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## **NDSCS Career Innovation Centers' progress continues**

**WAHPETON, N.D.** — **(Aug 2, 2022)** — The North Dakota State College of Science Alumni/Foundation, in partnership with the Cass County Career and Technical Education Center (C3TEC), announced that construction progress continues on the new Career Innovation Center (CIC), located at 4230 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Fargo, N.D. The CIC groundbreaking took place in July 2021, and soon thereafter construction began on Phase 1 of the more than 92 thousand square foot project (57,065 square feet in Phase 1, and 35,104 square feet in Phase 2). As you travel north along Interstate Highway 29 and look to the west, you will see the construction is progressing, adding to the growing skyscape.

Although the project has fallen a bit behind schedule due to supply chain and weather delays. The \$10 million funding that C3TEC was awarded through the Federal Coronavirus Capital Grants Program has been delayed, in turn suspending construction for Phase 2. When funds become available, construction will begin on Phase 2. The CIC is scheduled to open its doors in August 2023, however, official opening will be highly dependent on labor, supply chain and weather.

"While construction advances on the centrally located CIC, NDSCS is planning for the future, determining the needs of business and industry and providing solutions to learner requests. Our goal is to bring career awareness and access to expand the future workforce," said Kim Nelson, Executive Director for the NDSCS Alumni Foundation. To learn more, visit NDSCS.edu/CIC.

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## About North Dakota State College of Science Alumni Foundation

In 1988 the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation became an official 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supporting the activities that develop and strengthen North Dakota State College of Science. Through creating connections with alumni and partners, the Foundation provides student scholarships and supplemental funding to enhance the mission of NDSCS. For Fall 2022, the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation will provide more than \$1 million in student scholarships. Additional information can be found online at ndscsalumni.com. Contact information at the NDSCS Alumni Foundation: Kim Nelson, Executive Director, (701) 671-2187

## About North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)

Founded in 1903, NDSCS is the second oldest two-year comprehensive College in the nation, with locations in Wahpeton and Fargo, N.D. The College offers a variety of distance education and online courses, as well as workforce training. NDSCS offers degrees, certificates, and diplomas in more than 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies and liberal arts. Additional information can be found online at ndscs.edu. Contact information at NDSCS: Dr. Rod Flanigan, President, (701) 671-2221.

## **About Cass County Career and Technical Education Center (C3TEC)**

C3TEC is an approved area career and technology center (NDCC 15-20.2) comprised of Cass County public schools, including Central Cass, Fargo, Northern Cass, and West Fargo Public Schools. C3TEC is a collaboration between all four schools districts to coordinate the sharing of career and technical education programs, instructors, and facilities to provide career awareness events for elementary students, as well as career identification, exploration, and preparation activities for middle and high school students. C3TEC also partners with NDSCS to expand early entry dual credit options for high school students. Contact information at C3TEC: Dr. Denise Jonas, Career & Technical Education Director, (701) 499-1008