

MESSENGER

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Message from the President

Our outstanding university continues to shine.

Thank you for your hard work during these trying, budget-tightening times. The strong efforts of our dedicated staff and faculty are helping us weather a 17 percent cut in state support for the biennium.

NDSU is a very special place. Your resolve in the face of extreme difficulties this past year is a strong demonstration of how important it is to share the unity of purpose that sees us through good times and bad.

NDSU is down 149 faculty and staff from a year ago, as some personnel chose to retire, positions were eliminated and other jobs have been left unfilled.

All of you have shown admirable resolve as we work through our new reality. The people of NDSU are not just resilient, but are more adaptive than any I've ever known. If you're like me, you'd have trouble imagining a university community of 18,000 people that is as nimble as we have been over the past few months.

But, NDSU's strong foundation as a student-focused, land-grant research university allows the institution to rebuild, and we continue to do outstanding work as we educate our students and serve our state.

It's important for us to recognize the caliber, breadth and impact of the research conducted here. NDSU's seven National Institutes of Health Research Project Grants, known as R01 grants, are outstanding examples; as are the Engineered Cancer Test Beds Initiative and the Population Health Research Initiative.

I am so proud of our people and consider it a privilege to be part of this great university.

At NDSU, we have a history of achievement despite adversity. In the past, we've faced objective and subjective challenges and we have prevailed. We will again.



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- Dean. L. Bresciani



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Message from our Staff Senate president Jered Pigeon



We appreciate you

It is an honor to be your 2017-18 Staff Senate President; I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and our campus. As you and your colleagues may have felt the squeeze of budget and personnel reductions over the past several months, please remember that you have the support of Staff Senate. Together, we have embarked on a mission to assist staff with knowledge across departments, collaborating throughout campus, increasing campus communication, and sponsoring events and seminars to increase employee morale. I hope you were able to participate in the events last month during State Employee Recognition Week. In addition, look forward to the upcoming Live-2-Lead / Discover U partnership with Student Activities on Nov 29!

Get Involved

Involvement and participation are vital to any organization's success; this is true for Staff Senate, also. This month I will be presenting to new employees, and I am excited to share with them the opportunities and benefits that come with being a Staff Senator. Whether you are a new or seasoned staff member at NDSU, your leadership and expertise is valued, and we encourage you to join Staff Senate. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Acknowledgement of Staff

NDSU Staff Senate Campus Kudos is a great way to show appreciation for your colleagues across campus. Recognition of work and contributions to your team are worth noting and sharing. This little act can brighten a person's whole world. I know we live in a modest area, but let us brag a little! Show each other thanks and nominate extraordinary or every day hard workers on our site. Click [here](#) to nominate a deserving member of our campus community.

Equity Office Offers Training Opportunities for Fall

The following in-person training opportunities are available to NDSU employees:

October 26

Safe Zone Ally Training: Level 3/Upstander!

1pm in Mandan Room

November 2

Safe Zone Ally Training: Level 1/Becoming an Ally

1pm in Room of Nations

November 14

Community of Respect Training

9am in Badlands Room

November 15

Supervisor Supplement: Equal Opportunity/Title IX Training

3pm in Lark Room

November 28

Equal Opportunity/Title IX Training

2pm in Mandan Room

Additional information and registration links for these training sessions are available at: https://www.ndsu.edu/equity/education_and_training/

For more information, contact the Equity Office at ndsu.eoaa@ndsu.edu or call 1-7708.

Interested in becoming a Staff Senator?

We accept new senators year-round!

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, September through June, and are open to all staff.

Attend a meeting to learn more about what we do and how you can get involved!

Office of Registration and Records Promotions and New Hire

Nicolette Rapp

Promoted to Assistant Registrar



I've been at NDSU for 3.5 years and worked previously as a Transfer Coordinator before becoming the Assistant Registrar in the Office of Registration and Records. I am currently enrolled in the Educational Leadership Master's program, and have received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead. I enjoy home brewing with my husband, traveling, being at the lake, playing with my two cats, and spending time with family.

Tracy Hill

Promoted to Transfer Coordinator



I graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor's degree in 2010 and I'm currently pursuing my graduate degree in History. I've worked in Registration & Records since 2013 as a Registration Assistant. In my free time, I enjoy traveling with my husband and spending time with my dogs.

Elizabeth Houser

New Hire: Registration and Records Assistant



I grew up in Roseau, MN and received my Bachelor's Degree from UND in Dec. I held a brief position as a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual in Grand Forks, but decided that work was not suited for me. I moved to Fargo in Sept with my boyfriend, Zac, after he found a great position as an engineer. I spend a lot of time outdoors and back home with my parents, sisters, and adorable nephew. I'm learning all about Fargo and NDSU, and I'm very excited to be here.

STAFF MEMBERS

TREATED THEMSELVES

FOR
STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 11-15

MONDAY SEPT 11

UNWIND &
FLOW
YOGA



TUESDAY SEPT 12

ICE CREAM
SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY SEPT 13

OUTDOOR
LAWN GAMES



THURSDAY SEPT 14

MINDFULNESS
MEDITATION

FRIDAY SEPT 15



2017 Gunkleman Award Winner and Nominees



Gabriel Eronmosele, a senior nursing major, received the Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award during a ceremony sponsored by NDSU Staff Senate on May 5 in the McGovern Alumni Center. The annual honor, presented by NDSU President Dean L. Bresciani, recognizes the student, faculty, or staff member who has made the most significant and unselfish contribution to a happy environment at NDSU.

Nominators describe Eronmosele as upbeat, positive, welcoming, and as having a genuine interest in seeing to the happiness of those around him. Eronmosele does not just exude happiness; he spreads it around to others.

"This individual is one of the most cheerful, genuine, kind and smiley people on campus. Each and every time I see him, he brightens my day," wrote nominator Carly Gundersen, International Student & Student Abroad office.

Prajakta Warang, a sophomore biotechnology major, wrote, "I have never seen him stressed, even in the most stressful conditions, rather he has a huge smile on his face and would get the task done. Gabriel's energy and kindness make him a perfect candidate for the nomination."

Members of the Staff Senate Gunkelman Committee praised Eronmosele, saying, "Gabriel exemplifies the qualities embodied in the Gunkelman Award: he clearly fosters an atmosphere of happiness and caring for others. His spirit, talent and goodwill reflect on all at NDSU!!"

Eronmosele was selected from a group of 28 NDSU faculty, staff, and students in contention for the honor.

Other nominees included:

Student nominees Kelly Morris, Spanish; Emily Marshall, Emergency Management; Emily Leseman, Animal Science; Tyrza Hoines, Human Development & Family Science; Hannah Lecander, Human Development & Family Science; Mackenzie Eckman, Women's & Gender Studies; Jon Pacella, Business

Staff nominees Sara Johnson, International Student and Study Abroad; Olivia Scott, Career Center; Shelly Swandal, AES Agribusiness & Applied Economics; Brandi Aune, Ext. Food & Nutrition; Judy DuBois, Disability Services; Tracy Fuller, AES Agribusiness & Applied Economics; Bill Kozojed, Ext. Ag Communication; Sherry Andersen, Dining; Michele Sherman, English; Steven Harris, Facilities Management; Timothy Alvarez, VP Student Affairs; Tammy Erdmann, Performing Arts; Marie Champagne, School of Education; Jeffery Erickson, Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Faculty nominees Cheryl Wachenheim, AES Agribusiness & Applied Economics; Ed Deckard, AES Plant Sciences; Rebekah Oliver, AES Plant Sciences; Wendy Leach, Biological Sciences; Donald Warne, Public Health; Chrysafis Vogiatzis, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering.



The Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award was established in January 1987, by the late John L. Gunkelman and his family in memory of Mrs. Gunkelman, who was a 1942 graduate of the College of Home Economics.



The Office of Teaching and Learning



The Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL), is a multi-purpose place that supports teaching and learning among students, staff, and faculty. The world is an ever more complex place with ever greater challenges, and knowing how to make sense of what is going on is an increasing challenge. OTL has a variety of programming and resources available to meet that challenge.

Our office coordinates more than 300 professional development courses for our state's K-12 development classes to foster collaborations between K-12 and higher education and help teachers stay current in a variety of content areas. Give us a call (701-231-7015) to get started with the course approval process. We also foster

noncredit continuing education for a variety of professionals, and work with campus programs to help publicize their initiatives. Graduate students can earn a College Teaching Certificate through our office and the Graduate School, and faculty work together, observing and discussing their teaching through our Peer Teaching Partnership program.

Our National Science Foundation "Gateways-ND" five-year project has brought together over more than 100 faculty and instructional staff in the service of learning about teaching and learning so our students can become more effective lifelong learners. Last year, the Office of Assessment became part of OTL, and we are the go-to place for all aspects

of educational assessment, no matter how small or large.

More recently, we began an educational blog titled, We Learn Together Blog that addresses a variety of teaching-related topics. View the blog at www.dce.ndsu.nodak.edu/otlweb/blog/. We also started an Information Link email subscription service which is our newest way to communicate information about our educational programs. These weekly emails provide information about our services, professional development, awards, teaching tips, and so much more. Please join more than 100 Information Link members by subscribing. Your participation matters, and we welcome it.



NDSU Bookstore News



The NDSU Bookstore welcomes Katie Zueger to the position of Bookstore Clerk II with the clothing & gift department. Katie is a 2017 graduate of North Dakota State University with a major of Merchandising from the College of Apparel, Textiles and Design. She has worked in the store for two years including a summer field experience position. Katie fills the position of Shawna Ramsett who moved into course materials after 12 years of working in clothing & gift.

Upcoming events:

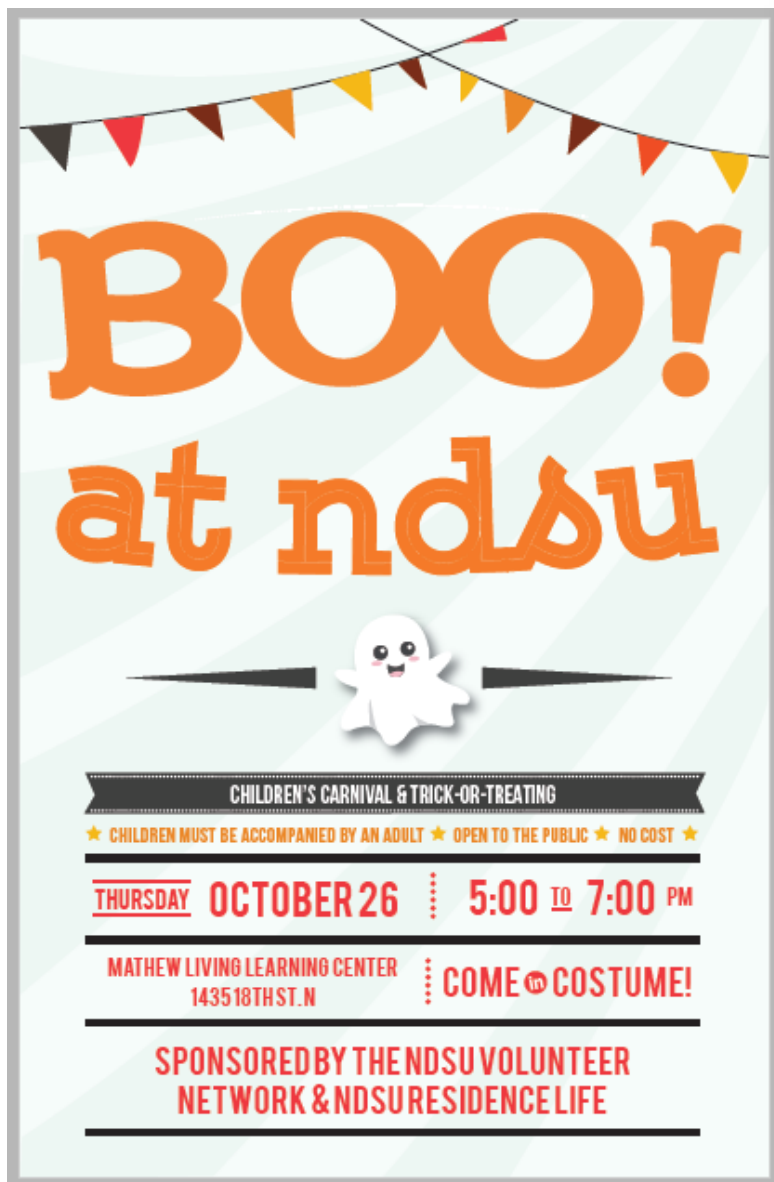
The NDSU Bookstore will be holding it's Grad Fair event for December graduates on Wednesday, November 1st from 11:00 – 1:00. Undergraduates attending commencement can purchase their regalia in store or online beginning November 1st. Deadlines for ordering Masters & Doctoral regalia are as follows:

Doctoral/Masters Regalia **purchase** deadline –Oct. 18th
Masters and Doctoral **rental** deadline –Nov.1st


<http://www.ndsubookstore.com/graduation>



Upcoming Events



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at ndsu



CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL & TRICK-OR-TREATING

★ CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT ★ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ★ NO COST ★

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26 :: **5:00 TO 7:00 PM**

MATHEW LIVING LEARNING CENTER :: **COME @ COSTUME!**
1435 18TH ST. N

SPONSORED BY THE NDSU VOLUNTEER NETWORK & NDSU RESIDENCE LIFE

21ST Annual United Way Silent Auction Bake & Book Sale

OCTOBER 31
11 A.M. — 2 P.M.
1ST & 2ND QBB lobbies



apps.ndsu.edu/united-way-donations/

A tradition of 20+ years is just around the corner: the 2017 United Way Silent Auction and Bake & Book Sale is coordinated by the IT Division and will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the first and second floor lobbies of the Quentin Burdick Building.

All proceeds from this annual event are donated to the United Way of Cass-Clay and help improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our community.

The campus community is invited to participate in this great event, support the United Way, network with colleagues, and find awesome and delicious deals!

This is also an opportunity to donate gently-used or never-used items that no longer spark joy: every thing is a treasure for someone!

Enter the information about your item(s) on the website, <https://apps.ndsu.edu/united-way-donations/>, so the campus community can see what's available.

Deliver your items to either Kim Lammers (QBB 206F) or CeCe Rohwedder (QBB 204B) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lammers at kim.lammers@ndsu.edu or CeCe Rohwedder at cece.rohwedder@ndsu.edu.

Information about the United Way is available at <https://www.unitedwaycassclay.org/about>.

LIVE2>>LEAD

Save the date for Live2Lead on **November 29**. Staff Senate's Staff Development Committee will partner with Student Activities to help bring you this fun and informational event. Don't miss it! Look for additional details to come soon.

Upcoming Staff Senate Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Location	Program
November 8, 2017	9:30 AM	MU Great Room	Scott Roche, TIAA Cref
December 6, 2017	9:30 AM	MU Great Room	Deb Maertens, Immigration
January 3, 2018	9:30 AM	MU Great Room	TBD
February 7, 2018	9:30 AM	MU Prairie Rose Room	TBD
March 7, 2018	9:30 AM	MU Prairie Rose Room	TBD
April 4, 2018	9:30 AM	MU Prairie Rose Room	TBD
May 2, 2018	9:30 AM	MU Prairie Rose Room	Elections - No Program
June 6, 2018	9:30 AM	MU Prairie Rose Room	TBD

NDSU Staff Senate addresses the needs and aspirations of university staff by promoting a progressive campus environment.

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