

# Connections



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# Message from the President



GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO THIS SPRING 2015 CONNECTIONS ISSUE. It has been a busy spring semester at Minot State University with a number of major events you will see highlighted in photos throughout this issue. You will also read about successful current MSU students and alumni, including a feature on Tracey Lawson, a recent recipient of the North

Dakota Association of Elementary School Principal's Golden Apple Award. Congratulations Tracey!

Among recent events, MSU just concluded its 2015 commencement exercises on May 15. It was a privilege partaking in my first MSU graduation, and I want to extend a special word of "Congratulations" to all of our 2015 graduates and newest members of the MSU Alumni Family! There were nearly 800 students in this year's graduating class, and MSU alumnus Nathan Conway was the keynote speaker. Nathan is a Westhope, N.D. native and currently serves as CEO of Fortis Energy Services, a Michigan-based oil and gas well services company. Prior to the general commencement exercises, we held the MSU Graduate School Hooding Ceremony earlier that morning. It is a special ceremony and so wonderful to see these students earn their master's degrees at MSU. That afternoon, I traveled north for the Dakota College at Bottineau Commencement Exercises. It was also heartening to see

the DCB students earn their associate and certificate diplomas. Three special ceremonies certainly made for a fulfilling and rewarding day on May 15; without a doubt, graduation is the best day of the year at any college or university!

In mid-April, we had a week-long celebration at MSU and throughout the community with a series of events related to the presidential inauguration. It was a terrific week of festivities that included a number of community service activities involving MSU students, faculty and staff. My thanks to everyone who helped make Inaugural Week at Minot State such a wonderful celebration for the entire campus.

In early May, we held a ribbon-cutting and grand opening for the recently completed press box, suites, concessions, offices and community room at Herb Parker Stadium. This new \$4 million construction supported by City of Minot funding, along with recent renovations the past few years of the turf field, scoreboard, seating, landscaping and lighting, certainly creates a first-class

athletic complex. Minot State unquestionably now has one of the nicest facilities in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, if not the entire NCAA Division II.

In late February, I had the pleasure of traveling to Arizona with other MSU personnel to attend the alumni reunion events. You will see photos of those activities in this issue (special thanks to Jay and Dyanne Altringer for hosting a large alumni gathering in their home), along with a recap from the Alumni Gala a few weeks ago. The summer months ahead will include alumni golf events and the alumni gathering at the North Dakota State Fair. All of these outreach activities are great ways to connect with MSU alumni and friends, and I hope to see you at one or all of these upcoming events.

Thanks for continuing to support Minot State and our students, and as always, GO BEAVERS!

**STEVEN W. SHIRLEY, PH.D.**  
**PRESIDENT**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve W. Shirley". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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**Inauguration**

A synopsis of weeklong inaugural events in honor of President Steven W. Shirley. The inauguration celebrated MSU's honored past and history of service while advancing its future.

**Cover Photo:**

The Minot Air Force Base Honor Guard presented colors to open the inauguration ceremony.





# INAUGU

MSU'S 11TH PRESIDENT



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**O**n Friday, April 17, 2015, Minot State University formally installed the university's 11th president, Dr. Steven W. Shirley, who took office July 1, 2014. In his inaugural address, Shirley promoted the theme: Create. Connect. Collaborate.

"These are three very simple, yet powerful words upon which I want our faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters to act," Shirley said about the theme, which he felt will enable the university to meet the future's challenges.

Shirley emphasized the importance of Minot State University's commitment to educating students and the fact that the MSU community and elected officials have been key in making that happen. Throughout his comments, he reflected on the proud history of Minot State University and shared insights surrounding several important historical campus milestones. Shirley also spoke of his family's Minot roots and his pride as a native North Dakotan serving the North Dakota University System.

# RATION

DR. STEVEN W. SHIRLEY



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The April 17 inauguration ceremony capped off a week of events celebrating Shirley as MSU's 11th president and commemorating its honored past and history of service while advancing its future. As part of the celebration, Staff Senate donated proceeds from its charitable silent auction to the Minot Backpack Buddy Program; the MSU Alumni Association honored President Shirley at a tree planting ceremony; students enjoyed numerous activities from Bingo Night to a Study Abroad Fair. MSU Student athletes visited area schools,

reading to elementary students and sharing their experiences as university student athletes. MSU students, faculty, staff and groups participated in the creation of a tapestry, representing the diverse backgrounds, cultures, and other exceptional aspects of the campus community; and the entire community enjoyed "Celebration of Talents," a showcase of faculty, staff and student talent. Shirley is also the president of Dakota College at Bottineau, and DCB hosted a public reception in Bottineau on April 21 in honor of Shirley's inauguration.

*Pictured with MSU President Steven W. Shirley, Kevin Melicher (left), State Board of Higher Education member and Terry Hjelmstad (right), chair of SBHE.*



# The road less traveled

Her hope has always been to impact others in a positive way, and that hope has come to fruition in a variety of ways over the years. Most recently, Tracey (Wickman) Lawson, Longfellow Elementary principal, was awarded the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals' Golden Apple Award, which recognized her for leadership in building the culture and community of Longfellow School. But getting to this point was no easy feat.

Lawson took the road less traveled when it came to working in education. After graduating from Minot State University in 1983, she utilized her elementary education degree in a unique way. Lawson worked in retail as a manager at Albertson's Grocery Store in Minot for seven years, then in a variety of positions, including vocational program coordinator and day services program coordinator at the Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop for 10 years.

"I always felt that anytime I was working with people I was putting my education degree to use," Lawson said.

"But, ultimately, I decided I wanted to get back into working with children."

In 2000, the Minot Public Schools put together a grant-funded program, the 21st-Century Community Learning Center Program, and it piqued Lawson's interest.

"I was fortunate to be hired as the project director," she said. "I was given instructions to start the program in four schools. MSU students I hired as program staff then are very successful teachers in our district now. I say to myself, 'Yes! I knew they were natural teachers and would succeed in their field.' To be a positive role

model, see professionalism in the schools and see how teachers teach and how students learn is incredible. And that will only increase with our MSU partnership."

While working in the CLC program, Lawson discovered how much she loved the administrative side of education. She decided to pursue that dream by earning a master's degree in educational leadership from North Dakota State University in 2006. This launched her career to where it is today.

"The summer I completed my master's program, I accepted a position as assistant principal at Washington and

Longfellow Elementaries," she said. "After my first year in that position, I took over as the Longfellow Elementary principal and have been there ever since."

In the past nine years, Lawson has seen the school through thick and thin. In 2009, enrollment was approximately 190 students. Since the flood and economic boom, that number has increased to 525 students at-

tending a newly constructed Longfellow Elementary.

While much has changed over the years, staff has remained a constant, even after the devastating 2011 Mouse River flood. Longfellow suffered extensive flood damage, and Lawson was grateful for staff who not only stayed but also worked tirelessly to put the school back together.

"It was such a difficult time for so many," Lawson said. "The camaraderie of everyone was amazing. One-third of our staff was flooded, yet they came to school every day with smiles on their faces, just true professionals."



Tracey Lawson's routine includes being outside to greet students and parents at the beginning and end of each day.

Not only did the staff have to move everything out of the damaged school, but they also had only five days from when the portables were set up to the start of school.

*Tracey Lawson was awarded the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals Golden Apple Award, which recognized her for leadership in building the culture and community of Longfellow School.*

“We were here around the clock trying to get everything set up,” she said. “But when school started that morning, it looked like we had been set up for months. My staff helped so many students get through that difficult time. I’m most proud of working with staff who lost all they were familiar with and not missing a beat.”

In addition to a hardworking staff, other schools and parent groups helped Longfel-

low as well. When there was no lunchroom and students were eating cold lunches in their classrooms, they purchased pizza for the students. Lawson noted the excitement

among the staff and others in having a voice in the design of the newly expanded school, deciding what would be best to help the teachers teach and students learn.

“So many comment on how wonderful our newly designed school is now,” said the Minot native. “And all we can say is, ‘Yes, it is beautiful!’”

Lawson is proud of all that she’s accomplished, those she’s impacted and her continued

involvement in the community. Staying active has always been important to Lawson, who was a Delta Zeta president and Sig Tau sweetheart during her years at Minot State University.

“I got to know so many people,” she said. “I was reserved in high school, but not so much in college. I was very active, and it made such a positive impact on me. Those relationships carried over to today.”

Lawson has continued to live that way throughout her life. She is the current Phi Delta Kappa treasurer, Høstfest in the Schools chair and Minot City PTA president and was a past president for the Magic City Lions.

She is also involved in the North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Elementary School Principals, Bread of Life Lutheran Church

charter member and recently finished a six-year term on the Lutheran Campus Ministry board. She and her husband, Kevin ’80, an MSU alumnus, are involved in the Nodak Race Club.

Lawson also stays closely tied to Minot State in a number of ways. She takes on many student teachers from the school each year, and members of Students of North Dakota United read to students at Longfellow. And Lawson also worked with Tyler Hughes, MSU head football coach, to bring football players to the school to read to the children.

“I am proud of where I’ve been and where I am today,” Lawson said. “From Albertson’s to the Vocational Workshop, I’ve loved working in leadership positions and helping people to be better. All of my experiences have impacted who I am, and I wouldn’t change a thing.”

*Tracey Lawson takes time during her busy schedule to visit with the students about their book review.*





# Did someone say Exceptional?

*Coming from diverse backgrounds and locations, Minot State University students desire to make an impact and forge a better world. MSU faculty and staff endeavor to assist students in achieving this goal.*

## **Breanna Benson balances engagement, academics and involvement**



Homecoming activities and community Halloween parties. She was a Student Government Association member since fall 2011. Through SGA, she was co-director of entertainment for M-Life and Homecoming and sat on numerous committees. She has been a member of Campus Players, CONNECT Orientation leader and resident assistant. She belongs to Student North Dakota United.

“I so enjoy my time at Minot State. Because of the knowledgeable faculty and staff, I am receiving a wonderful education, while becoming more involved in the community,” Benson said. “I am taught by phenomenal faculty, and every faculty and staff member is supportive.”

Through SGA and Sigma Delta, Benson completed numerous service projects. She was a member of the Honors Society, was on the President’s List and received several scholarships.

Being engaged within Minot State University and the community is an integral part of life for special education and elementary education major Breanna Benson, Minot

native and a second-generation MSU alumna.

“It’s nice how the special education and elementary education classes are laid out,” Benson said in explanation of how she balances her two

fields of study. “The classes are figured out in blocks, and many classes for my two majors overlap.”

A co-founder of the revived Sigma Delta Sorority, Benson has participated in club fairs,



The 22-year-old was recognized in the 2014 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.” In March 2015, she was named “Young Woman of

Today and Tomorrow” by the YWCA.

After finishing her undergraduate degree in Spring 2016, Benson will pursue a master’s degree in special education and hopes

to teach in the Minot Public Schools, as her mother does.

Julie (Kouba) Benson, ’78, earned a special education degree from MSU and teaches at Ramstad Middle School. The younger Benson plans to

represent Minot State in her future career.

“I cannot wait to continue my service and engagement in my future as a teacher, thanks to MSU,” Breanna Benson said.

## Lindsey Buxbaum — serving others with various needs in various ways

After growing up on a farm by Bainville, Mont., and graduating in a high school class of five, Lindsey Nelson Buxbaum relishes the experiences she has had while attending Minot State University.

Originally planning to attend Montana State University, Buxbaum reconsidered her options two months before graduation and selected Minot State.

“I chose MSU for a number of reasons,” Buxbaum said. “It offers an exceptional communication disorders program; it was closer to home;

and my mom, two aunts and my grandfather all went to Minot State.”

Buxbaum was active as a Student Government Association member, acting as president in 2012-13. She is most proud that during her presidency SGA was instrumental in speaking out against higher education policy changes that had potential negative consequences for future MSU students.

“I was amazed that in every class, even my 200-person biology class, the professors knew my name and genuinely

cared about me,” Buxbaum said. “When I was in SGA, I really got to know more staff and faculty, even the university president. It is evident in each office on campus, the faculty and staff place students first. That alone has made my university experience so positive.”

She was a member of the English Club, the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and Cru, a Christian fellowship, and served as a group leader for CONNECT Orientation in fall 2012. She was selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition

of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.” She graduated summa cum laude May 2014, with a Bachelor of Science degree in communication disorders.

After marrying her husband, Chantz, Buxbaum returned to MSU for graduate school. In May 2016, she will once again graduate from her alma mater. This time, she will receive a Master of Science in communication disorders.

“Ultimately, I want to return to northeast Montana where I grew up and work for a co-op,” Buxbaum said. “That will allow me to work for more than one school, therefore, helping multiple students with varying severities of speech-and-language disorders.”

*In its second century, Minot State remains committed to its mission, “Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students.”*



## Possessing contrasting talents, Joshua Dueck finds his place at MSU



As disparate as playing classical piano and hockey seem, Joshua Dueck does both well. Dueck is also a rarity in that he is a male who majored in special education, in addition to physical education.

“I have played sports all my life, and my mother, a teacher, introduced me to education, music and many other things,” Josh Dueck said, concerning

his seemingly incongruent aptitudes and choice of profession.

Following his sister, Shari Dueck, to Minot State University, the native of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, took advantage of opportunities available to him. He played on the MSU Men’s Club Hockey Team, belonged to the Minot State Club of Physical Educators and Student Council for Exceptional

Children, as well as being an A-STEP mentor through the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Joshua Dueck was chosen for the High North Fellowship Scholarship, which enabled him to do a six-month student exchange in Harstad, Norway. “Being in another culture was the first time in my life where I didn’t understand exactly

what was going on around me. I couldn’t understand what people were saying, I couldn’t understand the context, and everything was unfamiliar,” Dueck said. “That was probably the most valuable part of the experience because it allowed me to really understand what my [special needs] students go through on a daily basis, and it taught me to learn how to empathize with them.”

He was also selected for inclusion in the 2015 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

“Attending MSU has been a really pleasant experience for me, allowing me to feel connected and become engaged in different opportunities both in the classroom and out,” he said.

Joshua Dueck graduated May 15 with a bachelor’s degree. His future aspirations include teaching, coaching, instructing people of all ages and abilities and ultimately inspiring those groups to reach their highest potential for learning. He is also contemplating returning to Minot State for graduate work.

## Nicole Egge ties her future into that of the state

Desiring to stay in North Dakota and teach in the state’s school system, Nicole “Nikki” Egge appreciates the good economic outlook that diversification and the energy boom have brought to western North Dakota. The Williston native is a junior majoring in elementary education.

“I would love to be an active voice for all students

and to make their lives better,” Egge said. “I also appreciate being able to stay in North Dakota and see how the state will evolve.”

Throughout her collegiate career at Minot State University, Egge has already been a voice for students to improve their university experiences. She was active in Student Government Association and the

SGA officer team, specializing in entertainment and campus safety. She was active with MSU-Life as a co-director of entertainment and worked to rejuvenate campus life and to inform students about upcoming events.

“Minot State provided so many opportunities for me to take a leadership role and be involved. More than I could

have ever imagined as an incoming freshman,” Egge said. “Leon Perzinski and Aaron Hughes (SGA advisors) are among the many people who influenced me. They gave me jobs that they knew I could handle but which pushed me out of my comfort zone. My parents also helped me become active in college by helping me decide on MSU as my



home for four years. My younger sister, Carly, has just been accepted to MSU.”

As a student, she provided leadership for freshmen and transfer students as they go through the campus orientation process. Egge volunteered with the Penny Carnival, a campus-organized event to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and participated in two Power of 100 service projects. She was selected for inclusion in the 2015 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

Egge would like to eventually pursue her master’s degree in education at MSU.



## Minot State University alumna, Mara Hintz, forges unique path

Discovering an American Sign Language book in Glen Ullin Public School’s library ignited first-grader Mara Hintz’ interest in ASL and language. Hintz looked at it every day until she turned 7, during the second half of the school year, and was allowed

to check it out. It was a second grade book.

After graduating from high school, Hintz attended Lake Region State College in Devils Lake for two years. She completed an associate degree in ASL and interpreting studies.

Hintz continued her education and love of language by earning a Bachelor of Arts in communications at Minot State University in December 2015.

“I am immeasurably grateful for the thorough educational experience I received at Minot State. The course

offering are so varied, I was able to find the ideal major and minor pairing for my gifts and skills, Hintz said, describing her study program.

At MSU, Hintz served as social and promotions coordinator and livestream coordinator for Cru, a Christian fellowship. She was also a Student Ambassador, a Red and Green reporter, Media Ink secretary and the founder and of the American Sign Language Club. In the community, she volunteered for Reading for Rugrats, a service project which assisted families of deployed military members and was a marketing intern with Norsk Høstfest.

“Since finishing classes in December, I work for a disability support agency and teach as an assistant at MSU for the ASL classes,” Hintz explained. “I’ve dreamt of both kinds of work for a long time. It’s exciting for me to pass on what I learned.”



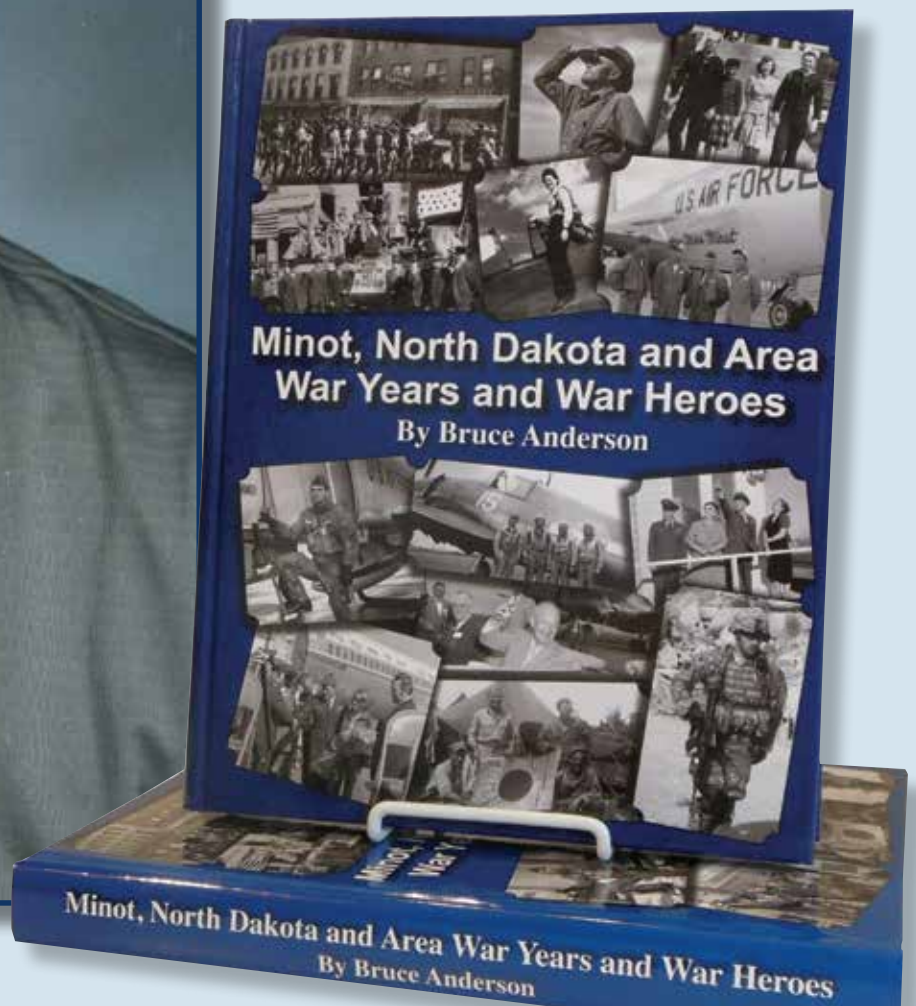


BRUCE ANDERSON

# COACH/ HISTORIAN



After a career pointedly defined by coaching success, Bruce Anderson, a 1971 Minot State graduate, is now displaying his lifelong fascination with the drama and sweep of history.



Anderson's fervor can be seen in his book, "Minot, North Dakota and Area: War Years and War Heroes," a 480-page tapestry of stories and photos showing how turbulent world events touched a small Midwestern town.

Anderson tells the stories of young men plucked from the prairie and pitched into the bloody cauldron of war. Some survived, while others did not. To the author, all are heroes.

"I wanted to pay tribute to the people who served this country," said Anderson, who now lives in Meridian, Idaho.

## Coaching Career

Anderson's interest in history began at an early age, before the advent of television and other electronic distractions. It was an era when conversation, reflection and erudition were still valued.

"I'd ask my dad to tell me stories about the olden days," the New Rockford native said. "He would talk about growing up in the early 1900s. I've always had this interest in history. And I love to collect photographs."

After high school, Anderson attended Williston State and later Minot State, earning a degree in business education. He began his teaching and coaching career in Grenora in 1971. He switched to Minot High School in 1977 and became head girls' basketball coach the following year.

Over the next 30 years, his teams won 70 percent of their games, garnering eight Western Dakota Association titles and one state champion-

ship. Anderson was named North Dakota Class A Coach of the Year three times and was inducted into the North Dakota Coaches Hall of Fame in 2009.

During his legendary coaching career, he continued to pursue his twin passions of studying history and collecting photos. He did it to avoid sports' obsessive grip.

"You can be very one-dimensional; you can be absorbed in it," he said of coaching. "I always tried to keep varied interests."

Not content to be just a gym rat, Anderson prowled libraries, museums, bookstores and the Internet to satisfy his unquenchable curiosity for knowledge. Over his lifetime, he has collected thousands of photos and massive amounts of information.

His historical focus has been the Magic City and its environs. He produced videos on the town's early years in 2005 and the Mouse River flood of 2011. He decided to create a coffee-table book of the city's history but made the mistake of beginning with its military saga.

"This book started out as a chapter in an overall history book," he said. "It grew into 480 pages. It was hard for me to leave things out."

The book contains 900 black-and-white photos, newspaper articles, Internet accounts and interviews with Minot residents involved in the nation's wars.

"I love history and I love pictures. I'm trying to combine both here," Anderson said.



*Minot High School 1935 State Basketball Champions.*



*A bird's-eye view of Minot State Teachers College and the Navy V-12 logo formed by cadets in the ellipse.*



*V-12 recruits arrive at Minot State to begin their Navy training.*



## World Wars I and II

Anderson's book begins with photos from 1917 showing companies of grim-faced soldiers, some just on the cusp of adulthood, marching down Main Street to the Soo Depot and ultimately the battlefields of France.

Seventy-three men from the area lost their lives in World War I.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, two Minot brothers died aboard the battleship USS Oklahoma when it was struck by enemy torpedoes.

The surprise attack revealed Minot to be a town crackling with contradictions.

Federal officials shut down two prominent Japanese cafes, only to allow them to reopen within two weeks. They froze Japanese residents' assets, searched their homes and restricted their travel but never confined anyone.

The large Japanese community in Minot prayed for its homeland yet expressed its loyalty to the United States in a newspaper ad. In general, the Japanese felt fortunate to be in the Magic City when the war broke out.

"They were treated very well; they loved Minot," said Anderson, who interviewed several Japanese residents from the period.

The experience of Japanese brothers Arthur and Henry Suto reveals that history is seldom neat and predictable. After their father died in Minot, their mother took them back to Japan in 1936. In 1938, Japan invaded China, and the family was trapped in their homeland.

After their mother died, the boys, ages 15 and 14, shifted for themselves. Henry Suto joined the Japanese Army, and Arthur Suto was drafted into the Japanese



1972 Fighter Pilot, General David Jones

Navy. Both survived World War II and returned to the United States. In 1952, the young men were drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea.

"How many people in this country fought on the Japanese side in World War II and on the American side in the Korean War?" asked Anderson.

The book tells how Minot State Teachers College was transformed into a naval training station during the war. The V-5 program trained navy pilots, while the V-12 program trained deck officers. Trainees marched on the front lawn of Old Main and negotiated an obstacle course behind it. A large "V" for victory adorned the building's entrance.

Ninety-seven area men died in World War II.

## Korean and Vietnam Wars

David Jones attended Minot State and later flew more than 300 hours of combat missions during the

Korean War. Jones advanced through the military ranks to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1974. A conference room at Minot State is dedicated to his remarkable career.

The Don and Donna Lochthowe family of Ward County suffered immeasurably during the Vietnam era. Their son Leon Lochthowe lost his wife and two children to a drunk driver in 1965. He later joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was killed by a North Vietnamese artillery rocket in 1967.

His younger brother, Gary Lochthowe, followed his brother into the Marines but died of spinal meningitis during training in San Diego. Donna Lochthowe's father also died at about the same time.

"The Lochthowe story was incredibly sad. How (Donna) ever endured that I have no idea," Anderson said.

Thirty-one men from the area died in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.



Lt. R. C. Perry, Officer-in-Charge and Governor John Moses inspect the troops during a review on the MSTC campus in 1944.



## Global War on Terror

Current Minot resident Clint Romesha served as an Army staff sergeant at Combat Outpost Keating in eastern Afghanistan in 2009. When 300 Taliban insurgents attacked the base, he led a 12-hour counterattack despite being wounded by shrapnel. In 2013, President Barack Obama awarded him the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

Two area men have died to date in the global war on terrorism.

## Future Books

While accounts of war tend to have a sameness and sadness about them, Anderson has uncovered the deep currents of humanity that surge beneath them.

“I got to talk to some incredible people who have done some incredible things,” he said. “I remind people that these guys walked the same halls while they were attending Minot High School or Bishop Ryan.”

Anderson’s research revealed that the Magic City produced a total of 11 generals and admirals despite its small population. In fact, the 1934

Minot High School basketball team featured two future generals and a lieutenant colonel while winning the state title.

Anderson spent nearly five years working on his book. Besides military history, it includes a pictorial history of the Magic City and accounts of the city’s recurrent floods. It features the Great Depression, Dirty Thirties, presidential visits, Cold War, and histories of the Air Force Radar Station and Minot Air Force Base.

Since he retired in 2013, the former teacher has hurled himself into a new project — a two-volume history of Minot. He says that it will feature larger pictures, but he’s purposely vague about what the historical tides have yielded up this time.

“Hopefully, I’m providing something for Minot that will last for many years,” he said.

Anderson and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children, Jason and Michelle, and six grandchildren.

Anderson’s book and DVDs are available online at [minothistorybooks.com](http://minothistorybooks.com). The book is also available on Amazon.com. In Minot, it can be purchased at Home Sweet Home and Main Street Books.

*Some of the 500 Navy V-5 cadets who received their training at MSTC pose for a group photo on the steps of Old Main.*



*1953 Minot State Teachers College welcomes President Eisenhower.*



*1958 Harry Truman on the steps of Old Main.*

*A large number of male students were drafted in early WWII. Women celebrated the return of men to campus with the arrival of V-12 cadets.*







# BEAVER BR



## Minot State's coaching tree continues to grow

Minot State University's mission from its beginning has been to educate the next generation of educators.

With that mantra, the MSU Athletic Department has sought, as its core mission, to coach the next generation of coaches.

That is evident when looking at the coaching staffs of the most successful teams in the region, from a plethora of MSU student-athletes coaching at the Region 6 Boys' Basketball Tournament to schools in the region and to Minot High.

### Ruling the Region

The Region 6 Boys' Basketball Tournament was held at the Minot State Dome, and there weren't many coaches who needed a tour. The tournament consisted of three former Minot State student-athletes — Sawyer's George Duenas '12, Bishop Ryan's Brock Teets '99 and Our Redeemer's Christian School's Jeremy Feller '07, along with

Lewis & Clark-Berthold's Christopher Brown '10. Add in former MSU head coach Mike Hultz, and over half of the teams had MSU ties.

For Duenas, who took his Sawyer team to the regional for the first time in 19 seasons, the experience he had as a student-athlete shapes the way he works with his current team.

"I learned some great things at Minot State for both the academic and athletic worlds," the former football player said. "The biggest thing is how the staff treated me. They built a great relationship with me. So, I wanted to give the students and athletes the same experience I had."

While many of the coaches in the area are, in fact, from the area, Duenas came to MSU from California, transferring for his final two seasons of eligibility. He fell in love with the community and simply fell in love, getting married and starting a family, while coaching in Berthold (football) and Velva (track and field), along with Sawyer.

*George Duenas (No. 55) works with fellow offensive linemen to block Valley City State defenders during a Dakota Athletic Conference game in Valley City, N.D. Duenas was a two-year starter for the Minot State University football team and currently coaches football in Berthold, boy's basketball in Sawyer and track & field in Velva.*



DUENAS '12

# ANCHES



*Jeff Brandt (No. 33) sinks a free throw during a game against Black Hills State at the MSU Dome. Brandt played one season for the Beavers men's basketball team and is currently the boy's basketball coach and principal at Solen High School.*

"I started to build a close relationship with the community. I can honestly say that nothing is better than Class B sports," said Duenas, who is in his fifth year of teaching and coaching. "That was one of the reasons — along with my family — for staying in North Dakota."

The run for Sawyer has done nothing to sway his attitude toward the small-school atmosphere.

"It was a great year in Sawyer," Duenas said. "The kids really bought into the system, and they made it real easy to coach. We had a couple of buzzer-beaters this year, which were awesome."

## **A Run to Impress POTUS**

Duenas wasn't the only former Minot State student-athlete with a magical run to the regional this year. Former

MSU basketball standout Jeff Brandt's '06 success with his team from Solen High School earned him multiple postseason honors as well as a note from President Barack Obama.

"That was pretty wild," said Brandt, who is in his third year as a coach and second as the principal at Solen. "We were on the way to the regional semifinal game, and I got a call that said we had a note from the president. I said, 'Come on, who is this?' But we really did. I read it to our players before the game. It was a really proud moment for me and the team."

Solen finished second in the region to Shiloh Christian, but the learning experience for the team went beyond basketball.

"It was a special season for a lot of reasons," Brandt said. "We really learned how to compete with the best teams, and I feel I grew a lot as a coach this year. This was the first year we really have had expectations coming into the year. We started 15-0, and that takes on a life of its own. We learned as a team through success and some stumbling blocks this year."

Brandt also transferred to Minot State to finish his playing career, playing three seasons for the University of North Dakota before returning to his hometown. He feels the way he was treated

by the coaching staff and the university made that transition much easier.

"The teaching program at Minot State really takes its job seriously; they are there to mold people," he said. "That was evident right away. And the way coach (Mike) Hultz and coach (former assistant Chris) Johnson took me and my brother (Tim Brandt '08, a teacher and coach in Fargo) in was huge for me. I got to play with friends from high school, Kent (Bloms) '04 and Steve (Grabowski) '04 and, of course, my brother."

## **Magical Seasons**

Minot High School football team's run ranks them right up with both Duenas' and Brandt's basketball teams. A 3-3 team caught fire down the stretch to fall just short of a state title, losing in the Class AAA championship. For former MSU standout Barry Holmen '85, the Magicians found confidence at the right time.

"Confidence is catchy," he said. "We were scratching our heads at 3-3, but we won our last two conference games. We found confidence in beating West Fargo, and that carried over to the Bismarck game. It's been a while since we have knocked them off, so it was a nice win during our run."

Holmen believes in surrounding himself with former student-athletes who under-





HOLMEN '85

*Barry Holmen (No. 12) looks to move up field behind solid blocking during a football game at Herb Parker Stadium. Holmen was a football standout for the Beavers and is now the head football coach at Minot High School.*

*Above right: Barry Holmen gestures as he instructs his players during a practice at Minot High School. Photo courtesy of Minot Daily News.*

stand what the current team is going through on a day-to-day basis. He has built a staff that has multiple Minot State ties, including Shane Hannegrefs '97, Chauncy Hendershot '08, Mark Jensen, Lloyd MacDonald '99 and Mike Upton.

"I think that if you are involved in a collegiate athletic program you have played four-to-five extra years; it's an advantage," Holmen said. "It helps to understand what the athlete is feeling. I had a chance as a young player to be the quarterback at Minot State. Then I had to share time and eventually lose my starting job to a younger guy, Paul Rudolph '88. So I ran the full gamut of emotions. That has helped shape me as a coach."

But the former Beaver with the most on-court success is Dean Winczewski '99. He and

his coaching staff, all former Beavers, helped the Magicians to their first state basketball title since 1999.

"With the success of this group when they were freshmen and sophomores, we knew we had the kids to make a run," he said. "We had 17 guys who were willing to sacrifice for each other. We were going to play 10 guys, and we didn't have any complaining. It's not every year you have a group of high school kids who will put aside individual things to be successful as a team. That's a credit to them."

It was Winczewski's third state title after winning two at Dickinson High School. He credits much of his success to his time in the red and green.

"I feel very fortunate to have played for Dick Limke," said Winczewski, referring to

the longtime MSU men's basketball coach. "A lot of the sets we run came from him. He was a great sets coach."

### The Roots of the Tree

All four coaches believe the time spent in Minot State's education program helped them in the classroom, but they are equally quick to point out their mentors at MSU as big influences. For Holmen, a former coach and an ex-teammate have had a big impact on him.

"It was great to see my former coach Randy Hedberg '77 back in the state (as an assistant at North Dakota State)," Holmen said. "And Paul (Rudolph), who was the coach at MSU, is part of a unique deal with me. He is coaching my son at UND, and I'm coaching his son at Minot High."

Rudolph is also high on Duenas' list, since he mentored him as a student-athlete at MSU and helped him get into the coaching business.

"Paul helped me find the coaching job in Berthold right after getting done with football at MSU," Duenas said. "He made sure we got into

the community to make an impact. His saying, 'Everyone is a potential fan,' really stuck with me."

Brandt indicates that both Hultz and former MSU student-athlete Jason Horner '98, who Brandt served with as an assistant coach at Mandan, have helped him grow on and off the field.

"One big tie with MSU that I have is Jason," Brandt said. "I've coached with him at Mandan and leaned on him once I got the job here. I looked up to him as a coach, but he's also a really good friend."

"I've had some really good coaches in my life. If I can have any kind of impact on the kids that these coaches have had on me, I'm doing something right."

### Branches in the Magic City and Beyond

The coaching tree in Minot alone is impressive. Along with Holmen and Winczewski, MHS's co-head track and field coach Chauncy Hendershot is a former football standout at MSU. Head boys' and girls' tennis coach Scott DeLorme '06 played basketball for the Beavers, while head girls' basketball coach Bernie Wasser '85 is an MSU grad. Winczewski's top assistant coach Brian Hornecker '87 is a former Minot State baseball standout, while both sophomore coaches Upton and Eric Pearson '98 are MSU graduates. Drew Hysjulien '07, a former basketball and track and field standout; Jen Dixon, a softball and volleyball great; Lance Gehring



'07, who won a national championship in cross country; Carla Wahlund '87, a former track star, along with the aforementioned football coaches, are all assistant coaches.

"The reputation of MSU lends itself to having Beavers on our staff," Winczewski said. "We are having amazing success here right now. You learned from the great coaches like Dick (Limke) '63 and the (Bert) Leidholt, (Dean) Bachmeiers and from the administration, like coach

(Gary) Leslie '61 and (David) Rochholz. They were such a tight-knit group; there was great camaraderie."

But it extends to Minot's two parochial schools as well. Feller at Our Redeemer's and Teets at Bishop Ryan are joined by Zach Rudolph '12, head football coach at Bishop Ryan High School, who all wore the red and green. Rudolph and Duenas were teammates at MSU, giving them another level of rivalry in the coaching ranks.

"It's nice to game plan against your former teammates," Duenas said. "Having teammates in the coaching world, we are always giving each other ideas on how to get the most from our kids."

Basketball, however, might have the most extensive "tree system" in place. Winczewski is the second straight former MSU student-athlete to win the Class A boys' basketball title, as Bart Manson earned a championship at Fargo Davies in 2014. Horner, the first-ever

coach at Bismarck Legacy, Mark Slotsve at Williston, Greg Limke, formerly at West Fargo, Mike Hendrickson at Fargo South, Jeff Ralph at Wahpeton, Kory Anderson at Stanley-Powers Lake, Jordan Cooper at Westhope-Newburg, along with Feller and Teets, are some of the most successful coaches in the state.

"We have been blessed to have great people like we have here at MHS, and Minot State has been a big part of that growth," Holmen said.



Dean Winczewski calls out a play during a Minot High School boy's basketball game in the Magic City Campus Gym. Winczewski is a former Minot State University basketball standout. Photo courtesy Minot Daily News.



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# Arizona 2015



President Steve Shirley joined Jay Diede '77 and Darrell Rud '69 at an alumni social in Arizona.



Barb Semrau, Dyanne Altringer, Leslie Mowbray and Cindy Hove enjoyed a night of laughs and memories at Jay '75 and Dyanne Altringer's home.



Karla (Keller) Backes '84, Marv and Barb Semrau and Wanda (Steiner) Dobrovoly '78 had a great time at the alumni social at the Brat Haus in Scottsdale.



Darwin Langseth '74, Linda (Johnson) '80 and Jim Haider '72 and Bill Mowbray gathered for a photo at an alumni social in Arizona.



Jim Charlebois '75, Tom Stredwick '76, Keith Bjornson '75, President Steve Shirley and Greg Gehrke were the second place finishers at the golf scramble at The Duke Golf Course in Maricopa.



Scot Sidener '11, Diane '84 and Bruce Walker '66, Chad McNally '93, Kristi (Schaefer) Berg '95/'00 and Audrey and Steve Sidener '67 enjoyed the night and company in sunny Arizona.



# Gala 2015



This MSU custom-made bean bag toss game was a hit!



MSU faculty Amy (Sullivan) Roberts '01 and Erin (Zeltinger) Holt '95 smiled for a picture at the MSU Gala.



Auctioneer Kirby Brown, Dakota Pro Auctioneers of Williston, ran the show for the live auction at the 2015 MSU Alumni Gala. Kirby has volunteered his service for the past three years.



Kathy Gaddie was the winner of one of the 50/50 drawings!



Sabrina (Grover) Herrmann '92/'02, Debby LaMotte and Kelly Morelli enjoyed this year's Gala.



Heads or tails? These lucky Gala guests were still standing after the first couple of rounds! The winner of the heads or tails game won a Red and Green Beaver Booster membership!





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The North Dakota Legislature for the next biennium established a continuation of the extremely successful N.D. Higher Education Challenge Grant program that provides \$1 of state funds for every \$2 of donor funds supporting students and programs at N.D. universities and colleges. \$1 million has again been set aside for Minot State University.

This means that donors can realize a 50 percent increase in their gift to Minot State University. This popular program was so powerful in the last biennium, Minot State University Development Foundation raised \$2 million in only eight months, and donors realized a full \$1 million added to their gifts.

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| Total gift and pledge                          |   | \$70,000         |
| Challenge Grant match paid in 2015             | + | \$35,000         |
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This enables donors to still enjoy charitable deductions for their federal and state income taxes.

There is no better time than right now to make an impact on a student's life. The Challenge Grant program is a short-term program, and grant applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are criteria that must be met to qualify for this matching grant program. Please contact the MSU Advancement Office at **701-858-4483** or **marv.semrau@minotstateu.edu** to learn more about this terrific opportunity.

— Marv Semrau, Vice President for Advancement



# Class notes

1968



**Arnola (Lohse) Leverson** has been teaching piano lessons in Minot for 52 years, and is a part of several musical groups. Leverson began taking piano lessons when she was seven years old and has since taught lessons to more than 250 students and accompanied thousands. Leverson is planning on continuing all of her work with the piano for as long as she can in the years to come.

1969

**Bonny (Bachmeier) Kemper** is serving as a Visit Minot board member.

1974

**Mark Schnable** retired in March from his position as sales director at Lowe's Printing.

1976

**Mike Fogarty**, principal at Bel Air Elementary, received the Service to Children Award at the N.D. Association of Elementary Principals conference. This award recognizes individuals who are retiring. Fogarty taught in Wing and was also the principal at a rural Minot school and Stanley before he was hired as an elementary principal in Minot, where he served for 32 years.

1978

**Paul Slauter** retired from the North Dakota State Tax Department after 36 years of service.

1983

**Scott Moum**, Minot Public Schools business manager, has been elected 2015 treasurer for the Souris Valley United Way.

1984

**Mary Helen Hasby** is serving as the treasurer of the Minot Downtown Business and Professional Association.

**Nancy (Dodds) Thul** is the Speech Language Pathology Assistants Program director and instructor at Alexandria Technical and Community College in Alexandria, Minn.

1985

**Diana Larson**, United Mailing Service, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in February. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

1986



**Kevin Burckhard** qualified for the 2014 Premium Leader award from Northwestern Mutual.

1989

**Kevin Harmon**, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management at Minot State University, has been elected 2015 president of the Souris Valley United Way.



**Michael Lucy**, an American Family Insurance agent, has been recognized for providing outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program.

1991

**Barb (Fix) Leshovsky** is the clinical coordinator at the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Badlands Human Service Center in Dickinson. She will lead the alcohol and drug unit and acute care unit. Leshovsky, a licensed professional counselor, previously worked for the Village Family Service Center in Minot as a regional program director.

**Jeff Rust** was named vice president of operations at WBI Energy Inc. Rust had a 24 year career at Bilfinger-Westcon and was the lead project director for the Dakota Prairie Refinery being built near Dickinson.

1993



**Janel (Schmidt) Gray**, SRT Communications, Inc., received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle

Award in December. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.



**Sabrina (Grover) Herrmann** joined First Western Bank & Trust as a marketing specialist. Herrmann has

worked in a variety of higher level management positions locally and also has her North Dakota insurance license.

1994



**Mike Arlien** is the head principal at Jim Hill Middle School in Minot. He and his wife, Jenn, have two daughters.



**Kirby Evanger** is the director of risk management at the Bank of North Dakota. Before joining BND, Evanger worked at BNC National Bank and Starion Financial.

**Kristine (Bullinger) Walker**, Title I Reading and Math specialist at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Minot received outstanding recognition at a recent Department of Public Instruction federal monitoring visit by Federal Title Programs Director Laurie Matzke. Walker and her teaching partner were commended for being a model for other Title 1 teachers in the state for exemplary practices.

1995



**Jennifer (Zahn) Arlien** is the head principal at Roosevelt Elementary in Minot. She and husband, Mike, have two daughters.



**Keli (Haga) Berglund** is an internal auditor at Kirkwood Bank & Trust in Bismarck. Berglund has eight years of auditing and finance experience.

**Alan Howard**, North Dakota Game and Fish Department district game warden stationed in Minot, is the state's 2014 Wildlife Officer of the Year. Howard was honored by the Shikar-Safari Club International, a private conservation organization that annually recognizes outstanding wildlife officers in each state.

1997

**Kelsey Holt** is a career agent at Nodak Mutual Insurance Company in Minot. Holt is president of the Minot State University Alumni Association.



2001

**Joseph Boos** is currently stationed as an observer controller at the Joint Multinational Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany. Boos was recently nominated to receive the prestigious General Douglas MacArthur leadership award for U.S. Army Europe. He was nominated by his command and advanced through the Joint Multinational Training Center and Joint Multinational Readiness Center nominations before receiving a runner-up award at the US Army Europe level. This award recognizes nominees for their courage, honor and duty. Captain Boos and his family are enjoying their second overseas assignment. They relocated from South Korea to Bavaria in 2014. He enlisted in the Army in 2003, has served three deployments to Iraq and became commissioned as an officer in 2007.

**Paul Heinle** was promoted to manager of the title department at Bismarck Title Co. Heinle has worked in the title industry since 2003.



# Class notes

**Jason Vollmer** is the treasurer and director of cash and risk management at MDU Resources Group Inc. in Bismarck. Vollmer joined MDU Resources in 2005 as a financial analyst and most recently was manager of the Treasury, Cash and Risk Management Department.

## 2003

**Karna Taft** has been promoted to assistant vice president member services for Town & Country Credit Union – Minot.



## 2005



**Jason Merck** received the Lives Leader, Client Relations Center Representative of the Year and 100 Lives Club awards from Northwestern Mutual.

## 2006



**Kyle Kirchmeier** retired from the North Dakota Highway Patrol effective Dec. 31. Kirchmeier began his career with the NDHP in January 1986 by attending the academy. After graduation, he was stationed in Rolla, Watford City and Mandan. He was promoted to sergeant in 2000 and served as a regional sergeant in Fargo and Bismarck. Seven years later, he earned the rank of lieutenant and served at headquarters in Bismarck as the motor carrier operations commander. In 2011, Kirchmeier was promoted to the rank of captain and served until his retirement as the commander of the southwest region. Kirchmeier was elected Morton County sheriff in November 2014.

**Deb (Scholl) Kraft**, a certified public accountant, is a senior staff accountant at Widmer Roel in Bismarck.



**Katie (Kjelshus) Ogaard**, a Souris native, joined First Western Bank & Trust as an executive assistant. Ogaard worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota prior to joining the bank. Ogaard has her life and health insurance licenses in North Dakota.

## 2007



**Ashley (Opstedal) Guillory**, who is with Trinity Health, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in January. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.



**Amanda Juelson** has joined the firm of Henningson & Snoxell as an associate in the estate planning department. Prior to joining Henningson & Snoxell, Juelson worked for a wealth management firm in Minneapolis. She is admitted to practice in the state courts of Minnesota and North Dakota and is a member of the Minnesota and North Dakota State Bar associations.

## 2008

**Troy Roness**, exercise and eating disorder survivor, has a book and movie on the horizon. Roness works through writing, public speaking and volunteering with the National Eating Disorders Association in order to share the story of his life with others. He is in the process of writing a book that shares the story of his life, his struggles and the overwhelming amount of hope that came from his experiences. "Nothing to Fix," co-authored by Andrea Winkjer Collin, is set to be completed by the fall of 2015. A movie based off of the book will hopefully follow, produced by Armand Mastroianni.

## 2009

**Jagjit Chohan** was promoted to key account manager for Pepsi in Ontario, Canada.

**Laura Clark** is a registered nurse in the pediatric unit at the Children's Hospital for Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska.



**Jared Gietzen**, a Glen Ullin native, has joined the Larson Law Firm, P.C. as an associate attorney. Gietzen will focus his practice on personal injury, criminal defense and general litigation.

**Kassie Krebsbach** and Dusty Bias were married October 26, 2013. They live in Orange Beach, Ala. and own Krebsbach-Bias Photography. They have a daughter, Sawyer Christine, born on March 18.

**Jessica (Brokaw) Manz** is the deputy director of Procurement for the City of Saint Paul's Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO) department. Manz previously served as the senior buyer leading the procurement of the design and build of the Saint Paul Saints ballpark (CHS Field).

## 2010



**Laken (Jurgens) Moore** was promoted to finance specialist for Starion Financial in Mandan, moving to the finance department while maintaining prior accounts payable responsibilities. She has 10 years of experience in the banking and insurance industries.

**Kara Nunziato**, volleyball coach at Minot's Our Redeemer's Christian School, was named all-area Coach of the Year.

**Brandon Schmitt** received the 2014 Outstanding Police Officer of the Year award from the Minot Police Department. Schmitt has been with the department since 2012. He was recently selected for the department's SWAT team.

**Jamie Williams** was promoted to sergeant for the Ward County Sheriff's Department.

## 2011

**Trevor McNeil** was promoted to the position of classroom technologies specialist in North Dakota State University's Information Technology Services Department. McNeil joined the department in February 2014 as an audiovisual technician, providing support for technologies in classrooms and computer labs on campus. Before joining NDSU, McNeil worked for MultiBand Corporation in Fargo.



**Melissa (Hoots) Rowe** is the admissions coordinator in MSU's Office of Enrollment Services. Previously, she worked for Results Unlimited.

## 2012



**Nicole (Ziler) and Blayne Wareham** were married in August. Nicole works as an accountant at Turtle River School Division, (Manitoba) and Blayne is a partner at his family's business, Trial Meats, an abattoir, with his father, uncle and grandfather.

## 2013

**Louise (Molieri) Skaare** is the manager of the Lantern Coffee Company in Williston.

**Corey Saylor** is a forensic administrator at the North Dakota State Forensic Examiner's office in Bismarck. He has been employed by the ND Department of Health since 2005.



# Class notes

**Kyle Patterson** is a radio announcer for Jamestown's KSJB/ The Mix 93.3 Morning Show. Patterson worked as the sports director for The Mix 1470 AM KHND in Harvey from August 2013 to February 2015. During his high school years he worked for 910 AM KCJB and on weekends for 97 Kicks FM. In addition to regular broadcasting, Patterson did high school sports play-by-play. He has received awards for his broadcasting including merit and first place Eric Sevareid awards for play by play. He and his wife, Kelsey, live in Jamestown.



## 2014

**Brett Fiddler** has joined the Town & Country Credit Union lending team as a business loan officer. Fiddler has past experience in the financial industry as a teller and in his new role, will be responsible for helping businesses gain access to financing.



## 2015

**Colton Bourquin** was promoted to personal loan officer for Gate City Bank at the Dakota Square office in Minot. Bourquin has been employed at Gate City Bank since 2009.



**Josh Sandy**, presented at the National Resource Center on the First-Year Experience

Annual Conference in Dallas with Beth Odahlen, director of the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning. In addition to being a Transitions leader, Sandy also served as Student Government Association president, SGA vice president for finance and competed on the track and field team. Sandy is an account executive at KMOT-TV of Minot



## Attended

**Tara Holmen** has been promoted to agricultural banking officer for Stanley-American Bank Center. Holmen

has seven years of banking experience as a teller, personal banker and a financial services representative. She is involved with the family farming operation, where she farms with her father northwest of Stanley.

**Justin Johnson** played racquetball for 24 hours straight at the Minot YMCA. Johnson said this dual purpose marathon increased awareness of the sport and raised funds for a new youth racquetball academy that began in January.



## Friend

**Lynn Aas** had the honor of being the official representative of the 17th Airborne Division at the 70th annual reenactment of the Battle of the Bulge in the town of Bastogne, Belgium in March.



**Pam Karpenko** is serving as a Visit Minot board member. Karpenko is also president of the Minot Downtown Business and Professional Association.



**Allan McGeough** has been hired by Bremer Wealth Management. McGeough will be responsible for working with individuals and families on all their trust and financial planning needs, including investment management, retirement planning, estate planning and farm management services. In addition, he will work with nonprofit entities and corporations on their investment needs. McGeough joins Bremer from the American Red Cross, where he was the executive director for western North Dakota for 13 years.

**Michael Vetter** is an insurance field agent for the Knights of Columbus. Vetter is serving the KC members and their families in Minot and the surrounding areas. He previously worked in the photography industry.

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| June 9 .....  | VELVA.....      | Star City Golf Course    |
| June 18 ..... | RUGBY .....     | Rugby Golf Course        |
| June 23 ..... | STANLEY.....    | Prairie Rose Golf Course |
| July 7.....   | BOTTINEAU ..... | Bottineau Country Club   |
| July 14.....  | GARRISON .....  | Garrison Golf Club       |
| July 30.....  | KENMARE.....    | Kenmare Country Club     |

## Golf One or Golf Them All!

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:** A golf scholarship has been awarded to a high school senior from each area. The golf scholarship winners along with any other scholarship award winners will be recognized at each event.



# In Memory



It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately December 2014 to March 2015, or as submitted.

## Graduates

- '34 Hagboe (Stenbakken), Bertha; Rugby
- '36 Christensen (Hebard), Grace; Deloraine, Manitoba
- '39 Saretske (Burtman), Lyla; Tacoma, Wash.
- '40 Losby (Hoover), Arcelia; Northwood
- '41 Schultz, Alfred; Bismarck
- '42 Johnson (Peterson), Muriel; Bowbells
- '43 Henrickson (Buen), Ione; Berthold
- '46 Johnson (Nelson), Marion; Minot
- '49 Bolyard, Joseph; Kenosha, Wis.
- '49 Fauchald (Thomas), Margaret; Grand Rapids, Minn.
- '50 Fauchald, Melvin; Grand Rapids, Minn.
- '50 Opsahl, Helen; Mercer Island, Wash.
- '51 Jacobson (Mostad), Elaine; Mayville
- '54 Johnson, Walter; Maple Grove, Minn.
- '54 Urness, W. Dale; Leeds
- '58 Dunning (Houle), Mary; Nashua, Mont.
- '58 Rott (Fiesel), Lois; Anamoose
- '59 Michalenko (Berntson), Ella Mae; Minot
- '60 Skabo (DeBilt), Verna; Colorado Springs, Colo.
- '61 Ritterman, Harlan; Larimore
- '61 Stammen, Ronald; Fargo
- '62 Arstein (Teigen), Janet; Rolette
- '64 Horne, Linda; Manhattan Beach, Calif.
- '64 Christianson, Donald; Minot
- '65 Flygare, Keith; Florence, Ariz.
- '69 Dluzen (Gullickson), Lela; Fargo
- '71 Effertz, Corwin; Denhoff
- '71 Moyle, Robert; Bismarck
- '72 Feldner (Merrill), Jeanette; Minot
- '77 Bauer, Blair; Dickinson
- '77 Crowther (Benson), Gloria; Silver Spring, Md.
- '81 Olson (Brandt), Melba; Minot
- '86 Lobsinger, Christopher; Brisbane, Australia
- '92 Larson (Blanchard), Joanne; Minot
- '99 Anderson, Robert; Williston

## Attended

- Amundson (Jackson), Fern; Minot
- Arnold, Louis; Esmond
- Aurand (Thvedt), Eileen; Cedar Falls, Iowa
- Beutler (Nielsen), Sophie; Fargo
- Belgarde, Larry; Dunseith
- Breiner (Ouradnik), Mae; Flasher
- Carlson, C. Owen; Fargo
- Fuhrman (Lund), Olga; Harvey
- Harmel (Hilzendager), Victoria; Fargo
- Henning (Sund), Iris; Klamath Falls, Ore.
- Hensley, Carson "Bert"; Minot
- Jensen (Breeding), Arline; Powers Lake
- Jensen, Jerome; Stanley
- Johnson (Neuenschwander), Bertha; Mesa, Ariz.
- Keller (Lesmeister), Barbara; Harvey
- Kraft (Duchscherer), Lenora; Moorhead, Minn.
- Larsen (Halvorsen), Virginia; Austin, Minn.
- Marcellais, Monica; Belcorut
- McDonald (Moderow), Valrie; Fargo
- McKay (Brady), Patricia; Devils Lake
- Melland (Spletstoser), Betty; Chandler, Ariz.
- Miller (Holm), Lillian; Williston
- Miller (Fjelstad), Marilyn; Billings, Mont.
- Pringle (Herigstad), Jean; Minot
- Rowe, Charles; Glendale, Ariz.
- Rue, Norlan; Plaza
- Rushfeldt, John; San Antonio, Tex.
- Serr, Merrill; Mandan
- Severson (Makeeff), Irene; Minot
- Sorben (Beyer), Fern; Osseo, Minn.
- Stromberg (Johnson), Caryl; Minot
- Teyler, Harvey; Alamosa, Colo.

## Friends

- Aamot, Orvin; Minot
- Burckhard, Olivia; Minot
- Corbett, Douglas; Minot
- Deardurff, Andrew; Cincinnati, Ohio

- DeMers, Averill; Rolla
- DuGarm (Delano), Mary; Minot
- Finken, Everett; Walnut Creek, Calif.
- Hankins, Robert; Minot
- Jacobson, Arthur; Powers Lake
- Jussero, Duane; Minot
- Just, Dwayne; Minot
- Kraft, David; Ryder
- LaFleur (Yeagle), Dorothy "Gwenn"; Devils Lake
- Laschkewitsch, Larry; Bismarck
- Melby, Jerry; Bowbells
- Mitchell, Lloyd; Minot
- Oyen, Walter; Williston
- Reichenberger, Arthur; Fessenden
- Ruelle (Holbach), Mary; Olathe, Kan.
- Samuelson, John; Minot
- Shea, Richard; Minot
- Shurr, Agnes; Grand Forks
- Strand (Engel), Donna; Minot
- Theobald, Phil; Minot
- Unhjem (Myhra), Lorelei; Crosby
- Vaught, Laud; Cleveland, Tenn.
- Zwarych (Sorlien), Dorothy; Mandan

## Faculty and Staff

- Burchill, Roger, retired power plant employee; Minot
- Hoiland (Amrein), Mabel, former MSU food services employee; Minot
- Roanhorse, Michael; former custodian with facilities management; New Town
- Sebo, Donald ('78); former criminal justice faculty member; Phoenix, Ariz.
- Tollefson (Smith), Lori, former NDCPD early interventionist; Minot
- Turner, Tom, professor emeritus, Division of Humanities; Yountville, Calif.



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### Bertils

Eli James was born Dec. 4, 2014 to **Geneva (Hicks) Bertils '11** and her husband, James. The family resides in Mont.



### Hanson

**Katie (Dostert) Hanson '10** and her husband, Michael, joyfully welcomed their second little one, Chandler Elise, on Sept. 22, 2014. She joins big sister Mason.



### Neether

Jaycee Ann entered the world on Sept. 12, 2014. Proud parents are **Tyler Neether '09** and **Stefanie (Merck) Neether '07**.



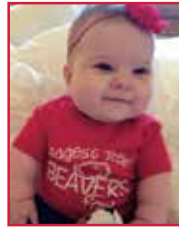
### Brisson

Bryn Marie was born on Dec. 8, 2014. Proud parents are **Marc Brisson '03** and **Jancy (Bryant) Brisson '04**. She joins brother Bryant, who is 2 years old.



### Krattenmaker

Jordyn Joy was born Oct. 8, 2014, to **Mika (Clifford) Krattenmaker '04** and her husband, Jake. The family resides in Minn.



### Undlin

Alivia Faith was born on July 1, 2014, to **Jenny (Engh) Undlin '05** and **Matthew Undlin (attended '04)**. She joins big brothers Cade and Ryder.



### Buckman

Brandon Lewis was born Sept. 26, 2014, to **Jessica (Haag) Buckman '12/'14** and her husband, Brian.



### Louser

Kendyl Ruby entered the world on August 21, 2014. Proud parents are **Scott Louser '94/'01** and his wife, Alexa.



### Vickers

Oliver Paul was born Dec. 28, 2014, to **Brittany (Peterson) Vickers '08** and her husband, Brady.



### Enander

Christian David entered the world on July 13, 2014. Proud parents are **Samantha (Johnson) Enander '10** and her husband, Ashton.



### Molioo

**Tommy Molioo '08** and his wife, Morgan, welcomed Matai Alexander on March 21, 2014.



### Voeller

Reed Jay was born June 17, 2014, to **Dustin Voeller (attended '99-'04)** and **Julie (Blessum) Voeller '02**. He joins older brothers Dane and Brody.



### Nagel

**Chelsea (Carlson) Nagel '07** and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Brynlee Jo to their family on March 5, 2014.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

|                               |            |                           |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Community Block Party         | 5 – 7 P.M. | Lawn in front of Old Main |
| Coronation                    | 7 P.M.     | Steps of Old Main         |
| Soccer vs. University of Mary | 7 P.M.     | Herb Parker Stadium       |

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

|  |        |                       |
|--|--------|-----------------------|
| Golden Awards Dinner                               | 6 P.M. | MSU Conference Center |
| Volleyball vs. Minnesota State University-Moorhead | 7 P.M. | MSU Dome              |

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

|  |             |                       |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Alumni and Friends Reunions  | 7 – 11 P.M. | Grand Hotel           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sigma Tau Gamma — Celebrating 50 years</li><li>• Athletics: '95-'96 &amp; '97-'98 Women's Basketball Teams</li></ul> |             |                       |
| Emberman 5 Final Hurrah  | 8 P.M.      | Minot City Auditorium |

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

|  |                |                                  |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Homecoming Parade – Tailgate – Football Game |                |                                  |
| • Parade                                     | 10:30 A.M.     | Main Street > Broadway > Dome    |
| • Tailgate fun                               | Follows parade | 11th Avenue in front of MSU Dome |
| • Football game vs. Concordia, St. Paul      | 1:30 P.M.      | Herb Parker Stadium              |





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*Chris and Denise '91 (Borjeson) Lindbo are owners of several Minot businesses. Chris serves on MSU's Board of Regents.*