



### **Notes From The Director**

The theme for the coming year is, "Grow with Us." How can I be a part of that, you ask? The answer is, in many ways! Please share your story with young adults that are trying to decide what to do with their future. Maybe they have an interest that YOU had, when you decided to attend NDSCS, or maybe you are an employer who is looking for a skilled trade employee? Telling your success story might influence someone to get their degree here at NDSCS. We are expanding in a few different programs on campus also. As we grow our academic offerings, we need qualified instructors- maybe you have that ambition and would fit the requirements? Check out our employment opportunities listed below. The cost of higher education continues to be a barrier for some students, so maybe you are financially able to help a student by providing scholarship(s), sponsoring a student, or donating to the programs so they have state-of-the-art equipment in their classrooms? However you choose to Grow with Us, we have the utmost gratitude for ALL you do to support NDSCS. Please enjoy the newsletter and we hope to see you at one (or more) of our Meet & Greets or at Homecoming 2023. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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### **Career Innovation Center**

The Career Innovation Center is really moving along! Now that we have the snow gone and the ground is much drier, we are in the process of putting footings down for the South half of the building. As with many projects, supply issues over the past year have caused some delays, however, things continue to move forward. This facility and the landscape of South Fargo is changing very quickly. We are excited to continue to build this wonderful project and will keep you posted on the progress.



## **EVENTS**



#### May 12, 2023 | NDSCS Graduation Ceremony

Commencement was 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. We had over 350 students walk for the ceremony and the entire commencement was also live-streamed. To watch the live stream, please click on the button below. Ceremony begins at approximately 17:00 on the live stream footage. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our graduates!

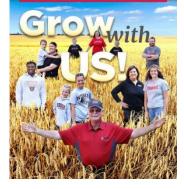
**Graduation Commencement** 



# Electrical Technology & Barnard Hall 100-Year Celebration

The Electrical Technology & Barnard Hall's 100th Anniversary celebration was held May 12-13, 2023 on the NDSCS campus in Wahpeton. Many connections were made or rekindled, stories were shared, and a great time was had by all. More details will be in our Alumni Review. If you're interested in any of our merchandise from the reunion weekend, please call 701-671-2247. We have very limited supply left. Click the button below if you'd like to see our slideshow from the event, read our Thank You Letter and to see photos. Thank you again to all of you who came. Here's to the next 100 years!

### **Alumni Review**



# Summer 2023 | ALUMNI REVIEW coming to your mailbox soon!

Keep your eyes peeled and keep checking your mailboxes for our annual *Alumni Review* magazine. Titled, "<u>Grow with</u> <u>Us</u>", you will find stories related to NDSCS's growth, how you can take part in helping us grow, information about our Homecoming honorees, the Homecoming schedule, the limited-edition 2023 Homecoming T-Shirt order form, recaps of events, and our Alumni/Foundation events calendar. To view online, and to see some very valuable information for our alumni, please see our <u>website</u>.



#### Summer/Fall 2023 | Meet & Greets

Meet and greet your fellow NDSCS Alumni at one (or more!) of our Meet & Greet Events this summer and fall. Postcards will be sent to those in and around the area of the Meet & Greet, so keep checking those mailboxes. Everyone is invited, 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.



#### NDSCS Opening Week Block Party-You're invited!

As we welcome new students to campus, you are invited to the NDSCS Opening Week Block Party--free to everyone! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20 and visit with local businesses, enjoy some entertainment, a picnic meal, and partake in yard games. Let's help these students feel welcomed and supported- by our community and by you, our alumni!



#### October 6-7, 2023 | Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us for our Homecoming weekend October 6-7, 2023. Homecoming 2023 will surely be a great time of reminiscing, NDSCS Wildcat pride, parades, gatherings, great food, and football! More information coming soon. Check out our <u>website</u> for more information.

We are proud to announce our 2023 Homecoming Honorees! Please join us in congratulating the following: Tom Shorma-Alumnus of the Year Josh Dozak-Young Alumnus of the Year Mike Felling-Parade Grand Marshal Alisa Mitskog Yaggie-Friend of the College Jim & Ellen Sturdevant-Family Tradition Award Jeff Hart-Wildcat of the Year More detailed information about our Honorees and how to nominate for next year, will be in our annual Alumni Review magazine, coming to your mailbox soon!

#### There are blocks of rooms reserved at:

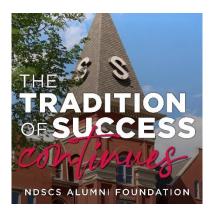
AmericInn Wahpeton 701-642-8365 Baymont Inn & Suites Wahpeton 701-641-5000 Travel Lodge Wahpeton 701-642-8731 Rooms will be held until September 12, 2023. Guests need to ask for the NDSCS Alumni Homecoming Block when booking, and reservations need to be canceled 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a 1-night charge.



# October 19, 2023 | "Speaker Series" with Dwight Zimmerman

Come join us for this \*NEW\*, free event where students, alumni, faculty, and staff can learn about Dwight Zimmerman, NDSCS grad who is now living in NYC and who has had GREAT success as a professional writer, illustrator, and producer. Dwight is originally from Devil's Lake, ND. Come listen to his story of how NDSCS influenced him and how he got to where he is today. Event will be held at the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center on the NDSCS Wahpeton campus. A reception with refreshments and desserts will be held in the lobby after the event.

### **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**



The Annual Giving Campaign kicked off in September and we would like to finish our fiscal year strong! Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 of 2023. If you would still like to donate, we would appreciate your help in raising our last \$3800. 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 and we can take your credit card information over the phone. With sincere gratitude, we thank all of you that have given.

Annual Campaign

Scholarships

### Challenge Grant

**The North Dakota Challenge Grant Fund Program** was established in the 2013-2015 Legislative Session, under N.D. Century Code section 15-10-48 to match private donations on a 1:2 match, made to state college foundations. Qualifying projects must be \$25,000 or more in size and designated for student scholarships, program equipment, program enhancements or educational infrastructure. Lower amounts will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. The contribution can be paid as a one-time gift or pledged over five years. Project eligibility must be approved by the grant review committee. Please contact Kim Nelson at 701.671.2187 for further information about how you can take advantage of the state match. You do not need to be a North Dakota resident to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



### Wildcat Athletics

**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!** History was made for the first time at NDSCS! Our women's Wildcat Softball Team won the NJCAA DIII World Series!! This was the first national title for our Women's Softball program, AS WELL AS the FIRST National Title in NDSCS History!

The NDSCS College Relations and Marketing department has created a book to memorialize the win, please check it out <u>HERE</u>

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

Wildcat Athletics



#### Catbacker/Letterwinners Club Raffle Results

The 14th Annual Catbacker/Letterwinners Club raffle was held during the Wildcat Golf Open on June 8. To see a list of winners, please click on the button below. Proceeds went to the Athletic Department's scholarship and operations fund. Thank you to those who participated!

#### **Raffle Winners**



#### Wildcat Athletic Camps

NDSCS holds a variety of youth athletic camps in the summer months, and all camps are held at 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 <u>register</u>.

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

### **FUTURE WILDCATS**

We are looking to keep our college strong, and you can help us with that! Know of a relative, neighbor, or friend who has plans of going to college, but isn't sure where? Send them to us!

Please click below to schedule a tour of our campus:

Schedule a Tour

And here is the link to apply:

Apply to NDSCS!

### Fall classes start at 4 p.m. August 21, 2023 with new student orientation being held August 20-21, 2023



## **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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