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The other night, Nancy and I attended one of the MSU Summer Theatre performances, "Breaking Up is Hard to Do," a delightful musical involving exceptionally talented students. It was a wonderful evening, with a full house, music and dancing, and the traditional root beer floats and popcorn at intermission. As we left the theater, I couldn't help but think about why this performance and so many other performances and activities on our campus offer good answers to the persistent question that continues to nag so many people these days: What is college and what should it be?

I know the question is a difficult one, and answers involve considerations about classrooms, skills, community service, learning and a host of other concerns expressed often in popular references to access, affordability and accountability. But what struck me about the Summer Theatre performance, and other activities on campus, is that all basically answer that question. All of them involve student demonstrations, preparation, professional guidance, excitement, motivation, quality performances, and in-depth learning and mastery. William Butler Yeats hit it right on the head when he said that education is not filling buckets, but lighting fires. Those students at the performance the other night demonstrated what Yeats meant, and I'd say confidently they offered a pretty good insight into what college is.



When we attempt to understand what Minot State University is, one can't help but think about the extent to which fires are lit by motivated and caring faculty

and staff in a host of activities and learning experiences throughout the year. Our concert band, jazz band, theater performances, choral performances, faculty and student research presentations, student performances, art shows, volunteer activities

in the community, athletic competitions, and countless other student activities help us understand what this is all about. As two of many who participate actively in the life of Minot State University, my wife and I witness a place that reveals what college should be. As difficult as this past year has been for many on our campus and in the community, our people remained focused on our students, on engagement and learning, and on this rich and exciting place where fires are lit every day.

A lot of people will continue to question what happens or doesn't happen in higher education. Is college worth it, are we doing our jobs, are we spending dollars wisely, and are we making a difference? In all the flurry of questions and debates, I think it is time for us to take stock of what actually happens on our campus and appreciate it for what it is. If you want to know what I mean, visit

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us sometime. Come with me to Summer Theatre, enjoy a root beer float, be simply amazed by our talented students, and catch a glimpse of what it means for education to light fires. I think you'll agree with me that it's simply remarkable.

**DAVID FULLER, President**



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# An unlikely love story ...

The “charm of anticipated success” emanates from the United States of America, observed French nobleman Alexis de Tocqueville during a visit in the early 19th century.

A staggering depth and breadth of opportunity has drawn eager foreigners to its shores since the nation’s founding. That mythic power continues to exist in the 21st century.

A case in point is Camila Oliveira, a recent graduate of Minot State University.

## Child of Brazil

Oliveira grew up in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a cosmopolitan city of 10 million inhabitants. Her dad owns a business, and her mom runs a salon. Her family includes a younger brother and sister. School and travel filled her carefree early years.

She studied English and Spanish at a private school for four years, a common practice among Brazilian youth. Several friends went to the United States as exchange students, and Oliveira felt the strong tug northward. But a fanciful notion of America became a sobering reality, when she was assigned to Beulah, N.D., during a particularly brutal winter.

## Exchange Student

“It was just so cold. I hated it, every single day of it,” she said of her first experience with endless permafrost.

The young Brazilian also encountered a grimly confining countryside and a small town’s initial indifference to newcomers.

“It took awhile for people to talk to me,” she said. “I did not speak English like I do now. It was hard for me to get to know people.”

But her host family, Sheryl and Steven Ash and their daughter Cassandra, proved to be a lifeline for her.

“I got attached to my family here,” she said. “I made friends. I got to know more people from their church.”

When she finished her senior year in Beulah, Oliveira returned to Brazil. But America’s siren song continued to beckon. She planned to return to North Dakota to attend college and be near her newfound family.

She investigated several universities in the state but found none she liked. Then Sheryl Ash discovered a nearby university that featured an ideal program for her.

“My American mom found Minot State for me,” she said.

## College Student

Oliveira enrolled at MSU in January 2008. Winter remained its beastly self, but the human reception proved to be much warmer. Fortuitously, a staffer in her residence hall was from Brazil, and her roommate became her instant best friend.

“I made friends in college way faster than in high school,” she said. “I could speak English much better then.”

The enthusiastic first-year student hurled herself into campus activities, eventually becoming a student ambassador and a member of student government. She also worked on residence hall staffs and in several university departments.

“Being in a small university, I had the opportunity to be a leader,” Oliveira said. “Taking a leadership role was very beneficial for me personally and professionally.”

She somehow managed to find time to pursue a triple major — international business, marketing and management — in her 4½ years at MSU. She credits

Eileen Solberg, College of Business adviser, for keeping her on track.

While training to become a residence hall assistant, Oliveira met Derek Van Dyke, an MSU graduate currently working in Enrollment Services. The Mandan native had come to MSU to study broadcasting and never left. A professional



# Brazilian exchange student finds happiness in surprising places

relationship gradually morphed into a personal one.

“We just started to hang out. Then I guess it just happened,” Oliveira said.

## Married Woman

When their friendship matured, the young couple traveled to Brazil last summer

so Derek Van Dyke could meet her family. The get-together proved challenging, since her parents spoke only Portuguese, and he spoke only English. Happily, Oliveira’s younger sister had studied English, and her younger brother had learned some English by playing video games.

“Her family was really accepting of me,” Van Dyke said.

The couple became engaged on the trip and began planning a January wedding in Bismarck. Van Dyke’s family and Oliveira’s American family would be able to attend the wedding, but her family in Brazil could not. The couple decided to live stream video of the wedding to Brazil via the Internet.

“It was my father’s idea,” Oliveira said proudly.

“But the broadcast major had the ties to pull it off,” Van Dyke rebutted.

Van Dyke recruited two MSU broadcast majors to travel to Bismarck, wire the church and telecast the wedding. The Internet hookup worked perfectly, and the extended Oliveira family in Brazil enjoyed the wedding and reception in real time.

The wedding went so well that the couple plans to have a second one in January 2013, this time in Brazil.

“My dad wants to walk me down the aisle, and my mom wants to be there,” Camila Van Dyke said. “I had a winter wedding; now I’ll have a summer wedding.”

## Permanent Resident

With an undergraduate degree in hand and a new husband, Camila Van Dyke next set her sights on becoming a permanent resident of the United States. But she

quickly encountered U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a federal agency suspicious of immigrants claiming to be married to American citizens. The application process featured layers of complexity beyond the young couple’s ken.

“We decided that getting an attorney would be the best option. She did all the paperwork,” Camila Van Dyke said.

The couple then traveled to Fargo for a fingerprint check and to Minneapolis for personal interviews. In this final step, the couple collided with a wall of suspicion. They had separate interviews in which an official asked probing questions to discern whether they were actually married or only feigning it to gain entry to the country.

“They asked us what colors the walls were in our apartment, who did the laundry, who did the cooking,” Camila Van Dyke recalled.

“She asked if we had a microwave and what color it was,” Derek Van Dyke added.

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After the interviews, the couple encountered only a miserable silence. They returned to Minot without knowing whether they had passed or not. Only days later did their attorney learn that Camila Van Dyke had become a permanent resident.

“It was frustrating, but we felt so relieved when everything was done,” Camila Van Dyke said.



## Future Entrepreneur

With a series of triumphs behind them, the Van Dykes now plan to pursue master's degrees in management in MSU's College of Business.

The long-term future after grad school is a little murky. The couple may remain in Minot or relocate to Florida, a popular destination for expatriate Brazilians.

While she has enjoyed her years in small-town Middle America, Camila

Van Dyke's big-city upbringing has begun to resurface.

"I was raised in a big city, and I turned out just fine," she said.

With graduate degrees to go along with their incandescent ambitions, the couple entertains entrepreneurial dreams, but they keep the details tantalizingly obscure.

"Derek and I talk about opening a franchise. We want to keep it a secret,

so no one will steal our idea," Camila Van Dyke said.

Van Dyke's story is as singular as America itself — a delicious collision of aspiration and opportunity that promises a limitless future. And a small school on the Great Plains played a key role in the drama.

"Minot State has been a great place for both of us," Camila Van Dyke said.



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## Accomplished veteran uses education to raise the bar

Like a lot of high school graduates, Brian Westerman had a plan. The problem was that it didn't follow his dad's plan.

In a show of teenage independence, the W. Va. native made a choice that affected the rest of his life.

"Dad and I pretty much disagreed on what college I should attend," Westerman said. "So I joined the Air Force."

His original intentions were to serve in the military for four years, travel, make a little money and go to college. It would take 19 years for him to get around to the college part.

Westerman's career entailed supply logistics and supply chain movement. As an installation deployment NCO, Westerman coordinated all the necessary equipment and clothing for approximately 500 deployed personnel per year. The complicated task required arranging the delivery of 30,000 tons of supplies – from ammunition to clothing to vehicles – from other locations to accompany troops deployed to foreign lands.

After stints in Washington state and Germany, he was stationed at Minot Air Force Base in 1995. As his career flourished, Westerman became the NCO In Charge at MAFB's Airmen and Family Readiness Center, where he worked closely with airmen before and after deployment.

He bridged the needs gap by coordinating contacts for financial, religious, family, life counseling – whatever the situation called for. He also worked closely with the Department of Defense STAR-BASE youth program, designed to raise the interest of youth in learning science, technology, engineering and math. As part of the program, fifth graders from area schools sent care packages to deployed personnel.

As his career goals wound down, Westerman revisited an earlier one: obtaining a degree. Although he achieved many career milestones, he enrolled at Minot State University in 2008.

"Getting a degree was a personal goal; I wanted to set an example for my son and daughter, showing them that education is important and that no matter how busy or old you are, you still have time for an education," he said.

Westerman retired from the USAF in 2010 and now works as the Materiel Management flight commander for the 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron, a civilian position responsible for all supply chain movement on MAFB. He oversees 77 airmen and over \$600 million worth

of assets. And yet, some days his biggest concern is homework.

"I am a single dad and a full-time student with a busy career," he said. "But I tell the airmen the Air Force has changed since I first enlisted. Education has heavy weight when progressing in your career. Regardless of where I go, college courses are the preface of my new life."

Westerman will graduate in December 2012 with a bachelor's degree in management.



### *MSU dedicated to veterans*

While many institutions trim services, Minot State University is committed to providing student veterans with a personal touch. In June 2011, MSU opened its new Veterans Center and hired retired veteran David Klassy as director.

Klassy's military career in the U.S. Air Force began at Minot Air Force Base and took him to bases across the United States and Guam. His work required fluency in financial and technology management, project coordination, leadership and communication. As MSU Veterans Center director, Klassy provides counseling on benefits and rights for veterans and their families, navigating them through what can be a confusing process.

"Most of my career both in and out of the Air Force has involved serving people," Klassy said. "There have been so many changes to military benefits lately; a lot of people aren't even aware what they are entitled to."

The MSU Veterans Center serves approximately 240 students per semester.



# Living on a whim



Job Corps grad includes Minot State on his lifelong adventure.

Life in Nashport, Ohio, would lead the casual observer to assume a “Mayberry” existence. Centrally located, it is surrounded by arts and culture, museums, historic sites, acres of park and miles of biking trails – a great place to grow up. But for Grant Earich, a 2010 graduate of Minot State University’s Job Corps Executive Management Program (JCEMP), the rest of the world was waiting to be explored.

After graduating with degrees in history and government and foreign affairs from Walsh University in Canton, Ohio, Earich didn’t have a definite plan for his future.

“After I graduated, the lease on my apartment was running out, and I had to decide whether or not to stay,” he said.

But as Earich found out, sometimes the best plan is not to have a plan. He received a job offer, so Earich moved back to Nashport to work as an assistant to state Sen. Joy Padgett.

“After two years, I got that ‘itch.’ I had been surrounded by four walls every day, and I knew I didn’t want to wake up in my 30s or 40s and feel like I’d wasted my 20s,” he said. “Politics is a cutthroat profession, even on the ground floor in a Senate office.”

On a whim, Earich joined the Peace Corps (PC).

“My first assignment was Kazakhstan (in central Europe). My dad, a Vietnam vet, and my mom were real supportive, but they said they didn’t know anything about the country and weren’t too trusting of any place ending in ‘stan,’ so I turned down my original post,” he said.

Within two weeks, he was reassigned to Ukraine, where he spent the next 27 months in the city of Vinnytsia, teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL). He worked with exceptional students, ages 13-19, preparing them for universities in foreign lands.

“I taught students who weren’t average,” he said, “so I was able to branch into conversations about film, American and British literature, and American politics. I also supervised an English Olympiad and debate club. One of my former students recently finished her bachelor’s degree at the University of North Dakota.”

He also inherited an English Club for local citizens, started a decade earlier by a former Peach Corp Volunteer. Conversational English was so popular that it was not uncommon for Earich to have up to 40 people, ages 12-75, show up each week.







Although Vinnytsia is a large city of 370,000, life was not without its trials.

“One of the biggest challenges was the language barrier,” Earich said. “The local dialect is a blend of Russian and Ukrainian called Surzhyk. When I first arrived, I looked around and saw people wearing baseball caps, drinking Coke, and I thought, ‘This isn’t so different after all.’ However, if you take off the top surface layer, you realize you’re in a different world. The culture shock for me was realizing how familiar things seem, but how different they really are.

“However, when you live in a place, you’re no longer a visitor but become a part of the community. It took awhile to adjust, but over time I became as much of a citizen as the little babushkas at market. I made some long-lasting relationships and had a hard time leaving.”

He returned to the United States in 2008 and moved to Denver. Still very much attached to the PC edict to “continue serving,” Earich began working in February 2009 in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Job Corps program.

“The first year was amazing,” he said. “About that time, I applied for the JCEMP, which brought me to MSU. We had 15-20 students from all over the U.S., so at times I found it really hard to coordinate working in teams. But once



we came to Minot, the professors and staff were so encouraging that we became ‘North Dakotan.’ We created our own community where we had fellowship. We ate together, worked cooperatively, balanced our strengths and became neighbors helping neighbors. We went from being workers at different Job Corps to being a family.

“I followed the Mouse River flood and loved the ‘can do’ attitude of the people. I saw that same attitude in our program.”

After receiving his master’s in informational systems, Earich worked for Job Corps another six months before “the itch” beckoned a second time.

He applied to Peace Corps Response for a short-term volunteer opportunity and was assigned to PC Eastern Caribbean. He was posted as the library technical operations manager at Antigua State College, Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies. His duties included creating an online presence, updating the Web and coding system, and grant writing.

“I loved Ukraine and couldn’t imagine a better experience. I’d never lived in a hot climate and knew I’d have to get used to that,” he said. “At first, I felt like I was melting all the time.

“Antigua was such a vast change, but I quickly fell in love with the place. It is not a rich country; its industry is tourism. There are no natural resources or fresh water, no electricity except through diesel. There are social problems such as illiteracy, access to good health care and HIV education. But I realize one could live anywhere and face many of the same problems.”

Earich finished his assignment in April 2012 and remains the only volunteer to have served in the largest PCV-aided country (Ukraine with 350 volunteers) and the smallest (Antigua and Barbuda with only seven volunteers).

Once back in the U.S., Earich began searching for his next adventure. He and his fiancée, Abbey Lemesany, targeted

employment opportunities in Denver and the Pacific Northwest, but agreed to leave the door open to move anywhere that provided a good job for one and good prospects for the other.

“I half-heartedly applied for an analyst position on the returned PCV network with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), never expecting to hear back from them,” he said. “I was called back from someone who said, ‘I don’t know how I got your resume, but I want to talk to you about a job — and not the one you applied for.’”

Serendipity intervened, and Earich was hired as an information technology specialist, a new position within BLS. It is his responsibility to act as liaison between the technicians and end users of the information.

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“We didn’t expect to move to Washington, D.C., but this is the perfect job for me. I will be the person who takes the technical data and puts it into laymen’s terms for its intended audience — which means I will be using my MIS degree from MSU exactly as it was meant to be,” Earich said. “Abbey is in the museum field, and D.C. is an oasis of museums, so this is a good opportunity for her as well.”

Earich’s commitment to BLS will be “a year or two,” before he weighs his future options.

“I’ve been so blessed. I never expected to do PC Ukraine or PC Eastern Caribbean, or go to school at MSU,” he said. I have many interests and will look at whatever opportunities come my way and take advantage of them. It never hurts to take advantage of something that’s there, because it’s usually there for a reason.”

# Growing in strength and numbers

Athletic Training Education Program goes from zero to 50 in five years.



**T**hink back to high school phy ed: women wore navy jumpers, and men occasionally joined the class to participate in ballroom dance lessons. P.E teachers were well-versed in other activities, such as archery, volleyball, bowling, gymnastics. But, by and large, if women had an inclination toward athletics, physical education was the career path. Degree options such as corporate fitness and athletic training were decades away.

In 1950, the National Association of Athletics Trainers was founded, and in 1959 the first athletic curriculum model was developed. This model emphasized attaining a secondary-level teaching credential and preparing a student not only for athletic training, but teaching as well. Initially, athletic training education required mentorship by someone in sports medicine or completing an apprenticeship. NATA sought to improve consistency in the education and required certification consisting of two pathways. A student could complete courses and an internship with a certified athletic trainer or she could complete a bachelor's degree with a major in athletic training. Either route would allow a student to be eligible to sit for a rigorous certification exam.

In 1994, NATA appointed the Education Task Force to lead the next educational reform movement. After two years of research, the task force recommended a single route to certification, requiring a student to graduate from an accredited athletic training education program, which eliminated athletic training internships.

"I completed the athletic training internship at MSU in 1996, which was one of the last years it existed," said Heather Golly, MSU Athletic Training Education Program director. "The industry was changing, and the internship was eliminated."

After four years as a certified athletic trainer and certified strength-and-conditioning specialist with MSU men's and women's athletic teams, Golly pursued her master's degree in exercise science from Ohio State University. She returned to Minot in 2002 and taught courses in the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance. She completed her doctorate in adult education in 2011.

In 2006, MSU started developing the ATEP, which was approved by the State Board of Higher Education in 2008. Coincidentally, Swain Hall was under renovation at the time, so the program's expansion was factored into the new building.

"The timing was perfect," said Neil Nordquist, College of Education & Health Sciences dean. "The swimex therapy pool, the Bod Pod

(which measures and tracks lean body mass), the EKG equipment (to check the heart's electrical activity) and the hydrostatic weight equipment cannot be found in any other facilities within 500 miles. You'd have to go to Minneapolis to get anything better than we have."

"MSU provides the full range of activities needed," said Warren Gamas, Teacher Education & Human Performance Department chair. "It's a rigorous course that requires 200 practicum hours per semester, in addition to the class load. We went from zero majors five years ago to over 50 majors now."

The program has become very competitive and admits 12 applicants per semester. This spring, ATEP graduated its inaugural class of three.

"MSU athletics contracts with Trinity Health Sports Medicine to service our student-athletes," said Nordquist.



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“The Trinity athletic trainers work with our students and our student-athletes at the same time. It’s a win for everyone.”

In May, Golly defended the program for accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education and was notified in July that MSU’s ATEP had passed with flying colors.

“The accreditation process was good in helping us set up a solid foundation for the ATEP,” Golly said. “I feel good about our progress.”

“Trinity Health is very supportive: their trainers teach two classes in the fall and one in the spring; Dr. Dawn Mattern donates all kinds of time. We couldn’t have done this without them,” Nordquist said.

“The program is a good draw for us with Swain Hall and the new Wellness Center on board. It’s a major draw for MSU.”



## MSU graduates charter class of athletic trainers

Athletes often share a common bond: love of the game and discipline to persevere. Three former student-athletes completed this journey in May, graduating as MSU’s inaugural class of athletic trainers.

Growing up in Harvey, Casey Seltvedt participated in all kinds of sports - track, basketball, volleyball, softball. So when she came to MSU for track, it was no surprise she thought a career incorporating sports might be a good fit.

“I started out studying corporate fitness,” Seltvedt recalled. “Then I talked to Dr. Golly about the athletic training program, did some research and realized ‘Wow! That’s what I want to do.’”

She decided a double major in athletic training and corporate fitness would be her destiny.

Burlington native Courtenay Burckhard followed volleyball Coach Johnna Torr to MSU from Williston State College. She played volleyball and golf for another year before focusing solely on academics.

“I originally thought I’d study pre-physical therapy within the realm of sports management,” Burckhard said. “After looking into the athletic training program, I decided to stick around. Athletic training is a demanding program - you have to know this is what you want to do. The program requires a minimum 3.0 GPA and many hours of clinicals, so it’s hard to participate in a sport in the fall and winter as well.”

Burckhard also decided to study both athletic training and corporate fitness.

Carrie Eder, a former high school athlete in Williston, came to MSU to study generals before pursuing her degree in dietetics.

“I’d been in Minneapolis for two years and wanted to return to North Dakota and get closer to home,” Eder said. “I originally thought I’d spend two years at MSU, then head to Fargo. I saw the athletic training program in the undergraduate catalog and after talking to Heather Golly — she was so informative and passionate — I decided

I was more interested in sports management than nutrition.”

Five years ago, assistant professor Heather Golly became the program director of the new athletic training education program and created a curriculum designed to meet accreditation requirements and recruit students. The program grew in popularity, and admission today is fiercely competitive.

“My class led the path for other students to follow in our tracks,” Seltvedt said. “We learn through classes and clinical experience with certified athletic trainers, so I think the program is solid.”

Eder agrees. “We had a tougher time as the first three in the program; classes weren’t set, but it kept us on our toes, and the staff was amazing. Since our class was so small, we had a lot of one-on-one time with athletic trainers, which helped us learn so much more.”

Seltvedt would like to return to Harvey and become an athletic trainer in area schools. Someday, she wants to operate an athletic rehabilitation clinic and work with a team of physical therapists, chiropractors and massage therapists on injury recovery.

Burckhard graduated magna cum laude and prefers working with sports teams, especially hockey.

“I didn’t know much about hockey before my clinical rotations,” Burckhard said. “Now I am a crazy fan. The games are fast paced, high intensity and you see a lot of injuries. A good AT has to be knowledgeable and able to respond immediately.”

Eder, also magna cum laude, prefers the high intensity of the Williston School District. She would like to contract with Williston State College or the public schools to work with student-athletes.

“I really enjoy working with student-athletes. You always see something different,” Eder said. “An athletic trainer has to be at practices and games — it’s a lot of work, but I couldn’t be in an office for the rest of my life.”

## MSU alumni continue the tradition of excellence

*MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY was established in 1913 as a two-year normal school devoted to preparing teachers for service in northwestern North Dakota. It soon expanded its offerings to meet the region's needs, a pattern repeated many times in its history. Those who governed the institution added teacher preparation programs in the fine arts, liberal arts, sciences and professional fields. In 1924, it received authority to offer the baccalaureate degree, and programs in the liberal arts began. Through the decades, MSU developed many programs, upholding the tradition of producing quality teachers.*

*Three MSU alumni, educators Tonya (Biberdorf) Hunskor, Todd Kaylor and Ellen (Slaamod) Simmons, won prestigious professional awards this year.*



**HUNSKOR '94, TGU Granville principal**, was named Middle School Principal of the Year by the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. She taught at Newburg United School District for seven years and has been TGU Granville's K-12 principal for 11 years. The Mandan native graduated from MSU with a bachelor of science in Education in elementary education. In 2002, she completed a master's degree in school administration from the University of North Dakota.

Hunskor's inspiration came from a history of educators in her family. Her father, Ronald Biberdorf, graduated from Minot State Teachers College in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her grandmother, Florance (Broderson) Biberdorf, graduated with a two-year standard certificate from MSTC in 1937.

"My dad was an elementary school principal for many years. I grew up watching him be an educator. He is one of my biggest role models," Hunskor said. "My grandmother started in a one-room schoolhouse."

Although Hunskor is honored to receive the award, she gives credit to her staff and students.

"It is an honor to be recognized by your peers for doing what you love. Education is a huge part of who I am and what I do, I cannot imagine doing anything else," Hunskor said. "I have a wonderful staff and a great bunch of students who make going to school a lot of fun!"



**KAYLOR '97, Beulah High School principal since 2006**, was selected as North Dakota High School Principal of the Year by the North Dakota Association of Secondary School

Principals. He earned a BSE in science from MSU in 1997 and later received a master's degree in education from the University of Mary.

"I'm very honored and humbled to receive the North Dakota High School Principal of the Year award, on behalf of my tremendous staff and, most importantly, our students of Beulah. I would also like to give credit to former MSU educators Gary Leslie, Bert Leidholt, Dick Limke and Wiley Wilson for being positive role models and setting excellent leadership examples as I earned my undergraduate degree at Minot State," Kaylor said. "I especially thank, for their guidance, my parents, Ken '64 and Bonnie, who are retired educators, but will always be teachers in their hearts."

Kaylor, a strong proponent of collaborative leadership, encourages his staff to make instructional decisions based on school and student data as well as student performance and achievement. Under his leadership, Beulah High School implemented teams of teachers into professional learning communities and developed a variety of student support systems based on a team goal that "every student learns at high levels." This collaborative student support system provided a positive personalization component for students. Teachers also developed confidence within their profession.

“Our school is thriving in a time when this is not the norm,” Kaylor said about the collective effort. “Our teachers are more empowered, and together we made our school a great school.”

### **SIMMONS '68, counselor for Glenburn Public Schools,**

was named North Dakota Middle School Counselor of the Year through the North Dakota Schools Counseling Association at its midwinter conference. Simmons graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in business education. Later, she completed a master's degree in education from North Dakota State University.

Simmons has been a counselor for 18 years, all at GPS. She works with all ages,



focusing on career planning and the challenges that young people face.

“Kids have a lot of challenges and different stresses that oftentimes adults don't think about. I think it's so important to help them through those times that they're questioning what's

going on in their world and why are things happening the way they are, because they're learning how to be adults and it's hard for them many times,” Simmons said.

While receiving the counselor of the year award is certainly an honor, Simmons considers herself a life-long learner and looks forward to learning new things along with her students.

“I'm so proud to be a part of this profession and to receive this award,” Simmons said. “It is really gratifying to be recognized by your peers and your colleagues for the work that you do.”

Simmons' daughter, Amy (Simmons) Artz, continued the family tradition and completed a BSE in elementary education at MSU in 2001.

## *Expanding our reach*

**T**o meet growing demand in an additional arena, MSU began a new degree program option this year. The early childhood education program blends theory with practical application and will instruct education students in the development of children ages 0-8. It also broadens the background of students in special education and administration.

The program takes a developmental approach to teaching young children. Experiences are planned in accordance with the developmental needs of the children in the classroom or at the MSU Preschool Center.



“There is a movement toward public schools educating four-year-olds. Early intervention addressing the ‘whole’ young child has the potential to develop skills in such areas as social, emotional and psychological well-being, language, reading, listening, math, movement and the fine arts,” said Clarine Sandstrom, associate professor of education, who leads the program. “My job will be to form partnerships with early child care providers and learning centers to give MSU teacher candidates exposure and well-designed practice in the field.”

Almost a century later, Minot State prepares teachers to demonstrate leadership in their schools, communities and profession at the local, regional, state and national levels.

# Hanson siblings learn leadership through Minot State University

Some families just like to do things together. This was the case of the Hanson family of Sherwood. All six siblings attended Minot State at one point or another.

“Five of us have teaching degrees, and one has a business degree,” said Betty (Hanson) Vibeto of Minot.

Pursuing higher education was a foregone conclusion in the Hanson household. Minot State was the logical destination, since most of the siblings were interested in teaching careers.

“My folks were very strong advocates of education,” Vibeto said. “Neither of them had a college education, but they felt very strongly that that needed to happen. You wouldn’t think about not going to school.”

Vibeto was fifth in line in the family procession to Minot State. She pursued an interest in special education. Her mentors were Ruth Loucks, Darwin Hirsch and John Kincheloe. Residence hall life complemented the instruction she received in classrooms and labs.

“That was a wonderful experience to get to know people. Some of my best friends are still from there,” she said.

The Tri Sig sorority introduced her to community service. “It wasn’t just social. We did things that were helpful to people,” she said.

Vibeto earned an undergraduate degree in 1974 and a master’s degree in 1980. She has served as program coordinator for Souris Valley Special Services for more than 30 years. The Magic City



*The Hanson siblings, pictured left to right (B): Susan Gates '78, Betty Vibeto '74, Julie Driessen '72, Glenna Mueller '69; (F): Mick Hanson '65, Don Hanson '64*

Council for Exceptional Children recently awarded her its Humanitarian Award.

“Mick” (Maurice) Hanson was the family rebel. He majored in business rather than education. He then enjoyed a career in the U.S. Navy. Fraternity life was a formative experience for him.

“Joining Mu Sigma Tau fraternity certainly did a lot for my social skills. The leadership in the Mu Sigs (made) sure we progressed academically,” he told *Connections* from his home in Loudon, Tenn.

“From an academic viewpoint, Pearl Stusrud, a professor in the Business Department, was my main inspiration,” he said. “MSU certainly provided me with a solid education, and I’ve never felt like coming from a small school ever hindered me in my professional career.”

Glenna (Hanson) Mueller teaches at Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, located on the United Tribes Technical College campus in Bismarck. Two of her three children have attended Minot State. She recites a litany of benefits she received while at MSU.

“There were so many great things about Minot State — proximity to family, teacher education program,

student teaching under Ruth Norem at Minot Model, Greek atmosphere, chance to participate in clubs, activities, dorm life,” she said. “The instructors cared about you, and the classes were small enough that most instructors knew who you were.”

Julie (Hanson) Driessen has taught

business at Underwood for many years.

“Minot State had a friendly, safe environment and had what I wanted to continue my education,” she said. “I received my teaching degree in 1972 and am proud to say I am an alumna.”

Susan (Hanson) Gates was the sixth Hanson to graduate in 1978. While raising five children, she spent much of her early career substitute teaching and teaching in various part-time jobs. In recent years, she taught full time in the junior high at Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Public School. She chose Minot State since it was close to home and had an excellent teacher education program.

Donald Hanson, who taught for years at Mandan, has four children who attended MSU. He started the family tradition of attending Minot State.

“Minot State has been great for our family,” he said. “One brother, four sisters, several nephews and nieces and now two grandchildren attending school there, and all but one have gone into education. The school has done a wonderful job of preparing all of us.”

What started as a trickle has become a deluge. The Hanson family tradition continues.

# the **BETAS** are back!



**A**fter a 25-year hiatus, Minot State University pledge sisters proudly wore yellow and orchid pledge ribbons.

The organization's revitalization resulted from a Beta Theta Sorority reunion during Homecoming 2011, where alumnae decided to revive the sorority. This spring, they held an informational meeting and decided to act immediately due to overwhelming student interest.

The Beta Theta alumnae searched through old pledge manuals and their memories to recreate a pledge program.

Nancy Fuller, wife of MSU President David Fuller, joined the sorority as an honorary patroness.

On April 29, 2012, 21 young women were initiated into the Beta Theta Sorority. Alumnae from the '30s through the '80s attended the initiation ceremony.



Like sorority members who preceded them, the new Beta Thetas actively participate in all campus and community organizations. As a service project, they sold 653 roses to raise money for the YWCA's flood recovery.


The Beta Theta Sorority, the third sorority in the school's history, was chartered Jan. 13, 1928. Through the years, the Betas chose to remain a local sorority, believing this best served the sorority, its members and the school.

The sorority joins the Mu Sigma Tau Fraternity as the first Greek entities to return to the MSU campus.

Multitalented **HOLMEN** shines in busy first year







# Micah Holmen remembers when he first fell in love with music.

**H**OLMEN was in jazz band in seventh grade and knew it would be his career path.

“My biggest inspiration is a relative, Kenny Holmen, who is in Prince’s band,” he said. “I just love listening to him. There is nothing better than performing.”

But fast forward to his freshman year in college, and Holmen’s younger version probably would have a tough time understanding the amount of work he has had to put in to chase his dream.

Along with chasing the dream of performing, Holmen also continues to chase another childhood dream – baseball. Holmen is a part of the Beavers 2012 baseball team.

“You know, you get out of it what you put in, and no one is forcing me to do either (music or baseball), but yeah, it was a busy year,” he said.

A typical day for Holmen this past school year consisted of classes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., as he took 18 credits both semesters. Around his normal class hours, Holmen attended rehearsals from three to 4 p.m. and had three to five hours of private practice to perfect his saxophone skills.

“That’s pretty hard to do every day,” Holmen said with a wry smile. “But that’s the goal.”

And then there is baseball. Holmen would normally practice with the Beavers baseball team from 4 to 6 p.m., noting he was usually late each day. That doesn’t

count conditioning, hitting groups and fielding work.

“The biggest thing for me is the understanding from coach (Brock) Weppler and all of my professors,” he said. “I certainly couldn’t do this if it weren’t for them.”

It was that kind of personal service that sealed the deal for Holmen to attend Minot State. While his grandfather Bob Holmen taught at Minot State, and his father Barry played both football and baseball for the Beavers, there wasn’t too much pressure from family to stay in Minot.

But the flexibility of both the Division of Music and the baseball program finalized the deal.

“Family is really important for me, but there wasn’t any pressure to make a decision either way,” Holmen said. “I basically narrowed it down between MSU and North Dakota State, but how both athletics and academics were willing to work with me sealed it.

“Minot State is the perfect fit for me. The Division of Music is great, and being a part of this team last year was awesome.”

Holmen’s long days have paid off as he was selected to the North American Saxophone Alliance in Phoenix, Ariz., this past spring. The event was part workshop,

part competition that was an invaluable experience for the freshman.

“It was an eye-opener,” he said. “There were grad school kids just tearing it up.”

He was hoping his baseball and music worlds would collide in a big way this summer, as Holmen applied to perform the National Anthem at the College World Series in Omaha in June. While he wasn’t selected this time around, he figures there will be future opportunities.

“I figured I would apply this year and see what happens,” he said. “I can see myself getting a job on a cruise ship or with Disney World or something like that, just so I can perform in front of people. The College World Series would be great. It’s something I have thought about being able to do for a long time.”

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Holmen doesn’t see his busy MSU schedule slowing down any in the near future either.

“I plan on doing both next year, and we will see from there,” he said. “I get to do two things I love.”



# Walhaug continues legendary career with Hall of Fame selection



Gary Walhaug figures there is a simple formula to explain his stellar career as a teacher, athletic director and coach.

“I enjoy what I am doing,” Walhaug said. “That has a lot to do with it. That and probably longevity – survival. I have been involved with teaching and coaching a long time.”

His enjoyment has translated into nearly 40 years of education, whether it was on the basketball court, the track and field oval or in the classroom. For that dedication, Walhaug was recently inducted into the North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame.

“It was a big honor for me,” he said.

“There are so many coaches and so many athletic directors who are in the NDIAAA Hall of Fame whom I remember watching and learning from. It was a real good honor.”

Walhaug has been at Surrey High School since 1976 and is no stranger to athletic success as a coach and as an administrator. He coached state-qualifying girls’ basketball teams (1981 and 1987) and boys’ basketball (1983) and has placed in state with both boys cross country (1978 and 1979) and girls cross country (2011).

“We have had a lot of good athletes come through, and I have had good coaches to work with. That makes my job a lot easier,” he said.

Minot State also has played a large role in shaping Walhaug’s Hall of Fame career. He graduated in 1970 with a degree in physical education and business education. The ties didn’t stop with graduation, however, as he has been an assistant coach with both the men’s and women’s basketball programs, the past 14 as an assistant to Sheila Green Gerding on the women’s team.

“I got a good education at MSU, and I developed my leadership qualities then,” he said. “You learn a lot on the run with this job, but my connection with Minot State started it. I have been really happy with the opportunity to be able to continue my association with the university through coaching.”

*“An investment in knowledge  
pays the best dividends.*

*- Ben Franklin*

*M*INOT STATE UNIVERSITY is opening its doors again to a new academic year filled with hopes, dreams and expectations. It is an exciting and bustling time on campus. The new Wellness Center; is open, academic programs are continuing to be nationally recognized; and our athletic teams are officially competing in NCAA Division II and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

A quotation from the first annual catalog of the State Normal School at Minot in 1913 still remains true nearly 100 years later. “With the coming of the opening of the school, the real work will begin. A work which in the moral worth given to it, will be bigger and more far-reaching than navies, armies and fortifications. Bigger than the wealth of our fields, mines and banks. This institution will aim to touch directly the real life and practical needs of ambitious young men and women of this rapidly growing northwest section of our state. Yet, at the same time it will keep steadily in view the greater truth, that character, not wealth or numbers, is our safest and best American ideal.”

As Minot State enters its 99th year of service, a grateful look backward at the legacy of quality instruction that has shaped the lives of thousands of students, reminds us to give thanks for those who came before us. We can give thanks for those who have given of their time, their talents and their finances to ensure that the legacy will continue.

If you are in a position to help a student with college expenses, or a faculty member, or a program dear to you, this is a great time to take that step. We can help. Please contact the Advancement Office at 701-858-3399 or me personally at [marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu](mailto:marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu).

— Marv Semrau, VP for Advancement

# 29th annual Gala dinner & auction



Val Bruels and Leslie Coughlin '01



Angela '00 and Mike Zerr



Mike and Teresa King, and Carla '10 and Kevin '00 Vigested



Tracy Henry, Brekka Kramer '98 and Bianca Grosche pose for a picture while bidding on silent auction items



Joan and Ted '75 Brinkman



Doris Slaaten '49 and Adelaide Johnson '47



Ellen Simmons '68, Arlene Saugstad and Margret enjoyed an elegant evening



Tom Wentz Jr. models his purchase of the night



Stacey and Mike '01 Gietzen



Drs. Kim Krohn and John Fishpaw pose with their new MSU mascot



This year's Gala co-chairs Gloria Lokken '72, Rob Anderson '83 and Ellen Simmons '68



Millie and Orlin '58 Backes



Ryan and Jessical Ackerman



Kathy Aas '11 is the proud winner of Fergie's shoes

# Arizona — 2012



Jerry Goetz '64, Marv Semrau, Jim Charlebois '75 and Greg Luck participated in the alumni golf social.



Betty Flygare '64 and Gayle Iverson '63 enjoyed the alumni social at Orlin '58 and Millie Backes' home.



Lynn Courter '74 and Butch Knittel grilled hotdogs for fans that attended the MSU baseball games.



There was a great turnout of alumni and friends for the alumni gathering hosted at Jay '75 and Dyanne Altringer's Arizona home.



Bill Mowbray, Don Hummel '75, Jay Altringer '75 and Lynn Courter '74 teamed up for the alumni golf social at the Grandview Golf Course.



Dwight '69 and Jane '69 Ormiston, Dyanne Altringer, Sherry Hummel and Leslie Mowbray had a great time at the alumni social hosted by Jay '75 and Dyanne Altringer's home.



Marv Semrau, Jan Hinzpeter, Tom Hinzpeter '68, Karen Jensen and Orlin Backes '58



Gordon Roen '62, Ken Torgerson, Cleone "Chris" Roen '63 and Pat Torgerson '69 had a great time catching up!

# 2012 Golf Events



Jodi Swedlund, Dede Swedlund, Rosie Jungers and Danaka Walz



Casey Olson, Aaron McKechnie '03, Denny McKechnie and Ryan Derheim



Scott Kittell, John Clock, Scott Lindgren and Jeff Senger



Darrell Leier, Sue Leier, McKenzie Arlien and Mike Arlien '01



Alan VanDelinder, Dan Langemo, Cody Duchscherer and John Groves '05



Randy Hauck, Bill Mowbray, Andy Forsberg and Jeff Michalenko '73



Tom Ross, Cassidy Kersten, Rick Hedberg '89 and Jonn Knecht '92



Gary Myhre '74, Benji Miller, Zach Berube and Jayme Berube

## 1959

**Richard Limke** was inducted into the Western State College of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame. He was an assistant coach of the 1976 Mountaineer football team that ranked fourth in the nation in NCAA Division II.

## 1961

**Darryl Strube** of Brokers 12 received the Top Producing Broker/Realtor Award.

## 1963

Professor emeritus **William Schaefer's** photographic exhibit titled "Faces of World War II – Clarke County, Iowa," was featured at the Gold Star Military Museum, located at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. Schaefer's exhibit depicts WWII veterans during their service to the nation and in the present. Each photo includes biographical and military service information about the featured veteran. After attending Minot State University, he taught high school history in North Dakota and developed an interest in photography. He earned master's and doctorate degrees in photographic communication from Indiana University at Bloomington, Ind. Schaefer taught photography for almost 30 years at Grand View and retired in 2009.

## 1966

**Delton Strube** of Brokers 12 received the Top Producing Broker/Realtor Award.

## 1967

**Gene Eggen** was awarded Multi-Million Dollar Producer by Signal Realtors for 2011.

## 1968

**Ellen (Slaamod) Simmons**

was named North Dakota Middle School Counselor of the Year through the N.D. Schools Counseling Association. Candidates for this award must demonstrate leadership in their schools, communities and profession at the local, regional, state, or national level.



**Mike Kelly** of Laguna Niguel, Calif., has formed Enviro-Frac in Minot, a company with distribution rights for Anolite, a disinfectant used in fracturing oil and gas wells. It provides direct delivery in the Bakken geographic area.

**Elaine Larson** retired May 11, 2012, as director of Teacher Adviseement and Field Placement at MSU. Larson taught for 41 years, with 34 years at Minot State University.

## 1969

**Richard K. Anderson** was promoted to president and chief executive officer of First Western Bank and Trust. Anderson has been with First Western Bank for 43 years and is a past director of the N.D. Bankers Association.



**Mary (Winthrop) Manross** was recently inducted into the Scottsdale, Ariz., Hall of Fame. Manross has been very successful in her political career serving two terms on the City Council and two terms as mayor.

## 1970

**Gary Walhaug** was inducted into the N.D. Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame April 1, 2012.

## 1971

**Gary Mortensen** was inducted into the N.D. Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame.

**Alan Walter** retired March 30, 2012 as public works director for the City of Minot after 44 years of service. Shortly after retirement, Walter joined Ackerman-Estfold Engineering and Management Consulting Inc.

## 1972

Minot Mayor **Curt Zimbelman** has received Souris Basin Planning Council's annual Basil O'Connell Community Leadership Award in recognition of exceptional community leadership and service.

Zimbelman was also awarded the Community Character Builders Award at the annual Character Counts Awards Banquet. Zimbelman has been the mayor of Minot since 2002.

**Beth (Peterson) Wentworth** is currently assistant professor of mathematics at Chadron State College. Wentworth received her doctorate in curriculum and instructional/mathematics education from the University of Minnesota in December 2009. She and husband John live in Chadron, Neb.

## 1973

**Arlyn Marquardt** retired June 7, 2012 from the Minot Public School system after nearly 40 years of service. His most recent position was assistant superintendent. Marquardt first came to Minot when he was stationed at the Minot Air Force Base. He and his wife, Donna, are originally from Wisconsin and have four grandchildren.



**Sheryl Solberg** retired after 34 years with the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

## 1974

**Wayne Biberdorf** was named western North Dakota's energy impact coordinator March 22, 2012. Biberdorf will work in the oil patch to help meet the challenges that come with rapid development. He will monitor local issues and report on the region's needs to the governor's office, cabinet members and other state agency officials. He started his career as a teacher in the Minot Public School System. He held various management and engineering positions for the Hess Corporation in Tioga. He has been actively involved with the Northwest Workforce Advisory Board and the N.D. Training Advisory Board at Williston State College.

## 1975

**Ralph Charley** retired as Souris Valley Special Services director after 38 years of service.

**Anne (Olson) Junker** retired in May 2012 from Reede Gray Elementary. Junker has been in the education field for 35 years. She most recently taught kindergarten. Her husband, Wayne, is also retired after being a fourth-grade teacher for 40 years.

## 1976

**Mark Bickler** of Brokers 12 received the Top Producing Broker/Realtor Award.

## 1977

**Lyle Lamoureux** has been named retail branch manager of the Bottineau and Dunseith branches of Starion Financial. He supervises personal bankers, customer service representatives and tellers at both banks.

## 1979

**Thomas Eisfelder**, after receiving his Bachelor of Social Work from Minot State University, acquired his Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois in Champaign. Eisfelder recently retired.

## 1980

**Jeff Campbell** accepted a risk management position with Starion Financial in North Dakota and Wisconsin, effective Jan. 1, 2013. The new position is based in Mandan. Campbell has been market president of the Starion Financial branches in Dunseith, Rolla and Bottineau since the company merged with Security State Bank in October 2011. Prior to the merger, he was the chief executive officer and president of Security State Bank.

## 1981

**Patrick Gores**, a managing partner with Northwestern Mutual in Fargo, received the company's Managing Partner Growth Award. Gores also qualified for the Diamond Award from the General Agents and Managers Association. The Growth Award recognizes overall excellence in agency development, and the Diamond Award recognizes commissions earned in excess of \$2.7 million in 2011. This is the 15th

time he has earned the Diamond Award.

**1982**

**Lonnie Berg** received the Sales Person of the Year and also received sales department awards for most new machines sold and highest machine revenue from Midwest Business Systems at its annual awards night.

**Brian Berg** earned Million-Dollar Producer by Signal Realtors for 2011.

**1984**

After spending seven years working for GE Capital in Connecticut, **Lynn Kunnanz** now works remotely from home as a reporting analytics leader. She still passes along valuable pointers from MSU Professor Emeritus Doris Slaaten's business communications course.

**Curt Kraft** was inspired to get into coaching by late MSU track and field coach Wiley Wilson. Kraft is currently coaching both the men's and women's track and field teams at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., where he led the women to their first Conference USA indoor title Feb. 26, 2012.

**1986**

**Kevin Burckhard**, a managing director with Northwestern Mutual Insurance of Minot, was honored with the company's Outstanding Achievement in Recruiting and Sales Award. This award recognizes overall excellence of managing directors in the Northwestern Mutual system and requires managing directors to both achieve individual sales goals and office recruiting goals each year.

**1988**

**DeLynn Weishaar** of Brokers 12 received the Top Producing Broker/Realtor award.

**Jandy (Herman) Jorgensen** was chosen Ag Woman of the

Year at the Farm Expo in Sheridan County, Montana.

**1989**

**John Kay**, senior research manager at Energy and Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks, manages carbon dioxide-separation research related to bench-, pilot-, and demonstration-scale equipment for the advancement of the technology. He holds a bachelor's degree in geological engineering from UND and an associate's degree in engineering studies from Minot State University. Prior to his current duties, he served as a research manager at the EERC.

**Flint Forsberg** of Brokers 12 received the Top Producing Broker/Realtor Award.

**1991**

**Brett Holtz** was hired as a commercial loan officer by Town and Country Credit Union. Holtz has more than 16 years of experience in the financial industry, including positions as a finance underwriter, serving as a traveling due diligence auditor and as a loan reviewer/investigations within the FDIC.

**1992**

**Stephanie (Gerhardt) Hoffart** was promoted to vice president of the Minot Area Development Corporation. She is training for certification as an economic development finance professional through the National Development Council.

**Brenda (Juergens) Foster** was promoted to senior vice president of First Western Bank and Trust. Foster has been with the bank since 1981. She is a board member for the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota, Minot Public Schools and Minot Public School Foundation.



**Jonn Knecht** has been named Minot market president for American Bank Center. Knecht is

currently president of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce.

**1993**

**Renee Boehrns**, PA-C, was honored as the May Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, S.D. Boehrns earned a Bachelors of Science in Nursing at Minot State University. She then completed her Physician Assistant Degree at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Prior to joining the HSC staff, she worked with Dr. Jo Bugbey, in Vermillion, S.D. Boehrns and her husband, Bruce, have two grown daughters and nine grandchildren.

**Anita Quaglia** has been named manager of the Starion Financial branch on South Washington St. and Bismarck Expressway in Bismarck.; this is in addition to her management of the North Washington St. and Century Avenue location. Quaglia joined Starion in 2006 and was promoted to vice president in 2011.

**Jason Olson** has been named chief of police for the City of Minot.

**1994**

**Mark Koivula**, family nurse practitioner, has joined the St. Alexius Medical Center's hospitalist program. He is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

**Tonya (Biberdorf) Hunsakor** received the Middle School Principal of the Year award. She currently is the principal at TGU Granville.



**Barbara (Fuller) Myhre** retired from Boise State University in June 2011. Myhre is currently living full time "on the road" in a fifth-wheel RV. She spent the 2011-12 winter in Yuma, Ariz., and spring 2012 in Poulso, Wash.

**1995**

**Niki (Nygaard) Brose** has realized a longtime dream and opened her own flower shop. Flower Central is located at 405 East Central Avenue in Minot.



**Michael Myk** was awarded a master's degree in educational studies from the University of Alberta. He is the social studies head at Lawton Junior High School in Edmonton, Alberta.

**Dawn (Cramer) Ver Bruggen** was awarded the graduate-realtors institute by the N.D. Association of Realtors.

**Michael Braun** has been named a member of the Million Dollar Round Table for 2012 by State Farm Insurance. Membership in this club is achieved by less than one percent of all life insurance and financial services advisers worldwide. This is his second year of achieving this status. Braun also qualified for membership in the State Farm Insurance 2011 President's Club. This achievement recognizes the 50 top producing agents companywide. He has been named a Century Club qualifier as well.

**1996**

**David Chapman** was promoted to sergeant by the Minot Police Department. Chapman served in the North Dakota Army National Guard from 1988 to 2006. He graduated with a degree in criminal justice.

**Jason Sundbakken** has worked for the Minot Police Department since July of 1996. He is currently a lieutenant in charge of the Investigations Division. He and his wife, Melody, have two daughters, ages 12 and 9.

**1997**

**Todd Kaylor** was named the state's 2011 High School Principal of the Year by the N.D. Association of Secondary School Principals. As



an award recipient, Kaylor will be invited by MetLife and NASSP to be honored at the symposium in Washington, D.C.



**1998**

**Andrea (Nero) Finders** was named Teacher of the Month by KUMV-TV for April 2012. Finders teaches first grade at Rickard Elementary School in Williston.

**1999**

**Shannon (Greenup) Hoiland** was named market president/business banking manager for the Wells Fargo Bank in Great Falls, Mont.

**2000**



**Kevin Vigested** was promoted to vice president of First International Bank and Trust.

**Jason Feller**, Bitz Communications, was a May 2012 recipient of the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award. The award recognizes workers in Minot who exhibit superior customer service.

**2003**

**Jean (Schweyen) Bryans** of Brokers 12 received the Top Producing Broker/Realtor Award.

**Mark Waldera** was appointed director of primary care for the west region of Essentia Health in January 2012. Waldera will collaborate with providers, clinic managers and staff to support operations of the Fargo-Moorhead Primary Care sites and N.D. regional clinic locations, including those in Jamestown, Valley City and Medina.

**2004**

Soprano **Joann Martinson** achieved second place in The American Prize in vocal performance, Friedrich & Virginia Schorr Memorial Awards, professional opera division for 2012.



Martinson was selected from applications from across the U.S. "The American Prize," founded in 2009, is a series of annual non-profit competitions, designed to recognize and reward the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the country.

**DelRae Zimmerman** of Brokers 12 received awards for being a Top Producing Broker, Tops in Listings Sold, Tops in Volume and Top Producer.

**Lyndee (Hoiland) Hesper** has accepted a fourth-grade teaching position at Burlington-Des Lacs Elementary School for Fall 2012. She previously taught fourth grade at Minnewaukan Public School for seven years.

**2005**

**Luis Estrada** was promoted to assistant data processing administrator at First Western Bank and Trust. Estrada joined the bank in 2003.

**Aaron Solomonson** returned to college and received his power plant degree from Bismarck State College. He is currently working at Leland Olds Station in Stanton, which is run by Basin Electric Cooperative. He and his wife, Alexis, were married Sept. 9, 2010, and have a son, Jaxon Duane. The Solomonsons live in Washburn.

**2006**

**Paul Dennis** created an Android program called RingFilter. The program allows someone to set a schedule, anytime during the day or night, to designate when people are allowed to call. The numbers of family and friends can be allowed in case of emergency. RingFilter can be found on the Android Market.

**Lori (Seidler) Opdahl** has been named the business manager for North Central Electric Cooperative Nov. 7, 2012. She oversees the business department and is responsible for



the cooperative's electric billing, material billing, accounting and payroll processes.

**Gary Morphis** is currently enrolled in the doctor of business administration program at California Southern University, Irvine.

**2007**

**Mathew Jensen** was promoted to assistant vice president of First International Bank and Trust.



**Darren Armstrong**, coordinator of the Joint Replacement Center and Geriatric Fracture Program for Trinity Health, has been promoted to director of therapy services. Armstrong will oversee the department that incorporates inpatient and outpatient physical, occupational and hand-and-speech therapies. Also included will be exercise physiology, sports medicine and the therapies associated with rehab care. Armstrong earned a master's of science in management degree at MSU. Armstrong serves as co-president of the Dakota Rattlers Wrestling Club and is on the board for the Minot Youth Baseball Association. He and his wife, Amy, have two children.

**Zachary Burdick** has joined Bremer Bank in Minot as a business banker in June. Burdick will work with a variety of business clients in the Minot area. He previously worked as a business relationship manager for Wells Fargo Bank in Minot.

**2008**

**Audra Wyman** was promoted to mortgage loan officer for United Community Bank of Minot. She has been with the bank for the past five years and most recently served as a loan processor.

**Chad Gifford**, Central Campus High School, and **Brock DesLauriers**, First International Bank & Trust, were Minot High School recipients of the Minot

Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in May 2012. The award recognizes workers in Minot who exhibit superior customer service.

**2009**

**Tyler Hesper** is currently teaching grades 5-12 music for United No. 7 School District (Des Lacs-Burlington). He taught PK-12 music in Minnewaukan for two years prior to accepting this position.

**2010**

**Erin (Dostert) Sund** and Matt Sund were married April 27, 2012 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. Erin is a registered representative and registered principal with local broker/dealer, Capital Financial Services, Inc. She will complete her Masters of Science in management from Minot State University this fall. Matt is a combination technician with SRT. They make their home in Minot.



**Grant Earich** recently finished his second service with the United States Peace Corps. He has served in Peace Corps Response in Golden Grove, Antigua and Barbuda, as a technical operations manager for Antigua State College. He previously served in Vinnytsia, Ukraine, from 2006 to 2008 as a Teaching English as a Foreign Language instructor at an English specialization school.

**Katie Hanson** is a program coordinator for Easter Seals Goodwill ND, Inc. in Minot. Hanson provides respite care and foster care case management for

children with disabilities in Regions I and II. She lives in Minot with her husband, Michael, a locomotive engineer for BNSF, and their 16-month-old daughter, Mason.

#### Mallori B. (McLees)

**Aschenbrenner** received the highest score in the country on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Part I Applied Basic Science Examination. She is a current fourth-year optometric intern at Southern Calif. College of Optometry and has been named the recipient of the 2012 Dr. Norman E. Wallis Award of Excellence. Overall, 1,811 candidates took the exam.

**Mallory Westby** is the assistant community manager for Investors Real Estate Trust. She completed her National Apartment Leasing Professional certification.

2011



**Whitney Loftesnes** was hired by PricewaterhouseCooper as an internal specialist in Minneapolis.

**Gino Maxi** was hired by Souris River Telephone as a network operation specialist.



**Kim Nicholls** is the first floor nurse manager at Bethany on University in Fargo. Nicholls is responsible for managing and supervising the Transitional Care Unit as well as the Skilled Neighborhoods.

2012

**Aaron (Jaeger) Hughes** and **Ashley (Gendron) Duchsherer** are the owners of Hint of Whimsy,



a stylized photography and party-planning boutique in Minot.

**Tara Kuntz** was hired as a fifth grade teacher in Tioga for Fall 2012.

**Zach Rudolph** was hired as a graduate assistant for the Southern Illinois University football program. He is pursuing a master's degree in sports studies.

**Bethany Truhler Shehan** was hired by Flathead School District in Kalispell, Mont., to teach math and work with at-risk students beginning the fall of 2012.

#### Attended

**Alecia Berg** received the Top Producer Award from Signal Realtors for 2011.

**Tom Ross** has been named a marketing consultant for Odney.

#### Friends

**Dennis Helgeson** achieved membership into the Million Dollar Round Table-The Premier Association of Financial Profes-

sionals. Helgeson is a 22-year member of the group.

**I Keating Furniture World's** four N.D. Ashley Homestores were recognized nationally by Ashley Homestores Ltd. They received awards as the only licensees with multiple stores reporting zero customer service issues. Each of I Keating Furniture's N.D. stores, located in Bismarck, Dickinson, Minot and Williston, were honored. Minot and Williston sites were awarded 100 percent customer satisfaction for the past two years. Chuck Kramer '76 is president of I. Keating Furniture World.

**Jim Tschetter** retired in May 2012 as Erik Ramstad Middle School principal after 35 years in education.

## CLASS NOTES

Please let us hear from you with news of your career updates, marriage, family, address change, etc.

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## 4th Annual Global Sights Photography Competition

In celebration of International Education Week, the Minot State University Office of International Programs invites all MSU students, faculty, staff, retirees, and alumni to enter the **MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL SIGHTS PHOTO CONTEST!**

**Submission Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 4 p.m.**

Prizes awarded and winners' work will be enlarged and displayed on campus during International Education Week, Nov. 12 – 16. An electronic photo gallery is also available on the MSU website to display winning entries.

For complete contest guidelines, visit:

[www.minotstateu.edu/international/photo\\_contest.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/international/photo_contest.shtml)



First Place (Students):

*I Think I'll Just Sit Here*

Photographer: **McKenzie Rudolph**, MSU Student majoring in International Business and Spanish

Taken: October 2011

Location: Marbella (Andalucia) Spain

First Place (Faculty, Staff, Retirees and Alumni):

*Perspective*

Photographer: **Charissa Arneson**, Class of 2005 MSU Alumna

Taken: December 2010

Location: Recoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires, Argentina

# In memoriam...

*It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately January 2012 to June 2012, or as submitted.*

## Graduates .....

- '30 Holbach (McNamara), Margaret; Minot
- '32 Wold, Dagny; Plentywood, Mont.
- '33 Christianson (Ehart), Sarah L.; Granville
- '34 Page (Saastad), Olga; Bismarck
- '37 Helseth (Anderson), Lucille T.; Minneapolis, Minn.
- '37 Putnam (Kinsey), Irene; Saint Helens, Ore.
- '39 Southers, LeRoy W.; Spokane, Wash.
- '40 Lande (Doten), Muriel; Douglas, Wyo.
- '40 Solberg, Bernard; Valley City
- '42 Krueger (Stenerson), Lovila; Grand Forks
- '43 Ellis (Pederson), Eva; Billings, Mont.
- '46 Fairbrother (Drablos), Betty; Towner
- '47 Fossum, Ruth; Fargo
- '47 Hahn (Klammer), Gloria; Minnetonka, Minn.
- '47 Keck (Lyon), Donna; Merced, Calif.
- '48 Anderson, Melvin; Watford City
- '48 Blikre (Nygaard), LaVonne; Fargo
- '48 Duerr (Grunstead), Marion; Chico, Calif.
- '48 Sorenson (Payne), Delores "Babe"; Minot
- '51 Herrala, F. Duane; Apache Junction, Ariz.
- '52 Selk (Green), Darlene; East Grand Forks, Minn.
- '53 Hoover, Robert J.; Williston
- '53 Johnson, Jack G.; Northfield, Minn.
- '53 Sorum, Marvin; Kenmare
- '55 Gange, Marie; Minot
- '55 Schlaht (Finch), Lois; Bismarck
- '56 Britsch (Huettl), Audrey; Lake Oswego, Ore.
- '57 Rehmer, Harold; Kirkland, Wash.
- '58 Johns, Walter M.; Auburn, Wash.
- '60 Pfeiffer (Pfenning), Juanita; Grand Forks
- '61 Anderson, Norman A.; Minot
- '61 Knutson, Orlyn D.; Kalispell, Mont.
- '61 Nelson (Weller), Carol; Garrison
- '61 Twamley, Robert D.; Waltham, Mass.
- '64 Snyder (Westereng), Eileen; Minot
- '65 Bonsness (Brenno), Joan; Minot
- '65 Kupser, George J.; Las Vegas, Nev.
- '66 Linnertz, Joseph C.; Bismarck
- '68 Scurlock (Johnson), Margaret; Max
- '69 Rice, Floyd E.; St. Paul, Minn.
- '70 Kent (Brekke), Avis; Fargo
- '74 Ulberg (Lulai), Marsha; Minot

- '76 Inkelaar, Freddie R.; Kirksville, Missouri
- '76 Johnston (Jenson), Jennell; Austin, Texas
- '78 Gilbertson (Roesch), Karen; Minot
- '79 Martin, Nannette; Devils Lake
- '80 Andrist (Wright); Johanne; Deering
- '81 Alme (Hegge), Roberta; Fargo
- '81 Savelkoul, Corinne A.; Fargo
- '82 Larson (Flom), Michelle; Minot
- '84 Powell, William; Youngstown, Ohio
- '86 Beston (White Twin), Agnes; Parshall
- '98 Haugen (Farris), Laurie; Scottsbluff, Neb.
- '01 Brien (Giglio), Jeanette; Belcourt
- '01 Fries, Donna M.; Mott

## Attended .....

- Anderson (Barton), J. Catherine "Kitty"; Powers Lake
- Bolte, Charles; Minot
- Clark, James Jr.; Dillon, Mont.
- Coffey-Bolkan, Susann T.; Minot
- Donahoe (Karbo), Josiane; Sandpoint, Idaho.
- Elliot (Sampson), Ada; Littleton, Colo.
- Evenson, Arvelle; Minot
- Evenson (Holland), May H.; Marysville, Wash.
- Gade, Ronald J.; Minot
- Grubb (Tooley), Mary P.; Tioga
- Holte, Clayton; Columbus
- Holzer (Ewert), Kathleen; Bismarck
- Laity (Helle Olson), Lila; Butte, Mont.
- Lalim (Fjelstad), Roberta "Bobbi"; Tioga
- Liebelt, Norbert R.; Minot
- Lovo (Pepper), Ashley; Minot
- Lucius (Hegle), Corda; Minot
- Matehs, Kenneth J.; Upham
- Meier, Raymond D.; Minot
- Melland (Kjos), Dolores; Hampden
- Miller (Hennenfent), Deborah; Donnybrook
- Morriset, Richard H.; Agawam, Mass.
- Mygland (Romine), Jeanette; Rugby
- Niemitalo, John W. Jr; Belden
- Paulson (Kolstad), Edna; Richardton
- Peltoniemi, Carl W.; Wadena, Minn.
- Prichard, LeRoy; Sidney, Mont.
- Roderick, Shawn; LaFollette, Tenn.
- Rose (Jorgenson), Loraine; Rugby
- Sands, Ernest; Minot
- Schoenberg (Bjelland), Betty; Minot
- Selberg (Otterness), Joyce; Minot
- Starr, Mavis E.; Cando
- Stokes, Wallace; Williston

- Thielges, Leon; Enderlin
- Ulland (Briggs), Lorene; Kalispell, Mont.
- Van Gunten, Jr., Ray H.; Findlay, Ohio
- Welo (Hallum), Nettie; Minot

## Friends .....

- Aamot (Thorsdahl), Ethel; Tioga
- Baldwin, Joel K.; Minot
- Beecher (Pederson), Evelyn; Minot
- Benton (New), Vera; Minot
- Bergmann (Ray), Sandra; Minot
- Bittay (Olson), Linda L.; Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Butz, Mark J.; Rugby
- Crawford, Billie; Minot
- Debertin (Dittus), Rosemary; Berthold
- Fedorchak, Michael; Minot
- Forthun (Steffan), Laura; Minot
- Goldan, Jim; Camby, Ore.
- Haskins (Engh), Karen; Bismarck
- Hennessy (Alexander), Darlene; Minot
- Hennessy (Carmody), Mary; Grand Forks
- Johnson (Berntson), Dolores J.; Minot
- Johnson, James B.; Minot
- Jung, Gary; Norwich
- Lester (Johnson), Shirley; Plaza
- Lindberg, Ronald; Perth
- Lindemann, Larry; Valley City
- Neiss, Frank J.; Minot
- Nygaard, Roland; Devils Lake
- Palmer (Hale), Holly; Frederick, Md.
- Parisien, Kenneth R.; Belcourt
- Polk, Dan A.; Bismarck
- Pranke, Kent; Maddock
- Purdy (Fenney), Marlys; Bismarck
- Satrom, Jeanette; Valley City
- Schweyen (Skinn), Betty; Minot
- Sigloh, Elizabeth; Minot
- Stevenson, Robert A.; Lewiston, Idaho.
- Thorson, Sheldon E.; Pleasanton, Calif.
- Vachal, Leo; White Earth
- Vig (Eldred), Kelly; Mohall
- Warner (Joyce), Alice; Minot
- Weigel (Aberle), Marian; Napoleon

## Faculty & Staff .....

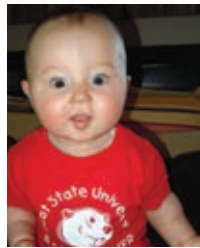
- Brennan, Shirley Y.; former consumer support specialist with NDCPD
- Grimes, Veronica; professor emeritus of elementary education
- Johnson (Loughead), Genevieve; former cook in MSU Food Services



Have you had an addition to your family within the last 12-18 months? We want to know! Contact Kate at [kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu) to receive a free T-shirt for your new little Beaver! Please be sure to tell us your baby's name and birth date. After you have received your baby beaver T-shirt, send us your baby's photos! E-mail your photo to [kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu).



Gage Richard was born May 26, 2011, in Minot, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Proud parents are **Justin '10** and **Whitney '10** (Stanley) **Aberle**.



**Travis '06** and **Jennifer '06** (Sundahl) **Becker** became proud parents Oct. 8, 2011, to Liam Jerome. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20¾ inches long.



Mason Elizabeth was born to **Michael** and **Katie '10** (Dostert) **Hanson** March 19, 2011. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.



Ellie Jean was born to **Pat** and **Amy '01** (Simmons) **Artz** on August 31, 2011. Ellie weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Welcome to the world, little one!



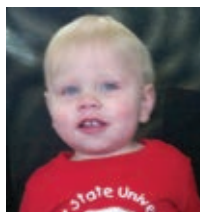
**Tracy** and **Sheryl '93** (Yesenko) **Burkhart** welcomed their fourth child, Danica Hayden, Jan. 12, 2012, in Sioux Falls, S.D. Danica weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. She joins brothers Brandan, Trevor and Stephan.



**Tyler '09** and **Lyndee '04** (Hoiland) **Heser** welcomed their first child, Teegan John, born Aug. 23, 2011, at 10:27 p.m. in Minot. Teegan weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20¼ inches long.



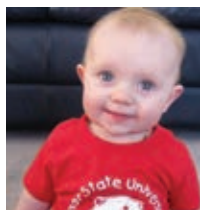
Elliot Therese was born to **Reiss '97** and **Keylee** (Hertz) **Barnett** on Nov. 22, 2010, in Bismarck. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Elliot joins big sister Savannah Erica and big brother Keller Gray.



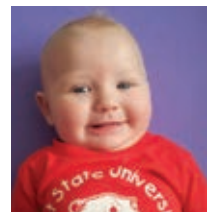
**John '05** and **Melissa '05** (McLennan) **Ericsson** welcomed Nicholas Quinn Oct. 24, 2010, in Minot. He was 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20¼ inches long. He joins big brother Seth (4) and big sister Dana Buffington (19).



Kenley Carter was born Dec. 15, 2011, in Minot to **Patrick Kitzman** and **Christina '11** **Lynch**. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19½ inches long.



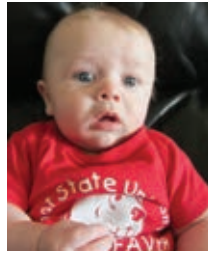
Jenna Alyse was welcomed to the world Aug. 1, 2011, by **Robert '96** and **Shawna Garnsey**. Jenna was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, and weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.



**Dan** and **Taryn '99** (Chudyk) **Neva** welcomed a daughter, Noelle Elizabeth, Aug. 11, 2011, in Calgary, Alberta. Noelle weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Welcome to the world, little one!



Sienna Rae was born Sept. 14, 2011, in Williston to **Kyle and Shalene '07 (Erickson) Nygaard**. She was 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19½ inches long. Sienna joins big brother Kase (4).



Dayne Eli was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Jan. 25, 2012, to **Calvin and Renelle '96 (Merkley) Simons**. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21¼ inches long. He is a brother to Blake and Rhett.



**Patrick '08 and Allison '06 (Schwarz) Torbit** welcomed a baby girl, Kinley Kapria, Dec. 21, 2011, in St. Paul, Minn. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Nixon was born to **Jason '05 and Kara '05 (Pick) Prebushewski** Jan. 17, 2012, in Lethbridge Alberta. He was 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20½ inches long.



**Josh '05 and Regan '05 (Eidsness) Slind** joyfully welcomed Joslin Regan Dec. 21, 2010. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 21½ inches long. She joins big brother Landin, who is 2 years old.



**Phillip and Jennifer '02 (Myhra) Wallender** welcomed Presley Myhra, who was born July 22, 2011, in Bismarck. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. She joins siblings Caleb (10) and Garret (7).



Levi Philip entered the world March 20, 2011, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. He was welcomed by parents **Phil '02 and Kara '02 (Pagels) Ring** of Mankato, Minn.

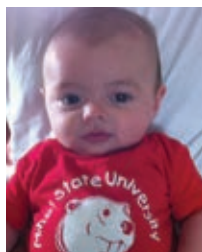


**Ty '07 and Heather '08 (Beaver) Smith** welcomed Nolan Andrew into their family on Aug. 28, 2011. Nolan was born in La Crosse, Wis., weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Nolan has a brother, Donovan, who is 16 years old.

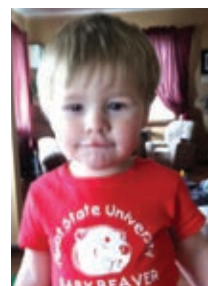


Paxton Mark and Parker Philip were born April 28, 2011 to proud parents **Jeremy and Ashley '07 (Gefroh) Wallner**.

Paxton weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17¾ inches long. Parker weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18 inches long.



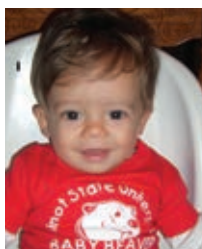
**Matthew (attended '02-'06) and Marcela (Hoeven) Samson** welcomed Crew James April 4, 2012. Crew weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. Welcome to the world!



Jaxon Duane was born July 31, 2010, in Bismarck to proud parents **Aaron '05 and Alexis Solomonson**. Jaxon was 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 20¾ inches long.



**Trevor and Mary '98 (Kessler) Wick**, along with their son, Rylen (6), welcomed Harper Rose to the family July 6, 2011. Harper weighed 4 pounds, 3 ounces and was 17 inches long.



Desmond Kirk was born May 17, 2011, in La Crosse, Wis., to **Andrew and Masery '09 (Bangura) Severn**. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20¾ inches long.

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thu., Aug. 30 (H)	Minnesota State University-Mankato	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 8 (A)	Wayne State College	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 15 (H)	University of Sioux Falls	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 (A)	Upper Iowa University	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 29 (H)	University of Mary	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 6 (A)	Northern State University	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13 (H)	University of Minnesota-Duluth	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 20 (H)	University of Minnesota-Crookston	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27 (A)	Minnesota State University-Moorhead	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 3 (H)	St. Cloud State University	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 10 (A)	Bemidji State University	1:00 p.m.



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## Wednesday, September 12

- Community Block Party, Old Main Lawn, 5-8 P.M.
- Coronation, Old Main Lawn, 7:30 P.M.
- Community Bonfire, 8-9 P.M.—north of MSU Dome

## Thursday, September 13

- Alumni Golden Awards Banquet, Conference Center, 6 P.M.
  - Golden Award 2012 Recipients: Ray Giacoletti '85 and Paul Soderberg '65
  - Alumni Association Young Alumni Achievement Award 2012 Recipient: Kristi Berg '95, '00

## Friday, September 14

- All Alumni Reunion, Holiday Inn, 7 P.M.  
Special Reunion Groups:
  - Tri Sigma
  - Football '91 - '95

## Saturday, September 15

- Homecoming Parade, Downtown Minot to Broadway, to campus, 10:30 A.M.
- Soccer vs. University of Sioux Falls, Herb Parker Stadium, 11 A.M.
- Tailgating, East Dome Parking Lot, 11 A.M.
- Football Game vs. University of Sioux Falls, Herb Parker Stadium, 2:30 P.M.
- Volleyball vs. University of Minn.-Crookston, MSU Dome, 8 P.M.

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*Chelsea (Peterson) and Kent Kirkhammer are both 2006 graduates of Minot State University. Kent is the owner of Newkota Services and Rentals, and Chelsea works for United Community Bank and serves on the Alumni Association board of directors. They live in Minot.*