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Gov. Dalrymple signs bills that include research funding

North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple participated in a bill signing ceremony on May 16 at NDSU, signing bills that fund the North Dakota Department of Commerce budget, including Centers of Excellence programs.

Dalrymple signed the bills during a ceremony at the NDSU Research & Technology Park. Joining Dalrymple for the event were area legislators, NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani, UND President Robert Kelley, and business and education leaders.

"This legislation will create continued opportunities for our young people by advancing our targeted economic development strategies, expanding the success of our Centers of Excellence program and promoting private investment in our companies," said Dalrymple.

President Bresciani said the investment in research and economic development provides enhanced opportunities for students, as well as for the state of North Dakota. He noted investments in the state's research universities result in further advancement of the state.

The legislation includes \$15.5 million in funding for Centers of Research Excellence and other similar programs, including workforce enhancement grants, technology-based entrepreneurship grants, and the newly created Small Business Technology Investment Program.

Dalrymple also signed a bill that enhances North Dakota's angel fund investment tax credit, providing incentives to promote nationwide, private-sector investment in the state's angel fund enterprises.

State Sen. Tony Grindberg, executive director of the NDSU Research & Technology Park, noted that the state's investment in entrepreneurship enhances North Dakota's future.



At a ceremony at the NDSU Research and Technology Park, Gov. Dalrymple signed bills that will provide funding for Centers of Excellence programs.

David Batcheller, COO of Appareo Systems which is located in the park, said the company, which began with just a few employees in NDSU's Research 1 in 2001, was last year named the fastest growing private engineering company in the U.S. by Inc. magazine. Appareo now occupies the Batcheller Technology Center building in the NDSU Research & Technology Park.

North Dakota's Centers of Excellence program was established in 2005, and was built on the concept of partnering the research capacities found in the state's colleges and universities with private-sector companies to generate jobs and new business opportunities. As of June 30, 2010, \$26.2 million in state funds have been leveraged for an estimated total economic impact of \$406.5 million to North Dakota's economy, according to figures provided by the North Dakota Commerce Department.

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News and events

As information becomes available, news and event updates will be located on the "News and Events" website at www.ndsu.edu/news.

Deadline set for June 15 It's Happening at State

The next electronic issue of It's Happening at State will be posted June 15 at www.ndsu.edu/ihas. Submissions for that issue are due June 10.

NDSU spring dean's list announced

A total of 2,902 NDSU students were named to the 2011 spring dean's list. Information on students from North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana and Wisconsin is available [here](#).

A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify.

Strategic Planning Committee to prepare final report

NDSU's Strategic Planning Committee is nearing completion of its work, expecting to submit a report to President Dean L. Bresciani by the end of May.

The group's goal has been to provide criteria to identify academic and research programs that are at or near nationally, if not internationally, recognized status. These programs will be tabbed for future enhancement funding, when it becomes available.

During the committee's May 13 meeting, discussion revolved around using top 20 research universities as a benchmark to compare various NDSU programs' track records and potential.

The group narrowed down broad concepts developed at previous meetings into three themes: Input, Opportunity and Output. Input called for outstanding students and excellent faculty; Opportunity outlines such items as infrastructure support and the creation of unique programs; Output suggested the need for recognized and successful graduates and acknowledged faculty. Weaved into the report will be ideas regarding a stronger overall student profile, NDSU's scholarly distinction, increased external support and contributions to the well-being of North Dakota and its residents.

"We had a lot of accomplishments today," said Marie Hvidsten, rural leadership specialist and Rural Leadership North Dakota program director with the NDSU Extension Service, who serves as committee facilitator. "The group has come to consensus."

Two committee members, University Distinguished Professor Larry Reynolds from animal sciences and Michele Reid, dean of libraries, were asked to write an introduction to the committee's report.

The bulk of the draft report will be written by committee members Jane Schuh, assistant professor of veterinary and microbiological sciences; Bruce Maylath, professor of English; Dinesh Katti, professor of civil engineering; and University Distinguished Professor Mukund Sibi from chemistry and biochemistry. Hvidsten will assist the writing group, and the rest of the committee will provide input about the draft version.

"When the committee began, we started with all kinds of ideas. Today, the group not only found themes, it found commonality. That is what is powerful about group process," Hvidsten said. "Members were very diligent about sharing ideas, listening to others and finding commonality."

During the summer, the criteria will be provided to administrators of NDSU's academic and research areas for the solicitation of a "Top 10" set of executive briefing proposals for potential funding, if investment resources become available.

The Strategic Planning Committee includes 20 members from across campus and six ex-officio members who serve in an advisory capacity. For information on the group's activities, visit www.ndsu.edu/president/strategic_planning.

Dean named for College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences



Sandstrom

NDSU has announced Kent Sandstrom as the new dean for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Sandstrom, who is a professor and head of sociology, anthropology and criminology at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, is expected to join NDSU on July 29.

Bruce Rafert, NDSU's incoming provost, made the announcement May 19. "Kent will help build academic distinction across the college, while creating new networks of support and innovation," said Rafert. "We are delighted to welcome him to NDSU."

Sandstrom replaces Tom Riley, who will return to a faculty position with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Riley has been dean since 1996, and also served as director of the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies.

Sandstrom joined the UNI faculty in 1993 and became department head in 2006. Under his leadership, the department has seen a 37 percent increase in the number of departmental majors during the past two years. Sandstrom also assisted with the establishment of a new master's degree program in criminology and sociology.

Kevin McCaul, dean of science and mathematics, chaired the search committee. "The position attracted a strong pool of candidates. The committee was pleased with the quality and experience represented by the approximately 50 people who applied to serve as dean of arts, humanities and social sciences at NDSU," McCaul said.

In addition to teaching and administrative duties at UNI, Sandstrom is co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. His vita lists six books, 19 refereed articles and chapters, 10 chapters and essays, 11 book reviews and 56 professional presentations.

Sandstrom earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth; and his master's degree and doctorate in sociology from the University of Minnesota. He began his career as an instructor in the University of Minnesota sociology department.

Among his honors are UNI's James F. Lubker Faculty Research Award, the President's Special Award from the Midwest Sociological Society, Human Rights Leadership Award from the UNI Amnesty International group, UNI's Ross A. Nielsen Professional Service Award, UNI Regents Award for Faculty Excellence, UNI Outstanding Teaching Award and Distinguished Service Award and CSBS Outstanding Teaching Award from the Faculty Senate of the UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Sandstrom's professional affiliations include the Midwest Sociological Society, Pacific Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction and American Sociological Association.

Ambassador to visit NDSU



McMullen

Ronald K. McMullen, ambassador to the state of Eritrea and Diplomat-in-Residence at the University of Texas at Austin, is scheduled to visit NDSU on Monday, June 6. He will be in North Dakota to promote student internships and career opportunities with the U.S. State Department.

McMullen will facilitate an informational meeting for NDSU students and faculty from 11 a.m. to noon in the Memorial Union's Arikara room. Following the session, the NDSU Career Center will host the ambassador and identified faculty and staff for a lunch conversation.

According to information on the University of Texas website, McMullen has more than 28 years of diplomatic experience and has lived, worked or traveled to nearly 90 countries. A native of Northwood, Iowa, McMullen's career with the State Department has provided a variety of interesting and rare opportunities. His biography says McMullen worked with Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and a number of pro-democracy groups in Burma. While posted in Fiji, he helped prevent civil strife following a takeover of parliament. He reportedly was shot at during a riot in Sri Lanka and also helped train mongooses to detect heroin. In addition, McMullen survived a curse in the Dominican Republic, and escorted Hillary Clinton on a tour of South Africa's Robben Island with Nelson Mandela.

He has served in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Burma, Fiji, South Africa, Gabon, Sri Lanka, Dominican Republic and Sudan.

McMullen also was visiting professor at the Military Academy at West Point for three years. He received the State Department's Superior Honor Award three times. He earned his doctorate in political science at the University of Iowa.

Alumnus named to College Football Hall of Fame

NDSU alumnus Mike Favor has been selected for the College Football Hall of Fame. Archie Manning, chair of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, made the announcement May 24.

Favor, BUS '91, university studies, was a two-time All-America honoree for the Bison. A center for the squad from 1985-88, he was a member of three NDSU Division II national championship teams. Favor is principal of Robbinsdale Cooper High School in Crystal, Minn., and lives in Maple Grove, Minn.

He becomes the fifth Bison player or coach to be inducted, joining former head coach Gilmour Dobie, defensive back Joe Cichy, quarterback Jeff Bentrin and former head coach Darrell Mudra.

Favor and five other members of the 2011 Divisional Hall of Fame Class will be inducted during the enshrinement festival July 15-16, in South Bend, Ind.

Students and faculty showcase research and receive recognition

The College of Human Development and Education hosted its fifth annual HDE Research Showcase in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room on April 20.

Students and faculty presented 65 research posters in the largest showcase to date. Several awards were presented to graduate and undergraduate students.

Michele Reid received the Student's Choice Award for her project, "University Library Public Spaces Users: A Qualitative Study." The HDE Graduate Student Advisory Council presented the award.

The People's Choice Award for favorite poster went to Jena Blegen and Rebecca Woods for their research, "Infants and Malleable Objects: Is Shape a Reliable Feature?" Showcase attendees voted for the award.

Blegen and Woods also won the Research Showcase Poster Award for undergraduate students. Honorable mention went to Angie Reule and Julie Garden-Robinson for their project, "Effectiveness of Health-Intervention Tools Through Online Messages."

The Research Showcase Poster Award for graduate students went to Mallary Schaefer and Elizabeth Blodgett Salafia for "The Effects of Teasing by Family Members on Adolescents' Body Image." Two projects received honorable mention in this category: Anthony Randles, Anita Gust and Gary Liguori for "Assessing Healthful Food Choices and Nutritional Information on Kid's Restaurant Menus" and Jessica Lemer, Elizabeth Blodgett Salafia and Kristen Benson for "Women's Body Image, Attitudes and Sexual Frequency: A Mediation Analysis."

Both undergraduate and graduate Research Showcase Poster Awards were determined by the college research committee.

A list of the showcase posters is available [here](#).

Northern Crops Institute holds course for global grain buyers

Twenty-one grain buyers from Canada, Guatemala, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Portugal, St. Vincent and the USA attended the Advanced Grain Procurement Strategies Short Course May 16-20 at Northern Crops Institute.

The course was designed for global grain buyers who want to gain a competitive edge in grain marketing decisions to better manage price and quality risks. Trading games, case studies involving real-world situations and panel discussions provided participants practical experience to apply what they learned. The group also toured the Alton Grain Terminal in Hillsboro, N.D., to learn how its shuttle train facility operates.

Crabtree says the course aimed to provide tools to help grain buyers handle some of the risks. "The tools that were helpful several years ago may not be appropriate today. It's up to the individual to pick the right tool from the toolbox," Crabtree said.

William Wilson, NDSU Distinguished Professor of agribusiness and applied economics and an expert in commodity futures trading, led the course. Additional speakers included David Bullock, FC Stone; Ryan Caffey, CHS Inc.; Mike Krueger, The Money Farm; John Oades, U.S. Wheat Associates; and Erica Olson, North Dakota Wheat Commission.

Lecture topics included changes in agriculture trade and evolving global supply chains, basis analysis, hedging and contracting, options, value-at-risk, logistics pricing, inventories as risk management strategy, current grain situation and outlook, wheat contract specifications, and buyer/seller relations.

Student interns for ABC News

Andrew Young, an NDSU student from Napoleon, N.D., is spending the summer in New York interning for ABC News.

On May 23, he started as one of two interns working for Diane Sawyer's news desk. He will write scripts, schedule interviews, write segments, conduct interviews, gather research and transcribe interviews.

Young, a senior double majoring in management communication and broadcast journalism, also interned for ABC in summer 2010. He was one of 60 interns selected out of 15,000 applicants to work for ABC News Now, "World News" and "Good Morning America."

Rich Lodewyk, broadcast program director in NDSU's communication department, wasn't surprised. "What sets Andrew apart is his raw talent. When someone in the broadcasting business sees his work, they can tell he has a firm grasp on how to put video projects together in a professional manner," he said.

Young got his foot in the door with the network in 2009 when he was chosen to help cover the flooding of the Red River. In March, ABC hired Young to produce the network's coverage of this year's spring flood.

Working for ABC has been demanding, but Young has been ready. He credits NDSU for helping him be prepared by creating hands-on opportunities in and out of the classroom. "All the classes at NDSU – intro to media writing, principles of broadcasting and TV studio production – taught me in such a hands-on way. It really enabled me to effectively do my job for ABC right away, I was able to jump in even more than expected," he said.

Young also gained experience through his involvement with the campus news station, Bison Information Network. He helped launch the station in 2009 and serves as its general manager.

"I am extremely proud of what Andrew has accomplished," Lodewyk said. "Andrew has impressive broadcasting talent at such a young age. He has an extremely bright future and will succeed because of both his broadcasting ability and his skills at properly making contacts in the industry and fostering them."

After Young graduates in May 2012 he hopes to return to ABC. "I can't see myself working anywhere different ... I love it so much," Young said. "The work environment and values mirror what I see in myself."

Graduate students recognized for stellar performance

The College of Engineering and Architecture recognized two graduate students for outstanding performance at an awards ceremony in April.

Mohsen Hamidi, an industrial and manufacturing engineering doctoral student, received the Graduate Student Teacher of the Year award and Mike Fuqua, a mechanical engineering doctoral student, received the Graduate Student Researcher of the Year award.

Hamidi has taught Engineering Economy (a class with enrollment routinely more than 100 students) since fall 2008. He was nominated by his adviser, Kambiz Farahmand, professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering.

"He has done a wonderful job and has managed to make the course his," Farahmand wrote in a nomination letter. "Through the past two to three years, Mohsen has made a great contribution to the IME department and the college."

Fuqua serves as a research assistant for his adviser, Chad Ulven, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, developing renewable composite materials. His research interests include polymer composite material design and manufacturing, biobased material development and polymer composite mechanics.

"Mike's eagerness to jump right into a research project reflects on his ambition to challenge himself and develop a deeper understanding of the topic at hand," Ulven wrote in a nomination letter.

DIVERSITY

Students selected to foster inclusivity on campus

This fall a new group of students will help foster a safe, welcoming and inclusive campus at NDSU.

Twenty-seven students were selected as Equity and Diversity Student Ambassadors. They will help new international students and under-represented students get acquainted with the campus and community, assist with diversity programming efforts, conduct diversity training workshops for student groups, provide peer mentoring and help host division events.

The students will attend a mandatory training session in August. The training will entail participating in Community of Respect training, Safe Zone Ally training and sexual harassment training to learn more about all areas of diversity represented at NDSU.

The Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach established the group to engage current NDSU students with making NDSU a welcoming campus climate for everyone and to help develop a network of peer mentors.

"This particular group of students has already demonstrated an incredible amount of enthusiasm and commitment to the work at hand," said Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach. "I look forward to seeing the impact of their leadership here on campus."

Student selected for advocacy and leadership training

Rafiki Assumani, a sophomore majoring in computer science, is one of 50 students selected to participate in the Oxfam CHANGE Initiative, a national program created to broaden perspectives, inspire action and shape a new generation of global citizens.

Assumani, along with student activists throughout the U.S., will attend training July 23-29 in Quincy, Mass. The program combines group activities, expert panels and workshops to discuss key issues such as food security, agriculture and social justice in extractive industries (oil, mining and gas).

The training's objective is to help students develop skills and expand their knowledge of global issues so they may return to their home campuses to work toward alleviating global hunger and poverty.

Assumani says being selected for the program is one of the greatest opportunities of his life.

He grew up in Bukavu, a rapidly growing city in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He said it is a poor community plagued with social inequalities and wars. "Having myself faced some of these issues, I have decided since I was 13 to devote my life to advocating the rights of children and other vulnerable people. I therefore embarked on a journey of finding durable solutions to poverty and social inequalities around the world," he said.

Through the program, Assumani hopes to improve his leadership and advocacy skills, as well as connect with other motivated, diverse world problem-solvers. "These connections will help me engage with other people in a new advocacy battle," he said.

Once he returns to NDSU, he plans to create an Oxfam club. "If more students could be aware of such problems as realities and not 'media fabricated issues,' we might be on the right path to help the struggling communities get relief," Assumani said.

He also is interested in raising awareness of climate change among students. "We need to tell other fellow students to care for the environment and bring hope to struggling communities around the world," he said. "We really need to inspire them to conduct research in renewable and clean energy and spark their interest to make NDSU and their environment 'more green.'"

Assumani is thankful for the chance to be a member of the Oxfam CHANGE Initiative 2011 team. "I am very grateful to my family; friends in the U.S., Europe and Africa; as well as to all the fantastic people at NDSU and in Fargo who have always helped me keep my dreams alive," he said.

"I am thrilled that he has been selected as one of only a few students to be a part of this important program," said Evie Myers, vice president for equity, diversity and global outreach. "Rafiki's participation in the CHANGE initiative will not only benefit him personally, but will also benefit NDSU when he returns and applies his training to his work here."

CHANGE Initiative is sponsored by Oxfam America, an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice.

RESEARCH

North Dakota Renewable Energy Council awards NDSU grant

A team of scientists and engineers at NDSU was awarded a two-year \$200,000 grant by the North Dakota Renewable Energy Council to fund a portion of a project titled "Biobased Non-Isocyanate Urethane Hybrid Resins for Pultrusion Composites." NDSU and Tecton Products LLC, Fargo, are collaborating on the research that aims to help meet market demand for "green" composite building materials.

Composites are traditionally made from glass fibers held together with a petrochemical-based binder resin. The interdisciplinary research team will develop new types of bio-based binder resins from agricultural products such as soybean oil, cellulose and sugar.

Representatives on the collaborative research team include Chad Ulven, assistant professor, mechanical engineering; Dean Webster, professor, coatings and polymeric materials; Dennis Wiesenborn, professor, and Judith Espinoza Perez, postdoctoral research fellow, agricultural and biosystems engineering; and personnel from Tecton Products LLC.

Using various chemical reactions on the agricultural raw materials, a series of candidate resins will be prepared for use in composites. The resins in composites will then be tested to identify the most promising resin candidates. NDSU and Tecton will collaborate to scale up the most promising resin systems for testing in a production environment.

"This type of material could be used in building products to meet a growing demand for 'green' composite materials," Ulven said. The resulting product would be expected to have low or no volatile organic compounds. Such a product also may have enhanced physical properties, compared to its traditional counterpart. If successful, the composite materials could be commercialized and manufactured with the novel resin being developed with agricultural products.

The North Dakota Renewable Energy Council, under the State Industrial Commission, provided funding for the research to promote the growth of North Dakota's renewable energy industries through research, development, marketing and education.

The project underscores interdisciplinary research of scientific and engineering leaders to innovate in the area of renewable building products. In addition to North Dakota Industrial Commission funds, the North Dakota Soybean Council awarded \$80,000 to support the research project.

Faculty receives grant from 3M



Voronov

Andriy Voronov, assistant professor of coatings and polymeric materials, received a \$15,000 3M Non-tenured Faculty Grant for his research, "Covalent grafting of polymeric hydrogels to polymeric substrates activated by functional polyperoxides."

The award was administered by 3M's Research and Development in partnership with the Corporate Giving Program. It recognizes outstanding new faculty for the quality and pertinence of research and is intended to help them achieve tenure, remain in their teaching position and conduct research.

The grant may be renewed for up to three years.

EVENTS

Opening ceremony set for NATURE Summer Camp

The opening ceremony for the 2011 Nurturing American Tribal Undergraduate Research and Education (NATURE) Summer Camp at NDSU is scheduled for Monday, June 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Plains room.

NATURE is an education outreach project sponsored by North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). It aims to improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics education among North Dakota tribal college and high school students and to build a pathway for the pursuit of careers in those disciplines.

NATURE builds on activities of a long-term collaboration between North Dakota tribal colleges, NDSU and the University of North Dakota. Project participants include students and faculty from tribal colleges and high schools and faculty from NDSU and UND.

Parking is available in the E visiting parking lot located next to the Civil and Industrial Engineering Building. A map is available [here](#).

RSVP to Jan Lofberg at jan.lofberg@ndsu.edu or 1-7244.

Open house scheduled for new president of national music club

An open house, in honor of Carolyn Nelson, the new president of the National Federations of Music Clubs, is scheduled for June 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the NDSU Alumni Center.

Nelson is an NDSU emeritus professor of mathematics, and a long-time N.D. State Senator. She will be the first North Dakota president since Agnes Jardine, who served as the 13th president from 1933-37.

The National Federation of Music Clubs, founded in 1898, works "to make America musical" with encouragement of young talent through competitions and scholarships.

Nanomaterials forum scheduled at NDSU for June 9

NDSU will be the site of the Materials and Nanotechnology Forum to be held Thursday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Reineke Fine Arts Center. Presenters from NDSU, Texas A&M University and Tecton Products will be participating. There are no fees for the event and it is open to corporate and university researchers and students in materials and nanotechnology.

More than 25 presentations and poster sessions are scheduled for the forum. A complete schedule of events and list of presenters and scientific abstracts are available [here](#).

"The goal of the forum is to provide researchers in materials and nanotechnology at NDSU a venue to communicate with each other and initiate larger, higher impact collaborations," said Erik Hobbie, organizer of the event and director of NDSU's materials and nanotechnology graduate program.

NDSU's materials and nanotechnology program offers students an opportunity to participate in interdisciplinary research. It is the only program of its kind in North Dakota. Faculty from chemistry, civil engineering, coatings and polymeric materials, mechanical engineering, physics and pharmaceutical sciences contribute to the materials and nanotechnology program. Researchers in the program also collaborate with the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at NDSU.

For more information on the forum or NDSU's materials and nanotechnology graduate program, contact Hobbie at erik.hobbie@ndsu.edu or 1-7049.

BisonArts annual gala announced

BisonArts, an organization formed to support the Division of Fine Arts at NDSU, has planned its annual gala for Tuesday, June 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the NDSU president's house.

The gala is a celebration of music, theatre and visual arts. Entertainment will be provided by the BisonArts Singers, a select group of students who perform at alumni events nationwide. This year's performance also will include BisonArts Singers alumni. North Dakota themed foods and beverages will be served.

Tickets for the BisonArts Annual Gala are \$75 each and are available at www.ndsualumni.com or by calling 1-6814.

The mission of BisonArts is to enhance the stature of NDSU as a diverse institution that develops and nurtures students through the support of the Division of Fine Arts. The gala is the primary fundraising event for BisonArts. During the past three years, BisonArts has awarded \$23,000 in scholarships to students in fine arts.

Contact Kay Beckermann at kay.beckermann@ndsu.edu or 1-9564 for more information.

PEOPLE

Myers selected to NCAA Academic Cabinet



Myers

Deland Myers, NDSU faculty athletics representative and director of NDSU's School of Food Systems, has been selected to represent the Summit League on the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Academic Cabinet. The Summit League designated him for the role.

The Academic Cabinet reports to the Division I Leadership Council on policy issues and the Division I Legislative Council on legislative issues. The cabinet consists of 21 members and the membership rotates among the group in four-year cycles.

The Division I Academic Cabinet, Administration Cabinet and the Amateurism Cabinet replaced the former Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet. It is responsible for all academic matters, except ones addressed by the Committee on Academic Performance.

The following committees report to the Academic Cabinet:

- International Student Records Committee
- High School Review Committee
- Student Records Review Committee
- Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee
- Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee

Myers has served as NDSU's faculty athletics representative since October 2007. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and came to NDSU from Iowa State University, where he earned a master's degree and doctorate in food technology and served as a professor of food science and human nutrition.

Thornton named assistant to vice president

Nyra Thornton has been named assistant to the vice president for research, creative activities and technology transfer at NDSU. She fills the position previously held by Pat Suchan, who retired May 12.

Thornton joined NDSU in September 1996 as an assistant in the Office of University Relations. She transferred to Sponsored Programs Administration in the Office of Research, Creative Activities and Technology Transfer in July 2000 as an administrative secretary and later was named program assistant.

Thornton brings broad experience in processing research awards and understanding of the research enterprise at NDSU.

Friesner selected for associate dean position



Friesner

Daniel Friesner has accepted the position of associate dean for student affairs and faculty development in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences.

Friesner will provide administrative oversight for all matters related to student affairs in the college and the creation of a formal faculty development program for the college.

Friesner has served as interim associate dean for student affairs since March 1, 2010. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., in 1996 and his doctorate in economics from Washington State University in 2000.

Friesner joined NDSU in July of 2008 as an associate professor of pharmacy practice. He previously held tenure track positions in business schools at the University of Southern Indiana, Weber State University and Gonzaga University, all of which are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. He was awarded the endowed Erwin Graue Chair in Economics at Gonzaga University.

Friesner will hold the rank of full professor with tenure at NDSU beginning July 1.

"We are pleased that Dr. Friesner will continue in this position. He has a heart for serving students and for fostering and encouraging faculty development within our college," said Charles Peterson, dean of the college. "He is a great addition to our administrative leadership team."

Musical theatre specialist to work with high school students



Noone

Katherine Noone, musical theatre specialist, will teach at the Trollwood Performing Arts School and the International Music Camp this summer.

Noone will teach Advanced Vocal Technique, Musical Theatre Vocal Basics and Musical Theatre Review to high school students at the Trollwood Performing Arts School in June. Noone designed the Musical Theatre Review class for intermediate

to advanced musical theatre singers to perform Broadway repertoire in a professional style song and dance review.

Noone also will be a musical theatre instructor at the International Music Camp in Dunseith, N.D., July 3-10. She will teach voice lessons and prepare students for a performance at the end of their session.

Music professor to perform solo recital



Sublett

Virginia Sublett, professor of music, has been invited to present a solo vocal recital at St. Andrew the Apostle Episcopal Church in Encinitas, Calif., on July 10. Accompanied by pianist Gabriel Arregui, she will sing music of Luciano Berio, Hector Berlioz, Hugo Wolf, Joaquin Rodrigo and John Duke.

Sublett also will conduct the a cappella ensemble, Cappella Gloriana, at its 15th anniversary concert the following week. Sublett co-founded the professional ensemble in 1996 with Stephen Sturk, who earned his doctorate in musical arts from NDSU in 2009. Sublett co-directed the ensemble until she joined the NDSU faculty in 2004. The concert will feature choral music by Mendelssohn and Brahms, among others.

Faculty honored at college awards ceremony



Rupiper Taggart

Two faculty members were recognized at the annual College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Awards Luncheon on May 13.

Amy Rupiper Taggart, associate professor of English, received the Service Award. Rupiper Taggart began her career at NDSU in 2002. One of her nominators wrote, "Our department nominated Amy because it was obvious that her work to create and then lead the Faculty Senate was timely and an important service. Another reason is that Amy directs the First-Year Writing Program, a significant service contribution that affects almost every student on campus."



Archbold

Carol Archbold, associate professor of criminal justice and political science, received the Research Award. Archbold began her career at NDSU in 2005.

"Dr. Archbold has been extremely successful in bridging the gap between the academic and the practitioner. This is quite difficult in any academic field, but imperative in one like criminal justice in which the practical implications are seen as more important," Thomas Ambrosio wrote in his nomination letter. A different nominator also mentioned Archbold's ability to reach a broader audience. "Her service to the community is particularly important, as communicating scholarly knowledge to non-academics, in situations where it may influence policy and practice in the field, is not something that every professor can do."

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Human Development and Education faculty showcase work

Several College of Human Development and Education faculty members and students gave presentations or had research published.

John Schuna, a doctoral student in wellness, was awarded a Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the 2011-12 academic year.

Michael Siggerud published an article, "Superintendent Search Tips from the Pros," in the March-April volume of the Minnesota School Board Journal. The article was based on his dissertation work in the Education Doctorate Program. Professor Emeritus Ronald Stammen was his adviser.

David Silkenat, assistant professor in the School of Education, had an article, "In Good Hands, in a Safe Place: Female Academies in Confederate North Carolina," published in the January issue of the North Carolina Historical Review.

Brad Strand, professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, received the Gold Medal of Honor from the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance in recognition for his contributions, merit, visionary leadership and for promotion of the quality and values of health, physical education, recreation, sport and dance education, science and programs. Strand received the award at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance annual conference in San Diego March 29-April 1.

Desiree Tande and Brandi Niemeier, both doctoral graduates; Joyce Hwang, assistant professor at the University of Hawaii; Sherri Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences; and Joel Hektner, associate professor of human development and family sciences, had an abstract peer reviewed for the 2011 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo. It was selected for a poster session in San Diego for the American Dietetic Association in September. The presentation title is "BMI Percentile is Related to Learning Outcomes Among Preschool Children Following Exposure to Additional Fruits and Vegetables at Meals and Snacks in Pilot Study."

Anita Welch, assistant professor in the School of Education, has had papers accepted in three conferences. The papers are all collaborative efforts with professors from NDSU and around the world. "High School Robotics Competition: Building More than Robots" was presented at The American Evaluation Association Conference in Anaheim, Calif. "A Cross-Cultural Validation of the Technology-Rich Outcomes-Focuses Learning Environment Inventory" was presented at the International Conference on Education and Educational Psychology in Istanbul, Turkey. "Technology as a Three-legged Stool for International Collaboration and Research" was presented by Claudette Peterson at EDULEARN11 International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies in Barcelona, Spain.

Several awards were presented at the North Dakota Dietetics state meeting. Vel Rae Burkholder, professor emeritus of dietetics, received the 50-year American Dietetic Association membership award. Burkholder graduated from NDSU in food and nutrition and was coordinator of the didactic dietetic program at NDSU. Sherri Nordstrom Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, received the outstanding dietetic educator award. Joan Nagel, a senior in the Coordinated Program at NDSU, was named the outstanding dietetic student. Nagel is the past president of the Student Dietetic Association and the Historian for Wellness Education Leaders at NDSU. Kristen Liebl was named the outstanding young dietitian of the year. She is a graduate of the NDSU dietetics program and works as a community dietitian at Sanford Health in Fargo. Char Herr was named the outstanding dietitian of the year. Herr graduated from NDSU's dietetics program

and is program manager for the Midwest Dairy Association. Stephanie Bechtel, junior in the Coordinated Dietetics Program at NDSU, was the scholarship recipient. Bechtel is president of the NDSU Student Dietetic Association.

Eating for Your Eyes II: Diabetic Retinopathy, a project developed in collaboration with the North Dakota Optometric Association and NDSU has been awarded \$10,000 by Healthy Vision Community Awards. Project directors are Nancy Kopp, executive director of the North Dakota Optometric Association and Sherri Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences at NDSU, in collaboration with Julie Garden-Robinson from NDSU Extension. Healthy Vision Community Awards are sponsored by the National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, to make a difference in communities across the nation by supporting grassroots eye health education.

SHORTS & REMINDERS

Positions available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU website at www.ndsu.edu/jobs.

Communication Coordinator/00026411

University Relations
Commensurate w/experience
Open until filled

Instructional Design Specialist/ #00026743

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
Commensurate w/experience
Open until filled

International Student Adviser/Alumni Outreach Coordinator

International Programs
\$28,000+/year
June 16

Laboratory Technician

Chemistry and Biochemistry
\$30,000/year
June 1

Project Manager

Facilities Management
Commensurate w/experience
Open until filled

Research Specialist/#00020001

Animal Sciences
\$35,000+/year
Open until filled

Administrative Secretary/#00019223

Animal Sciences
\$28,500+/year
May 31

Agricultural Research Technician –

Williston, N.D.
Williston Research Extension Center
\$28,000+/year
Open until filled

Bison Connection Associate/#00025608

Bison Connection
\$26,000+/year
Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant, Food Nutrition Program (Sioux County)

Extension Food and Nutrition
\$25,900+/year
Open until filled

Nutrition Education Assistant, Food Nutrition Program (Fort Berthold)

Extension Food and Nutrition
\$25,900+/year
Open until filled

Beef Herdsman

Hettinger Research Extension Center
\$32,000+/year
June 1

Athletic Equipment Assistant/ #00019749

Athletics
Commensurate w/qualifications
Open until filled

Administrative Assistant/#00021086

International Programs
\$30,000+/year
June 6

Office Assistant/#00022125

Human Resources/Payroll
\$28,000+/year
June 6

Welder/Fabricator/#00019471

Admin Facilities
\$34,000+/year
May 31

Custodian/#00027671

Residence Life
\$19,760+/year
Open until filled

Catering/Swing Cook (hours vary depending on business)/#00025303

Dining Services
\$11.50+/year
Open until filled

Custodian/#00020692

Residence Life
\$19,760+/year
Open until filled

Custodial Supervisor/#00020190

Residence Life
\$31,000+/year
June 6

Notice for employees having North Dakota income tax withheld from their pay

House Bill 1047, a comprehensive tax relief package, was passed during the recent N.D. Legislative session. As a result, new withholding rates are now in effect for individuals having North Dakota income tax withheld from their pay. The new rates will be in effect beginning with the May 31 payday.

For more information on the new withholding rates, visit www.nd.gov/tax.

CALENDAR

JUNE

7 Staff Professional Development Anti-Oppression Workshop – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., MSUM Comstock Memorial Union Ballroom. Open to all staff. For more information, contact Kara Gravley-Stack at 1-7091 or kara.gravley-stack@ndsu.edu.

16-17 Office of Orientation and Student Success – Scholars Orientation

27-30 Office of Orientation and Student Success – Freshman/Family Orientation

28 BisonArts Gala – 5:30 p.m., NDSU president's home. For more information, click [here](#).

29 NDSU Central Grasslands Research Extension Center 30th Annual Field Day – Tour scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Streeter, N.D.

JULY

1 Office of Orientation and Student Success – Freshman/Family Orientation

4 Independence Day Holiday – university closed.

7 Langdon Research Extension Center Canola Field Days – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Langdon, N.D.

11-14 Office of Orientation and Student Success – Freshman/Family Orientation

12 Hettinger Research Extension Center Crops Tour – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Hettinger, N.D.

13 Dickinson Research Extension Center Field Day – 8:30 a.m., Dickinson, N.D.

14 Williston Research Extension Center Field Day – 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Williston, N.D.

18 Casselton Agronomy Seed Farm Field Day – 5:30 p.m., Casselton, N.D.

19 Carrington Research Extension Center Field Day – 9 a.m., Carrington, N.D.

20 North Central Research Extension Center Field Day – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Minot, N.D.

21 Langdon Research Extension Center Field Day – 8:30 a.m. to noon, Langdon, N.D.

MORE CAMPUS EVENTS www.ndsu.edu/eventcalendar

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