

NDSCS Alumni/Foundation e-News

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News from Executive Director, Kim Nelson

Today's world is in a constant state of change. Here at NDSCS that puts us in a "priority planning" mode and embracing a "new normal" each budget year. How we embrace change tells a lot about who we are. We are a strong, dedicated college planning for the betterment of our students and the workforce of the tristate area. As an alumni or friend of the college, what we are asking from you is help in directing young adults to NDSCS. Point out the great opportunities and share with them the benefits of attending **NDSCS FIRST**. I hear these phrases all the time, "it was the best decision I've ever made", "I am so glad I found NDSCS", "I wish I would have had the opportunity to attend NDSCS." For those of you that would like to make a difference with a financial gift, we would be happy to answer any questions you have about your tax-deductible donation. 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

Building Student Leaders at NDSCS

NDSCS Science of Leadership Program

Through a generous gift in 2016 from the Edson and Margaret Larson Foundation, along with a ND State Challenge Grant, the "Science of Leadership" student leadership program has been expanded to impact a broader student population. The Science of Leadership program was initially developed in 2013 and has evolved into a selective, scholarship program that enables officers from any official NDSCS student organization to apply. Science of Leadership participants are provided opportunities through experiences and mentoring to gain the skills necessary to become life-long leaders. The semester-long program focuses on the development of critical thinking, communication, planning and organizational skills. This semester 15 students were awarded a \$3,000 scholarship for participation; these students represent 10 different student organizations and 11 academic programs.

Thank you!

Giving Hearts Day

NDSCS Alumni Foundation and Nursing Department want to say, "THANK YOU", to all those that participated in the February 9, 2017 Giving Hearts Day event. With the help of the Dakota Medical Foundation and the Impact Foundation, we raised over \$16,000 for new simulation equipment and help in maintaining national accreditation for the NDSCS Nursing Department. Thanks to the NDSCS Nursing students and faculty for their efforts in a pre-Giving Hearts Day phone-a-thon. It was great to hear our students interact with alumni and friends of the college. Tim Neumann, Foundation Donor Development Manager, lead the effort with the students along with Sheila Goettle, Whitney Petersen, and Barb Diederick.

A special thank you to Gate City Bank for their \$2,500 donation. The NDSCS Alumni Foundation was the lucky recipient of their Giving Hearts Day Charity promotion. Mike Turchin and staff from Gate City Bank presented the winning check to the NDSCS Nursing students & faculty on February 9, 2017. We appreciate all your votes & nominations. Great job everyone!!



Challenge Grant Update

THANK YOU! We met our goal! **The 2015-2016 Challenge grant raised a total of \$3,044,927.** The foundation raised \$2,058,792 and the State of ND contributed \$986,135. We are grateful to the donors who so passionately gave to the NDSCS Foundation to help build student scholarships and advance programs at NDSCS.

NDSCS Scholarship Luncheons



We recently completed three annual scholarship luncheons. The students receiving a scholarship and many of the donors giving to the Scholarship program attend our luncheons. This year we awarded over 140 scholarships to students. Please see the scholarship booklet and more pictures on our website at <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/about-us/scholarships/>



Club & Annual Donation Drive

We would like to share our appreciation to all that have participated so far this year to our 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. **If you have not had a chance to donate or would like more information to donate online, go to <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/giving-opportunities/>.**

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 7, 2017

DREAMS 2017

The Alumni Foundation will be hosting the 22nd annual [DREAMS](#) Auction on Friday, April 7, 2017. This year's fundraising event will bring back the successful "Text to Bid" and "Fund a Program." The DREAMS Auction has become the Foundation's 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 for the 2017 DREAMS Auction, please let us know and we will work out the details with you. Gifts need to be identified by March 15 to have them listed in the DREAMS Auction Book. If you are unable to attend, but would like to participate by becoming an on-line bidder, please contact Kim Nelson at 701.671.2187 for this exciting new opportunity. Thank you!

Saturday, April 30, 2017

NDSCS Athletic Car Raffle

The NDSCS Catbacker/Letterwinner Club is again raising dollars to support Athletic Scholarships. A raffle drawing will be on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** during Alumni Weekend. Tickets are \$100, to purchase contact 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 can 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.

June, July & August - Meet n Greets

Summer Meet n Greets

June 15, 2017: Bismarck ND - ND Heritage Center (Evening event)

June 17, 2017: Rapid City, SD – Location TBD (Evening event)

July 15, 2017: Ottertail MN Lakes area - The Otter Supper Club (Saturday morning event)

August 7, 2017: Fargo ND, - FM Redhawks Tailgating and Game (Evening event)

Please see our website <http://www.ndscsalumni.com/> for updated information and registration of the events

Friday October 6 & Saturday October 7, 2017

Homecoming 2017

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 6, 2017 and Saturday October 7, 2017

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation wishes to congratulate the following distinguished group of 2017 honorees:

Gary Marquardt, *Alumnus of the Year*
Janet and Wayne Baker Family, *Family Tradition Award*
Maria Kaduc, *Wildcat of the Year*
Bell Bank & Bell Wealth Management, *Friend of the College*
Margaret Wall, *Parade Grand Marshal*
Kevin Bauer, *Commitment to Excellence*

Visit link below for Hotel Reservation Information

<http://www.ndscsalumni.com/news-events/homecoming/>

Friday October 6 & Saturday October 7, 2017

Powersports Technology Program 50th Anniversary Reunion

Friday, October 6

3-5 p.m. Department / Campus Tours & Refreshments
5:30 p.m. Social at Hughes Shelter in Chahinkapa Park
Join us for burgers, brats & refreshments

Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. NDSCS Homecoming Parade
Powersports 50th Anniversary parade float

Watch for registration information coming soon!