

NDSCS Alumni/Foundation e-News

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News from the Interim Director

Welcome to the quarterly e-newsletter from the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation office. We plan for this newsletter to be a quick update on the activities of the Alumni/Foundation and how we are making an impact here at NDSCS. As the Interim Executive Director, I can say the last 7 months have been rewarding, busy, fun and challenging all in the same breathe. Our staff looks forward to the upcoming months with the same excitement and ambition. Thank you for doing your part, through your annual or club gifts, challenge grant donations, attending events, recruiting students, serving on the Foundation board or any other way you may have made a difference. If you would like to learn more on how you can become more involved, please contact one of our staff in the Alumni/Foundation office at 701.671.2247 or email us at ndscs.alumni@ndscs.edu. Thank you, Kim Nelson

Fun News

Do you know an Alumnus that might be older than this gentleman? One of our Alumni shared on his Christmas card, "HURRAY!! WE HAVE MADE IT ANOTHER YEAR!" It was from 1932 Alumnus Bob "Tommy" Thomsen (102 yrs. old) and his wife Juanita (96 yrs. old). "We are in good shape and enjoy life to its fullest!" commented Bob and Juanita in their letter. An enclosed picture was taken at the Mountain Shrine Club Costume party, where they won first place. Hopefully, many of us have the opportunity to enjoy life as much as Bob and Juanita. President Richman had the pleasure of visiting on the phone with Bob on his 102nd birthday.



Challenge Grant Update

In 2015, North Dakota legislators once again created the North Dakota Challenge Fund Matching Grant Program. NDSCS has been allocated up to \$1,000,000 in matching funds to be awarded if we can raise \$2,000,000 in private donations. The guidelines for the program are as follows: Projects must be at least \$25,000 in size and be exclusively dedicated to the advancement of enhanced academics including investments in research, scholarships, technology, endowed chairs and investments in educational infrastructure. To date, we have raised over 1.16 M with matching funds of \$583,000. Of the dollars raised, \$1.64 M has been invested into Endowment Scholarships, which will benefit recruiting new students and retaining current students. We anticipate completing our 2M goal before December of 2016.

Club & Annual Giving Drive

Thank you to all that have participated in this year's Annual and Club drive. Your gifts and support to the Foundation help us continue to fulfill the Foundation 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, February 11, 2016

Giving Hearts Day

In collaboration with the Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation & the Alex Stern Family Foundation, we have an opportunity to raise over \$10,000 for the NDSCS Nursing Department. The Impact Foundation will match the first \$5,000 we raise. Join us on **Thursday, February 11, 2016**. You can participate in this one day effort by clicking on impactgiveback.org and donating.

Saturday, February 13, 2016

NDSCS Athletic Car Raffle

The NDSCS Catbacker/Letterwinner Club is again raising dollars to support Athletic Scholarships. A raffle drawing will be on **Saturday, February 13**, during the Men's Basketball game. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased by contacting a Catbacker/Letterwinner, the Athletic Department Director of Fundraising, Thomas Dryburgh, at 701.671.2285, or the Alumni Foundation at 701.671.2247. You do not need to be present to win. Checks should be made out to the NDSCS Foundation. To view the raffle prizes, please link to www.ndscsalumni.com and click on the slider that shows the raffle flyer.

Friday, February 19, 2016

Arizona Meet-n-Greet

Do you happen to be vacationing in Arizona this winter or live in the area of Mesa? Join fellow alumni & friends for a NDSCS meet-n-greet at the Arizona Golf Resort at noon, on **Friday, February 19, 2016**. A luncheon will be sponsored by Bell State Bank & Trust Wealth Management. Dr. John Richman, NDSCS President, and Kim Nelson, Interim Executive Director, will be on hand to greet you and share how your college is moving forward in 2016 and what is developing in the Alumni Foundation. This is an RSVP event so please register on line at <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/news-events/meet-greets/> or call the Alumni Foundation office at 701.671.2247 before February 17.

Friday, April 8, 2016

DREAMS 2016

The Alumni Foundation will be hosting the 21st annual [DREAMS](#) Auction on Friday, April 8, 2016. This year's fundraising event will introduce "Text to Bid" and bring back the "Fund a Program." The DREAMS Auction has become the Foundations largest fund raising event and an enjoyable community night out. Table and Individual tickets are available by contacting the Alumni Foundation office at 701.671.2247. If you have a unique gift or

monetary donation you would like to make part of the 2016 DREAMS Auction, please let us know and we will work out the details with you. Gifts need to be to us no later than February 28 to be listed in the DREAMS Auction Book. Thank you!

July 29-30, 2016

JD Tech Reunion

Save the date if you are a John Deere Tech Alumni

A 25th year Anniversary reunion of the program will be held on July 29-30, 2016. Please visit our website at <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/news-events/department-reunions/> to register and view more details.
