

## Notes from the Director



Hello NDSCS friends and alumni,

As 2021 draws to a close, we are grateful that this year brought us some normalcy. It has provided us a renewed appreciation for being able to connect through in-person events, celebrations, and one-on-one conversations.

These essential connections are just one of the many things we have to be grateful for at the NDSCS Alumni Foundation. It is all of you, our alumni and friends, that allow us to support the mission of NDSCS day-in and day-out. Additionally, our many volunteers and board members enable us to maximize our reach and connection – amplifying our impact even more!

Our Annual Campaign, "The Tradition of Success Continues", is off to a strong start because of your commitment. Traditions are important in many ways, as much of what we do is building on what was developed before us. You, our alumni and friends, are keeping the tradition of success at NDSCS strong. Greatness is not ever reached without people coming together towards a common goal- and as we enter the holiday season, we want you know how grateful we are for you, for your gifts, whether it's monetary, time, or sharing the NDSCS story. We thank you for being a part of the NDSCS tradition of success!

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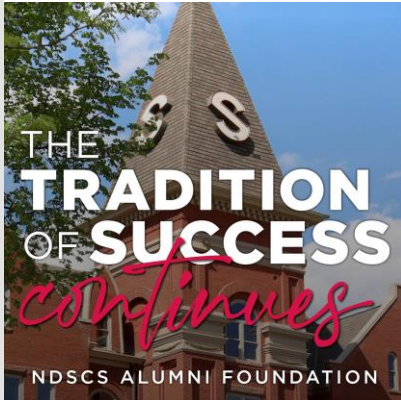
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The Career Innovation Center construction is progressing. This facility will be able to better provide education and training to the region. Shortly after the groundbreaking that was held on July 7, construction began. As of the time of printing, footings and foundation walls are complete, and the below grade perimeter board insulation installation is complete. This facility will be not only a great state-of-art facility – but it will also be learning lab. The learning aspect of the building has already begun – current NDSCS students from the Construction Management Technology and Architectural Drafting programs have been onsite for tours. We will continue to share the progress through these newsletters and through our online photo album- click button below.

[CIC Photos](#)





## 2021 Annual Campaign

This year's annual campaign is off to a great start! Many of you have generously given, we are overwhelmed with the support. To date, we have raised \$74,107 of our overall goal of \$122,000. To make a contribution to the 2021-22 campaign, visit our website: [Donate Here!](#)

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## Tree Dedicated in Memory of Woody Caspers



Connie Caspers, wife of the late Woody Caspers, recently dedicated a tree in his memory. Woody served as the Executive Director of the Alumni Foundation from 1994-2008. He remained an active supporter of NDESCS and was named the 2016 "Alumnus of the Year." Woody passed away in January of 2021.



# OPEN HOUSE *Retirement* CELEBRATION

for President John Richman, Ph.D.

Friday, December 3

3-5 p.m.

Program at 4 p.m.

Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural  
Center, NDSCS-Wahpeton

No RSVP needed.

All are welcome!



President John Richman will be retiring December 17, after a 50-year connection to NDSCS. We are sad to see him go, but so very happy as he and his wife Marcia will have time to spend with their children and six granddaughters. We wish him well and know that he will not be very far away, and as he always says: "Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!"

## Giving Day - November 15

The Alumni Foundation is participating in "Giving Day" for the second year on November 15. This 24-hour online campaign held each year on **National Philanthropy Day** signifies the importance of working together for the common good. Philanthropy, as described by Webster, "is goodwill to fellow members of the human race, an act or gift done or made for the humanitarian race." Whether it be NDSCS, or another cause, we hope that you will consider giving on November 15!



[Donate Here!](#)  
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## EVENTS



**NDSCS Theatre Arts Fall Production**  
Nov. 11-12 at 7:00 p.m. | Nov. 13 at 1:00 p.m.  
Bremer Bank Theatre  
Stearns Cultural Center



**NDSCS Performing Arts Concert**  
December 7 | 7:30 p.m.  
Bremer Bank Theatre  
Stearns Cultural Center



**DREAMS Auction 2022**  
NDSCS Foundation Annual Fundraiser  
Friday, April 8, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.  
In Person and Online Event  
Watch for details coming soon!

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## NDSCS Seeking Presidential Applicants

The North Dakota University System (NDUS), State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), and North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) invite nominations and applications for the position of President of the North Dakota State College of Science. NDSCS seeks a dynamic, energetic, and passionate leader. The President will report to Chancellor Mark Hagerott and work collaboratively with colleagues across the college, region, and state. The college is one of 11 publicly supported colleges and universities comprising the NDUS.

For full consideration, application materials should be received by **January 3, 2022**, and include:

1. A letter of interest addressing the Strategic Priorities and Qualifications/Attributes as described in the Presidential Profile;
2. A current curriculum vitae or resume; and

3. Five professional references with email addresses, telephone numbers, and your professional relationship to each. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates.

Applications will remain confidential through the finalist stage to the extent permitted by law. Following campus visits by candidates, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education will conduct interviews and make the final selection. The new president will assume office by July 2022.

Application materials should be sent electronically (PDF format or Microsoft Word) to: [NDSCSPresident@agbsearch.com](mailto:NDSCSPresident@agbsearch.com)

All applications and nominations will be handled in complete confidence. Candidates are encouraged to reach out to the consultants through an initial email contact to discuss this opportunity.

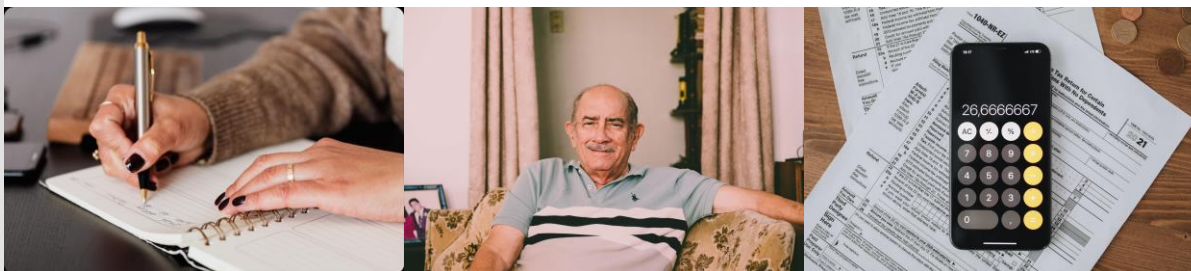
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For more information on the search, visit [www.ndscs.edu/president](http://www.ndscs.edu/president).

## Year-End Tax Planning Check-Up

There are a number of ways you can lower your income and taxes this year, while supporting your favorite charitable organization.



Do you own a 401K and/or IRA.

Are you 70 1/2 or older?

Do you expect to be in a higher tax bracket?

### IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are 70.5 or older, Congress made a permanent law that allows gifts to be made directly from an IRA to charity. For many, this is possibly the best tax-wise way to give depending on your situation. An IRA rollover or qualified charitable distribution gift will not be included in the donors taxable income and also helps to meet the qualified distribution minimum.

## Outright Gift of an Asset

If you wish to support NDSCS, but are concerned about preserving cash resources, a gift of securities, business interest, or real estate can provide large income and capital gains savings, often times, exceeding the benefits of a cash gift.

## Zero-Tax Gift and Sale

If you are planning to sell an asset like securities or a business, you may want to consider a "zero-tax" charitable gift and sale. Capital gains can be lowered considerably if you gift part of the asset before the sale, lowering your tax liability.

## For More Information

If you would like to visit about your specific situation, we have resources that can help. Contact Kim Nelson, Executive Director, at 701.671.2187.

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