







Notes From The Director

Greetings from NDSCS!

It's hard to believe that a year ago, our lives would seemingly change overnight. We didn't realize what the next year would have in store and probably couldn't have imagined it if we tried. We shifted our focus from what we could not do, to what we could do. It didn't take us long to realize, that in spite of the times, connecting with our Alumni and friends was still possible. We were able to continue our mission of supporting the College – through creating connections virtually and working remotely. Although it wasn't how we wanted to serve the College, Alumni, and our friends, we have persevered through this uncertain time – thanks to your dedication.

A clear example of your dedication and commitment was demonstrated last year when we had to pivot, at the last minute, shifting our DREAMS Auction fully online. It was a phenomenal success because of you. This year we are look forward to hosting DREAMS at the Wahpeton Event Center. Although it is a smaller venue, it will allow for less disruption to the athletic teams that are participating this spring. To ensure we can still connect with many of you, we will be offering both online bidding for silent auction items and proxy bidding for live auction items from ANYWHERE! To ensure you are ready to bid, we are showcasing items on our website now, with items added daily. Details on how to access online bidding will be available soon – watch your email and our website, www.ndscsalumni.com

Finally, the NDSCS Alumni Foundation would not have made it throughout this past year without you. From our Annual Campaign, to DREAMS, to Endowments and Scholarships. Your gifts have always been appreciated, but even more so this past year.

Thank you for all that you do! In appreciation,

Kim Nelson NDSCS Alumni Foundation Executive Director kim.j.nelson@ndscs.edu



Our Mission and Vision

A Tradition of Success

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation became an official 501(c)3 organization in 1988. Since the inception, our mission has been to support and assist the activities that develop and strengthen the North Dakota State College of Science.



As the official fundraising division of the College, we strive to help every student have the opportunity to attend NDSCS. Through the generosity of our supporters, Fall 2021 we will be able to award more than \$830,000 in scholarships and departmental improvement awards.



The Alumni Foundation also provides events to celebrate Wildcat pride. These events seek to bring alumni and friends together – and include Meet and Greets, Homecoming, and other special gatherings. We love connecting people!

We also promote our Alumni-owned businesses and share NDSCS success stories. If you know of a business or alumnus that should be spotlighted on our website or in one of our publications please email your recommendations to Stephanie at stephanie.curtis@ndscs.edu. We appreciate you helping us create these important connections!



Thank you to all of our supporters that gave so generously on Giving Hearts Day in February! Over \$10,000 was raised for our Wildcats Care program, which assists students in a crisis situation.

UPCOMING EVENTS



DREAMS Auction | April 9, 2021

This year, the DREAMS Auction will be held at the Wahpeton Event Center. Both online and in-person bidding will be available. To view auction items, click here: <u>DREAMS Auction Items</u>

We will also be sharing donation items on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us on social media to check out our many awesome donations!



Homecoming 2020 | April 23-24, 2021

After patiently waiting, we are eager to celebrate our 2020 Homecoming Honorees. We are optimistic that both the weather and Covid will allow for this much anticipated weekend of food, fellowship, and recognition!

Michael Worner, Alumnus of the Year Anton and Em Krebs Family, Family Tradition Award Tom Shorma, Wildcat of the Year Great Plains Hospitality- Dan Hurder, Friends of the College Larry Merbach, Parade Grand Marshall Michelle Nelson, Commitment to Excellence Joe and Louise Krebs Family, 2019 Family Tradition Award

Wildcat Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees: Jennie Bucholz Mark McElvaney Shannon Ziemer Ervin Dye 1994 Football Team

<u>Friday, April 23</u> 12:00: Catbacker Luncheon 5:30: Alumni and Friends Social 7:00: Alumni and Friends Honoree Banquet

Saturday, April 24 11:00: Wildcat Tailgate Celebration 1:00: Baseball/Softball Double Header 5:30: Athletic Hall of Fame Social 7:00: Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

CHAHINKAPA ZOO SEASON OPENER Later to a two outdoor performance by the NDSCB band and cheir SATURDAY, APRIL 24 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Outdoor Concert | April 24, 2021

The NDSCS Band and Choir will be performing at the Chahinkapa Zoo opener. Catch them from 10:00-Noon!



Summer Meet and Greets | Bismarck & Otter Tail

Summer Meet and Greets are scheduled for June 17, 2021 in Bismarck, ND and July 10, 2021 in Otter Tail, MN. We are looking forward to hitting the road to catch up with some of our Alumni and Friends.

The Bismarck Meet and Greet will be held at Sixteeon03 Main Event Center. The Otter Tail Event will be held at Otter Supper Club and Lodge. Save the dates and watch for more detailed information to come soon!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

