

*We believe in the*  
**TRADITION** of Success!

Notes from the Director

March 2019

*One of the Alumni Foundations longstanding traditions is helping the NDSCS campus community where needed. Why? Because it is the NDSCS way! Thanks for choosing the Foundation as a means of making a difference. We would like to reach out and share what your donor contributions are accomplishing. Over the past year we have started over 9 new scholarships, increasing our total amount of endowment scholarship distributions from \$380,955 this past year to **\$426,670 for the coming year**. Our entire Foundation portfolio has increased by **9%** in the last year and our department gifts have helped programs as our Nursing department purchase a very state of the art simulation tool for hands on learning.*

*How is all this possible? Because of Alumni, friends, business and industry, NDSCS staff and the community. We have strong ties to many and we are so Thankful for your contributions and support. We want to continue the tradition and it all starts with that moment we each look at our lives and decide now is the time.*

*We hope you are getting ready for a great spring as we are and look forward to meeting many of you at our meet & greets, Dreams, Homecoming or just a visit back to campus. Thank you for all you do for your own community, but most importantly for what you do for the NDSCS family.*

THANK YOU!

Kim Nelson

NDSCS Foundation Executive Director

DREAMS Auction – April 12, 2019



*Join us for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Foundation DREAMS Auction! The evening features student lead hospitality. The funds raised support the Foundations efforts to assist NDSCS students and departments. And it gives us a chance to celebrate NDSCS with our many friends and alumni from the region.*

*A DREAMS Auction ticket includes a game of chance, valet parking, a strolling buffet and a professional photo booth.*

*Purchase individual tickets, \$75, or a table for eight at \$560. Also available is a \$35 non-attending online bidding ticket. Deadline for table reservations is March 30<sup>th</sup> and individual tickets by April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

New to the DREAMS Auction this year is a Mystery Raffle and a Wall of DREAMS to support our 2019 featured programs:  
NDSCS Nursing, Student Ambassadors, and the Wildcat care fund.

Visit our website – [ndscsalumni.com](http://ndscsalumni.com) or call 701.671.2247 to get your tickets today!

### **Ag Land Lab Celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> Year**

NDSCS celebrated an extremely successfully first year of the Kosel Family Agricultural Land Lab. Mary Kosel and Linda Patterson generously donated a three-year lease of a land plot to provide Ag students hands on experiences in areas like soil sampling, crop production and equipment education.



The NDSCS Alumni Foundation and Agriculture Department held an appreciation event on March 6, 2019, at the Hektner Student Center for all that were involved. RDO Equipment and Peterson Seeds, along with many others that donated in-kind gifts and services like seed, fertilizer, storage, signage and insurance were thanked for being instrumental in this collaborative effort.

Planning is progress for the 2019-2020 school year and there is excitement for new opportunities.

### **Giving Hearts Day 2019**



We are giving thanks with a grateful heart to all that supported the NDSCS Nursing Program with their gifts on Giving Hearts Day, February 14, 2019.

We had 85 generous individuals contribute to the \$18,150 raised in efforts

to purchase a new high fidelity training manikin for our Nursing students. The monies raised will be used as matching funds for a grant.

### **2019 Meet-n-Greets**

Join us for the 2019 Alumni & Friends Meet-n-Greet. Everyone welcome – details coming soon!

<b>Twin Cities</b>	May 14, Tuesday	Summit Brewery – Ratskeller Room
<b>Killdeer, ND</b>	June 20, Thursday	The High Plain Community Center
<b>Ottertail Lakes Area</b>	July 13, Saturday	The Otter
<b>Moorhead, MN</b>	Aug. 8, Thursday	Hjemkomst Center
<b>Wahpeton, ND</b>	Oct. 11-12, Fri & Sat.	NDSCS Homecoming – Wahpeton Campus

## 2019 NDSCS Homecoming Date Set – Oct. 11-12

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation is pleased to announce the following 2019 Homecoming Award winners:

### **Alumnus of the Year**

Craig Caspers

### **Family Tradition Award**

Joe & Louise Krebs Family

### **Wildcat of the Year**

Larissa Gilbertson

### **Friends of the College**

Wells Fargo Bank

### **Parade Grand Marshals**

Mary Kosel & Linda Patterson

### **Commitment to Excellence**

Karen Bajumpaa

Rebecca Truesdell

### **Tradition Award**

Art & Linda Grochow

The 2019 Letterwinners Hall of Fame Inductees will be announced after the Alumni Weekend, April 26 & 27.

If you would like to nominate a candidate for the NDSCS Athletic Hall of Fame, use this [form](#).



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### **NDSCS Alumni Foundation Annual Giving Campaign Status**

Your gifts are vital to our vision of training a robust local workforce. You are at the heart of an ambitious endeavor that benefits students, NDSCS and our communities. We are currently at 75% of our 2018-2019 Annual Giving Campaign goal of \$120,000. The NDSCS Alumni Foundation has been supporting students as they progress toward a rewarding career or go on to further their education.

One student described that financial assistance was more than just a scholarship. Sometimes students feel like it is an uphill battle to reach their educational goals and for many like they are doing it alone. So when someone does something to help you move forward, it feels like there is a hand on your back for support.

There is still time to contribute to this year's campaign, help us reach our goal and put your [donation](#) in action.

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### **NDSCS Athletics Update**

**NDSCS Men's Basketball team** ended their regular season with an overall record of 25-5 and 11-3 in the Mon-Dak Conference. They defeated Dawson Community College 78-65 in the semi-final matchup. The Wildcats were narrowly defeated by Williston State College, 77-71 in the Mon-Dak Conference championship.

**NDSCS Women's Basketball team** ended with an overall record of 21-8. They ended conference play in second with a record of 11-3. Bismarck State College got the Wildcats in their first round of the regional tournament, 87-68.

**Athletic Honors:**

Two Wildcats Football Players Earn All-American Honors – Offensive Lineman, Nick Radunz (Fr) was a First Team selection and Defensive Lineman, Marshaun Jones (So.) was an Honorable Mention selection.

Eleven Wildcat Football Players Earn All Academic Honors – Lionel Gates, New Hope, MN; Lorenzo Hargrove, Minneapolis, MN; Deton Hart, Anoka, MN; Antonio Hollamon Jr., St. Paul, MN; Tony Madison, New Hope, MN; Travis Myers, Becker, MN; Maxwell Race, Cedarburg, WI; Nick Radunz, Becker, MN; Dillion Schramm, Beulah, ND; Calvin Stribbing, Milwaukee, WI; Charlie Wynn, Wahpeton, ND.

Wildcat Volleyball player, Gabby Hahn, (Fr.) Outside Hitter, Hutchinson, MN, was named an NJCAA DII All-American. Hahn was selected to the 2nd Team after leading the Wildcats to a National Tournament birth and an overall record of 31-4. She earned her Conference Player of the Week honors, a spot on the All Mon-Dak Conference and All Region XIII teams, and was named Region XIII MVP.

Miss Mercedes Morris made many contributions to NDSSS during her tenure. She was the Dean of Women and later Associate Dean of Students as well as an advisor to many clubs and groups on campus. What classes did Miss Mercedes Morris teach in her early years at NDSSS?

Reply with your answer to our email [NDSCS.alumni@ndscs.edu](mailto:NDSCS.alumni@ndscs.edu) for a chance to win this golf visor and balls.



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