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News from Executive Director, Kim Nelson

For those of us that get excited for Christmas, it is not unusual to begin preparations months in advance. The decorating, gifts, and gatherings add to the spirit of season. The DREAMS Auction is similar for the foundation in many ways. We start our planning in early January and begin collecting the many wonderful gifts donated for the auction. We work to create an atmosphere of fun and excitement for the Foundation's biggest fundraiser. Our preparation includes planning decorations, the menu, registering participants and coordinating student-led hospitality for the evening.

So where you be on Friday the 13th? I hope that you will be with us celebrating a "Party with a Purpose" – The 23rd Annual DREAMS Auction, Friday, April 13, 2018. With the support of our Alumni and friends, the Foundation is able to garner resources for student scholarships and programs on our campuses.

Funds raised also help us stay connected with our Alumni and Friends. We will be in Spearfish, SD; Bismarck, Minot and Fargo, ND and the Otter Tail Lakes area this summer! Look for details in this newsletter.

Thank you & Happy Spring! Kim

Featured Business - ComDel Innovation



ComDel just celebrated its 10 yr Anniversary and surpassed 300 employees. The Wahpeton, ND facility started manufacturing operations as a 3M plant in 1977 and through a few transitions became ComDel Innovation in 2007. Since its inception,

ComDel has worked with their clients to develop high quality products for the medical, commercial, agricultural and aerospace markets.

ComDel supports of the Alumni/Foundation and NDSCS Athletics. Their involvement includes being a Gold Level Alumni/Foundation Sponsor, a NDSCS Athletic Sponsor, donating inkind gifts to the NDSCS Precision Machining Program and the annual DREAMS Auction fundraiser. ComDel has provided engineering leadership with on campus Robotic projects, summer internship opportunities, and been part of entrepreneurial group discussions. They take pride in our communities and NDSCS and we would like to thank them for being a part of our "Tradition of Success."



Club & Annual Donation Drive

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation set a goal to raise \$115,000 in this year's Annual Giving

Campaign. We are currently at 76 % of that goal. The Annual Giving Campaign is an effort to raise funds for use in areas of greatest need and for operational purposes. View our current Foundation Club Members on the link listed below.

If you have not had a chance to make a gift, we hope you will choose the NDSCS/Foundation when considering your charitable intensions for this year. For more information, go to http://www.ndscsalumni.com/giving-opportunities. Donating on-line is simple and convenient.

We would like to say thank you for your support and invite you to view our thank you video.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 13, 2018

DRFAMS Auction

Please join us for the 23rd Annual DREAMS Auction - April 13, 2018.

DREAMS Auction tickets include two games of chance, valet parking, a strolling buffet and professional photo booth.

Why we do DREAMS:

- Create an environment of fun and excitement featuring our student-lead hospitality
- Raise funds for programs, scholarships and the activities of the NDSCS Alumni/Foundation
- Celebrate with our many friends and alumni of the college from around the tristate area

The 2018 Fund a DREAM featured program is the NDSCS Student Ambassador Program.

Deadlines for table reservations is March 30 and individual tickets by April 11. Call 701.671.2247 or visit our website: http://www.ndscsalumni.com/news-events/dreams-auction/ to get your tickets today!

2018 Summer Social Events

Bismarck Larks Baseball Game | June 20, 2018 | 6:05 p.m.

Bismarck Lunch at Sixteen03 | June 21, 2018 | 11:30 a.m.

Minot Evening Social at Elevations, Minot Country Club | June 21, 2018 | 5:00 p.m.

Otter Tail Lakes Area Brunch at The Otter | July 14, 2018 | 9:00 a.m.

Spearfish, SD Evening Social at Snapper Club | July 26, 2018 | 5:00 p.m

Fargo Theatre Evening Movie Event | Aug. 18, 2018 | 6:30 pm

Watch for more information on event details on ndscsalumni.com

Highlights

Two Alumni/Foundation Sponsors Provide Custom NDSCS Wildcat ATM/ Check Cards

Parents, students, alumni & friends of NDSCS – show your Wildcat spirit with a custom NDSCS bank card. Both Bell Bank will donate \$5 to NDSCS and Gate City Bank will donate \$10 for each card purchased; cost of customized card is \$10 at each bank.

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Arizona Meet-n-Greet Luncheon was held on February 16, 2018 in Mesa

Dr. Richman and Kim Nelson hosted the Arizona Meet-n-Greet at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa. They enjoyed visiting with the 66 alumni & friends of the college. It was a fun mix of "snowbirds" and permanent residents from the area. The oldest NDSCS grad in attendance was Don Gardner, 1949 Electrical Technology, from Mesa, AZ.

See Photos of 2018 AZ Meet-n-Greet.

Alumni/Foundation Announces 2018 Homecoming Award Winners

The NDCS Alumni Foundation congratulates the following distinguished group of 2018 honorees:

Alumnus of the Year Roger Worner Parade Grand Marshal Barb Bang

Family Tradition Award Delano & Myrna Lotzer Family

Wildcat of the Year Dean Twidwell Commitment to Excellence Kerri Kava

Friends of the College Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative

Join us for a 2018 NDSCS Homecoming Celebration – September 28-29, 2018.

Reserve rooms now - under NDSCS Homecoming at the <u>AmericInn</u>, Wahpeton 701.642.8365 or the <u>Baymont Inn & Suites</u>, Wahpeton 701.642-5000. Special rate of \$86 for double gueen room.

Electrical Technology Department set to Celebrate 95th Year Anniversary

The NDSCS Electrical Technology Department is planning to celebrate 95 Years with an All-Class Electrical Alumni Reunion during the 2018 Homecoming weekend. Save the Date: Sept. 28-29. Details coming soon!

NDSCS Women's Basketball Team Earn Trip to Lubbock TX for NJCAA National Tournament

The NDSCS Lady Wildcats (21st seed) were paired with the Walters State Community College Senators (12th seed) of Morristown TN in the first round of the NJCAA National Tournament. The Senators made nine 3s and played solid defense to hold off the Wildcats, final score 80-43. The Wildcats end their season with a 29-4 record, which included region and district titles for the second year in a row.

Congrats to Coach **Thomas Dryburgh** who was named District D Coach of Year.