

NDSCS Alumni/Foundation e-News

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News from the Executive Director

Greetings from the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation office. It has been a wonderful Spring with April showers bringing May flowers. I would like to share the news that I have been officially named the Alumni/Foundation Executive Director by the NDSCS Foundation Board. I am both humbled and thankful for the opportunity to serve as your Director. In a recent presentation to the board I outlined eight goals I have for the Foundation. The number one goal is to increase our Foundation Scholarship Endowment by seven million dollars in the next five years. Yes, a lofty goal, but feel strongly it provides a great opportunity to recruit students to NDSCS and assist in fulfilling the region's workforce needs. It also helps us meet our mission to be the fund raising arm of the college. Another goal is to complete the Two Million Dollar Challenge Grant Campaign to receive a one million match from the state of ND. Also included on my list is to work closely with the Foundation office staff to build a team atmosphere. I am very proud to say we are well on our way. Thank you to Tim Neumann, Donor Development Officer, Barb Uhlich & Melissa Wynn, Donor Development Representatives and Denise Miller, Event Specialist, for all their hard work and dedication to the Alumni office and especially their commitment to NDSCS. In the next e-newsletter I will discuss a few more of my goals.



Thank you for ALL you do to help NDSCS be the success it is. Until next time! Kim

Fun News



A special celebration took place on May 5 here on Campus. The NDSCS Student Center was renamed the Hektner Student Center. The Hektner family along with the public, students, staff & faculty were on hand for the dedication of this building. Vernon Hektner was a great inspiration to many of us. His wife, Leona, was present to share in this special day. The event included an open house of the "Hektner Student Center" with self-guided tours and refreshments.

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Challenge Grant Update

In 2015, North Dakota legislators once again offered the North Dakota Challenge Fund Matching Grant Program. NDSCS has been allocated up to \$1,000,000 in matching funds to be awarded if \$2,000,000 in private donations is raised. The guidelines for the program are as follows: Funded Projects must be at least \$25,000 in size and exclusively dedicated to enhance academics including investments in research, scholarships, technology, endowed chairs and investments in educational infrastructure. I am happy to disclose that we are one-gift away from completing this goal, before our deadline of December 2016. The challenge grant committee may have additional funds for us to use at the end of the year, so other gifts throughout the year may still qualify.

New Partnership Announced

A workforce shortage of pharmacy technicians in the region has inspired a partnership between the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) and Bismarck State College (BSC) to deliver the NDSCS Pharmacy Technician program to the central and western portion of the state beginning Fall 2016. Students will enroll through NDSCS but may attend classes in Bismarck. General core classes will be provided by BSC, while the technical components of the program will be taught by NDSCS Pharmacy Technician faculty through interactive video and online classes. Students will be able to earn either a 2-year A.A.S. degree or 1-year Certificate from NDSCS. "The partnership between Bismarck State College and North Dakota State College of Science is an example of how shared services and campus collaboration can meet changing demands in North Dakota," NDUS Chancellor Mark Hagerott said. "Our students now have even greater opportunities for success, right here at home." Read the rest of the story on line at; https://www.ndscs.edu/news_events/news/8963

DREAMS 2016

The Alumni Foundation hosted the 21st annual DREAMS Auction on Friday, April 8, 2016. This year's fundraising event introduced "Text2Bid" and brought back the "Fund a Program." The DREAMS Auction has become the Foundations largest fund raising event and an enjoyable community night out. We were please at our turn out of over 600 guest raising just under \$160,000. Thank you to those that attended, donated and purchased. We had a couple people bid from a distance away with our new "Text2Bid" feature. We look forward to sharing that concept next year with those that want to take part, but are unable to attend the actual event.



Donate Now

Thank you to all that have participated in this year's Annual and Club drive. Your gifts and support to the Foundation help us fulfill our mission to "Support and assist those activities that develop and strengthen the North Dakota State College of Science." We continue to find new ways to help NDSCS succeed in providing education to bright young students and meet the workforce needs in North Dakota and the Midwest. For more information to donate online go to <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/giving-opportunities/>

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Wildcat Golf Open

Join us on Thursday, June 9, 2016 for the Wildcat Golf Open!

Location: Bois De Sioux Golf Course

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Registration: Opens at 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 1 p.m.

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. followed by awards

Rent and reserve carts through the Golf Club at 701-642-3673 by June 1

[Register Here](#)

Friday, July 7 and Saturday July 8, 2016

Ottertail Lakes Area Meet-n-Greet

We are making plans for the 2016 Ottertail Lake Area Meet & Greet! **Save the dates for July 8 & 9.** We enjoyed the Friday night social so much last year that we want to do it again, so mark your calendar for Friday, July 8, 7-10 p.m. The Annual Breakfast Brunch will be held on the morning of Saturday, July 9, 9-11:30 a.m. Both events take place at Thumper Pond in Ottertail MN. Please register on line by clicking [Register Here](#) or call the Alumni Foundation at 701.671.2247.

July 29-30, 2016

JD Tech Reunion

John Deere Tech **25th** Anniversary Reunion | July 29-30, 2016

Join us for the 25th anniversary of the John Deere Tech Program on July 29-30, 2016!

Friday, July 29

7 p.m. | Social at Hughes Shelter in Chahinkapa Park

8:30-10:30 p.m. | Pool Party at Chahinkapa Park Pool

Saturday, July 30

1-4 p.m. | Tours of Bisek Hall

5 p.m. | Social at the Eagles Club

6 p.m. | Dinner

Please visit our website at <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/> view more details and [REGISTER HERE](#)

Thanks to the following businesses for co-sponsoring this event: Evergreen Implement Co., Mahnommen, MN; Gooseneck Implement, Minot, ND; Leading Edge Equipment, Devils Lake, ND; Midwest Machinery Co., Glenwood, MN; RDO Equipment, Fargo, ND.

Friday & Saturday, September 23 & 24, 2016

Homecoming 2016

visit our website at: <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/news-events/homecoming/>

Friday, September 23 & Saturday, September 24, 2016

NDSCS All Class Nursing Reunion

Save the date if you are a NDSCS Nursing Alumni! Watch for more details coming soon regarding registration, Nursing Alumni Gatherings, and Allied Health Building & Campus Tours.