

Connections

Reflections on the past and
insight into the future

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Message from the President



It is certainly an exciting time at Minot State University as well as an exciting time throughout this region and across the great state of North Dakota! Our state's diverse economy is flourishing in a variety of sectors, such as energy, agriculture, manufacturing, service, education, technology, health care, retail and many other areas. Higher education in North Dakota is

also experiencing significant transformation as new and expanded research, collaborations, academic programs and partnerships are helping to expand opportunities for students across our state.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the first few months here at Minot State University. Since July, I have had many opportunities to meet friends, alumni and supporters of Minot State. Homecoming this fall was a terrific celebration of all things Minot State; it was great fun attending the socials, reunions, athletic contests and student activities throughout the week.

Each year, Homecoming also provides an opportunity for Minot State's Alumni Association to recognize outstanding individuals with the Golden Awards. Please take a look at the article in this issue of Connections regarding four wonderful MSU graduates who were bestowed with the 2014 recognitions: Brenda Foster, Darwin Langseth, Tim Michalick and Kent Kirkhammer. It was a wonderful evening and so meaningful to hear the distinguished awardees share

stories about how their MSU education has impacted their lives and careers.

During Homecoming Week, we also held the annual President's Club Luncheon in celebration of MSU friends and donors who support our various scholarship and academic programs. Jordanna Kane, a current MSU nursing student, spoke at the luncheon and discussed the positive impact scholarships have had on her ability to complete her education and fulfill her career goals. Her comments were moving and powerful. The gifts you provide make an incredibly positive difference in the lives of our students. Thank You!

There are so many individuals who contribute their time and efforts to helping Minot State University succeed through their service on boards, including the Board of Regents, Development Foundation Board, Beaver Boosters, Alumni Association Board and various advisory boards to our academic programs. I have had the opportunity to attend some of these board meetings and meet some

of these folks and am truly inspired by their dedication, service and commitment to assisting the campus and our students. Thanks to all who serve (and former members who have served) in these various capacities. Your involvement matters and makes a tremendously positive difference at Minot State University!

Finally, a big word of thanks to everyone reading this Connections issue. Your continued interest and commitment as alumni, friends and supporters of Minot State allows the campus to pursue unique relationships and develop new opportunities for our students. It takes all of us working together to ensure the success of MSU. The future for this campus is certainly a bright one, and your continued interest in MSU and your connection to the university will be a vital component as we move forward, reach new heights and grow the campus in new directions! It is an exciting time at Minot State; I am pleased to be here and look forward to working with all of you. Thanks, and as always, GO BEAVERS!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Shirley".

STEVEN W. SHIRLEY, PH.D.
PRESIDENT

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Reflections on the past and insight into the future: a Q & A with MSU President Steven Shirley

Times are changing in the prosperous state of North Dakota, and Minot State University is no exception. As a new century of service begins, Minot State's 11th president reflects on the past and the future.



The adventurous life of

Ancient Greek orator and statesman, Demosthenes, wrote “Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprise.”

This aphorism well befits the adventurous life journey of chemist and Minot State University alumna, Kim Baldrige ('82). Her willingness to seize opportunity, wherever it takes her, has brought her a prolific career and a fulfilling life.

In 1978, Baldrige came to Minot State determined to study pre-medicine on the path to becoming an orthopedic surgeon. In her undergraduate pursuits, guided by science and math mentors, she developed self-confidence in her scholarly skills and a passion for fundamental research. It turned her interest in another direction.

Buoyed by an invitation to attend graduate school and her professors' belief in her success, Baldrige passed on medical school and instead went to North Dakota State University, where she obtained a master's degree in mathematics and a doctorate in theoretical chemistry.

“I was dead set about going into medicine and was focused on pre-med.

But then I got an invitation to attend graduate school, which is something I never considered, and I chose that, oddly enough,” the Minot native said.

At NDSU, Baldrige worked summers with a well-known theoretical chemist who convinced her to continue in theoretical chemistry after she completed her master's degree.

“I told him I didn't think I had what it takes to get a Ph.D., but he enticed me because he helped me see how it could bring together my love of math, biochemistry and computers, which was an emerging area at the time,” she said.

During this time, Baldrige was part of a team of theoretical chemists that developed the computational chemistry software, GAMESS, which stands for General Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structure System. The software is one of the world standards for computational quantum chemistry, and she worked to develop new capabilities in the software as part of her doctoral studies.

Subsequently, Baldrige continued on to do post-doctoral work at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., but left eight months later to take a job as a researcher

and consultant at the San Diego Super-computer Center, on the campus of the University of California, San Diego.

“It was the best choice I ever made, because I spent 15 years there in a time when supercomputing was really up and coming. I was there shortly after it started and saw all these changes in the '90s for computation and the science that it would enable,” she said.

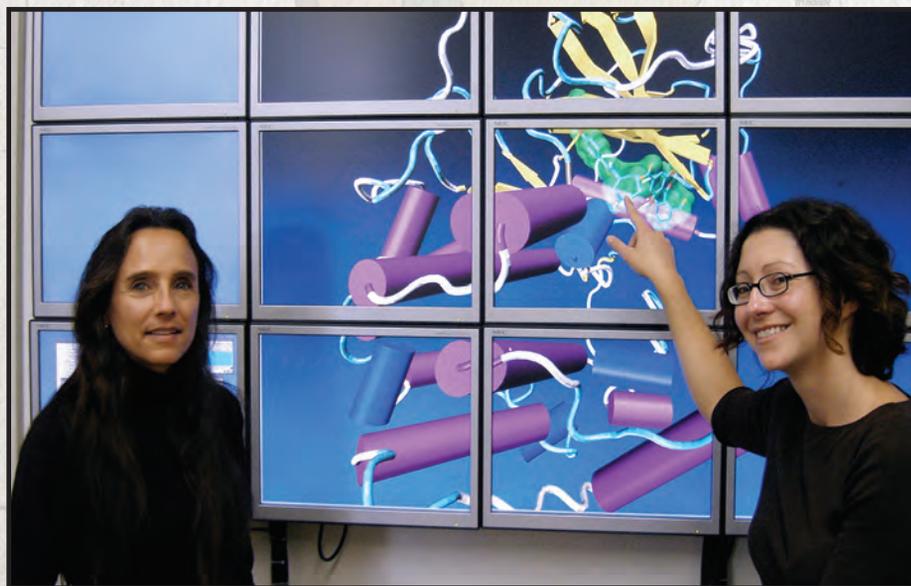
After more than a decade in San Diego, Baldrige and her husband, Jay Siegel, an organic chemist at UCSD, felt that they had reached a point where it was time to investigate other prospects.

“We had this opportunity in Zurich, which was not something that we planned to do; it just kind of came up. We set the bar pretty high, they met that bar, so we decided to see what Zurich had to offer,” Baldrige said.

Her move to the University of Zurich in 2003 as a professor of theoretical chemistry was not only a career change, but also a cultural adjustment.

“In San Diego, I managed to keep my academic credentials current, along with my research and management career. I simultaneously rose up through the ranks to full professor while completing the director track. It was tough, but without that, I would not have been salable for the job in Zurich,” she said. “I was the first woman hired in the chemistry institute at the university. That, having to ramp up my research, teaching classes, mentoring students, and not knowing the language, was quite a challenge initially. But I am glad I did it. Together, Jay and I developed a close-knit research family and have had an awesome experience living in a foreign country.”

In addition to faculty responsibilities, Baldrige founded and directs the Grid Computing Competence Center, which fosters research, education, infrastructure



Visualizing some interesting biological structure on the newly constructed viz wall.

Kim Baldrige



and usage of distributed computing at UZH. As part of her curriculum for her graduate students, she designs thesis projects together with her students where they are required to learn GAMESS, how to add new functionalities, and test their theories on actual research of current interest.

“That way I am teaching about theory, computation and application, rather than just teaching them to use a black box,” Baldrige said. “It’s a lot of fun.”

Two years ago, another opportunity presented itself, which will take Baldrige and her husband to a different corner of the earth. They will join as professors and dean (Siegel) of the School for Pharmaceutical Science at Tianjin University in the municipal province of Tianjin, China. They are the first non-ethnic Chinese to head such a school in the People’s Republic of China. They are charged with a massive reform of a new westernized English-speaking research and teaching program.

“We had two offers on the table when we first started discussing this move: Hong Kong and China. The institution in Hong Kong was very traditional and already established. We decided to go to China because of the creativity, the potential, and because it seemed like the right thing to do,” Baldrige said.

Siegel has been in China for just over a year. Baldrige is finishing Zurich before joining him in 2015.

Baldrige admits to a personal agenda for relocating to China – a chance to write additional children’s science-based fairy tales. While in San Diego, she was asked to visit an elementary school and talk about chemistry to third-, fourth- and fifth-graders. Afraid she would bore them, Baldrige armed herself with various props and wrote a fairy tale about chemistry, then had the students build molecules from the story out of gumdrops and toothpicks.

Years later, the story, “Mixing with Merrygold,” was animated and eventually published. Her second book on halogens, based on the islands of Malta, is currently being printed and will be out at the end of 2014. She is already well into her third book. To encourage student engagement, Baldrige wants to create plush toys based on all the characters in her books. She very much wants to continue to write fairy tales that illustrate facts and concepts of chemistry.

Baldrige, no stranger to publishing, has authored or co-authored over 175 peer-reviewed articles, two books and 17 book chapters, mostly in the field of computational chemistry. But this is different.

“I totally get lost in these stories,” she said. “I think having a set of books where students can learn and get over their fear of chemistry at an early age will create familiarity with some of the terms and give them a better experience of chemistry when they go to university.”

Her lofty goals are rooted in Minot State values.

“Across the board, I had amazing math and science teachers at Minot State University. They made it enjoyable,” Baldrige said. “I think, because the class sizes were small, I couldn’t have gotten a better education going to a big-name school. For me, MSU was absolutely perfect.”

Graduate provides PUBLIC SERVICE *with a smile*

Kirsten Baesler's career in public service was shaped on the landscapes of her childhood in Flasher, a dot of a town in the southern part of North Dakota.

Baesler, the current North Dakota superintendent of public instruction, grew

up the youngest of seven children. Helping others was embedded in the fabric of the large family.

"I saw all of my brothers, my sisters and my parents model community service every day," she said. "When I was growing up, it was never a question of if I

would serve but of finding the best way to serve."

After high school, she moved to Mandan and became a wife and mother of three sons. She chose education with its transformative potential as her career path.

Baesler worked in the Bismarck Public School

system while earning two associate degrees at Bismarck State College. She next pursued a teaching degree at Minot State, taking coursework on the BSC campus and commuting to Minot for additional classes.

Neil Nordquist, dean of the College of Education and



Health Sciences, extended himself to help her earn a degree in 2001.

“I had such an individualized program,” she said. “He was so willing to accommodate the schedule that I had and try to make my commute time as minimal as possible.”

With her shiny new degree, she returned to the Bismarck Public Schools. In her 22 years there, she worked as a classroom teacher, media specialist,

instructional assistant and assistant principal.

In addition, Baesler served on the Mandan School Board for nine years, seven of them as president. Her combination of educational and policy experience led to her election as superintendent of public instruction in 2012.

Baesler assumed leadership of a 100-member staff responsible for 110,000 K-12 students in the state’s 473 public schools.

To focus the department’s mission, she chose a greeting that members of the Masai tribe in Africa traditionally exchange — “How are the children?” When the children were well, it meant that life was good for the entire tribe.

“That theme is integrated into every decision and every conversation that we have,” she said.

The superintendent is aware that child-centered initiatives can often disappear in the chasms of the government’s bureaucracy.

“Even though we’re dealing with federal regulations, reporting requirements and legislative issues, it’s really all about people who can’t even vote,” she said. “It’s our responsibility to advocate for them and to keep their best interests in mind.”

As the 2014-15 school year unfolds, Baesler reports that the state’s children are doing well. Her view is supported by a recent Gallup Poll that reveals statewide satisfaction with the education system, economy, government and environment.

“North Dakota is No. 1 in the nation in parent satisfaction with the public school system,” she noted.

But the rhapsodic poll results shouldn’t mask real challenges facing public education, the superintendent said. She listed several — the rapid influx of out-of-state students, inadequate high school graduation rates and lack of state support for early childhood education.

“The demographic of our student is changing,” she said. “We’re having students coming to us from 49 other states. Too many of our children aren’t getting enough to eat and aren’t coming to school as fully equipped as they need to be.”

While the state’s high school graduation rates are among the highest in the nation, there’s room for improvement, she said. She advocates a 100 percent graduation rate, so all students can qualify for college.

“By the year 2018, nearly 80 percent of our jobs in North Dakota will require at least a college certificate or more,” she noted.

Baesler’s three sons followed her advice and went to college. Lee graduated from the University of Northern Colorado. Twins Mitchel and Chance both graduated from Bismarck State. Chance is currently attending Minot State, majoring in communication disorders.

North Dakota also needs to become more supportive of early childhood education, Baesler said. It’s one of only six states with no funds dedicated to general pre-K education.



“It’s about reaching children when they’re the most eager to learn,” she said. “Their brains are developing at such a rapid pace during that stage of development. We have to ensure that all of our 3- and 4-year-olds are in a learning-rich environment during the day.”

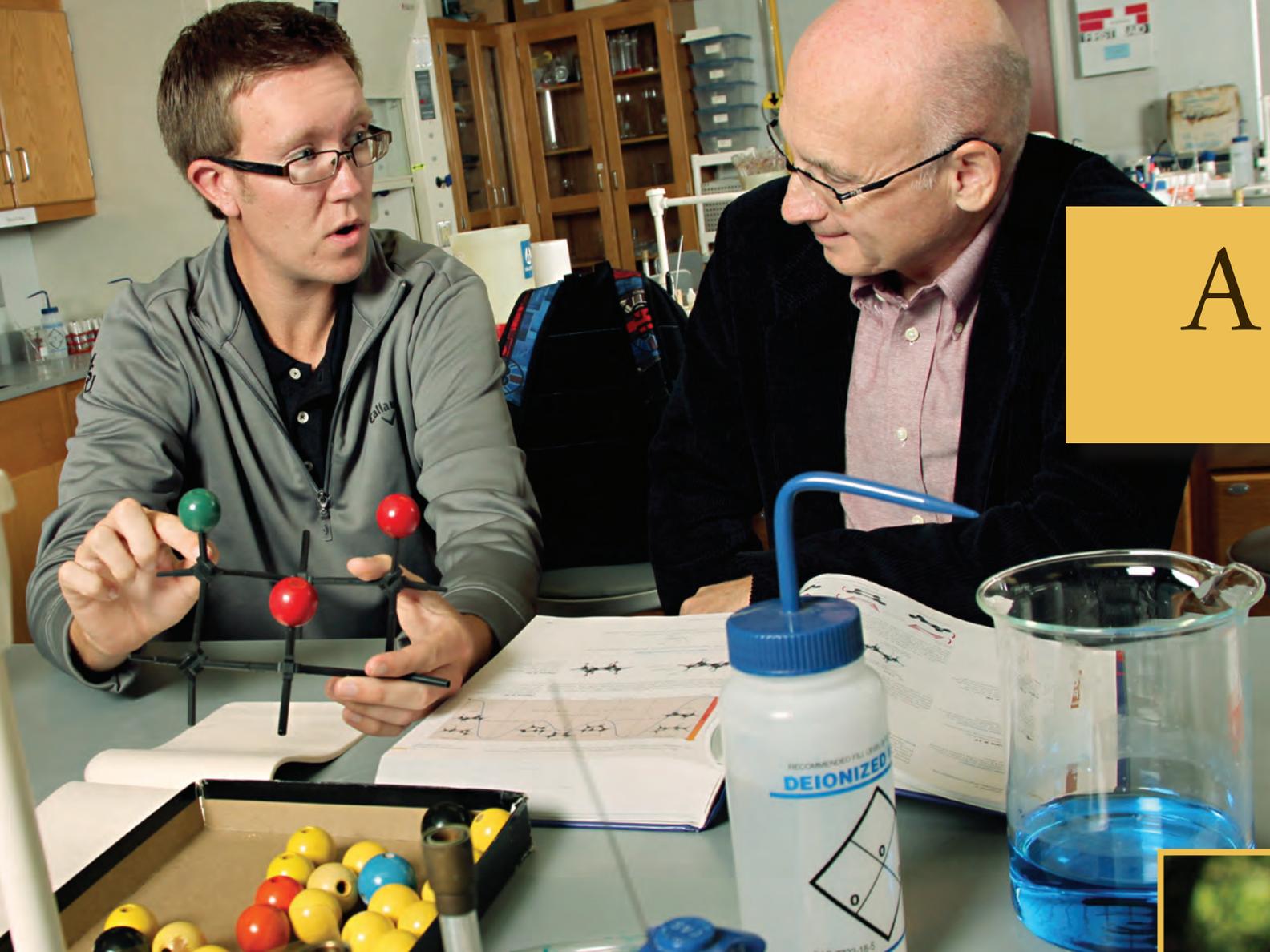
In a state with a booming energy economy, growing industrial environment and stable agricultural base, Baesler is quick to remind people where the future really lies.

“Our greatest resource is the youth of our state,” she said. “It’s important that we invest in our young people as much as we invest in our other resources.” If we do that, they will serve us well in the future.”

The “Class B kid,” as Baesler dubs herself, has made a boggling ascent from the wonderfully ordinary town of Flasher to the N.D. Capitol, a venue that crackles with possibilities for serving others.



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Mikhail Bobylev, chemistry professor, collaborates with Kowan O’Keefe on organic chemistry research.

In the eyes of chemistry and mathematics major Kowan O’Keefe, the fuller a person keeps his plate, the better, and his zeal for a good challenge began with golf. “Golf is probably one of the most frustrating games in the world,” O’Keefe said. “Yet, for some reason, you can’t wait to get back at it the next day. I guess that is the inherent beauty of the game.”

The more golf he played, the stronger his drive to improve became. That ambition quickly rolled over into other aspects of his life, such as education.

“For me, competing at the highest level I can allows me to pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of my game and it gives me a foundation to move forward on,” O’Keefe said. “This mindset correlates directly to how I approach my education and extracurricular activities. I want to experience everything I possibly can while I have the chance. Staying busy requires some time management, but really I think that just means a lot of coffee!”

O’Keefe, who grew up in Kamloops, British Columbia, knew early in life he wanted to come to the United States

to play golf, and Minot State was a perfect fit. His success in golf was a prime example of his desire to go above and beyond. While attending MSU, O’Keefe earned two trips to the NCAA Division II Central Regional. He became the first MSU male student-athlete to earn Capital One Academic All-America honors as he was named to the Men’s At-Large team. He was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Week three times and Player of the Year in 2013.

The PGA Tour was always in the back of his mind, and it was that type of goal that

motivated him to work hard every day. While the PGA Tour may seem a bit unrealistic to O’Keefe now, his goals have not waned. They have simply shifted and are now more career-oriented.

“My experience in the lab has given me a clear direction in where I want my education and ultimately my career to take me,” O’Keefe said. “After I graduate this spring, I plan to pursue a doctorate in organic chemistry.”

When O’Keefe is not in the lab, he can be



KOWAN O'KEEFE

strong drive reaps success

on the course and in the classroom

found prepping for, or teaching, a supplemental instruction session for organic chemistry, working on homework or attending a club event.

While the golf season means most of his time is spent on the course, he still manages to squeeze in a couple of hours in the lab. The delicate act of

balancing academia, athletics, extracurricular activities and a social life was exactly what he sought ... the busier, the better.

"The worst thing in the world is being bored," he said.

O'Keefe credits numerous individuals at MSU for the ample chances he has had.

"Having the opportunity to get to know so many people from different backgrounds has given me a much greater perspective on life, and it has really enhanced my education," O'Keefe said.

"I owe a lot to Dr. (Mikhail) Bobylev for giving me the chance to do organic chemistry research and for the opportunities that I have had as a result of it."

The "result" of those occasions manifested from hours of diligent

work. O'Keefe went on to give presentations at the American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in 2012 and 2014; the prestigious Posters on the Hill in 2014; three presentations in applied mathematics under the direction of Narayan Thapa, assistant professor of mathematics, including the Joint Mathematics Meetings in 2014; and most recently O'Keefe was selected to represent the American Chemical Society at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Lima, Peru in December.

In addition to conducting research in the lab, giving presentations across the nation and competing in golf, O'Keefe worked as a supplemental instruction leader for organic chemistry I and II; served as president of the Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society from January to April 2013 and again in April 2014 to the present; belonged to MSU Science Club; tutored for general chemistry and served in the Student Government Association.

There is seemingly no ceiling to O'Keefe's future aspirations. His traveling experiences for presentations and the individuals he met while at Minot State have stoked a desire to see the world.

"Getting to know other students from around the world has really opened my eyes to other countries and cultures, and I think it would be pretty cool to experience those firsthand," O'Keefe said. "Living in cities like New York or London would be an incredible experience, and I hope that can happen at some point in time."

While it may be too early to say, O'Keefe does have a tentative plan for what direction he would like his career to go. It was his experience as a supplemental instruction leader for organic chemistry that spurred his interest in possibly becoming an organic chemistry professor.

"I have a real passion for it [organic chemistry], and I can't think of any reason to do anything else," O'Keefe said. "I just find it so intriguing."



All-Region O'Keefe tees up the ball for the Beavers.



Reflections on the past and insight into the future

A new era begins as Minot State University moves into its second century of service. It is also a new beginning for Dr. Steven W. Shirley, who now fills the president's post at MSU.

Shirley, who began serving as MSU's 11th president on July 1, previously served as president of Valley City State University from 2008 to 2014. Earlier in his career, he was vice president and dean for student affairs at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., and an assistant professor of business and director of study abroad at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He also taught part time at the University of North Dakota and South Dakota State University.

It is, without a doubt, a unique time in the history of North Dakota. Shirley sees this as a time for tremendous opportunities for Minot State University. He reflects on its first 100 years of success and offers some insight into the future.

What attracted you to Minot State University?

Minot State University has a wonderful reputation throughout North Dakota and the surrounding region as a campus that provides an incredible breadth and depth of outstanding education for its students. It has established this reputation by successfully fulfilling its mission and educating thousands of students for the past 100 years. The opportunity to join MSU and contribute to this campus as we begin our next 100 years of service was certainly an exciting proposition.

I am a strong believer in the North Dakota University System and the higher education opportunities available in this state. I am a proud product of the system, having earned three degrees in North Dakota and having served in the system the past six years as president of Valley City State University. Coming to Minot State was a unique professional opportunity. It is an exciting time at MSU and throughout the Minot region, and I am humbled and privileged to be in this role.



with MSU
President
STEVEN
SHIRLEY

What was your first overall impression of Minot State?

Since day one, I immediately sensed the commitment and dedication of Minot State's faculty and staff, along with our alumni and supporters, to serving our students, serving this region and ensuring campus success. Like any organization, the people are the most important element, and the people across campus and throughout the extended MSU family are such a vital part of our success. Another important strength is the physical setting here on the MSU campus. We are fortunate to have a

beautiful campus with wonderful facilities to facilitate student learning. Our campus, coupled with being located in such a wonderful community as Minot, provides a terrific university setting beneficial to current and future students alike.

In your time here, you have mentioned that MSU has an obligation to the state. Do you foresee new programs to address the oil boom in North Dakota?

Our obligation is both to the state, as a tax-supported public entity of higher education, as well as to the students we

serve and educate. It is important that we have the right mix of academic programs that prepare our students to be good citizens, civic leaders, critical thinkers and responsible community members. It is also important that we are offering programs that will prepare our students for the career options available today and in the future within the changing landscape of North Dakota.

There is no question that part of this changing future in our state is in response to the growth and development currently being fueled by the energy sector. We are fortunate to be in North Dakota right



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now, where we have a robust and diverse economy that has so many strong sectors: agriculture, energy, education, health care, technology, public service, business and entrepreneurship, fine arts, and the list goes on. We have an obligation to ensure that our academic programs are preparing our students for that future and that they are prepared to thrive so they will be successful graduates and proud alumni of Minot State University.

You have remarked on how critical it is we maintain the right number of students on campus. How do you plan to grow student enrollment?

There is no question that several external pressures have created some recent challenges for Minot State University's student enrollment initiatives. Ongoing recovery from the 2011 Mouse River flood, a higher-than-average cost of housing in Minot and an incredibly strong economy providing numerous employ-

ment opportunities for young people in this region may all be contributing factors to our recent enrollment dip.

We have an obligation to ensure that everyone throughout this region knows of the world-class education available at Minot State and the incredible doors of opportunity that are opened with an MSU education. Minot State is poised to be the preeminent destination of higher education in western and central North Dakota, and it is our responsibility to tell this story and demonstrate the outstanding educational options available at MSU. Our alumni, supporters and those reading this magazine right now can also play a key role in helping spread the word to prospective and future students about MSU. Collectively, we can all play an important part in this effort!

How do you hope to promote continued growth and development of alumni?

The relationships between Minot State University and our alumni and supporters are vitally important to the long-term success of MSU. I want to take a moment here to thank everyone reading these words for your commitment to Minot State. I have met a number of you so far, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the months and years ahead. The opportunity to engage and connect with MSU alumni and friends is such a special part of this

job. Homecoming, alumni socials, special events sponsored by the Alumni Association and Development Foundation and so many other activities throughout the year are such special activities, and I look forward to being more involved with these efforts in the years ahead.

MSU has a long history of community service. What is the best approach to continuing this service and developing that relationship with the community?

I am a strong believer in the concept of university students engaging in their local community. There is a lot of learning that goes on for the students in better understanding and learning about the community in which they are studying, and it is also positive for members of the greater community to see our students getting involved and giving back. Many individuals and businesses in the community support Minot State and our students through scholarship support and other means. It is very important that our students reciprocate by giving back to the local community. It is important for the faculty and staff to be involved as well, since this only strengthens the campus-community partnership. The City of Minot and Minot State University are both much better off because of each other and because of the strength of these relationships.

How does the move to NCAA Division II align with your strategic mission for the university as a regional leader?

Athletics is an important window into the overall university; it is embedded in the fabric of the 100-plus-year history of Minot State University. It is exciting to think that Minot State is the only public NCAA Division II member in North Dakota. As I have become active on the board of directors of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, I have been so impressed with the NSIC and the



other universities comprising our athletic conference. We are among quality institutions with strong reputations and deep histories, and this is clearly the right fit for Minot State University. It has certainly been a significant and successful transition from the NAIA to the NCAA. There is no question that it will take time for MSU to succeed and compete at the highest level. I am fully committed to the NCAA and Northern Sun, and I am looking forward to success for our programs and our student-athletes as we continue moving forward.

You are a North Dakota native with deep ties to the Minot community. Please tell us about those ties.

I grew up in Fargo and am a fourth-generation North Dakotan. I love my home state and am so proud to be from here. North Dakota is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Several generations of our family have very deep roots in Minot — my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were all from Minot. I feel so fortunate to now be living in the same town in which many relatives previously lived. I have met many people in the community during the past several months who knew my parents or grandparents, and it has been great to hear their stories and learn more about our family's history through those connections. This has definitely been an extra "fringe benefit" of this job and of being in Minot!

You have a wife, Jennifer, and 3 year old daughter, Anna. What would you like to share about your vibrant family?

Jennifer is a native of southwestern Minnesota, having grown up on a farm

near Marshall. She is a North Dakota "transplant" and is really enjoying the Minot community (Jennifer and Anna love going to Minot's Roosevelt Park Zoo!). An interesting connection for



Jennifer is her father's first cousin, Art Prouty, wrestled for Minot State in the early 1960s. Anna keeps us busy, and I am excited to be raising the youngest member of the Shirley family as a fifth-generation North Dakotan! Jennifer and Anna both look forward to attending many campus and community events in the years ahead.

What do you like to do in your free time?

We spend a lot of time chasing Anna, reading her bedtime stories and playing in the great Minot parks with her. These are favorite hobbies. We also spend a lot of

TOP: President Steven Shirley, his wife Jennifer and daughter Anna were grand marshalls for the 2014 Homecoming Parade. LOWER: Anna Shirley gets a Beaver face at the 2014 Homecoming Community Block Party.

time at a family cabin at Lake Metigoshe (my father started going there in 1949). I've been going up to the lake all my life, so it is like a second home. I love the Turtle Mountain region of North Dakota and spending time in the outdoors there. I also enjoy attending live music concerts, going to auctions and collecting sports memorabilia.

Shirley is encouraged and enthusiastic about what the future holds for Minot State University. North Dakota is ever-changing, more today than ever before, and he is committed to the importance of higher education and offering a world-class education at Minot State University.

Awards keep coming for MSU alumna

A Minot State alumna epitomized the essence of “student-athlete” long before the hyphenated term entered the popular lexicon.

The Regina, Saskatchewan, native was recruited to play volleyball at Bismarck State College. After her time there, she searched for a school where she could earn a teaching

Werner soon faced a clash of imperatives when selecting a major. Her twin passions of English and physical education seemed irreconcilable. Then entered her MSU

job. The all-wise Leslie recommended graduate school, and Werner followed his advice again. She earned a master’s degree in exercise science and teaching. She later added a



“The Writers’ Club led to the creation of a literary magazine to showcase the students’ fledgling talents.” Werner said. “It was one of the most memorable things I did as teacher.”

Brenda (Mihalicz) Werner ’88 earned Academic All-American and Hall of Fame honors while playing three sports and double majoring in the 1980s. This catalog of accomplishments foreshadowed a successful teaching career, both at Bismarck High School and at the University of Mary.

degree. A visit to Minot State beguiled her.

“I loved the welcoming atmosphere of the campus,” she said. “It seemed like a place that students enjoyed being. I remember thinking to myself, ‘If people like it here so well, they must be doing some really good things.’ So I chose Minot State.”

adviser, Gary Leslie ’61. He explained that she could major in both by staying in school an extra year. She complied, and her dream remained intact.

When she completed both majors, she faced the dilemma of whether to go to graduate school or look for a teaching

doctorate in education from the University of North Dakota.

“I’m always grateful to him for the advice that he gave me,” she said of Leslie.

Werner’s fondness for Leslie is matched by that for her track coach, the late Wiley Wilson.

“Wiley was a wonderful mentor,” she said. “I appreciate the impact he had on my life.”

The Canadian transplant didn’t spend all her time on the playing field and in the library at Minot State. She found time to meet her future husband, John ’87, who was a graduate assistant with the football program. He had earlier earned a business degree while playing on the Beaver football team.

Werner taught and coached at colleges and high schools in Minnesota and North Dakota for several years before settling at Bismarck High School. She specialized in teaching composition and literature. She established a writers’ club where students could discover the quiet power of words.

“We workshopped their writing,” she said. “They gave each other such rich, thoughtful feedback on their writing. They grew so much in their writing. It became a place where they could be connected.”

The Writers’ Club led to the creation of a literary magazine to showcase the students’ fledgling talents.

“It was one of the most memorable things I did as a teacher,” she said.

With achievements like this, public recognition was an inevitability. In 2012, Werner was named North Dakota Teacher of the Year. Along

with the other state winners, she attended policy conferences around the country. She soon discovered the hard truth that politicians and bureaucrats historically decided the nation’s education policy.

“Teachers were not at the table prior to 2011,” she said. “No one knows the needs of their students better than teachers. Their voice needs to be heard. I was very pleased to be able to contribute.”

This year, Werner was selected to be a global learning fellow by the National Education Association Foundation. She and 31 other educators are spending the year building global competency skills to share with their students.

The teachers studied the Chinese language, culture and education system and met with education officials at the Chinese Consulate in Washington, D.C. They then spent two weeks touring schools and visiting homes in China.

She expected to find soul-killing conformity in Chinese schools, with an emphasis on rote learning and drill-and-kill methods, but she was pleasantly surprised that the education system engaged students in meaningful learning activities.

“I saw the commonalities that we have with educators from China,” Werner said.

Werner and her husband have two sons. Dexter declined out-of-state scholarship

offers to play basketball at North Dakota State University, where he is a junior majoring in marketing. Dylan is a student at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Werner currently serves as an associate professor of teacher education at the University of Mary in Bismarck. The former athlete remains annoyingly healthy, beginning each day at 6 a.m. with a

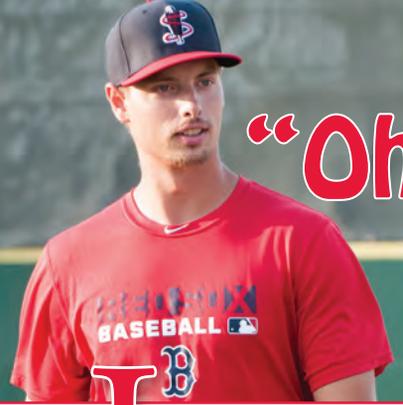
quick four-mile run. She adds distance on weekends to avoid the appearance of slacking.

Looking back, Werner feels that the choices she made at MSU vaulted her onto another plateau.

“It’s been a wonderful teaching career. I still look forward to stepping into that classroom every day,” she said.



Brenda Werner participated in the Global Fellowship to China to study Chinese culture, the education system, and build on commonalities.



“Oh, the places Scott will go!”

Setting and achieving goals is really not a problem for former Minot State University baseball standout Scott Peters

In a few short years since earning his first degree at Minot State, Peters finished a second degree, earned a Master of Science in management and is now enrolled in a doctoral program at Duke University.

In between, Peters managed to work with both the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the Boston Red Sox as an intern during spring training in 2013 and last summer.

Peters credits a strong educational background at Minot State as a basis for all of the interesting directions his life has taken.

“The best word to describe my time at Minot State was ‘fulfilling,’” he said. “Being a part of the baseball team allowed me to stay in social circles that I was familiar with and have mentors like Mike Ronnie and Mike O’Dwyer who I could look up to. After several years of undergrad, I was able to see with more clarity that I wanted to get into the health care profession and work with athletes.”

The final push for Peters wasn’t one he probably wanted.

“After injuring my shoulder during my sophomore year, it

was relatively easy for me to see that my future would lie in health care and not the Major Leagues,” he added.

Even if his path wouldn’t lead to the Majors, he had a solid career. His best campaign was 2010 when he batted .411 with 13 home runs and won a

methods, better ways to help student-athletes.”

That determination helped him flourish off the diamond in a somewhat different path to graduation. The athletic training program was in its infancy when Peters began school, and he started as a

a new program, there were some ups and down, but these helped me become adaptive to different situations. It is such a practical field that requires you to make mistakes and learn on the go, and our clinical instructors at Trinity were great at giving us the

right amount of autonomy to learn but protect the athletes.”

Peters isn’t sure what the future holds in his first year at Duke, but he has secured the next big adventure. He will work as a game day assistant for the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League this year. “Although I am



Former MSU baseball standout Scott Peters works out a group of players before a 2013 spring training game. Peters has worked as an intern in the sports medicine departments of both the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and Boston Red Sox during spring training.

spot on the All-Dakota Athletic Conference team. The 13 home runs are a Minot State single-season record.

“Scott was a tireless worker for the program both on and off the field. He always went above and beyond in the cages or the classroom,” MSU head coach Brock Wepler said. “I believe Scott has the perfect mentality to be a physical therapist because he is always looking for new and better

physical education/corporate fitness double major. He moved from physical education to athletic training after a couple of years in school.

“It was a blessing in disguise because it opened up a ton of opportunities for me,” he said of the delay in starting the athletic training program. “My education at Minot State has definitely prepared me for all the endeavors I have had since. Because it was

just a few weeks into school, nothing can truly compare to being taught four different courses by the teachers who wrote the textbooks for their own course,” he said of Duke. “At this point in my career, working on the medical staff of an NHL or MLB team is at the top of the list and a goal I would like to achieve after school. My goal has always been to be the best clinician I possibly can be.”

HUGHES

READY TO MOVE FOOTBALL FORWARD

Minot State University head football coach Tyler Hughes understands that Minot State and Ohio State University don't exactly occupy the same space in the college football universe.

The Buckeyes are one of the biggest NCAA Division I schools, with a huge budget, massive crowds and nearly unlimited resources. The Beavers are an upstart NCAA Division II program, trying to find its way under a first-year head coach.

But he also feels there are some key similarities between the two schools.

"I've worked at a small school, I've work at the biggest university in the whole country, so I've done kind of a little

bit of both," Hughes said. "I think the combination of the experience I've received at both of those has really helped me in terms of just making adjustments straight from Ohio State to here."

"Whatever resources we have available, we have to maximize those. Whether I have the most resources in the country or the fewest, it doesn't really matter."

Hughes not only had a short time to prepare for the 2014 season, he was also hired during one of the most tumultuous times in Beaver football history.

He was appointed as the 20th head coach in school history in April to replace



Minot State University head football coach Tyler Hughes speaks to his players after a practice during football drills at Herb Parker Stadium.

Todd Hoffner after Hoffner abruptly left the university to return to Minnesota State University, following an arbitrator's ruling allowing him to return.

After the departure of head coach Paul Rudolph in the first week of January, Hoffner in late March and interim head coach (now defensive coordinator) Byron Thomas, in stepped Hughes.

"I got here April 21, and at that point it seemed like we were a million days away from ever playing a game," he said. "But now we are (in the season). It's exciting for me and for our program."

The last year might have been as crazy for Hughes as it has been for Minot State. He went from being the head coach at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah – where he help build the Badgers into a powerhouse, going 20-4 in two seasons – to being an assistant at a major DI university.

From there, he spent about a month with Southern Virginia as the head coach

before being offered the job at Minot State.

He credits his family with helping him through this stretch.

"When my wife (Lisa) and I were dating, she asked, 'What's it going to mean to be a coach?'" he said. "And I said, 'You're just going to have to be flexible.' She's been fantastic that way. I have a wonderful wife and four boys, and we're a football family without a doubt."

The rise to head coach seemed to be predestined for Hughes, who did things early on to position himself as a coach.

"Born and raised, I always just felt like I needed to be a coach," he said. "When I was in the eighth grade, my mom got me a book. It was an autobiography of Jimmie Johnson, former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, who won two Super Bowls there. I was 13 or 14 years old. I read it, and from that point on I knew I wanted to coach."

Minot State is glad he got that book.



MSU head coach Tyler Hughes assesses the situation during a game earlier in the season. Hughes was named the university's 20th head football coach in April.

Arizona 2014



Barbara Kemble '70 and Sandy Roggenbuck reminisced at an alumni and friends social at Ron '69 and Carol Boen's Arizona home.



Don Hummel '74, Darwin Langseth '74 and Casey and Nick Langseth played in the alumni and friends golf outing in sunny Arizona.



Wayne Kemble, Dan Roggenbuck '85, Del Torno, Bernie Saltveit and Vi (Felan) Torno '65 attended the alumni and friends social in Arizona.

Gala 2014



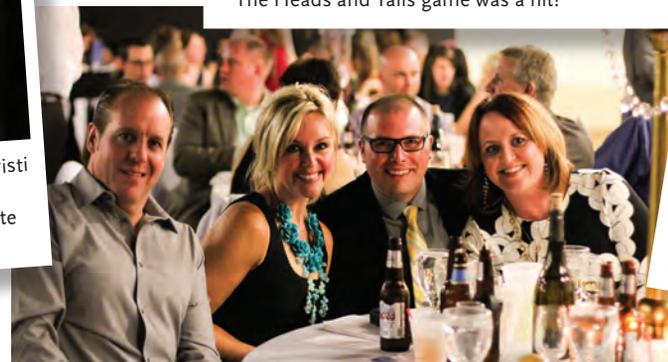
2014 Gala co-chairs and emcees Kristi (Schaeffer) Berg '95/'00 and Dean Frantsvog '97 helped commemorate the university's 100th birthday.



The Heads and Tails game was a hit!



The bidding was fierce on this hand-carved beaver statue at the Centennial Gala.



Matt and Kelly Morelli and Travis and Sabrina (Grover) Herrmann '93/'02 celebrate a fun evening at our Centennial Gala.

Golf 2014



Candace (Olson) Brekke '00/'01, Kelani Welstad and Rhonda Jensen garnered a great score at our Friend-raising Golf Tour in Velva.



Greg Fjeld '81, Rod Romine '14, Rick Hedberg '89, Bernie Wasser and Jesse Cook '87 teamed up at the golf tour in Stanley.



Attendance was great at the Friend-raising Golf Tour in Garrison.

Luau 2014



Bill '72 and Darlene (Clock) Johnson '74, Gary Clock '71 and Maureen Lang had a great time at the NDSF Luau in the Flickertail Gardens.



Mitchell Kuhn, Rianne Farrugia and Camila (Olivera) '12/'14 and Derek '10/'14 Van Dyke had a great time at the NDSF Luau.

Homecoming



The MSU Community Block Party brought Beaver fans of all ages to the beautiful MSU campus.



Stacey Diehl '94, Mat Jensen '07 and Kevin Vigested '00 grilled up hamburgers on their 'tailgate!'



The Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient, Kent Kirkhammer '06, and his wife, Chelsea (Peterson) '06, enjoyed participating in the Homecoming Parade with their daughters, Elin and Madelyn.



Alumni Association board member and Student Activities Coordinator Aaron (Jaeger) Hughes '12 was in super-hero mode at the Homecoming tailgate.



The Homecoming tailgate is always one of the best of the year!



Communication disorders celebrated its 50th anniversary. Alums from near and far joined together to celebrate.

Minot State has Women of Distinction



At the YWCA Women of Distinction Banquet April 11, the honorees included Minot State University alumnae, a student, a retired faculty member and the campus pastor.

This year's Women of Distinction winners are MSU alumnae Sue Hendrickson for rural, McLean County; Linda Johnson for business-woman; and Jacqueline Thomas, professional; student Elizabeth Ryan for young woman of today and tomorrow; retired faculty member Sandra Starr for the Yvonne Schultz lifetime achievement award; and campus pastor Kari Williamson for faith community.

Annually, this banquet honors women for their achievements and contributions to the community, as well as businesses and agencies committed to the empowerment of women. The Minot YWCA provides a safe environment to women and children in crisis.

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Minot State University Alumni Association

GOLDEN *Awards*

Three Minot State University alumni — Brenda Foster, Darwin Langseth and Tim Mihalick — have received the MSU Alumni Association's Golden Award. Kent Kirkhammer received the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

The highest award bestowed by the MSU Alumni Association, the Golden Award selections are based on outstanding service to the university or Alumni Association and distinguished leadership in the recipient's career or community. The Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient is between the ages of 21 to 39.

FOSTER graduated from Minot State University in 1984 with an associate degree in general and legal secretarial studies. Later, she returned to MSU and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in

accounting and a concentration in banking and finance in 1992. Foster is executive vice president at First Western Bank & Trust, where she has been employed since 1981.

The Minot native has served the community and state on a number of boards and committees and currently is immediate past president of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota's board of directors. She serves on the board of directors for Minot Public Schools and the Minot Public School Foundation. A Junior Achievement volunteer, she was instrumental in bringing Junior Achievement to Minot in 1997.

Foster has served Minot State in a variety of capacities. She is currently a member of the MSU Accounting Advisory Board and a new member of the MSU Board of Regents. She is a past president of the MSU Alumni Association, a

past participant in the Beaver Booster Membership Drive and a past member of the MSU Task Force of the Chamber of Commerce.

Foster and her husband, Wayne, have a daughter, Danielle, who is currently attending MSU, and a son, Dustin.

LANGSETH, a Minot native, is a proud alumnus of Minot State, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in music education in 1974. Langseth, president of Minot's Signal Management Corp, has been associated with the real estate industry for 30 years and is a two-time past president of the Magic City Apartment Association.

Langseth served as the MSU Alumni Association president from 2006 to 2008 and co-chaired the MSU Gala four times. He has also been a member of the MSU Board of Regents since 2008.

Within the community, Langseth is a past president and member of The Heritage Singers since 1974. He is also a past president and longtime member of Minot Y's Men's Club and a past chair of the Minot Area Development Corporation board of directors. He is a past member of the Minot Planning Commission and co-chair of the Minot First Lutheran Connections Capital Campaign.

Artistically, Langseth has sung "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless the USA" with Wayne Semrau and Jerry Hansen at the Minot Y's Men's PRCA Indoor Rodeo for over 20 years. He has been a tenor soloist three times for the annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," and he has participated in MSU Summer Theatre.

Langseth and his wife, Nancy, have been married 40

bestows awards on four



Brenda Foster '92



Darwin Langseth '74



Tim Mihalick '81



Kent Kirkhammer '06

years. They have two children, Nicholas and Annie, daughter-in-law, Casey, and one grandchild, Evangeline.

MIHALICK, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, attended Minot State University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1981. During his college career, Mihalick played football for four years and participated in track for two. He was inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

In September 2009, Mihalick was named president and chief executive officer of Investors Real Estate Trust, after serving in various capacities at Odell & Associates, Odell-Wentz & Associates and IRET. Throughout the years, he has been involved in numerous civic organizations dedicated to the betterment of Minot. He currently serves on the YMCA board of

directors; he is a past board member of Trinity Health and past chair of MSU Board of Regents.

Mihalick and his wife, Laura (Varty), have been married for 32 years and are partners in their commitment to civic engagement. Laura Mihalick is a member of the Minot Public School Board and the Souris Valley United Way board of directors, president of the Great Tomato Festival Committee and secretary of the Minot Public School Foundation. She also volunteers at Washington Elementary School. The Mihalicks have two children: Elijah, a communications officer at IRET, and Nora, a recent graduate of Arizona State University.

KIRKHAMMER, co-owner of NewKota Services & Rentals, originally came to Minot from Pike Lake, Saskatchewan, to play hockey

at Minot State University in fall 2002. While at MSU, he excelled. In addition to playing hockey, he was active in the Student Association as its director of intramural sports and in Minot State Club of Physical Educators (MSCOPE), serving as president his senior year. Kirkhammer received his bachelor's degree in physical education and corporate fitness in 2006. However, his career would take him in a much different direction.

After graduating, Kirkhammer substitute taught in the Minot area. In 2008, he married Chelsea (Peterson '06) and began working for Pure Energy, a production testing company in the oil field. He quickly climbed the ranks to field superintendent. In 2011, Kirkhammer and Jarod Seifert, a co-worker and friend, started NewKota.

NewKota brought very specific resources to the North Dakota oil field and beyond. The business recently expanded to Wyoming and Colorado with hopes to soon be in Texas. Along with NewKota, Kirkhammer and Seifert have invested in other business ventures that extend outside the oil and gas industry.

Since starting his own business, Kirkhammer has increased his community involvement. He currently serves as vice president of the Minot Country Club board of directors and has played a major role in developing the new golf course and club house. He is also a member of Minot's Rotary Club, Colin Brown Y's Men's Club and the Minot Area Development Corporation's board of directors.

The Kirkhammers have two daughters, Elin and Madelyn.

1955

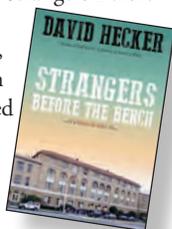
Lowell Latimer retired as Minot Public School Foundation executive director on Sept. 1. Latimer was an educator for more than 60 years. He started his career as a country school teacher and began his career with the Minot Public Schools in 1955 as principal and sixth grade teacher at McKinley Elementary. He served as principal at several Minot schools and as assistant superintendent and superintendent. After he retired from MPS, he began a second career with the foundation in 1994. Latimer plans to stay in Minot and be active in many service organizations. Latimer served on the MSU Alumni Board and MSU Board of Regents and received the MSU Golden Award in 1999.



1961



David Hecker taught English for two years at Garrison High School after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in English education. Hecker then attended the University of Minnesota and received a Master of Arts degree in English education in 1964. During 32 years of teaching in higher education, he completed a doctorate in American studies at Washington State University in 1983 and continued teaching college students in that discipline. Upon retirement, he turned to a second career in writing and published in many genres, including book reviews, essays, travel logs and poetry. He published a memoir, "Full Circle: A Journey in Search of Roots" in 2012 and a historical novel "Strangers Before the Bench" in 2014. Currently, he is working on a book of selected poems.



1965

Janice (Stevens Koenig) Schimke was recognized as North Dakota's 2014 American Mother of the Year. Schimke taught school and was director of special education for Minot and Ward County. She also taught in Bismarck and was named coordinator for special education in the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction in 1991, serving in that capacity for several years before retiring.



1970



Sherwin Dockter retired after 30 years in education and 11 years in long-term care specializing in Alzheimer's care.



Diane (Quam) Sander retired in 2012 after working as a speech-language pathologist. Sander and her husband, Dale, live in Grand Forks and winter in Arizona.

1971



Sharon (Huber) Dockter retired after 38 years in education. She resides in Dickinson.

Karen Klein retired as the state's chief federal magistrate judge. Klein was a clerk for U.S. District Judge Paul Benson before spending six years in private practice in Fargo. She was named a federal magistrate judge in 1985.



1974



Lynn Courter was inducted into the Arizona Football Official Hall of Fame.

1978

Cindy (Willoughby) Mau retired in May from the Minot Public Schools. Mau served as head principal at Jim Hill Middle School since the 2008-2009 school year. She and husband, Les, moved to Alexandria, Minn., to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Keith Sem, sales manager with Westlie Motor Company, was recognized with the 2013 Ford Employee Excellence Award. This award honors dealership employees who excelled in sales and provided exceptional customer service and satisfaction.

1980

Howard Klug was elected mayor of the City of Williston. Klug, a longtime Williston resident, served on the city commission since 2008 and is part owner of the El Rancho Hotel in Williston.



1981

Elaine (Haugen) Carlson has joined the staff of Minot's First Baptist Church as the children's ministry director. She and her husband, Ray, are the parents of five grown children.

Patrick Gores, managing partner of Northwestern Mutual, Fargo, qualified for the IMA/Diamond Award from the General Agents and Managers Association. The award recognizes commissions earned in excess of \$2.7 million in 2013. This is the 17th time Gores has earned this honor. Gores, a Cando native, has been with Northwestern Mutual since 1981.

1984

Curt Kraft was named Southeast Regional women's coach of the year. Award winners are determined by U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association member coaches.

Earlier this year, Kraft was named Conference USA women's coach of the year after the East Carolina Pirates women's team won the 2014 Indoor and Outdoor Conference USA Championships. This is Kraft's ninth season at ECU, winning three conference titles and coaching 11 All-America selections. With Kraft at the helm, the Pirates have set a total of 64 school records on both the men's and women's side during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Jon Mogren retired after 30 years with Social Services for Wells County. In 1998, Mogren became the director of social services for Foster, Eddy and Wells Counties. His retirement plans include serving as parish administrator for the Prairie Lutheran Parish in Stanley.



Irving Curless graduated from Grand Canyon University in July 2007 with a master's degree in teaching.

He taught English for 19 years, served as the literacy coach for a year at Andress High School and as a high school facilitator for reading/English language arts for six years in the El Paso Independent School District, the seventh largest school district in the state of Texas. He retired in June 2013 and is currently living with his partner, Jack, in Tool, Texas.

1986

Troy Mantz, sales and lease representative with Westlie Motor Company, was recognized with the 2013 Ford Employee Excellence Award. This award honors dealership employees who excelled in sales and provided exceptional customer service and satisfaction.

Class notes



Mark Narum was re-elected to serve a second six-year term as bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

1988

Bryan Obenchain left the Minot Daily News in July after being in the newspaper business for nearly 30 years. He most recently served as managing editor.



Renae (Newman) Rudolph was hired as an assistant elementary principal for the Minot Public Schools. Rudolph will split her time between the district's largest elementaries.

Eric Schieferdecker

was named to a district court judge seat in Minnesota in April. Schieferdecker, a former assistant attorney general for the state of Minnesota, currently resides in Bemidji, Minn.



1989

Michael Lucy, an American Family Insurance agent in Minot, has been recognized for providing outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification. Lucy has been an agent for American Family since 1992.



Lisa (Nylander) Olson received the Independence Inc. Advocate of the Year Award for all the hard work she has done with the students at TGU Granville High School.

1990

Angela (Friese) Goldader has joined Park Co. Realtors as a sales associate. She specializes in residential real estate and is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the North Dakota Association of Realtors. Goldader was an accountant at Blue Cross Blue Shield for the past 24 years.



Bradley Richardson was named superintendent of the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs, S.D. in June. Richardson previously worked at a military medical regional training site in Tomah, Wis. He has more than 29 years of leadership experience and knowledge in military health care and health care management.

1991

Cord Scott completed his doctorate in American history from Loyola University Chicago in 2011 and completed his master's degree in international relations from Baylor University in 1992. His latest publication, "Comics and Conflict," was released by the Naval Institute Press. He wrote seven entries for the Encyclopedia of Disasters (ABC-CLIO, Mitchell Newton-Matza, editor) and 20 entries for the four-volume encyclopedia series on the history of comics and graphic novels.



Michael Toy has been named chief operating and strategy officer at First International Bank and Trust in Fargo. Toy joined the bank in 2007 and most recently served as the chief operations and information officer. In his new role, he will continue to fulfill the role of COO with a greater emphasis placed on bank-wide strategic initiatives.



Shelly (Summers) Weppler was named one of the region's Top 25 Women in Business by Prairie Business Magazine in March.



Tonya (Schenfisch) Pearson,

Trinity Health-Neurology, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in May. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.



Jackie (Moger) Velk retired as the regional director in Minot for Senator John Hoeven's office.

1992

Annette (Folden) Deplazes joined Catholic Charities North Dakota as a social worker in the Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Program. Deplazes works out of the Minot office and serves the Northwest area of North Dakota.



Brenda (Juergens) Foster

was promoted to executive vice president of First Western Bank & Trust in February.



Stephanie (Gerhardt) Hoffart

was named president of the Minot Area Development Corporation. Hoffart was previously the MADC vice president and has been with the organization for five years. She has more than 20 years of management experience.



1993

Allen Deplazes is working in the SMI Unit at North Central Human Service Center in Minot.

1994



Brad Miller serves as commercial banking manager/senior loan officer at Bismarck's Kirkwood Bank & Trust.

1995

Dawn (Jacobson) Berg is the owner and operator of Body-Brite, a skin treatment based business in Minot.

1997

Paul Goldschmidt retired from Minot Air Force Base on Jan. 31. He was with the 5th Communications Squadron for 15 years and served as the base's senior communications planner.



Diane Gravely, licensed practical nurse, has been named to the North Dakota Board of Nursing by Gov. Jack Dalrymple. Gravely is a service coordinator for Bethany Personal Care Services in the Towers Basic Care at Bethany in Fargo. Prior to joining Bethany Retirement Living in 2006 as a certified medication aide, she was a flight attendant for Independent Aire which flew under United Airlines.



Chad Howard was promoted to assistant vice president of First Western Bank & Trust in February.



Clyde Thorne is serving as president of the Minot Downtown Business Professional Association for 2014-2015.

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Class notes

John Weber, product line manager for Enterprise “Applications” National Information Solutions Cooperative-Mandan, was recognized in Prairie Business Magazine’s as one of the “40 under 40” top business professionals.

Forrest Hatchard was promoted to business development loan officer at Gate City Bank in Minot. Hatchard has been employed with Gate City Bank since 2006.

1998

Randy Schobinger lives in Tennessee where he trains and participates in Tough Mudder contests when not selling insurance.



1999

Cari (Carlson) Brogden is the business office and human resource associate at Morning-side College in Sioux City, Iowa. Brogden assists the controller and director of human resources in completing regulatory reports and helps assure department compliance with federal and state regulations.



Wayde Sick was named director of the Workforce Development Division at the North Dakota Department of Commerce. Sick will oversee programs and services aimed at enhancing the state’s workforce. He previously was workforce talent and project coordinator for the Workforce Development Division. He also served as director at the Missouri Valley Montessori School in Bismarck. Before that he was deputy director of Minot’s Burdick Job Corps Center.

Tonya (Albers) White is the controller with the finance group of the Bismarck office of KLJ. White has more than 14 years of accounting experience.

2001



Nancy (Mitchell) Beck was elected to the board of directors of the Minot Park Board.

Candace (Olson) Brekke joined Ackerman-Estvold’s Minot office as a graphic designer. Brekke has spent



nearly 17 years in the field of graphic design, web design and marketing.

Adair Ehr, who is with Federal Express, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce’s Eagle Award in March. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

2002

Stacy Louser has been appointed to a judgeship in the North Central Judicial District. Louser serves on the State Bar Association’s Joint Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.



Charlene Martens relocated from California to Arizona. She works in early intervention for the public schools.

Rebecca (Starr) McFarlane was



named the 2014 educator of the year by the North Dakota String Teachers Association in March. McFarlane is in her 11th year teaching orchestra for grades 4-8 in Grand Forks Public Schools. She and husband, Rich, have two children, Natalie and Joey.

2003

Mike Derheim was promoted to second assistant store director at Minot’s Marketplace Food’s Broadway U.S. Highway 2 facility.

Kyle Knutson transferred from Fargo to Gate City Bank’s Minot office. Knutson serves as personal loan officer. He previously was a personal loan underwriter and has been working for Gate City Bank since 2010.

2004

Jordan Keith is a staff optometrist at Eye Care Centers, a private practice in the Minneapolis area. Keith previously spent five years as an assistant professor at the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago.



2005



Luis Estrada was promoted to assistant vice president of First Western Bank & Trust in February.

2006



Richard Geloff is a credit analyst at Starion Financial in Bismarck.

Lyndsay (Gunville) Ulrickson



was named the executive director of the Souris Basin Planning Council. Ulrickson has been an economic development specialist with the council since September 2011.

2007

Kelly Loos received an Addy Award for Advertising for Best Wedding Packet in the Region, from the American Advertising Awards.



Drew Hysjulien, a teacher at Minot High School-Magic City Campus, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation in Alexandria, Va., in its 23rd annual fellowship competition. A total of 51 fellowships were awarded in 2014. James Madison Fellowships support further study of American history by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government and social studies in the nation’s secondary schools, as well as by experience secondary school teachers.



Left to right: Kate Marshall '07, Marv Semrau, Melissa (Richard) Stanley '84, '86, Teresa Loftesnes '07 and Janna McKechnie '14 celebrate Stanley being named Minot Education Association teacher of the year.

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Class notes

Max Milne completed his Master of Science degree in occupational safety and health through Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla. He was recently promoted to supervisor-plant operations at Oneok Rockies Midstream.



Kayla Rettig has been hired as a branch manager for Spherion Corporation, a staffing solutions company in Bismarck. Rettig will work on Spherion's temporary, temp-to-hire and direct hire solutions. She will specialize in professional direct hire placements and sales.



Amanda Rothe, who is with United Community Bank, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in January. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.



Amanda (Degenstein) Loughman was promoted to chief financial officer of Rugby's Heart of America Medical Center in July.



2008
Kathleen (Quigley) Bressendorff works in early intervention in southern Illinois. Bressendorff's husband, James, is retired from the U.S. Air Force and they have two sons.

Megan (Langley) Laudenschlager, Minot Area Community Foundation finance and program director, has been named a fellow of the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, Minn. The Bush Fellowship is designed for people who have already demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities, but who feel they could accomplish more for their



community with focused, intensive leadership development. To date, Laudenschlager is the third Bush Fellowship recipient from the Minot area.

Jason Vaagen, auditor for the City of Surrey, received a Leader Award at the Municipal Government Academy awards ceremony during the North Dakota League of Cities' 11th annual workshop.

2009

Jeff Froseth was promoted to consumer loan officer of First Western Bank & Trust in February.



Ashley (Bartsch) Grina received the Independence Inc. Advocate of the Year Award for all the hard work she has done with the students at TGU Granville High School.



Brandy Jensen received the N.D. Department of Emergency Services Division of State Radio Dispatcher of the Year Award. Jensen has worked at state radio six years.



Kinley Wolfe is employed at Sun Country Health Region as a pediatric speech-language pathologist in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Cassandra Meyer is working as a speech-language pathologist for the KIDS Program I in Dickinson.

James Jackson is working as a network security analyst with Basin Electric Power Cooperative in Bismarck. Jackson previously worked at Charter Communications in Billings, Mont.

Matt Norby is the principal at Hazen High School. Norby, a Rolette native, taught for one year at Drake



High School and the last four years at Velva High School.

2010

Amy Engelhard was hired as the data steward by the North Dakota Education Council. She began her duties Aug. 1. Her office is on Minot State University's campus. Engelhard most recently was a performance strategist for Dakota and Roosevelt Elementary Schools in Minot.



Amanda (Towle) Meier was named one of 21 Rodel aspiring principals by the Rodel Foundation of Arizona. Meier will begin training, shadowing and building a network with Rodel exemplary principal mentors as they prepare to become principals of Arizona schools.

2011

Kathy (Weigel) Aas, Xcel Energy community relations manager, has been named the 2014 campaign chair for the Souris Valley United Way. Aas has served as a SVUW board member for 16 years.



Trevor McNeil has been hired as an audiovisual technician for the North Dakota State University's Information Technology Division. McNeil previously worked for MultiBank Corp. in Fargo.



Jazmine Wolff is the family consumer science teacher and FCCLA advisor at Velva Public School. Wolff plays music and helps run an all-age art/music venue called Pangea House and acts in MSU Summer Theatre and Mouse River Players.



2012



Braden Burckhard received the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences North Dakota Medical Association Group Leadership and Professionalism award. This award is given to second-year students nominated by their peers, the Class of 2016, and recognized for outstanding performance. The student receiving this award engages in ethical conduct, facilitates group interaction and productivity, motivates others to learn, exhibits personal integrity and interacts with others appropriately with respect and courtesy.

Melanie O'Connell is working for Alberta Health Services as a preschool speech-language pathologist.



Aaron Cummings received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Mary in May. Cummings is the marketing director for the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra.

Zach Rudolph has been hired as a physical education and health teacher, as well as the head football and track and field coach, for Bishop Ryan Catholic School. Rudolph previously served as a graduate assistant at Southern Illinois, an FCS program in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.



Caren (Whitson) Watts began working at the Minot Daily News in June as the classified ads manager.

2013



Will Brand, who is with American Bank Center, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in January. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

Diogo Lopes Craveiro is working as an international support technician and new technician trainer for the South, Latin, Central and North American customers and dealers for John Deere Intelligent Solutions Group.

Danielle Ta' Sheena Finn was named the second runner-up in the Miss Indian World pageant. Finn is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.



Cole Krueger is an admissions counselor in MSU's Office of Enrollment Services. Krueger was last employed by Minot's CACI International. He and his wife, Lacey, enjoy playing pinochle.



Abby Martinson is a part owner of the Kim Albert Agency in Minot. The agency received recognition as an Allstate Premier Agency for 2014.

Matt Pederson is a loan processor with First Western Bank & Trust in Minot. Pederson has been working in the banking industry for three years.

Doug Richter is the assistant facilities supervisor at the Williston Area Recreation Center, which opened in March.

Stetson Sannes received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in April. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service. Sannes is with Delta Airlines.



Keenan Schuler is the volunteer and special events coordinator at the Abused Adult Resource Center in Bismarck. Prior to joining AARC, Schuler worked for Bismarck Parks and Recreation.



Terry (TJ) Wald is an account coordinator for SpotXchange — Digital Video Advertising Co. in Westminster, Colo.

Friend

Chuck Barney was elected mayor of the City of Minot. Barney previously served 12 years on the city council before stepping down in 2006.



Connie Feist was re-elected to the Minot Park Board. This will be Feist's third term on the board.



Brad Thomas, Thomas Family Funeral Home, 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.



Jason Zimmerman has joined the staff of First Western Bank & Trust in Minot as a business banking officer.

Attended:

Barb Koenig is the interim pastor for the United Church of Christ in Lakota, Michigan Lutheran Church and Sarnia Lutheran in Whitman. Koenig has three children and resides in Lakota.

Laura (Varty) Mihalick was re-elected to the Minot Public School Board.

Kayla Sivertson joined Gate City Bank as a financial planner at the Dakota Square-Minot office.

Attending:

Chloe Ondracek, Minot State University mathematics major and member of an undergraduate research group, has been invited to participate in the 2014 Program for Women and

Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.

Tyler Ystaas is a math instructor, head boys basketball coach and assistant football coach at Velva Public School.

Jennifer (Entzel) Lade ('03), Kayla Sivertson, Sarah Olafson ('10) and McKenna Larson ('13) successfully completed the Minot Women's Leadership Program. The program is dedicated to expanding the personal, professional, community and health leadership skills for women of all ages in Minot. Participants were chosen from a pool of applicants submitted by outstanding women in the region to be part of the intense, six-month program and gained hands-on experience through leadership exercises and philanthropy challenge.

In Memory of

Frank L. Moseley
Professor – energy economics and finance



Frank Moseley was a tenured professor in the College of Business with a passion for teaching; especially in the energy economics and finance area. He enjoyed being busy and anything to do with energy. Moseley will be greatly missed by MSU.



MSU Staff Senate is COOKING UP some competition!

Minot State University's Staff Senate is on the hunt for recipe submissions for the 2014 MSU cookbook. Any staff, faculty or alumni submitting at least three recipes will be entered in a drawing to win a platter of treats baked from recipes featured in the cookbook! Two platters will be awarded.

Use the following website to easily submit recipes:

www.typensave.com/get-started/. The login is MSUStaffSenate, and the password is **carrot600**. Once in the site, there are helpful tips and instructions for submitting recipes. The submission deadline is Nov. 3. For questions contact Aaron Hughes at 858-3987 or Darla Weigel at 858-3489.

Proceeds from the cookbook will go to the Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment, with interest from that endowment going to support and represent classified staff and their families for educational expenses, professional development and special projects.



In Memory

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately January 2014 to August 2014, or as submitted.



Graduates

'39 Carlson (Christianson), Bernice; Grand Forks
'39 Kjellberg (Olson), Helen; Minot
'40 Schlafmann (Nelson), Elsie; Bismarck
'41 Brandt (Lund), Ann; Crosby
'41 Braun, Walter; Bismarck
'41 Edwards (Thoring), Evelyn; Williston
'41 Hanson (Stoland), Geneva; Eugene, Ore.
'41 Kerzman (Thompson), Lorraine; Kalispell, Mont.
'41 Schultz (Romine), Yvonne; Bismarck
'41 Spielvogel (Bahl), Lois; Mohall
'42 Gronberg (Johnson), June; Carpio
'44 Rostad (Norberg), Eleanor; Coral Springs, Fla.
'46 Olson (Olson), Jorgena; Parshall
'47 Caufield, Forrest; Issaquah, Wash.
'47 Huesers, Howard; Topeka, Kan.
'49 Nissen, Ira; Salem, Ore.
'50 Bertsch (Rust), Marcella; Martin
'50 Vaaler, Marin; Elgin
'51 Ayers (Franklin), Phyllis; Manvel, Texas
'51 Hartman (Dahlgren), Ruth; Ellensburg, Wash.
'52 Flatness, LeRoy; Sun City, Texas
'53 Broberg, Bernice; Rolla
'53 Gumeringer (Donahue), Mary Ellen; Esmond
'53 Hilde (Ruland), Corrine; Tacoma, Wash.
'54 Erickson, Larry; Minot
'54 Peterson, Boyd; Issaquah, Wash.
'55 Grubbs (Steenstrup), Jean; Fargo
'55 Meyer, Jerry; Minot
'56 King, James; Bismarck
'56 Nathan, Dale; Brainerd, Minn.
'56 Ward, Donald "Pat"; Mesa, Ariz.
'57 Bymers, Bergeth; Devils Lake
'57 Heil (Kasper), Loretta; Seattle, Wash.
'57 Peterson (McLane), Patricia; St. George, Utah
'59 Skabo, Leland; Dickinson
'59 Walker (Johnson), Shirley; Willow City
'60 Brown, Darell; Bemidji, Minn.
'60 Julson (Holmes), Karen; Mayville
'61 Johnston (O'Connell), Suellen; Bismarck
'63 Banna, Richard; Kalispell, Mont.
'63 Dawson (Fuerst), Carol; Cheyenne, Wyo.
'64 Clementich (Johnson), Bonnie; Minot
'64 Meyer (Montiel), Evelyn; Williston
'64 Mooneyham (Vanderburg), Lucille; Kennesaw, Ga.
'64 Rosencrans, Alice; Towner
'64 Walter, Rolf; Fairmont, Minn.
'65 Volk, Gary; Minot
'66 Daby, Louis; Fargo
'66 Lee (Fredrickson), Clara; West Fargo
'66 Nilson, Mike; Minot
'67 Hill, Wayne; Maple Grove, Minn.
'67 Mack (Schiele), Anna Marie; Minot
'68 Floyd, Samuel; Columbia, Md.
'68 Miller (Burns), Darlene; Minot
'68 Schwandt (Molvik), Linda; Burlington
'69 Sloboden, Marvin; Eagan, Minn.
'69 Weydahl, Gary; Minot
'70 Allen, Calman "Jake"; Prescott, Wash.
'70 Cofer (Albers), Sheila; Dickinson
'70 Huntington, Helen; Minot
'70 Luedke, Gary; San Jose, Costa Rica
'71 Newport, Levi; Minot
'71 Scheid, Robert; Hazen
'72 Hoffert (Johnson), Ardyce; Bismarck
'74 Dannewitz, Doren; Bismarck
'74 Redmond, Thomas; Turtle Lake
'75 Young, Donald K.; Spokane, Wash.

'76 McFarlin, Bill; Montclair, Calif.
'77 Jaeger, Douglas; Dickinson
'82 Olafson (Miller), Sue; Glenburn
'84 Sondreal, Gerald; Los Alamos, N.M.
'85 Visina, Richard; Minot
'86 Christensen, Paul; Sawyer
'88 Harr (Mathson), Suzanne; Big Timber, Mont.
'93 LaFramboise (Stewart), Dorothy; Devils Lake
'94 McNabb (Novlesky), Jennifer; Harlingen, Texas
'94 Thumma, Jeffrey; Sioux Falls, S.D.
'95 Dukhorn, Julie; Winsted, Minn.

Attended

Aga, Duane; Minot
Amsbaugh (Brennan), Lana; Minot
Bacon, Kaitlyn; Granville
Baker, Kelly; Bismarck
Barnes, Kristopher; Minot
Bloch (Asplund), Beverly; Longview, Wash.
Bracken (Peterson), Barbara; Grafton
Bryan (Geiger), Delores; Bemidji, Minn.
Carlstad (Benson), Dorothy; Minot
Clark (Lindemood), Edith; Maxbass
Cobb (Larson), Carolyn; North Sioux City, S.D.
Coley, Howard; Bismarck
Danielson, Gordon; Sioux Falls, S.D.
Dordahl (Thorpe), Lillian; Bismarck
Earles (Anderson), Wilma; Waterloo, Iowa
Edison, Randall; Milnor
Eliason, C.W. Kelly; Minot
Evanger (Allen), Carol; Mohall
Fahlgren (Miller), Erma; Minot
Flath (Norby), Pearl; McLean, Va.
Fleck, Douglas; Rio Rico, Ariz.
Glasoe (Olson), Arlene; Minot
Hall, Troy; Minot
Hamilton (Lawson), Lois; Lake Metigoshe
Heilman (Blair), Linda; Minot
Helgeson (Kuntz), Darlene; Minot
Hendrickson (Michalenko), Carol; Bismarck
Henry, Darrell; Westhope
Hohmann, Dale; Colorado Springs, Colo.
Hurst, Jay; Mesa, Ariz.
Hultberg (Pennington), Betty; Coleharbor
Kaufman (Thompson), Mavis; Crown Point, Ind.
Kirkpatrick (McCormick), Deann "Dee"; Fargo
Kjorstad (Durham), Jeanette; Williston
Kluck (Kasper), Bonita; Minot
Kurtz (Harmon), Mary; Houston, Texas
Lagerquist (Lenz), Noreen; Plentywood, Mont.
Laqua (Muller), Cecilia; Minot
Leathers, Mervyn; Vancouver, Wash.
Liudahl (Peterson), Ruby; Maddock
Love, James R.; Madison, Wis.
Mack (Schiele), Anna Marie; Minot
McDonald (Medalen), Ina; Hillsboro
McLean (Smette), Randi; Eugene, Ore.
Moen (Glinz), Sandra; Bottineau
Murphy, Steven; Grand Forks
Nelson (Delzer), Lorraine; Kalispell, Mont.
Peterson (Ziebarth), Alice; Bozeman, Mont.
Peterson (LaFrance), Shirley; Rock Lake
Piercy (Mortenson), Doris; Bremerton, Wash.
Quammen (Knutson), Verla; Greeley, Colo.
Rieger, Gary; Reno, Nev.
Sanderson (Lystad), Marie; Bismarck
Shervin, Eric; Buckeye, Ariz.
Sitter (Anderson), Eunice; Fargo

Sjol, Dennis; Minot
Stromme, David; Albertville, Minn.
Stundal, Francis; Plentywood, Mont.
Thom, Kevin; Dickinson
VanDiver, Jerry; New Orleans, La.
Walberg (Christenson), Dorine; Drayton
Warren, Billy; Lompoc, Calif.
West, Kenneth; Minot
Whipple (Coghlan), Anne; Worcester, Mass.
Zacher (Borgman), Mary; Belfield

Friends

Allers, Francis; Minot
Arne, Tracey; Minot
Baertsch (Troska), Evelyn; Minot
Baisch, Walter; Hazen
Berg, Michael; Minot
Borud, Bradley; Minot
Bozanich (Hustad), Beverly; Tuscon, Ariz.
Broneske, Reuben; Bismarck
Buckner (Bachmeier), Irene; Billings, Mont.
Burns (Mackley), Joan; Williston
Christianson (Fleming), Ruth; Devils Lake
Darras, Dale; Minot
Day (Paulson), Betty; Minot
DeMers (Rice), Patricia; Rolla
Dockett, Steven; Bismarck
Erickson (Walker), Kathryn; Mohall
Fuller, Harry "Bud"; Minot
Gronberg, Warren; Minot
Haner, Harold; Minot
Hartman, Donald; Ellensburg, Wash.
Heer, Vernon; Anamoose
Hohmann (Rodgers), Jeanne; Minot
Huber, Eugene; Hazen
Johnsrud, Oscar; Fargo
Keating (Westlie), June; Grand Rapids, Minn.
Manlove (Stevens), Margaret; Park Rapids, Minn.
Metzger, Maurice; Apache Junction, Ariz.
Nickel (Hustad), Gayle; Ephrata, Wash.
Niesar (Forbus), Lucinda; Spearfish, S.D.
Olson (Yates), Carley; Minot
Pollert (Rogers), Ardell; Schaumburg, Ill.
Saugstad (Loehrke), Arlene; Minot
Schall, Richard; Minot
Shearer (Hempfel), Ruth; Oakes
Springsted (Provolt), Connie; Minot
Stewart, Dr. Harold; Minot
Svare (Storley), Harriet; Apple Valley, Minn.
Tank (Haley), Frances; Minot
Torkelson, Bradley; Powers Lake
Tranby (Brodehl), Sharon; Des Lacs
Vorland (Fleming), Mary; Fessenden
Wolfe (Massine), Mary; Minot

Faculty and Staff

Edwards, William (°52); Minot, former registrar
Hansen, Irene; Bottineau; former secretary for the chair of special education
Leonard-Carlson, Inez; Minot, former secretary for the vice president
Moseley, Frank; Colo., professor of finance and director of energy, economics and finance program
Redden, Lynn; Tustin, Calif, former program assistant for the POWER Center
Schultz, Frederick; Eau Claire, Wis., former professor of physics

Meet our biggest "little" Beaver Fans

Askvig

Terner Allan joined the Askvig family on April 16, 2013. Parents are **Ethen Askvig '05** and **Jayla (Howatt) Askvig '07**. He joins big brother Dyson.



Ballantyne

Lauren (Swantko) Ballantyne '02 and her husband, Tyler, welcomed **Kobe** May 2, 2012.



Bertsch

Kendal Lynn was born May 30, 2013, to **Eric Bertsch '05** and his wife, **Nicole (Moline) Bertsch '04**. Kendal joins big brother Kaine.



Brunsdon

Madeline Elise "Millie" entered the world on March 27, 2014. She was welcomed by proud parents **Paul Brunsdon '01** and his wife, **Melanie**.



Cruz

Madeline Alexandra Cruz was born Dec. 12, 2013. Proud grandparents are **Richard Simpson '81** and **Denese McIntosh '83**.



Goettle

Jennifer (Beaver) Goettle '01 and her husband, **Matthew**, had a baby girl, **Evelyn Joy**. She was born Nov. 29, 2013. They have four other children — **Abigail**, **Elizabeth**, **Lincoln** and **Caleb**.



Haselbauer

Susan (Dass) McCormack '97 and her husband, **Patrick McCormack (attended)**, welcomed their first grandchildren, **Leo Francis** and **Sybil Marie**, on Sept. 16, 2013. Parents are **Sara** and **Ben Haselbauer**.



Hines

Merrick Thomas entered the world on March 6, 2013. Merrick was welcomed by proud parents **Jolaine (Twentyman) Hines '03** and her husband, **Joseph**.



Holen

Steve Holen '97 and his wife, **Elizabeth (Swenson) Holen (attended '95-'98)**, had **Avery Grace** on Nov. 20, 2013.



Kiefer

Hannah Ann-Marie was born Aug. 13, 2013. She was welcomed by **Janel (Ivany) Kiefer '10** and her husband, **Tristan**.



Kisse

Cassie (Dahl) Kisse '07 and her husband, **Brandon**, welcomed their first little one, **Kolton**, on May 7, 2013.



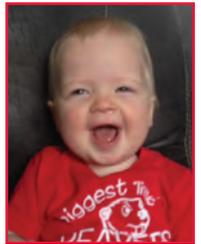
Lach

Liam Andrew entered the world on July 19, 2014. He is the son of **Andy Lach '04** and **Kim (Woodard) Lach '03**. He joins siblings **Hudson**, **Delaney** and **Sylvie**.



Leonard

Adley Harper was welcomed into the world on March 1, 2013, by proud parents **Shylah (Larson) Leonard '08** and her husband, **Don**.



MacDonald

Brennan MacDonald '07 and his wife, **Allison**, welcomed **Kelsee Brielle** to the family on August 2, 2013. The family resides in **Prince Albert, Saskatchewan**.



Have you had an addition to your family within the last 12-18 months?

We want to know! Contact Kate Marshall, donor relations coordinator, at kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu to receive a free T-shirt for your new little Beaver! Please be sure to tell us your baby's name and birth date. Also, please provide your graduation year, spouse's name and contact information.

After you have received your **biggest "little" Beaver fan** T-shirt, email your baby's photo to: kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu.

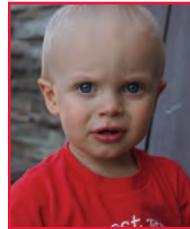
Mosley

Hadley Jo was born Jan. 23, 2014, to **Tara (Kuntz) Mosley '12** and her husband, Lloyd.



Opland

Henry Patrick arrived April 24, 2013. Proud parents are **Melissa (Rogne) Opland '01** and her husband, Patrick.



Smith

Ty Smith '07 and **Heather (Beaver) Smith '98** welcomed Colin Otis into the world Oct. 4, 2013. He joins siblings Nolan (2) and Donovan (18), who is a current MSU student.



Mugaas

Peyton was born Feb. 12, 2014, to **Eric Mugaas '06** and his wife, **Jill (Preszler) Mugaas (attended '04)**.



Oxarart

Rio Martin was born to **Nick Oxarart '04** and **Shannon (Davis) Oxarart '04** on Aug. 28, 2013. He joins big sister Avi Raen.



Thompson

Mark Thompson '01 and **Beth (Jones) Thompson '01** welcomed their fourth son, **Marshal Lewis**, Feb. 28, 2013. He joins big brothers **Jacob**, **Landen** and **Elliot**.



Mwinyelle

Frank Mwinyelle '07 and **Sharla (Walhood) Mwinyelle '08** joyfully welcomed **Adisa** Oct. 15, 2013. The family resides in **Scottsdale, Ariz.**



Reykdal

Kayla (Mitchell) Reykdal '09 and her husband **Chris** welcomed **Caleb Morris** on April 12, 2014. The family resides in **Portage la Prairie, MB.**



Thuner

Coen Riley was born May 5, 2013. He is the son of **Eric Thuner '04** and **Lisa (Harris) Thuner '03**.



Nelson

Amy (Thomas) Nelson '07 and her husband, **Erick**, had **Gavin Curtis** May 7, 2013. He joins big brother **Jack**. The family resides in **Wright, Wyo.**



Sapp

Margaret Rose entered the world on April 3, 2012. She was welcomed by parents **Katrina (Johnson) Sapp '09** and her husband, **Tyler**, as well as by grandparents **Phil Johnson '76** and his wife, **Rose**.



Trondson

Medora Faith entered the world on Jan. 13, 2013. Parents are **Willie (Rudy) Trondson Jr. (attended '85 and '87)** and **Dawn Ann (Lanners) Trondson '94**. She joins big brother **Trevor**, who is 3 years old. The family resides in **Columbia, S.C.**



Nelson

Jamie Nelson (staff) and her husband, **Jack (staff)**, welcomed **Raelynn Mae** May 22, 2014.



Smith

Anna Kathleen was born July 28, 2013, to **Sara (Kroke) Smith '10/'12** and her husband, **Coulter**.



VanVoorhis

Elijah entered the world Feb. 24, 2012. Proud parents are **Noah VanVoorhis '08** and **Trisha (Erickson) VanVoorhis '08**.





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