



## Notes From The Director

**S.P.R.I.N.G.** – What does it mean?

**S**-pending time wondering when it will arrive in North Dakota

I have definitely spent some time wondering if Spring will ever arrive in North Dakota. As I look around and still see snow in some areas, I am pretty sure it will be May before we can say Spring has arrived. But we are hopeful that the summer will bring many beautiful days and we'll make some enjoyable memories at our NDSCS Foundation gatherings; the upcoming Electrical reunion and a variety of meet and greets. See the detailed information below and check on our website.

**P**-pondering on all the accomplishments these past few months

I have also been thinking about all the wonderful support you have shown the Foundation, through your club and annual donations. We are so very blessed to have each one of you support us monetarily, by recruiting a student, and through your time and your treasures. Thank you for keeping the Foundation strong and helping us continue our efforts as the fundraising arm of the college.

**R**-remember those we have lost

We lost a great friend and an advocate of NDSCS, and especially an icon to the Annual DREAMS auction. Connie Caspers passed away in AZ, February 13, 2023. She was visibly missed at the annual DREAMS auction April 14th. We pray her and Woody were watching over us and are pleased at the results of a project they built from the ground up.

**I**-impressive 2023 DREAMS Auction

Impressed! That's an understatement to the 28th Annual DREAMS Auction's success. Over \$115,000 in gifts were donated to this year's auction and we increased our sales by over 18%, an all-time high. We moved back to the Clair T Blikre Activities Center, complete with wonderful Culinary food and lots of space. This is all because of the generous donors,

and support of all that took part in the event. The date is set for next year, so mark your calendars for April 12, 2024. Check our [Flickr Account](#) with pictures from this year's event. You also have the option of going to the DREAMS 2023 album on Flickr through our website: [www.ndscsalumni.com](http://www.ndscsalumni.com).

**N**-nurturing our future generations

We do need your help in one more area! Please nurture those young adults who are your neighbors, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great grandchildren, and friends of the family. Share your story about NDSCS and why they really need to look at one of the best kept (shouldn't be) secrets in North Dakota, NDSCS. We have so much to offer here at NDSCS; help them find their way to the Wildcat Family.

**G**-grateful for all of you and what you do for NDSCS

I am more than grateful for **ALL** you do to support NDSCS, the Foundation and the future of our students! If you read to the bottom of this letter, you are committed to the future of NDSCS. Thank you, and until next time, "GO Wildcats!"

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**Thank you for your support of our 2023  
DREAMS Auction**

Our 28th Annual DREAMS Auction was held on April 14, both online and at the Clair T. Blikre Activities Center. We had record sales, wonderful food and a full house--because of YOU! Thank you for your unwavering support of our Foundation and the North Dakota State College of Science. We are truly grateful for you. To see photos from our event, please visit our [DREAMS 2023 Album](#) on Flickr.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ALUMNI SPORTS WEEKEND**  
April 28 & 29, 2023

ONCE A WILDCAT, ALWAYS A WILDCAT!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
Evening meet-up with your team at your favorite spot!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

- 11 a.m. Alumni Football Event
- 11:45 a.m. Alumni Volleyball Event
- 1 p.m. Alumni Women's Basketball Event
- 2 p.m. Alumni Men's Basketball Event

**NDSCSwildcats.com**

## April 28-29, 2023 | Wildcat Alumni Sports Weekend

The NDSCS Athletics Alumni Weekend has been a staple on the last weekend in April for many years. This is a great opportunity for former teammates to come back to the Twin Towns and relive their glory days! The public is welcome and former athletes are encouraged to get in touch with their former teammates to build your team for the games vs. the current Wildcats!

[Alumni Weekend Information](#)

The public is invited

**Wildcat SINGERS and JAZZ BAND HOME CONCERT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2 • 7:30 p.m.**

Bremer Bank Theatre in the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center  
NDSCS Campus - Wahpeton, N.D.

**FREEWILL DONATION • RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

## May 2, 2023 | Wildcat Singers and Jazz Band Concert @ 7:30 p.m.

The NDSCS Performing Arts Department presents the Wildcat Singers and Jazz Band for their final concert of the academic year on Tuesday, May 2. The concert will be held in the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center at the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton. The concert is free and open to the public. Freewill donations will be accepted, and a reception will be held in the lobby following the concert.

2023  
**Commencement CEREMONY**

MAY 12, 2023  
Clair T. Blikre Activities Center  
Wahpeton, N.D.

**NDSCS**

## May 12, 2023 | NDSCS Graduation Ceremony

Commencement will be held in-person on Friday, May 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ed Werre Arena in the Clair T. Blikre Activities Center in Wahpeton. This is a free event and there are no tickets required. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. The entire commencement ceremony will also be live-streamed. For more information or to watch the live stream, please click on the button below.

[Graduation Commencement](#)



## 100-Year Electrical Technology Reunion

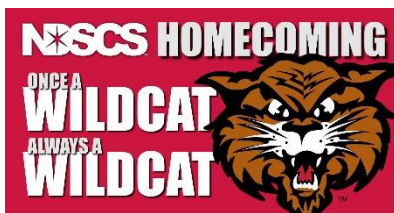
The Electrical Technology 100th Anniversary celebration will be **May 12-13, 2023**. The NDSCS Electrical Department will be hosting a reunion for not only electrical technology graduates, but any program housed in **Barnard Hall** over the last 100 years. Registration is needed for this event; we ask that you register online no later than May 3. You can [register here](#).

Electrical Technology Celebration



## Summer/Fall 2023 | Meet & Greets

Meet and greet your fellow NDSCS Alumni at one (or more!) of our Meet & Greet Events. Postcards will be sent to those in and around the area of the Meet & Greet, so keep your eyes peeled. Everyone is invited though, if you receive a postcard or not! Events will be held in Bismarck, ND, Ottertail MN, Nome, ND (At The Schoolhouse), a Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks Game in Fargo, ND, and Rapid City, SD. Please plan on joining us at one of our event locations--we're excited to see you, catch up and fill you in on the most recent endeavors of the Alumni Foundation! Please keep checking [our website](#) for more updated information.



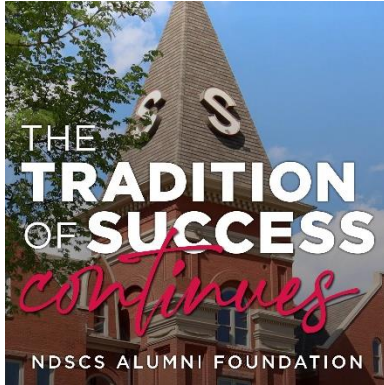
## October 6-7, 2023 | Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE! Homecoming 2023 will surely be a great time of reminiscing, NDSCS Wildcat pride, parades, gatherings and football! Please join us for our homecoming weekend October 6-7, 2023. More information coming soon!

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# GIVING OPPORTUNITIES





The Annual Giving Campaign kicked off in September and is still going strong! With sincere gratitude, we thank all of you that have given. The campaign runs through June. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can go online (click the button below), mail in a check, or contact us at 701-671-2247.

[Annual Campaign](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[Planned Giving](#)



## Wildcat Athletics

Wildcat Men's and Women's Basketball had phenomenal seasons! Team records were: Men's (29-4) and Women's (30-5). The Women were conference, region, and district champions, national tournament qualifiers, the #21 ranked team in the country and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen at the NJCAA D1 Women's Basketball National Tournament, winning their first game ever at a national tournament! The Men received votes in the National Top 25 Poll, had conference and region championship titles and fell \*just\* short, in overtime by 2, for a district championship title. Seasons for the record books!

Wildcat Softball and Baseball are now underway and Wildcat Women's Softball remains #1 in the NJCAA DIII National Poll. We also had softball players named as NJCAA Mon-Dak Conference Player of the week, as well as NJCAA DIII Softball Pitcher of the week this last week! Both Softball and Baseball will have their first home games on Friday the 28th. Softball will be at 3:30 on Friday and 12 noon on Saturday at the Gayle Miller Softball Complex and baseball will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday and 12 noon Saturday at the John Randal Field.

For up-to-date scores and stats, check out the website below. **GO CATS!**

## Wildcat Athletics

# Catbacker Raffle Tickets Are on Sale!

North Dakota State College of Science Catbacker/Letterwinners Club

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ATHLETIC  
RAFFLE**

Proceeds go to athletic scholarships and the operational budget of the Athletics Department.

**GRAND PRIZE  
\$25,000 CASH!**

**PLUS 15 ADDITIONAL PRIZES  
WORTH \$11,250**

**BUY  
TICKETS \$100 PER TICKET**

**LAST YEAR  
626 TICKETS  
SOLD**

**DRAWING**

**THURS., JUNE 8, 2023**  
at the conclusion of the 36th Annual  
Wildcat Golf Open, Bois de Sioux Golf  
Course, 1305 RJ Hughes Dr., Wahpeton, ND

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT**  
WAHPETON/BRECKENRIDGE  
NDSCS Clear • Blore Activities Center • Econo Foods  
NDSCS Customer Service Desk • Ace Hardware • Brenner Bank  
Census Station • OK Tire • The Boiler Room • Smith Motors  
FAIRMOUNT Fairmount Locker • Ceresx Station

For more information,  
call 701-671-2281.

**NDSCS**  
NDSCSwildcats.com/Catbackers/Raffle

Win \$25,000 CASH or several other cash prizes in this year's Catbacker Raffle. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the NDSCS Athletic office, the Foundation office, or through a Catbacker/Letterwinner Committee member. Tickets can only be purchased with a check or cash. The drawing will be held during the Wildcat Golf Open on June 8. Tickets are \$100, and proceeds go to the Athletic Department's scholarship and operations fund.

## Catbacker Raffle

36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**WILDCAT  
GOLF OPEN**

**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 8, 2023**

Bois de Sioux Golf Course  
Wahpeton, N.D.

**1 p.m.  
SHOTGUN START**

**5:30 p.m.  
DINNER & AWARDS  
CEREMONY**



# Wildcat Golf Open- June 8

Our 36th Annual Wildcat Open will be June 8 at the Bois De Sioux Golf Course in Wahpeton. This is an afternoon of fun and golf in support of NDSCS Wildcat Athletics. Individual golfers and golf teams are invited to play in the golf open, while non-golfers are encouraged to attend the awards dinner that follows. Please register by June 1. Our 14th Annual Catbackers/Letterwinners Raffle will also be drawn at the end of the golf tournament.

## Wildcat Golf Open

**NDSCS REGISTER TODAY!**  
**WILDCAT ATHLETIC CAMPS 2023**

Join us at one of the most affordable overnight camps in the area!

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
 June 11-14 (Overnight Camp)  
Girls entering grades 6-10 in 2023-24.

**BOYS' BASKETBALL**  
 June 18-21 (Overnight Camp)  
Boys entering grades 6-10 in 2023-24.

**KIDDY 'CAT BASKETBALL**  
 July 24-26 (Day Camp)  
Boys & girls age 4 through grade 6 in 2023-24.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
 July 17-19 (Overnight Camp)  
Girls entering grades 7-10 in 2023-24.

**KIDDY 'CAT VOLLEYBALL**  
 August 9-10 (Day Camp)  
Boys & girls age 4 through grade 6 in 2023-24.

Information and registration for all of our **WILDCAT CAMPS** is online at [NDSCSwildcats.com/Camps/Youth\\_Athletic\\_Camps](https://NDSCSwildcats.com/Camps/Youth_Athletic_Camps).  
 Registration is limited & only available online.  
 If you have questions, please contact us at [NDSCSWildcatCamps@ndscs.edu](mailto:NDSCSWildcatCamps@ndscs.edu).

## Wildcat Athletic Camps

NDSCS holds a variety of youth athletic camps in the summer months, and all camps are held at the the Clair T. Blikre Activities Center near the NDSCS Campus in Wahpeton. Types and dates are listed below, but please visit their website for more information, ages for attendees and to [register](#).

- Wildcat Girls' Basketball Camp: June 11-14, 2023
- Wildcat Boys' Basketball Camp: June 18-21, 2023
- Wildcat Volleyball Camp: July 17-19, 2023
- Kiddy 'Cat Basketball Camp: July 24-26, 2023
- Kiddy 'Cat Volleyball Camp: August 9-10, 2023

Wildcat Athletic Camps

**Join our team!**  
 We're hiring.

## NDSCS is Hiring!

NDSCS currently has a variety of positions open at both our Fargo and Wahpeton locations. If you or someone you know are looking for a career change, come join us and become a Wildcat (again!).

Job Opportunities

## In need of some new NDSCS gear? You can order online!

***"Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!"***

After clicking on the button below, click on *Wildcat Shop* to start browsing their great selection! Because the NDSCS Bookstore is owned and operated by NDSCS, all revenue brought in by the Bookstore goes back to the college. If you're on campus, feel free to stop in and shop between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; located in the Hektner Student

Center on the NDSCS Campus in Wahpeton. For NDSCS Fargo bookstore hours, please call 701-671-2125.

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