduation, he handed me the diploma and shook my hand," Michael Nordquist said of his dad. "It got pretty emotional; it was a cool moment."

The 26-year-old literally stumbled into his major at MSU. After suffering a series of concussions from high school football collisions, construction accidents and falls on icy sidewalks, he received treatment from sports medicine personnel and came away impressed. Minot State had just established an athletic training program, so the Minot native decided to investigate the field.

To supplement his classroom instruction, Michael Nordquist worked in the Swain Hall Sports Medicine Center and the Dome athletic training room, assisting MSU athletes with injury prevention, diagnosis and rehabilitation. In addition, he helped out with area high school teams, working under the direction of certified athletic trainers from Trinity Sports Medicine.

"It was a great opportunity to get hands-on patient experience," Michael

Nordquist said of the program's clinical rotations.

During his years in the program, he discovered that not all athletes have the same physical and psychological makeups.

"I really enjoyed working with hockey and wrestling," he said. "They take their dedication to another level. They seemed to have a higher pain toler-

ance, and they were willing to subject themselves to more rigorous training."

Michael Nordquist worked under two veteran mentors during his time at MSU. One was Heather Golly '96, who established the athletic training program.

"She was a great teacher and adviser," he said. "She always has an interesting point of view on athletic training."

Michael's second mentor, Robyn Gust, is the program's liaison with Trinity Sports Medicine.

"Robyn has a no-nonsense approach," he said. "She's not afraid to speak her mind, so you get a straight answer all the time."

To support his family while in college, Michael Nordquist delivered newspapers, using a frenetic yet disciplined method.

"I delivered five routes every morning," he said.

To get them done in time, I would run them. I'd run six miles every morning. It would be negative 40 (degrees), and I'd be out there running."

He started at 4 a.m. each day and took two hours to complete the multiple

routes. He delivered papers seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

"Even if you get sick, you got to go out and do it," he said.

After his early morning paper routes, Michael Nordquist attended classes during the day and worked in the training room or attended athletic events in the afternoons and evenings. His family provided an indispensable respite at the end of each day. It includes his wife, Carolyn, along with Jack, 4; Gus, 2; and Eric, 4 months.

Nordquist's on-the-fly lifestyle was perfect preparation for the blinding competition he'll face in medical school at Des Moines (Iowa) University this summer.



"I'm going into osteopathic medicine," he said. "It focuses on prevention and whole-body care. It does similar types of treatment that athletic trainers do."

Maintaining the preposterous schedule of a physician should be easy for Michael Nordquist, after he survived the demanding athletic training curriculum at Minot State.

"It's a great program to get ready for the sports medicine field," he said.

Scholarships in Action

CARLY BOAG

Carly Boag attained a plethora of accolades and awards during her four-year career on the women's basketball team. During her final two seasons, she broke nearly every record in the Minot State record book, set numerous conference records and became the Beavers' first-ever NCAA Division II All-American.

But it was a piece of paper the Australian earned in the middle of May that had her feeling like she truly completed her goals at MSU.

"It was very important for me to earn the degree," she said. "It was a priority to graduate, but I didn't think I would be able to in four years with the travel and the time we take for practice. I was really proud that I could finish it when I did."

Boag earned a bachelor's degree in corporate fitness and will return to Minot State to finish her degree in education. But she might take a couple of years before finalizing it to pursue a different dream — professional basketball.

"I got on a list of American college players because I was on the All-American teams and All-Conference teams, and they asked if I was interested in going on a trip to Italy to build my résumé," Boag said. "They help you get noticed during the trip. We play in Italy over 10 days, and my goal is to use that experience to sign with a professional team."

The professional contract would take Boag full circle from dreaming about being a professional player to actually becoming one, and that largely is due to her opportunity to play at Minot State. Boag and twin sister Christina Boag had originally signed up to play at the University of Albany, but a coaching change left the pair in limbo.

After a contact or two, the Boags were introduced to Minot State head coach Sheila Green Gerding through former men's coach Peter Stewart.



Carly Boag pulls up for a jump shot during a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference women's basketball game at Northern State in Aberdeen, S.D. Boag capped a stellar career by being named to three different NCAA Division II All-American teams in 2013-14.

Boag leaves Minot State as the school's all-time leading scorer (1,809), rebounder (1,030) and shot blocker (107).

The rest is history, as they say, with the duo starting out sharing a scholarship their first year to becoming two of the best players in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Carly Boag shined over her final two seasons, earning All-NSIC honors both seasons, being tabbed 2013-14 NSIC Player of the Year and being named to multiple All-American teams.

"We really felt fortunate to have the opportunity to get a scholarship at

Minot State," Carly Boag said. "Our first year of college, we were just happy to be in the States and playing basketball. But as my career got closer to the end, I started to think more about playing professionally overseas. There are so many levels in Europe, and I will have to see where I fit in."

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Development Foundation

A centennial year of *Record Support*

In so many ways this past year has been a wonderful celebration.

One hundred years of successful teaching and learning; 100 years of community and regional support that recognizes the strengths associated with students who desire to broaden their abilities to enjoy productive lives; and a record year of financial gifts to Minot State!

Thanks to the growing commitment of those who have the ability to

financially help deserving students, the MSU Development Foundation received \$3.4 million in financial gifts, a 100 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Grant offered a \$1 grant for every \$2 privately raised for specific university projects, including endowed scholarships. This incentive proved to be wildly popular with donors, and Minot State



Marv Semrau, Executive Director, MSU Development Foundation

achieved the \$1 million maximum grant amount in only eight months of the 18-month campaign.

A sincere thank you is due to donors who made these gifts possible and also enjoyed the 50 percent addition to their endowments through the Challenge Grant, as well as North Dakota legislators for providing this incentive.

As we look forward to MSU's next 100 years of service to students, this may be the time to reflect on how you can make a difference in students' lives. Please contact the Minot State University Advancement Office at 701-858-4483, and we will work to match your dreams with the needs of our students.

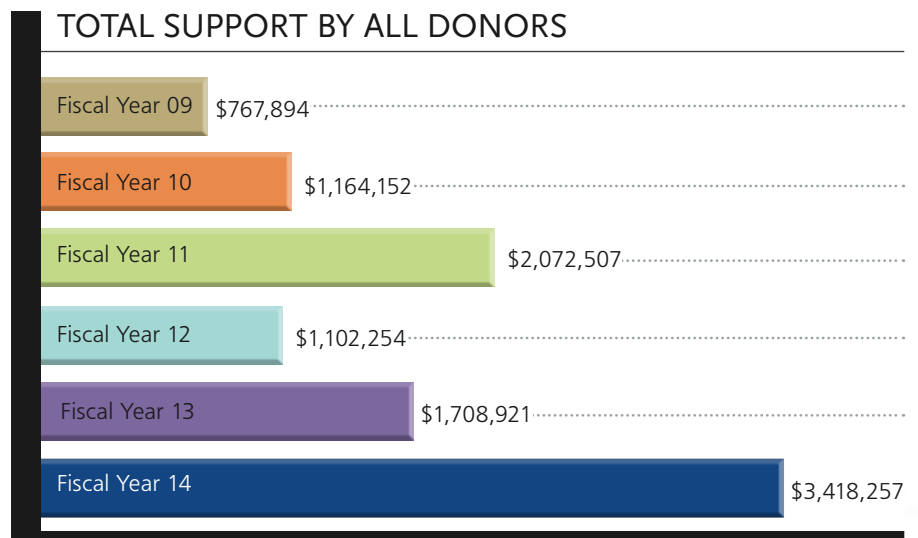


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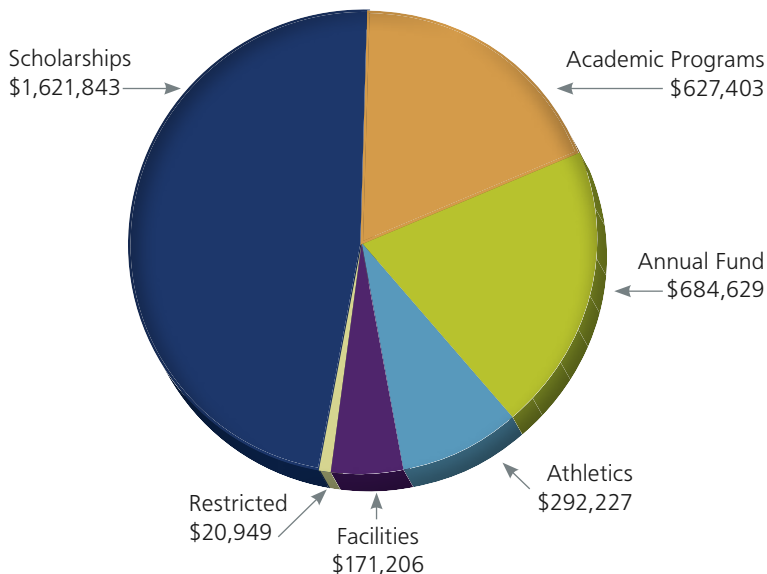
Thank You

to donors for contributing to the success of our students and their ability to be seen and be heard.

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Development Foundation 2014
donations reached an all-time high,
as did the Annual Excellence appeal
and the number of endowments.
These resources will support
programs and provide scholarships
for students for years to come.



DONOR GIFT DESIGNATION — FISCAL YEAR 14



Gifts reached a record \$3.4 million during FY14, doubling the previous year's revenue.

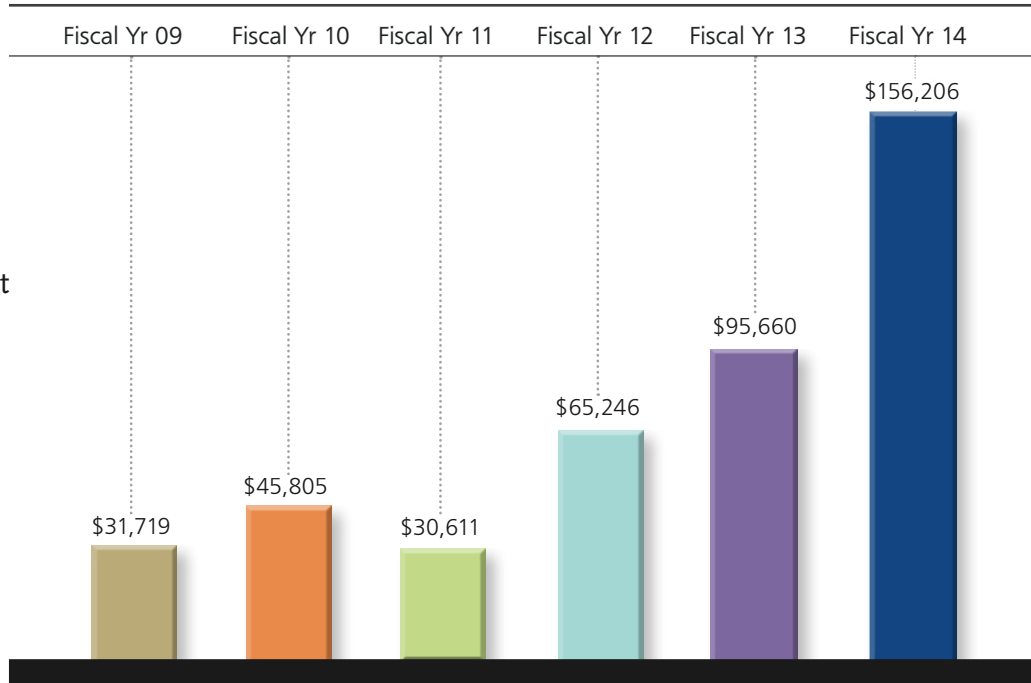
The \$3.4 million in total donor gifts are distributed among six university priorities.

Total Gifts: \$3,418,257



ANNUAL EXCELLENCE DONATIONS

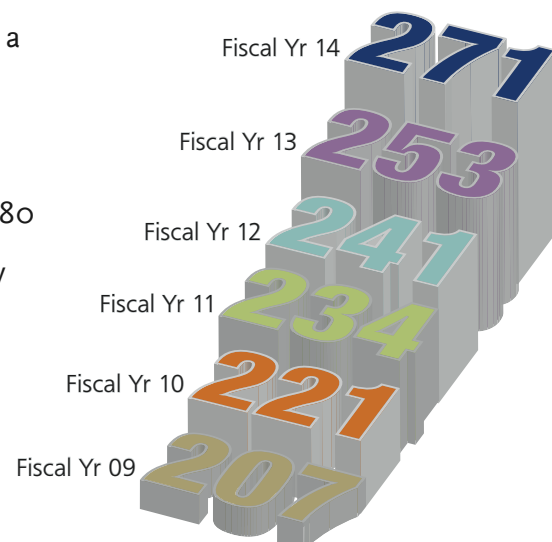
The FY14 Annual Excellence appeal realized a significant 61% growth.



GROWTH OF ENDOWED FUNDS SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

Endowed funds continued positive growth reaching a total of 271.

In fiscal year 2014, endowed funds provided \$607,780 in support of MSU, with 70% of these funds directly supporting student scholarships.



HIGHLIGHTS



A sea of red could be seen for blocks as nearly 150 Minot State supporters walked in the North Dakota State Fair Parade to celebrate Minot State's 100th birthday.



MSU unveiled its beaver statue in honor of the university's Centennial Celebration. The statue, located east of the MSU Dome on 11th Avenue, was funded by the MSU Alumni Association.



At the Centennial Celebration Block party, attendees enjoyed games, music provided by MSU students, a lunch supplied by Minot's Young Professionals and a program featuring special guests and coronation of the Homecoming king and queen. Photos for all Centennial Celebration events can be found on Minot State University's Facebook page.

CENTENNIAL MILESTONES



Centennial Celebration theater production, "100 Years of Normal," featured a family that immigrated to America from Norway, settled in the Minot area and attended the Normal School.



The Native American Cultural Awareness Club sponsored its annual Spring Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration. There was a Crow special honoring for MSU President David Fuller and his wife, Nancy, as a tribute to them and to say farewell to MSU's 10th president.



To commemorate MSU's Centennial Celebration, "Great Plains Symposium" featured MSU's legacy, place and vision with speakers, presentations and performances.



This year's Centennial commencement ceremony marked the culmination of Minot State's first 100 years and the start of its next century. Centennial graduates donned elegant red tassels to celebrate the day.



To commemorate MSU's Centennial, the Maypole celebration was revived in the Old Main ellipse with young guests from Bishop Ryan Catholic School participating in the performance.

HIGHLIGHTS OUR

August 2013

THE Office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services recognized Minot State University's Registrar's Office for its continued cooperation and superior service to the agency.

THE North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, Center of Excellence on the Minot State University campus, is awarded funding from the Department of Health's Children's Special Health Services for the Great Plains Interdisciplinary Autism Diagnostic Clinic.

September 2013

THE MSU Department of Special Education entered a partnership with the Michigan Department of Education to provide graduate-level training to teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

MSU hosted the first North Dakota Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, providing an opportunity for undergraduate and high school students to present their mathematical research and projects in a professional setting.



JYNETTE Larshus, sociology and political science assistant professor, introduced an

ongoing event, "Democracy Café," taking students out of the classroom and into the community.

SENIOR receiver Wayne Peters caught a tipped pass in the corner of the end zone to lift the Beavers to a 23-17 triple-overtime win over Augustana College. The three overtimes is the longest game in school history.



October 2013

MIKHAIL Bobylev, chemistry professor, and MSU students presented five original research posters at an annual regional Undergraduate Research in Molecular Sciences meeting, and Kowan O'Keefe gave an oral presentation, winning an American Chemical Society Travel Award.

MINOT State inducted three individuals and one special achievement award winner into the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame. Kenny Smith (football), Brad Tighe (track & field/cross country) and Karen

White (women's basketball/track & field) were honored. MSU President David Fuller was inducted as a Special Achievement Award Winner.

MINOT State University was awarded \$531,000 per year for two years for its project, "Learning STEMs from Experience."

November 2013

THE Native American Cultural Awareness Club sponsored the Native American Cultural Celebration.

KELLI Creese's first career goal was enough to send the Beavers women's soccer team to its second straight Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament.

THE Student Social Work Organization and Minot Area Homeless Coalition sponsored their annual "Freezin' for a Reason" event.



SENIOR Josh Weidler was named to the All-NSIC North Football Team. Weidler was also featured in the Northern Sun Showcase television show after donating his hair to "Locks of Love."

THE North Dakota Geographic Alliance, housed at Minot State, received a \$62,298 grant from the National Geographic Education Foundation.

NDCPD is awarded a contract from the N.D. Department of Health, Suicide Prevention Division, to implement a state-wide middle school personnel online training program.

December 2013

MSU's Criminal Justice Club hosted "Female Criminal Justice Professionals: Past, Present, Future." Mary Maring, the keynote speaker for this inaugural symposium, was a North Dakota State Supreme Court justice.

MSU's broadcasting students raised \$14,450 at the 15th annual KMSU auction.



January 2014

A generous donation to the MSU Development Foundation helped in providing quality education for students into the next century. The donation from the estate of Chuck and Madge Westlie brought their total estate giving to Minot State University to more than \$1 million.



TO combat blood cancer, MSU Residence Life hosted “Pennies for Patients,” its annual fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raising over \$5000.

February 2014

SELECT high school students showcased their business and technology skills at the Department of Business Information Technology’s 16th annual Technology Day.

MSU’s Severson Entrepreneurship Academy began an expansion project to discover new opportunities in North Dakota’s booming Bakken region. This expansion was made possible by a \$500,000 gift given by Clint Severson, a 1973 graduate, and Connie Ahart, and a \$250,000 grant from the Higher Ed Challenge Grant supported by N. D. legislators.



MSU’s men’s and women’s cross country teams were named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division II Scholar Teams for 2013. Junior Kara Kuntz was also recognized with a 2013 USTFCCA All-Academic honor.

MSU’s Carly Boag capped her home career with a school and NSIC tournament-record 46 points along with 16 rebounds, as the Beavers won their first-ever NSIC tournament game. Boag was also named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Year, following a record-setting senior season.

THE State Board of Higher Education named Valley City State University President Steven Shirley, as the 11th president of Minot State University. He succeeds David Fuller, who announced his retirement after 10 years in office.

March 2014

MSU freshman Tiger Paasch became the first Beaver wrestler in school history to place at the NCAA Regional as he finished sixth at 174 lbs.

KIRK Capdeville made history as the first track & field All-American finishing fifth in the pole vault at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships in Salem, N.C.

April 2014

Junior golfer Kowan O’Keefe earned his second-straight trip to the NCAA Division II Central Regional, where he finished in a tie for 44th. O’Keefe also became the first male student-athlete at MSU to earn Capital One Academic All-District as he was named to the Men’s At-Large team.

MELISSA Bell and Jen Dixon were named to the 2014 NSIC Softball All-Conference team following the regular season. Bell earned her first honor, while Dixon capped a spectacular career with her second All-NSIC honor. Dixon earned All-Region honors for the second straight year and finished as the Beavers all-time leader in home runs (39) and runs batted in (165).

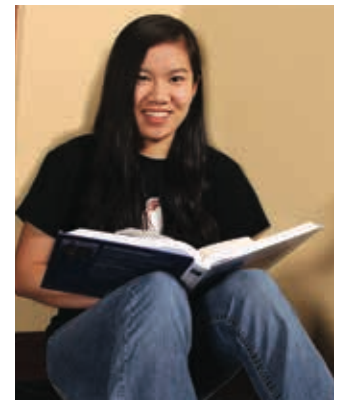
May 2014

TYLER Bates and Tyler Flatland were separated by minutes as the first-ever NSIC Outdoor Championship individual title as Bates’ historic run in the 400-meters came two events earlier than Flatland’s 400-hurdles. The duo helped the Beavers place seventh at the meet. Flatland was named to the All-Central Region team in the hurdles.

CONTINUING a tradition of supporting MSU speech and hearing efforts, Mylan Sand, Minot Sertoma Club president, presented \$28,000 to the MSU Development Foundation and pledged \$100,000 to fund equipment in the Department of Communication Disorders.

CHLOE Ondracek, mathematics major, was invited to participate in the 2014 Program for Women and Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. Previously, the Minot native presented her research at the Joint

Mathematics Meeting in Baltimore. This research was submitted for publication as a co-authored paper by Ondracek and Assistant Professor of Mathematics Narayan Thapa.



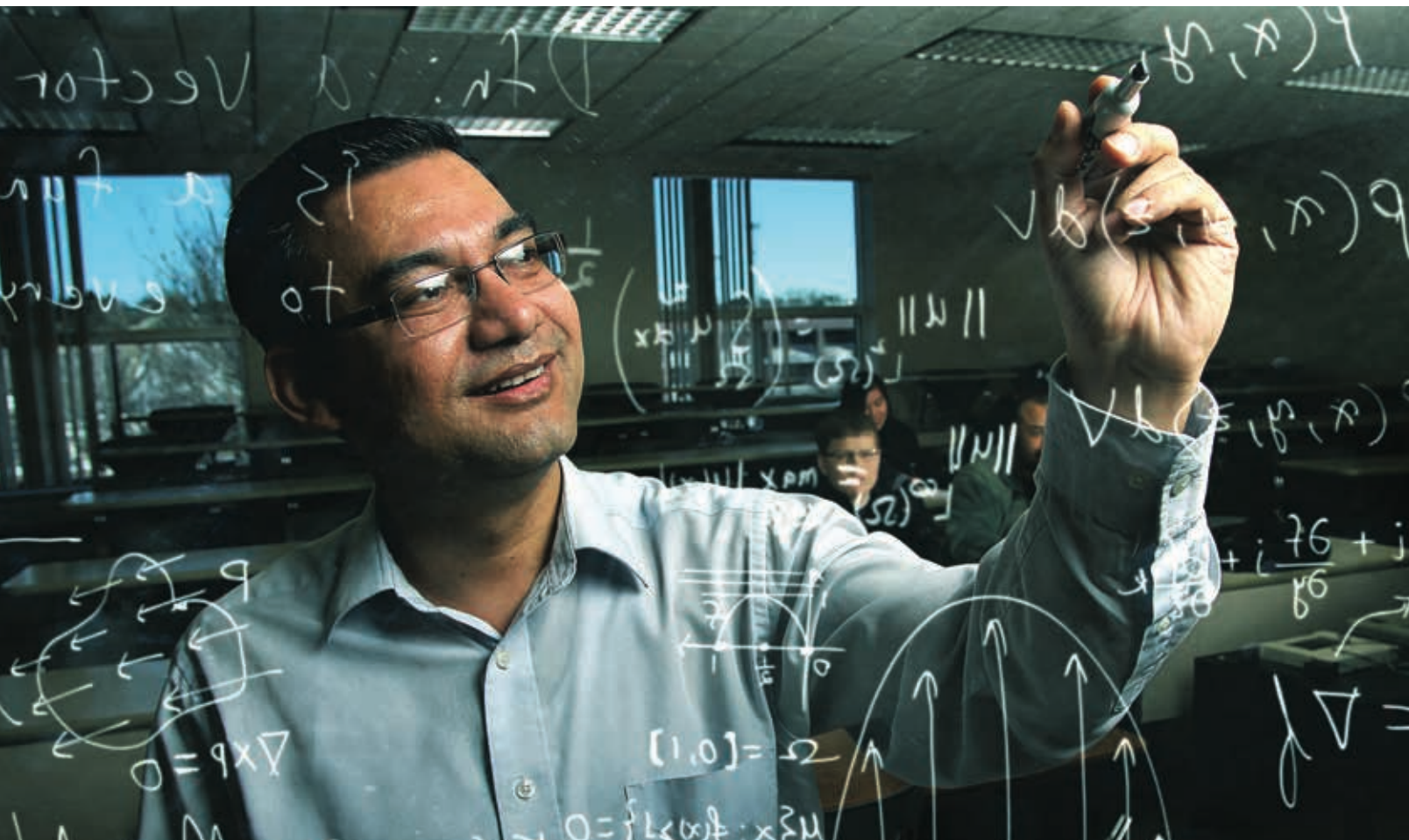
THE MSU Veterans Center conducted a ceremony to honor the veterans buried in the First Lutheran Church Cemetery located near campus. Veterans who served in World War I, World War II and Vietnam were recognized.

June 2014

MSU, the North Dakota Geographic Alliance, Neset Consulting and Hess Corporation hosted a professional development program for K-12 teachers, “Oil, Water and the People of North Dakota.”

NDCPD partnered with the N.D. Department of Human Services and agencies in five other Western states to recruit and enroll 2,000 low-income youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 16 in a program designed to improve their educational and employment outcomes.

Establishing a Scholarship



Creating a named scholarship through the Minot State University Development Foundation assists students and leaves a legacy to Minot State University. It is also a meaningful way to honor family and friends.

The first step in establishing a scholarship is to determine whether you would like to establish an “endowed” scholarship or an “annual” scholarship:

- **Endowed Scholarships**

Endowed scholarship funds are designed to be permanent and perpetual and can be created with gifts totaling a minimum amount of \$10,000 contributed in full at the outset or with an initial commitment that is added to over time until the endowment level of \$10,000 is reached. The principal of the fund is invested to produce income, and an annual award is made to a student(s). The principal remains untouched, so the endowment can last into perpetuity.

- **Annual Scholarships**

Annual scholarships can be established with an outright gift of any amount. Unlike an endowed scholarship described above, an annual scholarship is not a permanent fund and is awarded only as long as you (or others) choose to contribute to the fund.

As a scholarship donor, you choose the name of the scholarship as well as the criteria. The Office of Advancement staff is available to help you create the criteria for your scholarship. Endowed and annual scholarships at Minot State are awarded to deserving students based upon area of interest, geographical origin, leadership potential, merit, financial need, academic achievement and/or other criteria.

Typically, a selection committee carefully reviews the scholarship applications submitted by students and selects the most deserving recipient(s) based on the donor-established criteria.

Contributors of a scholarship fund are notified annually when the scholarship recipient(s) has been selected and are informed of the name, as well as the amount of the award. Recipients often write a thank you note to the donor, and in some cases, the recipient and donor are able to meet.

Scholarships

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Arts and Science Scholarship Endowment

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Scholarship Endowment
Dan Draovich Scholarship Endowment
Gary Holum Scholarship Endowment
Lambda Alpha Epsilon Criminal Justice Scholarship

HUMANITIES

Art Scholarship Endowment
Division of Humanities Scholarship Endowment
Freshman Theatre Arts Award
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Board of Regents Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards

Three faculty members, Darren Dobrinski, Leisa Harmon and Vicki Michels, and two staff members, Tiffany Fylling and Evelyn Klimpel, received MSU Board of Regents Achievement Awards May 14 during Minot State University's annual Employee Recognition event. The awards are as follows:



Darren Dobrinski
School Psychology



Leisa Harmon
Communication Disorders



Vicki Michels
Addiction Studies



Tiffany Fylling
POWER Center



Evelyn Klimpel
Student Development

Teaching: Darren Dobrinski, associate professor of psychology, is currently the program and clinical director of the school psychology graduate program, and his area of interest is autism spectrum disorders. Having taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels, the Makoti native's applied experiences give students current examples that enhance learning. Students enjoy his teaching methods, but they also know that he sets high standards in the classroom, pushing them to achieve the quality expected under the accreditation standards of the National Association of School Psychologists. The results of MSU student performance on the nationally standardized Praxis II prove he is successful in his approach to teaching.

Service: Leisa Harmon '88/'89, chair and assistant professor within the Department of Communication Disorders, has been a faculty member since 1997. In addition to her duties as a department chair, she teaches both in the classroom and in the on-campus Communication Disorders Clinic and advises over 70 students each semester. Harmon is a governor's appointee to the North Dakota State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audi-

ology, a member of the Department of Public Instruction's committee that developed the current eligibility guidelines for speech and language services in North Dakota public schools and the chair of the scholarship committee for the North Dakota Speech and Hearing Association.

Scholarship: Vicki Michels '88, professor of addiction studies and licensed psychologist, directs the addiction studies program. The Mohall native has collaborated with faculty on numerous research projects, such as gauging the psychopharmacology of alcohol absorption and evaluating the North Dakota foster care system. She engages students in the scientific method in every research project. Currently, she and Amy Canevello of the University of North Carolina are studying couples' responses to the stress of the 2011 Mouse River flood and the factors that contribute to post-traumatic growth in couples. Data collection for the flood research project was completed in fall 2013 and is now being analyzed.

Tiffany Fylling, advising coordinator, initially joined the POWER Center as the tutoring coordinator and supplemental instruction supervisor when MSU received its Title IV TRiO-Student

Support Services grant in 2010. She advises more than 100 students, while continuing to supervise supplemental instruction. The Valley City native also serves on the Admissions Exemption Committee and the Advising Task Force and is involved with the recently implemented University Advocacy Network. In 2012, she received the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning's Outstanding First Year Student Advocate Award and most recently was recognized as the 2014 Student Government Association Advisor of the Year.

Evelyn Kimpel '80/'96, coordinator of disability services, coordinates the assessment process to determine student's eligibility for disability services, conducts in-service workshops for MSU students, staff and faculty and provides appropriate accommodations to meet the individual needs of students. Klimpel also supervises testing accommodations for students with disabilities. An enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, she was raised in a traditional cultural environment where both parents spoke their native languages and taught Hidatsa and Crow culture. She is recognized as an expert in the cultures of the Northern Plains Indians.

Vision 2013 Merit Award Recipients

Minot State University announced Vision 2013 Award recipients. Award winners, who are faculty and staff members, demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the university toward its Vision 2013 goals and specific objectives.



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Achievements

MSU Alumni Association bestowed awards on five

Four Minot State University alumni, Lona Anderson, Robert “Rob” Anderson, Gary Cederstrom and Clint Severson, received the MSU Alumni Association’s Golden Award Sept. 26. Nathan Conway accepted the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

THE GOLDEN AWARD

is the highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association, and selections are based on outstanding service to the university or alumni association and distinguished career or community leadership.



LONA ANDERSON, retired realtor, graduated from MSU in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. After teaching business classes, she returned to

Minot and began a 30-year real estate career in 1978. The Bottineau native was part owner of two real estate companies, Brokers 12 and Signal Realtors. A founding member of the Minot Community Foundation’s Power of the Purse, she initiated the MSU Business Mentor Scholarship Program in 2013. She hopes this program makes a lasting impression on students who receive this scholarship money and people who donate money and mentor students.



ROBERT “ROB” ANDERSON, MSU art adjunct professor, graduated from MSU with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1983 and returned to

earn a master’s degree in elementary education in 1999. Ending a 25-year teaching career with Minot Public Schools, the New Rockford native was called back into service to become the special assistant to the MSU president after the

2011 Mouse River Flood. For the MSU Alumni Association, he has co-chaired Gala and its Presentation Committee. He also volunteers within the community.



GARY CEDERSTROM, Major League Baseball crew chief, graduated from MSU in 1978 with a bachelor’s degree in physical education.

While attending Minot State, he belonged to the M Club, the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and the Beaver Baseball Team. For the past 35 years, Cederstrom has umpired professional baseball, joining MLB staff in 1997. The Minot native has umpired in six Division Series, six League Championship Series, one All-Star Game and one Japan All-Star Series. He worked both the 2005 and 2011 World Series.



CLINT SEVERSON, Forbes’ 2007 Entrepreneur of the Year, is the president and chief executive officer of Abaxis, a point-of-care medical diagnostic

company. Graduating from MSU with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1973, Severson discovered his true calling: turning small, start-up businesses into profitable companies. He has grown Abaxis’ operating profit to over \$40 million.

Feb. 9, 2010, Severson and Connie Ahart donated \$1 million to establish the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy.

SEA uses business courses to teach multi-disciplinary classes related to the building of businesses. Abaxis also provides internships. In February 2014, Severson and Ahart donated \$500,000 to be coupled with a \$250,000 Higher Ed Challenge Grant to expand SEA. This expansion will empower entrepreneurs and business leaders to discover opportunities in the booming Bakken region.

THE YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

recipient is between the ages of 21 to 39.

NATHAN CONWAY is chief executive



officer of Fortis Energy Services, a Michigan-based oilfield well services company. Previously, Conway was chief operating officer of

Ward Williston Oil Company, a North Dakota-based oil and gas exploration and production company. The Westhope native earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from MSU in 2001. He is active in his professional and local community as a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and chair of the Golf for the Gulf Charity Open. Business Watch Magazine and Prairie Business recognized Conway with their “40 under 40” business awards. Platts Global Energy Award recently selected him as a finalist for its Rising Star Award.

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