

Notes from the Director



Hello NDSCS friends and alumni,

This summer has been a wonderful time to reconnect with many of you at our two "Meet and Greet" gatherings in Bismarck and in Otter Tail. We were so excited to be back in the community, visiting in person, and sharing our NDSCS pride.

The Foundation is also excited to partner with the College for the building of the Career Innovation Center. As we broke ground on July 7, we were reminded of how fortunate we are to have so much support for the future of NDSCS. With the current workforce shortages, the Career Innovation Center will solve the critical workforce needs of North Dakota and the region. You can read more about the Foundation's involvement below.

With fall just around the corner, Homecoming plans are well underway. We have a full schedule of events on our website. We will be hosting our Alumni and Friends Banquet on Friday, September 24, honoring our 2021 award winners. Saturday's events include a parade, Wildcat Football game, Tailgating party, and Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. We hope to see you in September!

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The NDSCS Alumni Foundation along with many partners and friends celebrated the groundbreaking for the Career Innovation Center in South Fargo on July 7, 2021.

The Career Innovation Center (CIC), located at 4230 64th Avenue South in Fargo, N.D., is scheduled to open late 2022; and will provide a collaborative education and training solutions to meet regional workforce needs. Within the CIC, NDSCS will provide training and academic programming alongside Fargo Public Schools, West Fargo Public Schools, Central Cass School District, and Northern Cass School District. This centrally located education and training center will provide career awareness events for elementary students, career identification and preparation (including early-entry College classes) activities for middle and high school students, and training/learning spaces for NDSCS students and trainees.

The Alumni Foundation will own the building and will lease it back to the College, as we have done in the past with the existing NDSCS-Fargo location.

The career academy concept has been a proven model to meet workforce needs within other communities; the CIC is projected to serve around 3,800 individuals annually from the Fargo region. When completed, the approximately 92,000 sq. ft. facility will include academic programming and training options related to: Construction; Information Technology; Health Science (including Nursing and Emergency Medical Technology); Manufacturing and Engineering; Business; Arts and Communication; Transportation; and Agriculture.



North Dakota Challenge Grant

The North Dakota Challenge Grant allows donations to the NDSCS Foundation to be matched by the state of North Dakota by 50%. Your gift can be up-front or pledged over a period of five years and still qualify for the matching funds. Many donors have used the Challenge Grant to start scholarships at NDSCS. For example, if you pledge \$25,000 over 5 years, your gift would be matched with the \$12,500 up front, and the scholarship, when the pledges are paid off, would be \$37,500. The Challenge Grant match is available to everyone, not just North Dakota residents. We are grateful to all the donors who have so

passionately given to the NDSCS Foundation and utilized this opportunity. For more information contact Kim at 701-671-2187 or Yoney at 701-671-2486.

A Small Donation Can Make a BIG Impact

Open Educational Resources (OER) is a term that describes resources that are free to access online or are available to print for a very low cost. Often these resources have been developed by scholars, teachers, writers, and other experts – and are generally used in lieu of expensive textbooks. The use of OER has increased dramatically over the past several years and the NDSCS English Department has been leading the way – saving NDSCS students thousands of dollars.

Sybil Priebe, Associate Professor of English, Communication, and Performing Arts has been the leader in OER at NDSCS and throughout North Dakota. Along with her colleagues, she has developed two OER textbooks and work books that are used by English 120 and English 211 students. “This is one way I can help students – the cost of books and materials is overwhelming; especially for students that have financial barriers.” Commented Sybil.

Although the OER materials are available for free online, some students do prefer to print a copy. “Some individuals are better able to learn when materials are printed” said Priebe. Another hurdle is some students do not have personal computers – but need to access their OER Textbook or workbook, accessing them on a phone or other smaller mobile device is difficult. It is these students who she is seeking to help. These students can print their OER materials at NDSCS for a reduced cost of \$15-20 per book.

Priebe is raising funds for her OER Printing fund. Funds raised will be used to off-set the cost of printing OER materials for students that prefer a printed copy. If you are interested in sponsoring a student's or a class' OER materials – please contact the NDSCS Alumni Foundation at ndscs.alumni@ndscs.edu or 701.671.2247.

2021 Annual Campaign "The Tradition of Success Continues"

The Alumni Foundation will kick-off our 2021-22 annual campaign this fall. Each year, we strive to be better, to impact more students, and ultimately support the College in its mission. The generosity and support of our alumni and friends is always incredible, we are honored each time we are chosen as the recipient of one's gifts. While we are always

looking for new and innovative ways to serve, our theme this year "The Tradition of Success Continues" reminds us of the success we have had in the past and will continue to have in the future. The Alumni Foundation is proud to represent the past, while looking toward the future and contributing to the next generation's success. To make a contribution to the 2021 campaign, visit our website: [Donate Here!](#)



Tree Dedication, a Living Tribute

The Alumni Foundation, together with the College, is offering another way to honor and remember loved ones. Ila Osman (left) and Lou Scherer (right) are pictured with Kim Nelson as they dedicated a tree in memory of their friend, JoAnna St. Clair. All three are 1951 graduates of NDSCS and remained in touch through the years. This was a special way to remember JoAnna, as this is where it began for them as friends. If you are interested in purchasing a tree in memory of a loved one, please contact Kim Nelson at 701-671-2247.

EVENTS



Business Expo

Monday, August 23, 2021

11:00 -12:30 p.m.

The Oval, NDSCS Campus

Local businesses have the opportunity to showcase their products and services to over 1,200 incoming NDSCS students. For more information, and to reserve a space, contact the Alumni Foundation office, 701.671.2247. You can also register online here: [Business Expo Registration](#)



Fall Sports to Begin in August

Football Home Opener

Saturday, August 28, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

Volleyball Home Opener

Saturday, August 28, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

For a complete sports schedule, visit [NDSCS Athletics](#)

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2021



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2021 Homecoming Award Winners:

Alumnus of the Year: Vanessa Kummer

Family Tradition Award: The Keller Family

Wildcat of the Year: Kara Gruenberg

Friend of the College: Smith Motors

Parade Grand Marshal: Ardeith Richter

Commitment to Excellence:

Tana Erbes and Leslie Shirek

2021 Letterwinners Hall of Fame

Inductees:

Jaclyn (Sanden) Shultis - 2004-2005

Wildcat Volleyball Team, 2004-2006 Lady

Wildcat Basketball Team

Mark Kruse- 2003-2005 Wildcat Men's

Basketball Team

**Marlyn Fredericksen - Wildcat Men's
Basketball and Football Coach
1982 Women's Track Team**

For full biographies on the Honorees and the list of events, visit our website:

<https://www.ndscsalumni.com/events/homecoming>

Honoring NDSCS Alumni Anniversary Classes:

1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2011



NDSCS Wildcat Singers Celebrate 50 Year Reunion

We invite ALL NDSSS/NDSCS Wildcat Singers to come back during the 2021 Homecoming to enjoy the Wildcat Singers Reunion experience. It will include social events, rehearsals, a banquet and an Alumni concert. Visit NDSCSalumni.com for complete details. If you are interested in performing at the Wildcat Singers Alumni Concert, contact Bryan Poyzer at

bryan.poyzer@ndscs.edu.

NDSCS Alumni/Foundation Sponsorship Program

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation Sponsorship Program offers businesses a unique opportunity to build brand awareness while providing much needed financial support to the NDSCS Foundation, who's mission is to support and assist those activities that develop and strengthen NDSCS. With different levels and benefits, you may choose a plan that best suits your business goals and strategies. If interested in learning more, contact Kim Nelson, Executive Director, or Yoney Fobb, Director of Gift Planning at 701.671.2247.

Thank you to our Executive Sponsors





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