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KREBSBACH
... an advocate
for students

President's message

Os I write this column, we are experiencing our first dusting of snow for the season here on the MSU campus. The calendar indicates we have another 6-7 weeks left of autumn, but any of us who have lived in North Dakota long enough know that winter can start anytime!

This fall, I have a goal to visit every high school within approximately a two-hour driving radius of Minot. To date, I have been to about 20 schools, and we have another dozen or so left to visit. There is no formal agenda with these visits, but rather they have simply provided opportunities to meet with school superintendents, principals, teachers, counselors, and coaches. Kevin Harmon, our VP for Student Affairs, has accompanied me on all the tours. We typically take a tour of the school, learn about their students and community, important issues in the school district, and discuss ways Minot State and their school can work more closely together.

These visits have also created occasions to meet numerous MSU alumni, as we have so many alums in the education profession throughout North Dakota (and across the globe!). I have seen first-hand the dedication and commitment these wonderful MSU graduates have toward their students and their schools. With every school visit, I come away a little more optimistic, confident, and proud of the work Minot State University does in preparing teachers, coaches, and administrators. I also beam with pride as I think about the work those teachers are doing for the betterment of their local communities. MSU was founded as a Normal School, and to this day, teacher education plays a critical role in our mission. As the U.S. expanded west of the Mississippi River, Normal Schools played a key function ensuring there were teachers to educate society. I have always been proud of this important part of our mission, but that pride has only been reinforced and strengthened this fall witnessing our graduates in action!

This fall season also brought a couple wonderful recognition celebrations. Our annual Golden Awards banquet during Homecoming recognized five deserving recipients in Dr. Joe Hegstad (posthumously), Dr. Dick Jenkins, Roger Looyenga, Marv Semrau, and Wade Regier. A few weeks later, we celebrated MSU's Athletic Hall of Fame induction with Nick Banks, Kendra Meyer, and Janessa (Penner) Wilson. You can read more about all of these tremendous recipients in this issue of *Connections*.

One final update from this autumn at MSU: as you read this, the campus will have completed hosting our 10-year accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). This exhaustive review process is the culmination of several years' worth of planning by MSU. The late-October campus visit was conducted by a team of peer reviewers from across the country confirming MSU meets the HLC accreditation criteria, pursues institutional improvement, and complies with requirements set by the U.S. Department of Education. We will receive a final report in early 2018 from the Commission, but are confident it was a favorable accreditation review site visit and anticipate a positive outcome.

I look forward to seeing you in 2018, and as always ... GO BEAVERS!



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Editor's note

GREETINGS FROM THE MAGIC CITY! It is my pleasure to present you with what I'm calling Issue No. 1. While I have been associated with *Connections* for the past seven years in my role in athletics, this is my first edition as managing editor.



First off, introductions. My name is Michael Linnell and I am the Director of University Communications. *Connections* welcomes three new writers. Nicole Thom-Arens is an assistant professor at MSU and is the advisor of the Red & Green. Dan Fagan, a senior at MSU studying finance and active in the arts, is an intern in the University Communications Office. Roger McAfee is the athletic department's new Assistant Athletic Director of Communications & Media Relations. In addition, Karen Holmen, Student Publications Office and University Communications Office, is *Connections* copy editor.

The team will strive to produce the best possible magazine, to bring you interesting stories, and features from a variety of subjects.

We hope you enjoy the new features in this edition, including the Alum from Day One section and our Under 30 and Under 40 profiles.

As always, please let us know who you want featured, what we are doing well, and what we can do better.

GO BEAVERS!

—Michael Linnell
Director of University Communications

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... an advocate for students

Each time a student at
Minot State University
utilizes the pedagogy
lab in Swain Hall,
climbs the rock wall in
the Wellness Center or
escapes winter's chill in
the walkway spanning
the two buildings, they
are enjoying the fruits
of Sen. Karen (Lysne)
Krebsbach's labors.

KREBSBACH





Sen. Karen Krebsbach, R-Minot, represents District 40 in the North Dakota Senate and is pictured in the Great Hall of the State Capital building in Bismarck.

KREBSBACH, A 1961 GRADUATE OF MINOT STATE

and longtime state senator, has been an integral part of some of the most recent building projects at Minot State. The buildings represent a physical reminder of one of her biggest passions in the state legislature — ensuring student success.

All three projects are a reminder of the hard work Krebsbach has done for Minot, Minot State, and higher education.

“It’s rewarding when the process is done right,” she said. “Yes, I suppose there is an adrenaline rush when you are in the throes of it and have people countering you, but that only bothers me when

they are countering you with untrue facts. The local legislators got together and really saw the benefit of these projects.

“I guess my success in any of this, was the relationships I built up with the other legislators — not just the local ones and not just republicans, but across the state. They know I’m not just here for my game.”

“She has a vision for all of North Dakota,” Grand Forks senator and chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee Ray Holmberg said. “She is a superb advocate for Minot and Minot State. She is always there with the facts and figures. Karen advocates for what is good for students, she has a spine — I can’t say all legislators do — and stands up for what she believes is right.”

Krebsbach’s path to becoming an influential legislator started with humble beginnings. She ran three times before being successful on her first public board, a local consumer credit association in Minot.

“The local manager kept encouraging me to run (for the consumer credit association). When he came the third time, I said, ‘No, two times is enough to get defeated,’” she recalled. “But the third time I was successful. That was the beginning of my involvement.”

From there, she ran for a couple of local and state boards before taking the opportunity to run for the state legislature. While she felt at the time she was encouraged to run because she was a female, she quickly



Sen. Karen Krebsbach, R-Minot, represents District 40 in the North Dakota Senate and is pictured in her familiar seat in the Senate chambers at the State Capital in Bismarck.



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Sen. Karen Krebsbach, R-Minot, delivers a speech during the grand opening ceremony for Swain Hall on the Minot State University campus in August 2010.

made a name for herself by her actions.

“I started at a time when women were being asked to be on more boards and I became someone they routinely asked. I’ve said many times that maybe I was put on as a token, but they quickly found I had a mouth,” she said. “I’ve watched and observed a lot of things and it’s not just what you do and what you say, but how you carry things out. I’ve encouraged women to get involved right from the beginning.”

Her work on the boards translated into a ringing endorsement she couldn’t pass up. After Chester Reiten vacated his senate seat, he strongly encouraged Krebsbach to run.

“I had some interest and there was a lot of encouragement from friends, not

necessarily from family, but from friends and colleagues,” Krebsbach said. “I became more interested in politics over time and when Chester — we had worked on the hospital board and Hostfest together — encouraged me, I felt it was time.

“He felt I could do the job for the community. When people asked me if I was filling his shoes, I responded, ‘No, you never fill his shoes. You just try to do the job he left.’ That was my encouragement to get into politics.”

From there, Krebsbach devoted herself to working for North Dakota and especially her hometown of Minot. Giving back to Minot and Minot State, however, aren’t just confined to her work with the legislature, but also include events like the Hostfest, boards such as the MSU Development Foundation and

Board of Regents, and local committees.

“Karen is a tremendous supporter of Minot State and is always interested in what is the best outcome for students,” MSU President Steven Shirley said. “I have an interesting perspective. I knew Karen from a legislative standpoint when I was president at Valley City State and saw that she was a strong supporter of higher education and our students. In committees and during legislative testimony, she always asks the tough questions. I remember thinking during those days that it would be nice to be in a city where Karen is my representative because I knew she was fighting for Minot and its students. That belief has only solidified since moving here three years ago and having had the opportunity

to work closely with her on many initiatives.”

Her roots to Minot State started as just a one-year secretarial course. She ended up with a degree in teaching and a lifelong passion for MSU.

“I finished the one-year course and was doing okay, working part time, but thought I might as well keep going,” Krebsbach said. “I did a two-year secretarial course and, after that, decided to continue. I graduated with a teaching degree and, while I didn’t end up teaching in a classroom, I feel I’ve used those skills a lot.

“I developed strong relationships in the sorority (Delta Epsilon Phi) I was in and really enjoyed that time. I had some wonderful teachers here like Doris Slatten. I had a lot of fun.”

Krebsbach will continue her work in an ever-changing political and economic climate in North Dakota and will continue to work as an advocate of Minot State and for students in general.

“The best thing we have done over the past couple of years is to create the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund,” she said of the state’s matching grant for the advancement of academics at institutions of higher education. “I’ve seen universities come alive because of that program.

“There have been a lot of changes in North Dakota. I’ve been involved in a time when we didn’t have much money, to a time where we did, and now, again to a time where we don’t. We are still considered a wealthy state, not just because of dollars and cents, but because of the people who call this great state home.” ■

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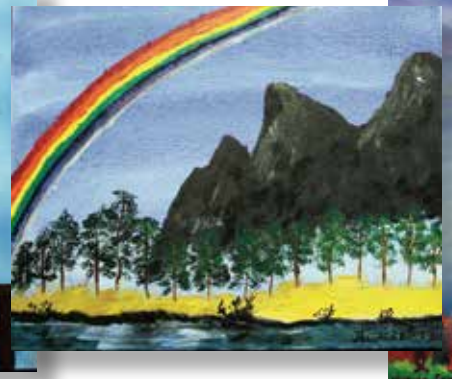
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When walking into the Cancer Care Center at Trinity in Minot, it is impossible not to notice the artwork. Original paintings along with descriptions and titles line the walls. They're part of an exhibit called "Painting Away the Pain" — the product of a five-week class offered to cancer patients through Trinity's Cancer Care Center.



Bill Harbort



BILL HARBORT, professor of art at Minot State University, is not an art therapist, but the Trinity classes he teaches offer a medium through which patients can process their condition.

“I don’t know if I would have kept going had it been another place where you talk about it

was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago. Shortly after helping his dad with treatments in New York, Sandy asked if he’d be willing to offer painting classes at the Cancer Care Center.

“There were conversations about yoga and more physical activity-based opportunities and

ty around them, and it prompts the artist to make connections with their condition and the subject matter of the painting, and, through that process, there’s some realization that’s made,” Harbort said.

For four of the five weeks, artists work on a single 16-inch by 20-inch painting from an image. Work on the painting begins from many different levels of process — some come in with a photograph or sketch while others work from a mental image. Borden-King came in the second week with a hastily-snapped photo of a willow tree in her backyard. Years ago, the tree was cut down due to disease but — being resilient — it has since sprouted four new shoots making an amazing recovery. The connection between the willow tree and Borden-King’s condition wasn’t obvious when she made her choice of subject matter.

“I’m literally the worst person in the world to paint because I have no spatial sense. I don’t see pictures in my head. I think in words. There’s nothing visual about me,” she said.

Willow trees are simply Borden-King’s favorite trees and when looking for something she

could possibly paint, 6-foot twigs coming out of the ground didn’t seem so intimidating.

For Borden-King, meaning would come through the process, and she attacked the task in a way that wasn’t out of character. She mimicked her painting style with large, broad movements instead of dainty strokes one might imagine an artist making on the canvas. Harbort took notice of Borden-King’s style.

“Usually the artists in the class have a bit more of a roadmap — more of a defined sketch. They’re going to approach this in a very calculative way, and Lisa had somewhat of a whisper of a sketch. That could be dangerous. It could be the recipe for disaster,” Harbort said.

But, like any good teacher, Harbort knew he needed to adapt himself to reach the student, and he realized Borden-King was comfortable taking risks on the canvas.

“Lisa was fearless and adventurous and with bold spirit applying paint. Like many painters, she was creating problems on the canvas and solving them and creating another problem and solving it and interacting — having a visual conversation

When the artists discuss cancer, Harbort allows conversations to transpire naturally but never asks about cancer, and he never interjects. For Harbort and the artists, the classes are about the process.

(the cancer),” Lisa Borden-King, professor of education at Minot State and a breast cancer survivor, said. “When you have cancer, and you’re out in public, you get so tired, so tired, of the cancer look, and the ‘I’m so sorry,’ and here was a little space where nobody ever did that — Bill never did it.”

Perhaps Harbort knows about the “cancer look.” His wife Sandy is a nurse at the Cancer Care Center and his father

discussion groups where folks would have active discussions about their condition and their lives and issues. This one kind of fell between,” Harbort said.

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Along the top and bottom are works created by various artists in the six sessions of “Painting Away the Pain.”





with the process,” Harbort said.

“One night he said, ‘Man, Lisa, you’re fearless,’ and I thought, what are you talking about? I’m so not fearless right now. I’ve been fearless in my life but I’m not right now,” Borden-King recalled. “That comment was exactly what I needed to hear at that moment. I just felt like that person wasn’t there anymore.”

Harbort’s manner of teaching and honest critique allowed Borden-King to reevaluate her condition and her life.

“We are layers of things, and all of those things are true at once. I am both fearful and fearless, and it’s not like one of those is fake or artificial,” Borden-King explained of her revelation.

Through painting, came a realization that everything and everyone is composed of layers — just like the tree isn’t just brown and the leaves aren’t just green and when painters make a mistake on the canvas, they can just paint over it to create new layers.

“I don’t have cancer, but I have somehow stepped into the condition by being a bystander and have seen that common thread with all the patients. They have a magnificent appreciation

of the world around them,” Harbort said.

For Borden-King, painting became a process where she could free herself of the worries cancer patients face and the general worries about life.

“This was this little space where I wasn’t afraid because you can’t actually paint and worry about 95 things,” Borden-King said. “Maybe that’s why it’s a helpful thing for people going through cancer treatment. It’s so easy to get disconnected from everything and be in this other headspace — things of doctors and tests. There’s something so intimately concrete about painting. I keep doing it because I’m perpetually dissatisfied.”

After two decades teaching university students, the Cancer Care classes forced Harbort to shift his perspective without losing his teaching spirit.

“This experience is more about getting people together and having them exchange and having them pursue a painting and a subject matter in the painting that relates to their condition. It’s not necessarily

all about the composition, it’s all about the color, it’s all about the concept. This is not that,” Harbort said. “It’s about getting together and being a community and making realizations during the process.”



about how great the painting is, which is a difficult thing for me because I’ve been teaching 22 years here (at Minot State) and it’s all about the product, it’s

There have been six “Painting Away the Pain” sessions, and Trinity intends to continue offering the classes as long as there is funding. ■



Above: Lisa Borden-King shows her willow tree painting.

Moorhead mayor exemplifies lifetime of civic engagement

Mayor Del Rae (Redman) Williams, '82, was destined to become a civic leader even if her last minute decision to run for mayor of Moorhead, Minn., and eventual election took some by surprise.

Williams has been a part of politics dating back to her childhood.

"Community and business — that's what we talked about at the dinner table," Williams said.

Williams' parents owned an abstract company in

for one year and, frankly, I loved it and didn't want to leave," she recalled.

Williams was active in the Student Government Association, served as the College Republican chair, was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, and volunteered twice for the Doug Mattson for House campaign.

After Minot State, Williams successfully passed her CPA exam and became a public accountant. At the age of 27, she started her own accounting firm, eventually selling it and delving into academia.

with her professional career. Her talent with numbers landed her a position as a campaign treasurer for a local politician.

"I was many people's campaign treasurer after that," Williams said.

In the lead up to the 2013 election for mayor, Williams had tried to talk a few people she knew into running but for various reasons they passed. The day before the filing date, Williams asked herself, "is this going to be one of those moments I need to step up to the plate, and am I going to regret not doing it?"

"One of the things I really enjoyed about my time at Minot State was the ability to be active in a variety of ways beyond academia," Williams said.



Minot. As a child of business owners, Williams decided to major in management and accounting at Minot State.

"My mom wanted me to go to the hometown college

Williams was an adjunct professor at both Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University.

Williams' involvement in politics continued in tandem

The day Williams filed to run, supporters gathered at the city hall to watch her declare her candidacy. Williams received overwhelming support from local citizens.

"People gave me money, and lots of people were willing to door walk," Williams said.

Williams was elected in 2013 and sworn into office at the beginning of 2014. Her leadership style is simple, "I put my heart into it."

She admittedly spends more time at local coffee shops talking to constituents than holding up in her office. "I'm big on listening, and I'm very transparent, she said."

Williams spends most of her time staying out of the limelight, focusing on the day-to-day activities of running a city. In the spring of this year, Williams traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with Trump officials and garner support for flood planning in the Fargo-Moorhead region.

Reflecting back on where she is now, Williams thinks of her time at Minot State.

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alumni **from DAY** one

Jordan Will

Accounting ■ Minot, N.D.

Jordan is a two-sport athlete competing in football and wrestling for the Beavers. He was a high school state champion in wrestling and graduated from Bishop Ryan with highest academic honors.

Why did you choose Minot State?

There were two main things for me. First, growing up in Minot, MSU is my hometown college, it was a part of my whole life. The other was the opportunities with athletics. To be able to play football and wrestle was important to me. Plus, my brother (Jared) went here, so that helped.

How has Minot State helped you further your academic career?

I think it has started to help me already. I was able to take dual credit in high school and did two semesters of calculus. That was important. I need to get to 150 credit hours to take the CPA exam.

What has been your favorite class?

Calculus was one I liked a lot. I was a junior in high school and took it with some others in college, so there was a comfort that if I did the work and took the time, I could accomplish that.

What is your most memorable moment at MSU?

So far, getting to play in the home (football) opener. Getting to play on that field, in my hometown, as a freshman, was very memorable.



Aileen Cheong

Communication Disorders ■ Subang Jaya, Malaysia

Coming to Minot State was the first time Aileen had visited the United States. She is currently a residence hall assistant.

Why did you choose Minot State?

Mainly, the tuition. Minot State offers the same tuition rate for international students as everyone else. Also, the program has a clinic which is very beneficial for CD students because we can immediately go there to practice.

How has Minot State helped you further your academic career?

I've been able to meet a lot of practicing speech-language pathologists so they've been able to share their insights on how certain clinics do things differently. It made me more interested and excited about what I'm learning.

What has been your favorite class?

So far I would have to say American Sign Language. It's a whole new language so we have to get out of our comfort zone and learn a lot of new rules.

Who has been your most influential professor?

It would be equal among all the CD professors. They all have different backgrounds and points of view. I really look up to all of them.

What is your most memorable moment at MSU?

My residence hall assistant training was very valuable, especially the training regarding Title IX. That was a whole new concept for me to learn about.



freshman

sophomore

alumni **from DAY** one

Matthew Winburn

Chemistry and Music Performance ■ Minot, N.D.

Matthew, a Minot, N.D. native, combined two areas he is passionate about and turned them into a rare combination of majors.

Why did you choose Minot State?

The proximity to home and the affordability were two big selling points for Minot State. I was set on getting through school — through grad school — without any debt. Plus, the school has a good chemistry department and music department.

How has Minot State helped you further your academic career?

One of the biggest advantages of Minot State is that I can sit down with my advisor, figure out my schedule, and do the things I want to do. I was able to follow my own path.

Why did you choose to double major in chemistry and music?

I knew I was going to do chemistry. I enjoy that, and I am pretty good at it. But toward the end of high school, I really fell in love with music.

I auditioned for some scholarships and at the time thought maybe I will just do band. I don't have any plans of making a new combination of music and chemistry, but just wanted to do it for me.

What has been your favorite class?

Quantitative analysis. I really enjoy being in the lab and got to spend most of my time in the lab in that class. It's the most true chemistry you get to do early on, not just an intro class.

Who has been your most influential professor?

Dr. David Rolandson has had the largest impact on me. He's the person I work with most, he is my advisor and knows how to push me to be my best. When I've given my all, he knows that's the best I've got.

Adrianna Varbero

English ■ Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Adrianna served as the president of the Minot State English Club and is an intern with the Hess Corporation. She was selected to present her paper on the works of Toni Morrison at the Sigma Tau Delta conference in Louisville, Ky., in March 2017.

Why did you choose Minot State?

It's a very affordable university, so that was a huge plus.

How has Minot State helped you further your academic career?

The smaller classes allowed a lot of one-on-one time with professors which added more quality to the content. Also, I was selected to do an internship with Hess Corporation as a technical writer which led to a contract extension and an eventual full-time position when I graduate.

What has been your favorite class?

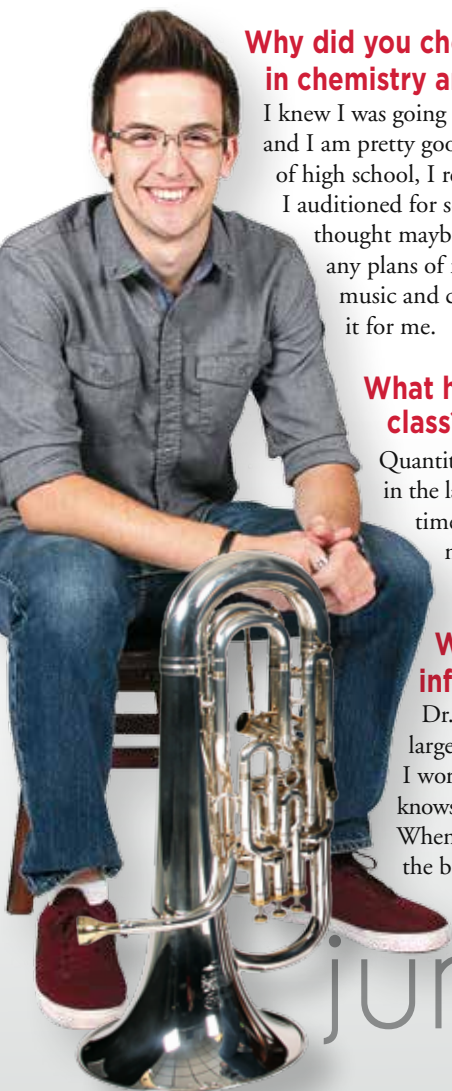
Major writers. It focused on the works of Toni Morrison, so we were able to explore the progression of themes in her novels.

Who has been your most influential professor?

Dr. Robert Kibler. He was the first person I contacted when I was thinking of coming to Minot State, and he's been so supportive of my time here.

What is your most memorable moment at MSU?

My internship with Hess Corporation and my trip to Louisville for the Sigma Tau Delta conference.



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Chancellor Baesler

Speech-Language Pathology ■ Mandan, N.D.

Chancellor is a second year student in the speech language pathology graduate program. Born and raised in North Dakota, Baesler recently discovered his love of traveling when he went to Spain last summer with his brothers. During his time in Spain, Baesler participated in the running of the bulls in Pamplona.

Why did you choose Minot State?

My mom was a graduate of Minot State, so I always heard about how great of a program it was. I also was looking for a grad school that offered a degree in speech pathology, and during my independent research, discovered that Minot State has a really good program.

How has Minot State helped you further your academic career?

I couldn't imagine having these same kinds of opportunities at any other institution. Having the chance to work with so many clients of all ages has prepared me for what I should expect in my future career. With the recent increase in our faculty, we've received a lot of different perspectives. The faculty bring in their real world experience. Having the chance to work with my clients has shown me the diverse population that requires our services.

What has been your favorite class?

Dysphagia and motor speech disorders. When I worked at a local hospital, I had the opportunity to work with a lot of elderly patients, and it was useful to take those experiences into those classes.



Tim Morris

Assistant Professor of Mathematics ■ Sherwood, N.D.

Tim earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1977 and his master's degree in 1991. He taught at the high school level and, in 2007, became a full-time faculty member at Minot State in the math department. Morris served as the mayor of Sherwood, N.D., from 1982-1990.

You have two degrees from Minot State and are teaching here as well. What do you think makes MSU special?

The people who care about the students and are willing to do their best to make sure these students reach their full potential.

How has Minot State helped you further your academic career?

The degrees, of course, and then the encouragement by the people in the math and computer science department to attend and present at workshops to keep up to date with current teaching styles and materials.

What is your favorite quote?

"You never really learn something well until you teach it successfully to someone else." I guess it was something I've come up with. I also like, "The best angle to approach a problem is a try-angle."

Who was your most influential professor?

During my undergrad, it was Dr. Michael Thompson, he was my advisor in the biology department. In grad school, it was Dr. Robert Holmen. I do more things the way he did them than anybody else.

What is your most memorable moment at MSU?

Receiving my master's degree and the hooding ceremony in 1991. It is my wish to live on in the knowledge and experiences students have gained in my classes.



master's faculty

HEILMAN

performing at high level

Caleb Heilman '12 doesn't think the 19-year-old version of himself would get along with his current 29-year-old self.

"I don't think he knew what a 10-year plan was at all," Heilman joked. "It's crazy what passion will do for you."

Heilman has put that passion into his ever-growing business Heilman's Performance — a strength and conditioning program that offers performance based group training and personal training.

While he has gone through an evolution, the one constant was athletics. It is what brought him to Minot State in the first place, convinced him to return, and has become his career.

"I started here with the baseball team and hated it," he said. "I left and went to UND (University of North Dakota), got there, hated that after a semester. After (Brock) Weppeler (now MSU's Assistant Athletic Director for Development) was hired as the baseball coach, I knew I wanted to get back into athletics. I thought just being a normal student would be a better fit for me, but once I got a taste of 'normalcy,' I really missed being an athlete."

He believes his penchant for metrics and data collecting — a skill he picked up working with friend and teammate on the Minot State baseball team Scott Peters, who is a physical therapist with the Toronto Blue Jays — is what sets his business apart.

"Scott took me to a functional movement systems conference in Minneapolis," he said. "Scott is a brilliant person, so he knew what he was doing right away, but with us, we have been sticking to the program and getting better. We think we do a great job of using the data to drive our programming. We try to stay on top of what is new. I think we are the only ones in town who work hard to collect the data and then use it to get the best performance we can."

As a student-athlete at Minot State, Heilman was exposed to the strength and conditioning program at MSU as well as his future degree in corporate fitness.

"When I was at MSU, I wasn't the most talented player by any means, but I took on a role as a leader early," he said. "I fell in love with strength and conditioning and human performance. I felt it was a way to bring value to the team in a way that wasn't just performing on the field."

"I had an opportunity at ASK Fitness in the summer program and my love for human performance blossomed. I could do what I love and also to be able to provide for my family." ■

HEILMAN'S PERFORMANCE



Leap of faith paying off for Kringen

When Katie (Aide) Kringen '07/'09 started to think about changing from a teaching role to a private practice, she was a little timid. "I loved the school setting," Kringen said. "I come from a family of teachers and felt like that is just what you do."

But after she and her husband, Josh Kringen '08, discussed the idea, she decided to take a chance.

"I closed my eyes and did it," she recalled. "When I started, the practice was in Mondak Sports."

Fast forward just two years to 2017 and Kringen has grown her Williston, N.D., business, Chatter Pediatric Therapy, to seven therapists, offering physical, occupational and speech and language therapy to children. She has plans to open a second clinic in Dickinson, N.D., in 2018.

"The first year it was just me, but my paths crossed with occupational therapy and physical therapy and I decided to add them," Kringen said. "We found a building, started it, and it took off. It's been surreal."

"I don't know if it was a specific goal of mine, but owning my own building and business is pretty awesome."

Kringen moved to Williston and started a business from scratch during the height of the Bakken oil boom. She feels the move was perfectly timed.

"We started this business during the baby boom," she said. "There were 800 babies born last year. The schools are full and

the special education departments are full so we can offer another level of support for the schools and families."

For Kringen, working in the private setting has allowed her to use her master's degree in speech-language pathology on a much more personal level.

"I liked the school setting, but when I was in Glendive (Montana), I had 120 students under me. I didn't actually do any therapy for four years," she said. "Now, I get to spend a lot of time with my clients, get to know the families, and work in an intense setting. It's very rewarding."

She credits her time in MSU's program preparing her for the day-to-day side of the job and credits Josh's time at MSU for the business side.

"The degree I earned at Minot State, I don't know if I could have been more prepared," she said. "It was intense and I truly got a solid education. Plus, I have a really close friend group — friends and also colleagues — that can help me."

I know if I don't know something, then I know who to reach out to. "On the business side, I really didn't have a clue."

I'm thankful for Josh — who is a Minot State grad in business — for that. He was super optimistic and encouraging through the whole thing." ■

Remembering his roots

Success has followed Curt Kraft at every stop



His resumé is filled with coach of the year honors, school record holders, NCAA qualifiers and All-Americans. Through all of his success, however, the East Carolina head cross country/track & field coach has remained grounded in where it all started.

“One of my favorite sayings is, ‘remember where you came from,’ and the moral of that is I’m a North Dakota native, born and raised on the farm in Karlsruhe and proud to be a product of Minot State,” Kraft said. “Rewind and fast forward my career, I’m at where I’m at today because of where I came from. I really have to thank Wiley for recruiting me.”

Wiley, of course, is legendary Minot State coach Wiley Wilson, who was both Kraft’s head coach and — later on — mentor.

“He was a huge influence on me, someone I really wanted to be like someday,” he said. “Wiley came to my home in 1980 and from there, no question I’m at where I’m at today because of him. He was my head coach, but more than just that, he was a great family man, had a wonderful wife (Hermelle), great kids, it goes on. How he treated people, how detailed he was, how motivating he was plays a big part in how I coach today.”

Kraft took those lessons to heart. He developed the women’s program at the University of Nevada-Reno into a regional powerhouse, winning the program’s first-ever WAC title. He was named 2000 Big West and 2003 WAC/Mountain Region Coach of the Year.

Then, after taking the head women’s coach position at East Carolina University (ECU) in 2005 and later the head coach/program director title in 2006, he built the Pirates into a perennial contender. He was named 2014 USTFCCCA Southeast Region Coach of the Year and Conference USA Coach of the Year twice, winning ECU’s first-ever C-USA title.

“One of my favorite sayings is, ‘Remember where you came from,’ and the moral of that is I’m a North Dakota native, born and raised on the farm in Karlsruhe and proud to be a product of Minot State,” Kraft said.



In all, he has coached 14 All-Americans, 61 NCAA qualifiers, 80 conference champions, 89 school record holders, and 346 all-conference individuals in his career.

“I’ve been fortunate and blessed enough to get a number of coach of the year awards and blessed to win some championships, so I feel fulfilled. That doesn’t mean I don’t want to try to win some more, but I’ve fulfilled some goals,” he said. “But my assistants at Nevada and the ones here and without question the student-athletes, they are the ones who are truly the award winners.”

Kraft started his coaching and teaching career at Carrington High School after graduating from Minot State in 1984. At the time, he felt that was going to be his calling, but after having a couple of his athletes recruited at the



the field and another lesson taught by Wilson.

“You have to win, that’s important and we’ve done that I think,” Kraft said of ECU. “And you have to have great student athletes. I’ve been fortunate to have that. In recruiting, I’ve tried to do something that was taught by Wiley. He was a dad first and a coach second. I try to treat our kids as they are my own. How you talk to them, respect them, treat them — how would I want my kids treated. We reassure the parents that we will be there for them and guide them. Integrity is huge.

“They either trust you or they don’t, they want to compete for you or they don’t.”

Kraft looks back on the two first-time championships, one at UNR and one at ECU, as milestone events during his coaching career. Another championship, his 400-meter hurdle title as a sophomore in college, and being inducted into the Minot State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004 are highlights of his time at MSU.

“Those firsts are always big,” he said. “The 400 hurdles conference championship was important to me because it was the only one, I had a number of seconds and thirds, but I was always shooting to be a conference champion.

“I can remember where I was when I got the call from Chad McNally (former MSU Assistant AD for Development) for the Hall of Fame. That was such an honor. I grew up following the local university and the legendary coaches: Gary Leslie, Ken Becker, Wes Luther, Vence Elgie and, of course, Wiley. I can credit all kinds of people all along in life, but if it wasn’t for my college career and my influences there, I don’t know where I might be.” ■

Above: Coach Curt Kraft addresses members of the East Carolina men’s and women’s track & field team.

Far left: Coach Curt Kraft at an East Carolina University track meet.

Left: Photo taken from the 1983 MSU Beaver Junior, Curt Kraft competing in an outdoor track meet for Minot State University.



collegiate level, he began to think about a college coaching career.

“I loved being a teacher and a coach at Carrington,” Kraft said. “After we had a couple players get recruited, I decided to get into college athletics. I moved to Lincoln (University of Nebraska) and got my masters there and got a taste of college coaching.”

He spent 14 years at Nevada Reno, first as an assistant and then as a head coach. After a change in leadership in the athletic department, he felt it was time to move on, landing the head women’s job at ECU. After 13 years in Greenville, N.C., he doesn’t have any plans to move on.

“The community has kept me here,” he said. “It’s a col-

lege town, my wife (Nancy, ’84) loves it here — she teaches first grade — one of my daughters lives here, and that’s wonderful, and it’s a great university,” he said. “I’ve never been a guy that looks over the fence at something greener, I believe in longevity.”

Part of the secret to that is a combination of winning on



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21st Century

WORKFORCE Campaign



The Minot State University Career Center is excited to announce a new initiative which will connect students with alumni and community members in order to support a more successful transition into the world and the workplace.

The purpose of Minot State University's 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN is to create a collective knowledge bank for students, faculty, and staff. Alumni and community members are invited to connect with our students through the following areas of experience:

- Speakers Network and Mock Interview Teams
- Mentoring
- Internships
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To inquire about how you can add value to our student's education through this new program, contact Lynda Bertsch, Career Center Director at 701-858-3996 • 800-777-0750 or Careers@MinotStateU.edu.

MinotStateU.edu/careers/workforce-development.shtml



While attending MSU, I had the opportunity to connect with area law enforcement who shared their first-hand experience in the classroom; this along with the Criminal Justice curriculum helped prepare me for my current law enforcement career.

— Chris Poitra '03,
Deputy United States Marshal



Medical school is a competitive application process. My extra-curricular activities made me a more well rounded and interesting applicant. My experience with research on a national level, I have no doubt, made me stand out among other well qualified applicants.

— Ashley (Olander) Evanoff '07, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

Empowering generations

MSU Development Foundation



It's on us! That was the comment that President Steven Shirley made in one of our many budget meetings during spring semester of 2017. The State of North Dakota had just notified our campus of a third budget reduction in the last 14 months and it was abundantly clear that we had to make some very difficult decisions regarding our finances. Dr. Shirley was making the point that we would have to tighten the belt and look for other areas of support moving forward.

Fortunately, we have had so many of you step forward to assist our campus and support our students during this time. Your support will help our campus through this difficult time, one that is nearly unprecedented in our campus's 104-year history.

As you read in our President's Report earlier this fall, it was a record-setting year for the MSU Development Foundation (MSUDF). Over \$4.36 million in gifts were received in fiscal year 2017 by the MSUDF. We cannot thank you enough for all you do for our campus and our students!

We have several campus projects in which the MSUDF is currently involved. The Northwest Arts Center is nearing completion in the lowest level of the Gordon B. Olson Library. This facility will house the collection of MSU's own Walter Piehl and provide a venue for public exhibitions and programming through the arts for the region. It will have one of the only climate-controlled exhibit spaces in western North Dakota. This facility has been made possible due to funds from the Chuck and Madge Westlie estate and alumna, Doris Slaaten. Look for news on a grand opening of the art facility this spring. Another exciting project under construction is a new student-athlete academic center located in the MSU Dome. This space, located on the second floor of the Dome, will provide a computer lab and study area for our athletic teams and is being funded through the generosity of American Trust Center, United Community Bank, Vibeto Orthodontics, and Dean and Sara Frantsvog.

As a member of the Minot State family, we need your help now more than ever. It's on us and together we can overcome these challenging fiscal realities. Thanks for your support of our campus! Your dedication opens a world of possibilities for our students and the communities we serve. GO BEAVERS!

Rick Hedberg
Vice President for Advancement

UPCOMING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS EVENTS

Jan. 26

Alumni and Friends
Appreciation
Basketball Game

Feb. 3

Alumni and Friends
Night with the
Minot Symphony

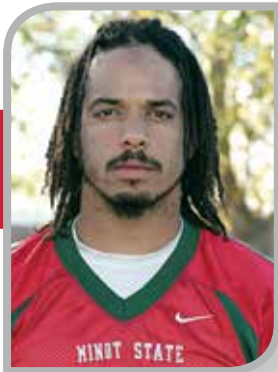
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Alumni and Friends
Arizona Events

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ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

THE MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE selected three individuals to be enshrined in 2017. The 2017 Hall of Fame class featured student-athletes **NICK BANKS**, **KENDRA MEYER** and **JANESSA (PENNER) WILSON**. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place during halftime of the Beavers home football game against Bemidji State Oct. 14. A brunch was held in their honor prior to the game. This marks the 38th class to enter the Minot State University Athletics Hall of Fame as the school has honored a class each year since 1980.



NICK BANKS

BANKS played football for Minot State for just two seasons, but the San Diego, Calif., native put together a fantastic career in a short time. He was named the Dakota Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player in both seasons (Co-MVP in 2007) and was a two-time American Football Coaches Association All-American. In 2008, he was named to the first team and was a second-team honoree in 2007. Banks was named First-Team All-DAC in both 2007 and 2008. He rushed for 2,697 yards in two seasons, ranking him third on the Beavers all-time list. His 1,438 yards rushing in 2008 is second all-time for single season rushing. He is ranked third in single season rushing for his 1,259 yards in 2007. Along with his total yards, he scored 27 rushing touchdowns and added one receiving. He ranked second in the NAIA in rushing with 143.8 per game in 2008. Minot State finished 6-1 in Dakota Athletic Conference play and tied for the DAC championship in 2007.



KENDRA MEYER

MEYER, from Prior Lake, Minn., left the university as the all-time leading scorer, finishing with 1,710 points in her four-year women's basketball career. She currently sits in second in all-time scoring at MSU. She was named NAIA All-American Second-Team in 2007-08 and was an honorable mention selection in 2006-07. Meyer was honored by the Dakota Athletic Conference on the All-DAC team three times, earning First-Team honors as a junior and senior and was the DAC's Senior Most Valuable Player (2007-08) and Co-Defensive Player of the Year (2005-06). Minot State was 77-46 during her career and Meyer played in two NAIA National Tournaments in 2006 and 2008. She helped MSU to the national quarterfinals in 2008. Along with her point totals, Meyer finished with 354 rebounds, 335 assists and 249 steals — ranking in the top 10 in school history in both assists and steals.



JANESSA (PENNER) WILSON

WILSON ended her four-year career as the most decorated softball player in school history, earning three NAIA All-American honors. The Morden, Manitoba native was named First-Team All-American in 2008, Second Team in 2009 and honorable mention in 2010. During that run, she was named the NAIA Region 3 Player of the Year (2008), the Dakota Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player (2008) and the DAC Most Valuable Senior (2010). The Beavers qualified for their first-ever NAIA National Tournament in 2010 as Wilson was named team MVP. She finished her career with a .477 average — the highest in school history. She finished with 113 runs batted in, 198 runs scored and 81 stolen bases, a school record when she graduated. Wilson also finished with 43 doubles, 19 triples and 13 home runs in her career.

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- MSU Alumni Scholarship award winners help at the 2017 Gala.
- A banner thanks community sponsors for their support.
- The jokes got a bit "hairy" as President Steve Shirley didn't win the battle of best beard. Pictured with Dr. Shirley are Rick Hedberg '89, Ryan Hertz '00, and Maynard Sandberg '55.
- Libby Claerbout and Amy (Sullivan) Roberts '01.
- The crowd reacts to co-host Dean Frantsvog's '97 wardrobe challenge.
- New to the Gala this year are the \$20 Bucks-a-shot table.
- The waiter for the night, Greg Fjeld '81, takes his duties to the next level with his tux with tails ensemble.
- Bryan Vibeto and John Gaddie pose in front of one of the night's hottest items, a crooked playhouse sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.
- MSU Alum Maynard Sandberg '55 congratulates one of the nights bidding winners.
- The crowd looks on as the night continues to entertain.
- MSU alum and faculty member Dr. Kristi (Schaefer) Berg '95/'00 shows off her basketball skills.
- Alumni and friends enjoy a great evening supporting MSU. Pictured at the CleanTech/Newkota Service and Rentals table are Ryon and Kristen Boen, Kent '06 and Chelsea (Peterson) Kirkhammer '06, Ashlee Deschamp, Trisha (Johnson) '06 and Bryan Boyeff '06/'12, and Darrik '03 and Betsy (Vig) Trudell '06.

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1. Liz (Ellis) Slotsve '97, Melessa (Kessler) Bosch '89/'02, Andrea (Limke) Hedberg '92 and Deb (Steig) Reinke '73 enjoyed the NDSF Luau.
2. Mike Arlien '94/'01 and Deb (Steig) Reinke '73 took in the fun times at the NDSF Luau.
3. Recently retired MSU VP for Advancement Marv Semrau and MSU President Steve Shirley are entertained by David Reiten.
4. Diane (Slauter) '72 and Rob Anderson '72/'83 along with Walter Piehl took in the Luau festivities.
5. Duane Edwards '75, Pat Bennett, Lenae Iverson, Byron '86 and Chris (Gay) Blowers '73 and Peggy and Dan Schmidt '74 gathered together at the Bismarck Alumni and Friends Reunion at the Blarney Stone.
6. Larry Gerjets '67, ROLLIE SCHEPP, Julie (Engg) Schepp '88/'97, Dawn (Gerjets) Hintz '92, Pat (Pfau) '69 and Arvin Swanson enjoyed the night at the Blarney Stone.
7. Sig Tau brothers Keith Bjornson '75 and Steve Bennett '74.
8. Ron and Kathy (Marum) Brandt '78, and Roger Herrmann '16, and Sarah Johnston '14 had a fun night in Bismarck.

SUMMER '17



The 2017 Golf Tour
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Minot Air Force Base
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

50th anniversary **GOLDEN AWARDS** and **YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



L to R: Dr. Richard Jenkins, Roger Looyenga '68, Jackie Hegstad (represented her late husband, Dr. Joseph Hegstad), Marv Semrau, and Wade Regier '08



Dr. Joseph Hegstad
(posthumously)

Dr. Joseph Hegstad, who passed away in 2017, began his career with Minot State in 1970, became the chairman of the music division, and helped establish a Master of Music degree at MSU. A former member of the Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants, he also directed the MSU Concert Choir, Vagabond Male Chorus, and the Jazz Madrigal Singers. He entered into college choral competition, resulting in five major European MSU Concert Choir tours, performing in major cities throughout Europe.

He not only led MSU in events, but was sought out to be a choral guest conductor at music festivals in and around North Dakota and served as choral music judge in festivals throughout the region. Hegstad trained as a classical singer in the areas of opera, oratorio, and art song, and also the styles of theater, popular & jazz, performing regularly at MSU functions as well as in the community and region. He also served as musical director for several years with the MSU Summer Theatre.

Hegstad, who was born and raised in the Mayville/Hatton area, also founded the prestigious Heritage Singers, a semiprofessional singing group consisting of local performers, MSU graduates, and individuals from around the region. He joined with Chester Reiten as a part of the initial founding group of the now well-known Hostfest. He and

his wife Jackie, served as members of the first Board of Directors for the Scandinavian Heritage Association.

During his retirement, he continued to give back to the music world, operating a private voice studio, Studio V, providing singing lessons for both children and adults. He continued to perform at charity events, churches, private parties, and annually at patriotic musical event's for military award dinners.



Dr. Richard Jenkins

Dr. Richard Jenkins served as Minot State's Vice President for Student Affairs from 1989 until his retirement in 2015.

He began his career at MSU as Director of Student Affairs from 1983-89 before being promoted to Vice President for Student Affairs. From 1994-2005, he served in the dual role of Vice President for Advancement and Student Affairs until the two positions were separated in 2005. He served through four presidents at Minot State. Minot State underwent many changes during his time with the university as he worked on projects that included Campus Heights Apartments, Lura Manor, Gordon B. Olson Library, and the Wellness Center, along with renovations to Herb Parker Stadium, the Student Center, Crane Hall, Model Hall, Moore Hall, Old Main, Memorial Hall, and Swain Hall.

Along with his Minot State duties, Jenkins was active in the Boy Scouts of America Northern Lights Council,

Minot Lions Club, Minot Area Personnel Association, and the American Legion.

Jenkins is married to Sally and they have three daughters, Krista, Julie, and Alyssa along with three grandchildren.



Roger Looyenga '68

Roger Looyenga retired in 2010 as chief executive officer and chairman of Auto-Owners Insurance Group, a Fortune 500 company, after almost 40 years of service.

A Mandan native, Looyenga graduated from then Minot State College with a bachelor's degree in business education in 1968. While at Minot State, he participated on the tennis team, in intramural football and wrestling, and was elected to the Student Council, the predecessor of today's Student Government Association. He belonged to the Letterman's Club, Greek Council, and was president of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

He presented Minot State University with a \$100,000 gift in 2010 to establish the Roger Looyenga Leadership College of Business Endowment in order to initiate a program in business leadership, an overlooked area in higher education.

At Auto-Owners, Looyenga was a payroll auditor, underwriter at the Lansing branch, special agent for northern Indiana, manager of the marketing department, regional vice president of the White Bear Lake branch, vice president of the sales department, senior vice president of the property and casualty marketing

department, senior vice president for the marketing department, company director, executive vice president, and CEO and chairman.

During his early years at Auto-Owners, Looyenga met his wife, Ann, who also worked there. He and Ann have two sons, Justin, who resides in Traverse City, Mich., and Nathan, who lives in Chicago. They now spend their winters in Arizona and summers in Michigan.

Looyenga wrote the book "Take the Stairs: Leadership Lessons Learned from a Lifetime of Service with Auto-Owners Insurance Company." It is about his life and career with Auto-Owners and the leadership lessons he learned.



Marv Semrau

Marv Semrau served Minot State University as Vice President for Advancement for 10 years until his retirement in 2016. He attended Minot State for one year before transferring to North Dakota State, graduating with a degree in business administration.

During his time as VP for Advancement and Executive Director of the MSU Development Foundation, he increased the assets by a total of \$19 million to excess of \$28 million of which approximately \$17 million are in endowments supporting student scholarships.

He successfully led the largest capital campaign in Minot State history, raising \$31.2 million in cash, gifts, pledges, and bequests in just more than seven years.

Before coming to Minot State, he was employed at Young America for 19 years, including serving as the regional manager for all Young America and American Man clothing stores, and was the sales manager at Lowe's Printing for 19 years.

He is active in the community as well, co-chairing the \$4 million capital campaign that built the new Minot Family YMCA and has served as a member of the First Lutheran Church and North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame capital campaign committees. His civic involvement includes Chairman of the Minot Planning Commission, Chairman of the Minot Area Development Corporation, Chairman of the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo, Chairman of People for Progress, President of the Minot Kiwanis Club, President of the Minot Y's Men's Club, and Trustee North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Semrau and his wife, Barb, have two children, Chris Semrau, who lives in Sioux Falls, S.D., with his wife Roslynn and Amy Nostdahl, who lives in Minneapolis, Minn., with her husband Stuart. Marv and Barb have four grandchildren.



Wade Regier '08

Wade Regier, the 2017 Young Alumni Achievement Award winner, earned his degree at Minot State in marketing and management and has continued his association with MSU both as a part of the admissions team

and currently as the club hockey team's Director of Hockey Operations and head coach.

In 2017-18, he enters his 14th year with Minot State hockey as a coach and a player and is in his eighth season as head coach. He has elevated the program to the elite level, winning the Beavers first-ever ACHA National Championship in 2013 where he earned the first of two ACHA National Coach of the Year awards (2013 & 2017). In all, he has coached MSU teams to six-straight quarterfinal appearances and three final fours, sporting a 208-36-15 overall record.

As a player, he led the Beavers in scoring for two seasons and was selected to the inaugural ACHA All-Star Game in 2008. While a student at Minot State, he was involved in the Minot State Student Association, including intramural director from 2005-07 and the student body president from 2007-08. An important part of Regier's tenure as student president was his involvement of the drafting and the creation of the new Wellness Center on campus.

Outside of the Beaver hockey program, Regier has volunteered many hours to the Bakken Oilers and Minot Hockey Boosters youth hockey organizations and served on the MAYSA Expansion committee for the development of the new Pepsi rink at the MAYSA Arena. He continues to speak at regular coaching clinics throughout the United States.

Regier's wife, Ashley (Bernsdorf) '10, is a kindergarten teacher at John Hoeven Elementary, and they have a daughter, Everette. ■



1968



Joe Alme, a trombone player who's been involved with the Minot City Band since the mid-1960s, directed his first outdoor concert this summer.

Alme taught music and served as band director at area high schools in Glenburn and Minot and later at Minot State University. He was also the administrator of the International Music Camp for 23 years.



Chuck Gad retired after 41 years of coaching West Fargo golf teams. Gad retired from business education teaching at West Fargo in 2006. He coached boys and girls basketball, boys track and field and boys and girls golf during his 50-year coaching tenure.

1969

Jerry Helgeson and his wife, Sandy, served as the grand marshals for the 2017 annual Greeley Stampede in Greeley, Colo.

1970



Dale Ekstrom is the superintendent for the McClusky School District. Ekstrom previously served as the superintendent at Underwood Public School for 11 years and Morton County for four years. He held secondary school principal and assistant principal positions at Mandan High School from 1988 to 2000. In 1998 Ekstrom was selected North Dakota Secondary Principal of the Year. He has been a member of Lions Club International, Mandan Progress Organization, Bismarck Mandan Chamber of Commerce Local Issues Committee, and an active church member serving as deacon, trustee, board member, and chair of the pastoral selection committee.

1971



Dennis Freed retired from Ameriprise after 30 years in the finance industry. Freed was active in

his community participating in chamber activities, the 4th of July Committee, the Grass Green Golf Course at the country club and spearheading a theater project. As he moves on to the next stage of his life, he plans to stay in the Hettinger area after doing some traveling.

Diane (Martinson) Selvig retired from teaching at Morning Son Christian School in Fergus Falls, Minn. Originally from Rolette, she spent 22 years at Morning Son, broken up by a few years while she was back in North Dakota with her husband until his retirement.

1973

LaVonne (Germundson) Carlson was recognized by the Minot Camera Club at the club's year-end competition.

1974

Kathy (Hoeffel) Aspaas, head girls swim coach at Century High School in Bismarck, was named the 2017 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year.

1975

Mark Grueneich has been a coach for more than four decades with 33 of those years at Parshall. He has numerous memories including conference championships and being state runner up in 2009. Aside from his major career focus on football, he briefly coached basketball, golf and tennis.

Wayne Scharf and his wife, Cleo, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Breda, The Netherlands. Wayne served in the U.S. Army and then went to work for Burlington Northern Railroad in Minot. He worked in management for the railroad in different states before moving to Pasco, Wash. in 1982. He retired from the railroad in 2001 and then started Scharf's Yard and Home Service. The Scharfs have three children and two grandchildren.

1976

Julie (Keller-Schimke) Stavn, head cross country coach and assistant track and field coach at Century High School in Bismarck, was inducted into the 2017 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



Dianne (Otto) Volk retired from the Bottineau School District after teaching art for 35 years. Volk's plans for retirement include visiting children and grandchildren, completing projects and having time for new projects.

1979



Jill (Warner) Fuller, CEO of Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown, S.D., was recognized by Becker's Hospital Review as one of "60 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know." This recognition is a compilation of CEOs who run some of the top-performing rural hospitals in the nation.

Diane (Sedevie) Zander, a sixth through eighth-grade teacher at Bishop Ryan Catholic School, received the local Post, District, and State levels for this year's Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The VFW Teacher of the Year award program was enacted in 1999 as a way to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students by teaching citizenship education topics regularly and promoting America's history and traditions effectively.

1981



Tim Mihalick was named business development officer at First Western Bank & Trust on Sept. 1. Mihalick has more than 30 years of business management experience with Odell-Wentz & Associates and IRET. He will be responsible for business development in all markets in

Minnesota and North Dakota. He served on the board of Trinity Health, was past chair on the MSU Board of Regents and is currently on the board of the Minot Family YMCA.

Jeff Risk stepped away from officiating after four decades of service. Risk worked three main sports over his career: basketball, football and baseball. Risk retired his whistle to spend more time with his wife, Tammy, and focus on his position as the athletic director at Nedrose High School.

1983



Linda Benson, public information specialist at Minot State University, retired after 34 years of service. Benson is the first staff member to be awarded staff emeritus status. Benson's 34 years of service to the university include work in the Student Loan Collection department, the Business Office and in the Public Information Office. She belongs to Minot Eagle Auxiliary #2376, judges at the Ward County 4-H Achievement Days, belongs to the Sons of Norway Thor Lodge and the Women of the Moose. Benson was elected as a trustee for the Dakota State Auxiliary Fraternal Order of Eagles for 2017-18.

Don Hamm is the Pre-K through sixth-grade physical education and health teacher at Parshall Public Schools. Hamm previously worked for Burdick Job Corps and Dish Network. He taught in Deering, Rolette, and Des Lacs, N.D., and in Poplar, Mont., and El Paso, Texas. He and his wife, Tammy, have been foster parents to more than 100 foster children who have enriched their lives. Tammy is a teacher in Minot. They have four children and two grandchildren.

1984

Cindy (Martin) Cook won the 2017 National Distinguished Principals Award for North Dakota. Cook is the principal at Sunnyside Elementary in Minot.

1985



Dave Kivett is the new head softball coach at Minot State University. He holds a master's degree in physical education from Azusa Pacific in California, and a credential in adaptive physical education from Cal Poly Pomona. Over the past 31 years, Kivett has been associated with Yucaipa High School in Yucaipa, Calif., as a physical education instructor, spending the past 12 years as head softball coach and assistant football coach. He also spent 12 seasons as an assistant head coach at the club softball level with Sudden Impact Travel Softball.

1986

Dale Ludwig, drivers education teacher at Minot Public Schools, has received a number of awards including 2015 National Defensive Driving Course Instructor of the Year from the National Safety Council, 2016 Outstanding Safety Instructor from the North Dakota Safety Council, NDDOT Traffic Safety Honor Roll, and the 2017 North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association Teacher of the Year.



Arnie Strebe is president of Starion Bank in Bismarck. Strebe joined Starion in April 2015 as chief human resources officer. He received his master's degree in education from Jones International University and is a graduate of the Senior Human Resources Program of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served in the United States Army and North Dakota Army National Guard, graduating with honors from numerous military schools. A five-time Iron Man finisher, Strebe has been instrumental in the creation of the annual youth triathlon in Bismarck.



Scott Grochow was inducted into the 2017 National High School Athletic Coaches As-

sociation Hall of Fame. Grochow coached the Rugby Panthers for more than 25 years.

Roxanne (Wass) Vendsel joined First District Health Unit as director of nursing on June 1. Vendsel previously worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in labor and delivery, was the assistant director of nursing at Americana Nursing Home, was the director of nursing and clinical director at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and worked at Medical Arts Clinic.

1987



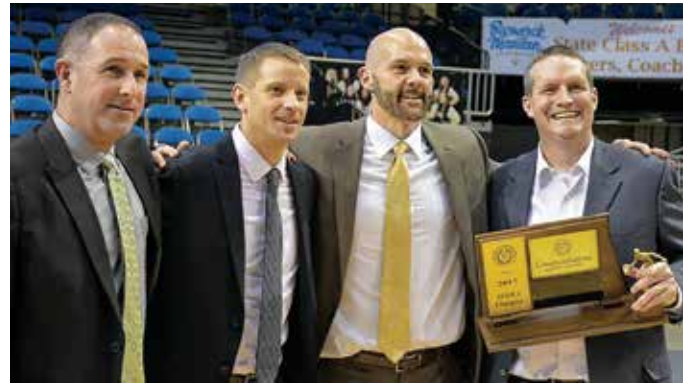
Karen M. (Robbins) Arlien received full professorship at Bismarck State College on May 1. Arlien is the chair of the Computers and Office Technology Department.

1988

Shar (Olson) Grigsby, physician recruiter at Trinity Health, has been named a fellow of the Association of Staff Physician Recruiters. Grigsby, a Bowbells native, began her 30-year career in medical administration at Medical Arts Clinic in 1988. She served as a correspondence secretary, transcriptionist and executive secretary before being promoted to marketing and managed care coordinator in 1998. When Medical Arts and Trinity Health merged in 2000, she assumed her present role as physician recruiter.



Karen Harrington is the director of Catawba County Social Services in North Carolina. Harrington joined CCSS as the assistant director in 2013 and served as the interim director of the agency since January 2017. She brings more than 25 years of experience in the social services field as a social services caseworker, clinician, program supervisor, and administrator.



MINOT HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS BASKETBALL COACHING TEAM, **Brian Hornecker** '87, **Eric Pearson** '98, **Mike Upton** attended, and head coach **Dean Winczewski** '99, celebrate winning their third consecutive N.D. State Class A Boys Basketball state championship.



Laura (McKibbin) Murray is serving as professor and director of the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.



Lee Nordin was honored during a retirement ceremony at Camp Grafton Training Center in June. Col. Nordin served in the North Dakota National Guard for 26 years. He began his military career in 1988 as an enlisted soldier before commissioning as an engineer officer in 1990. He also branch-qualified as an air defense artillery officer. He held multiple leadership positions in units throughout the state, most recently as commander for Camp Grafton Training Center. He deployed overseas to Kosovo and Kuwait. Nordin lives in Grand Forks with his wife, Valerie. They have two children.



Lori (Swanson) Soltis received the 2017 Minot Board of Realtors Rookie Realtor of the Year award.

Richard Stenberg is an associate professor of history and political science at Williston State College. Stenberg offers the standard survey courses in U.S. History and Western Civilization and State and Local Government.

1989



Michelle (Larson) Bagley is the library dean at Portland Community College in Portland, Ore.



David Kramer was promoted to president of Peoples State Bank in Velva. Kramer has been with Peoples State Bank for 20 years and has more than 25 years of banking experience.



Lynette (Borjeson) Painter received full professorship at Bismarck State College on May 1. Painter is a professor of Computer Information Systems and President-elect for the North Dakota Business Education Association.



Johnna (Johnson) Westby, Ed.D., opened Learning Diagnostics and Consulting in Stanley. Westby works with parents, school districts, guardians

and students helping anyone questioning how children learn and, if they are having trouble, will provide additional information on how to help a child.

1990



Angela (McCarvel) Boos was promoted to director of human resources for Rimrock Foundation in Billings, Mont. Boos spent 10 years in the insurance industry before her most recent work in human resources. She has more than five years of management experience and is a certified professional through the Society for Human Resource Management. Boos has been working in human resources for six years, the previous three have been with Rimrock, a treatment center, serving adults and adolescents with substance use and co-occurring disorders.

Perry Erdmann is serving as the treasurer of the Souris Valley United Way Board of Directors.



Renee (Unterscher) Harju, FNP-C, with CHI St. Alexius Health, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award in February. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

Wendell Nelson is teaching music at Milnor Public School. Nelson previously worked in Watford City, Grenora and Drayton.



Brad Richardson is the superintendent of the Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home in Hot Springs, S.D. Prior to joining the Veterans Home campus in 2014, Richardson was a 30-year-career army medical service officer having served worldwide in various medical commands, with multiple deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



Kevin Ternes was inducted into the Dakota Musician Association Hall of Fame.

1991



Nora (Martin) Rasmussen, Trinity Health South Ridge, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Award in June. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

1993



Karla (Maurer) Philip joined the Brokers 12 team in Minot. Philip has been a longtime educator in Minot.

1994



Stacey Diehl was appointed to the SRT Communications board of directors for District 4, representing Minot, Burlington, and Surrey. Diehl has been in the banking industry for more than 20 years and currently is a senior vice president at First International Bank & Trust in Minot.



David Kruger was promoted to the academic rank of full librarian at the University of Wyoming. Kruger's first academic book, "J.C. Penney: the Man, the Store, and American Agriculture," an agricultural biography of a department store magnate, was published by the University of Oklahoma Press.



Kristopher Lien joined First Western Bank & Trust in December as an information technology officer. Lien has more than 20 years of experience in information technology.

1995



Warren Strand, principal at Fessenden-Bowdon, was elected as the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals representative to the North Dakota High School Activities Association's Board of Directors for the 2017-18 school year.

1998



Jason Horner, head boys basketball coach at Legacy High School in Bismarck, is the developer of Coach-Op, a web-based application to assist coaches with organization and planning.

Larry Hubbard was promoted to chief deputy for the Ward County Sheriff's Department. Hubbard's rank was raised to major. He has been with the Ward County Sheriff's Department since 1995, most recently as head of the investigations division. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Brekka (Nybakken) Kramer was named one of Prairie Business' Top 25 Women in Business for 2017. Kramer is the general manager of Odney Minot.

2000

Patience (Zietz) Boesl is a guardianship worker in the Minot office of Catholic Charities North Dakota. Boesl previously worked at REM North Dakota as a program specialist.

John Gruenberg is the superintendent and elementary school principal at Powers Lake School. Gruenberg, an Iraq war vet, most recently worked in the Westhope school system and prior to that was on the teaching staffs at Berthold and Grand Forks Central. His wife, Rachel, is a nurse practitioner. The Gruenbergs have three children and reside in Minot.



Ben Slind became an owner of Thompson-Larson Funeral Homes in Minot. Slind, a life-long Minot resident, has been a member of the Thompson-Larson Funeral Homes professional staff of licensed funeral directors since June of 2004. In 2001, he graduated with honors with an applied associates degree in funeral service education from Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore. He has been a licensed funeral director in Minot since November 2001. Ben currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters.

2001



Rebecca (Senff) Ruzicka, All American Trophies & Screen Printing Inc., received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award in July. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.



Jason Vollmer was promoted to vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer for MDU Resources. Vollmer joined MDU Resources in 2005 as a financial analyst, was named manager of the treasury, cash and risk management department in 2001, then treasurer and director of cash, risk management and general accounting in 2014, and in 2015 was named vice president, CAO and treasurer. Prior to joining MDU Resources, he worked at the North Dakota Office of the State Auditor.

2002

Justin DeCoteau was elected to the National Federation (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee and will serve until 2021. DeCoteau officiates wrestling in North Dakota, as well as for the NCAA. He has been a wrestling official for 19 years.



Perry Olson is serving as president of the Souris Valley United Way Board of Directors.



Larry Sebastian is the superintendent at Strasburg Public School in Strasburg, N.D. Sebastian has been involved in education for nearly 30 years, most recently serving three years as the Hettinger Public School superintendent.

Jennifer (Berg) Sundby earned her master's degree in school leadership at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Sundby is the school principal for the Mad-dock School District. She and her husband have five children.

2003



Karna Taft earned the Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor designation. Taft is employed by Town & Country Credit Union in Minot.

2004



DelRae (Zimmerman) Geinert is serving as a co-chair of the Souris Valley United Way 2017-18 Campaign. Geinert was also elected to a three-year term on the Town & Country Credit Union board of directors.

Breann (Hornberger) Lund is the director at Wee Care Learning Center in Stanley, N.D. Lund taught for two years in the New Town Public Schools and six years at Stanley Elementary. For the last four years, she has worked part time as a substitute teacher in Stanley.



Terri (Ward) Phillion is the marketing director for the Minot Area Development Corporation. Phillion has over twenty years of experience in marketing, sales, fundraising, and recruiting. She

previously served as the executive director of the American Red Cross serving western North Dakota.



Ashley (Gefroh) Wallner, FNP-C with Trinity Health's Neurosurgery, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award in April. MACC sponsors the program to recognize Minot workers who exhibit superior customer service.

Drew Wierson, agent with Next Home Legendary Properties, was nationally recognized with the company's Master's Club Award for 2016.

2005

Jennifer Goodman is teaching high school math at Velva Public School. Goodman previously taught at Jim Hill Middle School in Minot for 12 years.

Kristie (Moldenhauer) Hoff is serving as the president of the Velva Association of Commerce. Hoff, a Velva native, works at Verendrye Electric.

2006



Michelle (Boyeff) Hoff, agent with NextHome Legend-ary Properties, was recognized as a top producer for the company and franchise for 2016.



Kent Kirkhammer is serving on the Rotary Club of Minot board of directors. Kirkhammer is the president/CEO of NewKota Services & Rentals.



Melissa (MacDonald) Moser was named Teacher of the Year at Lake Region State College. Moser transitioned over to the Nursing Department in a faculty role in 2014 while taking classes to obtain her master's degree. She

currently is the lead instructor for first year students at LRSC Devils Lake site and assists in the teaching lab for second year students (the ADNS). She is the lead instructor for Nurse 122 and 126 for the Dakota Nursing Program Consortium. She graduated with her master degree in nursing education in 2016. She is currently preparing to write her certified nurse educator exam to become a CNE. Moser is also certified as a LERN Certified Contract Trainer and LERN Certified Online Instructor (COI). Melissa is married to Steve, and they have two children.

2007



Zach Burdick was the recipient of the Prochnow Educational Foundation/ North Dakota Bankers Association Scholarship. Burdick is a commercial loan officer at United Community Bank of North Dakota in Minot. The scholarship is made available annually to a selected individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a commitment to his or her community and to the banking industry.



Jeremy Feller has joined Minot State University Development Foundation's Advancement Office as a development officer. Feller previously coached and was athletic director at Our Redeemer's Christian School. Jeremy and his wife, Jade, have three children.



Donna Kephart teaches at Cholla High School in Tucson, Ariz. Kephart teaches concert and marching band, orchestra, choir and international programme music, along with AP music theory.

Katie Knowles won first place in the International Dairy Deli Bakery Association's 22nd annual cake decorating challenge. Knowles is

the cake manager at Marketplace Foods main store in Minot.

2008



Richard Berg is the new executive director of the Souris Valley United Way. Berg was previously employed by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for 34 years.



Matt Geinert is serving as a co-chair of the Souris Valley United Way 2017-18 Campaign.



Ryan Geltel, attorney, joined the board of directors for American State Bank & Trust of Williston. Geltel grew up on a family farm near Grenora. He received his law degree from the University of North Dakota where he graduated with distinction. Geltel has been an attorney in Williston for more than five years and is a partner in the MacMaster Geltel and Siewert Law Firm.

Troy Nogosek is the police chief in Napoleon, N.D. Nogosek has 15 years of computer experience, along with five years of law enforcement experience. Before moving to Napoleon he worked safety and security at Walmart in Bismarck and was deputy sheriff in Burleigh, Adams, Kidder and Mercer counties. He and his wife, April, have two children.



Jenna (Dosch) Thompson, a family nurse practitioner (FNP), joined the team of providers at Heart of America Johnson Clinic in Rugby in July. Thompson worked as a registered nurse and assistant director of nursing in the Heart of America Care Center for nearly four years. She graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2017 with her Masters of Science in Nursing. Thompson lives in Rugby with her husband and three young children. She enjoys

spending time outside and with family and friends.



Wade Regier, MSU hockey head coach, was named the 2017 ACHA Men's Division 1 Coach of the Year. This is the second time Regier has been honored with the award. He led the Beavers to a program-best 35 wins this past season.

2009

Tadd DeMars was appointed to serve as a director for the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Board. Demars is president of Food Management Investors in Minot. He serves as the president of the Special Events Committee of Bishop Ryan Catholic Schools. He and his wife, Jody, have three children.



Heather (Borman) Halverson was promoted to admission counselor in Enrollment Services at Minot State University.

Rob Hauptman received the Scholar Student of the Year award for the physician assistant program at Rocky Mountain College. Hauptman was selected by professors and peers for academic achievement, leadership, and clinical proficiency. Rob and his wife, Tanya, have three children and co-manage an eBay clothing business.

2010

Laura (Preskey) Bryant earned the Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor designation. Bryant is employed by Town & Country Credit Union in Minot.



Kelly (Brown) Dickinson is a nurse practitioner in the Gastroenterology Department at Trinity Health. Dickinson began her nursing career at Trinity Hospital, caring for patients in the medical/surgical,

ICU and GI/same day surgery units. Her Master of Science/Family Nurse Practitioner degree was completed at the University of North Dakota. She and her husband have three children.



Leah (Wesoloski) Hoffman is a mental health counselor at Williston State College. Hoffman and her husband have two sons.



Carla (Trotter) Schwartzberger and her business partner, Eric Mauch, owners of Razor Consulting Solutions Inc., have been named the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2017 N.D. Small Business Persons of the Year. This annual award recognizes exceptional small business owners who demonstrate the entrepreneurial spirit in starting and growing a successful business. Razor Consulting headquarters is located in Watford City, while their main office and most of their employees are in Fargo. The company takes on the technological workload for other businesses, providing software development, outsourcing, and additional work force. Schwartzberger resides in Watford City with her husband, David, and her two sons.

Wade Vinje, earned the Dave Ramsey-Endorsed Local Provider designation for tax services for northwestern North Dakota. Vinje has worked for David Hance CPA P.C. for seven years.

2011



Ethan Fritel works for Booz Allen Hamilton. He resides in Minot.

Kyra Hansen was awarded Outstanding Photographer of the Year, for the fourth year in a row, by the Minot Camera Club.

2012



Darla Allen joined the staff of First Western Bank & Trust as a system analyst. Allen has more than 12 years of experience in information technology.

Aaron Cummings is teaching business education at Billings West High School in Billings, Mont.



Cassie (Neuharth) Edwards joined Heritage Homes and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier Properties as a marketing specialist in Fargo. Edwards is responsible for managing a variety of internal and external graphic design, social media, and communication projects and initiatives as well as planning events.



Stephanie (Pfeifer) Silverthorn, human resources generalist at Town & Country Credit Union, earned the designation of Certified Professional from the Society for Human Resource Management. Silverthorn has six years of experience in human resources.

2013

Erin (Neumann) Cummings is teaching orchestra at Billings Skyview High School in Billings, Mont.



Marion Hernandez is the personal banking supervisor for Bank Forward in Jamestown. Hernandez joined Bank Forward in 2015.



Cole Krueger was promoted to Assistant Director of Enrollment Services at Minot State University.



Kirk Mason operates Premier Chiropractic in Minot with Becky Perry-Domres. Mason has also expanded his practice by opening a clinic in Kenmare.



Abby Martinson and **Kim Albert**, owners of Allstate in Minot, have been designated an Allstate Premier Agency for 2017.



Kyle Peterson is a geologist at the Energy & Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks. Peterson develops geophysical models of the subsurface, performs regional geological characterization, and evaluates geologic core samples. He graduated with a master's degree in geology from the University of North Dakota.



Terry (TJ) Wald was promoted to senior account manager for supply operations at SpotXchange Digital Video Advertising Co. in Westminster, Colo.

2014



Kelsey Aspaas joined Pediatric Therapy Partners as a speech-language pathologist in Fargo. Aspaas has experience working in outpatient pediatrics and in the school system. She has a special interest in language delays and feeding.



Sheena Berger joined Coal County Community Health Center as a licensed addictions counselor. Berger started an internship with CCHC in September 2016. CCHC serves the communities of Beulah, Center, Hazen, and Killdeer. After graduation, Berger worked at a homeless shelter as a case manager, as a domestic violence

advocate, and with individuals with disabilities.



Jory Head was promoted to registered principal for Capital Financial Services. Head joined Capital Financial Services in

October 2016 as a principal in training. He holds series 7, 24, 66 and 63 licenses. His duties include reviewing and approving all new business and overseeing sales and trading practices of registered representatives.



Michael Roark was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and serves as the safety and education officer

for the North Dakota Highway Patrol in Bismarck. Roark began his career with the NDHP in 2008. After graduating from the academy he was a traffic trooper in Kenmare. He was promoted to sergeant in 2014.



Tyler Ystaas is the boys basketball coach for Des Lacs-Burlington. Ystaas was the head coach at Velva-Sawyer for the past three seasons. In addition to coaching at DLB, he will teach in the school district.

2015

Kelsea (Andrist) Bowers is teaching second grade at Mohall Lansford Sherwood School District. Bowers received her Master of Education degree from Concordia University-Portland focusing in curriculum and instruction/reading strategist. She previously taught at Dakota Elementary on the Minot Air Force Base for two years. Bowers and her husband, Blake, have one son.



Gretchen Collier, Marketplace Foods, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award in June.

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Trent Kosel is the head football coach for the Northern Cass High School Jaguars. Kosel has been a part of the

football program for two years, most recently as the offensive coordinator. He is a math teacher at Northern Cass and previously taught at Oakes High School.

Karly Kruckenberg is the director of housing at St. Gabriel's Community care facility in Bismarck. Kruckenberg has more than eight years of experience in long-term care, including being a nursing home administrator at Valley View Home in Glasgow, Mont.

Bryan Phillips is a certified physician's assistant and a provider in Trinity Health's Infectious Disease Department. Phillips received his graduate degree at Des Moines University.



Sadie Riendeau is teaching third grade at Reston School in Reston, Manitoba. Riendeau previously taught a combined third and fourth-grade classroom at Lafleche Central School in Lafleche, Saskatchewan.

Kalli (Engh) Smith is the special education staff member for fourth through eighth grade in the Mohall Lansford Sherwood School District. Smith is currently working on her master's degree from MSU. Prior to joining MLS, she worked in the special education program at Westhope for two years. She and her husband, Tony, have one daughter.

Joseph Stanton is a United States customs and border protection officer working at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey.

Mary Waldo, emergency and trauma center staff registered nurse at Sanford Health, Bismarck, was featured in the Bismarck Tribune's "20 Under 40." This recognition showcased

20 of North Dakota's top professionals under the age of 40.



Karla Walsh, Accounting Solutions, received the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award in June.

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2016

Andrea Beyer joined the team at CHS SunPrairie as a grain marketing and sales analyst. Beyer's role will include research projects to track sales behaviors and customer gaps and also inputting outbound sales orders and social media outreach.

Ryan Curzon is the geographic information systems specialist for the Divide County emergency services department. Curzon's responsibility is to continue the county's efforts to create an accurate GIS database for emergency services.

Mickenzie Czech is the fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade reading and English language arts teacher at Parshall Public Schools. Czech grew up in Alberta, Canada. Education is her second degree. She has a bachelor of science in accounting from Brigham Young University - Hawaii.



Nolan Johnsen has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base at Montgomery, Ala.

Brittany Mikkelsen is teaching fifth grade for the Bottineau School District. Mikkelsen has been employed with the District since 2016, first as a substitute teacher and then as a full-time paraprofessional.



BriAnn Nelson is teaching kindergarten at Bowbells Elementary School. This is her first

year teaching. She completed her student teaching at Kenmare Public School. Nelson will be assisting and coaching girls volleyball for Burke County.

Veronica Schmitt is teaching kindergarten at Anamoose-Drake Elementary School.



Chelsea Vedvik is the special education strategist at Westhope School. Vedvik is in her second year of

teaching, having spent last year at Bel Air Elementary in Minot.

2017

Mallory (Neu) Gray is the kindergarten teacher at Parshall Public Schools. Mallory is a native of Bismarck. She and her husband, Nick, spent some time in California before moving back to North Dakota in 2014.

Mark LaCroix is the head boys basketball coach for Our Redeemer's Christian School in Minot.

Ashley Mogard is a seventh through 12th grade music teacher at Carrington Public School.

Jordan Schulz played for the Regina Red Sox, a summer collegiate baseball team. Schulz joined the Red Sox on the bench when he was an 11th grader at William Derby School.

Kelly Marie Tougas is the office administrator for Clean Tech in Minot.

Attended/Friends



Lynn Aas received the French Legion of Honor medal. The award was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and is the highest honor that France bestows upon those

who achieved remarkable deeds for France. Aas, who turned 96 on June 4, entered the Army in 1942 and fought as a rifleman in the historic Battle of the Bulge, serving with the 17th Airborne Division of the 193rd Airborne Infantry in the European Theatre. Aas also served as the grand marshal for this year's North Dakota State Fair Parade.



Dani Bailey is a customer service representative supervisor at Western State Bank in Towner. Bailey has been with the bank since May 2014, previously serving as a customer service representative and customer service representative team lead.



Alecia Berg, Signal Realtors, earned her real estate broker license through the North Dakota Real Estate Commission. Berg has been with Signal Realtors since 2009 and has been a top producing agent for the past seven years.



Connie Feist is the head coach for the Black Hills State University women's triathlon team.

Howard (Bucky) and Linda (Borstad) Anderson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house in August hosted by their children and grandchildren.



Tom Seymour, MSU professor emeritus, was elected to the Cass County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in Fargo for a three-year term. Seymour retired in May 2016. He and his wife, Anita, reside in West Fargo.

Mike Slaton is the facilities manager for Café Yumm. He is based out of the business office in Eugene, Ore. Slaton has worked in project development and facilities management for 15 years. Most recently, Slaton was a district facilities manager for Sears and Kmart stores where he managed a team of technicians and third-party service providers in multiple states.

Minot Public Schools Teacher of the Year

Lynae J. (Frank) Holmen, '83/'92, a special education teacher at Longfellow Elementary School in Minot, was recently named Minot Public Schools Teacher of the Year, and was a finalist for the 2017 North Dakota Teacher of the Year award.



Kate (Neuhalfen) Marshall '07, Rick Hedberg '89, Lynae Holmen, Dr. Steven Shirley and Janna (Olson) McKechnie '14.

In Memory

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from approximately February 2017 to October 2017 or as submitted.

Graduates

- '40 Pratt (Crosby), Phyllis; Fargo
- '41 Anderson (Bickel), Fern; Rugby
- '41 Hatlelid (Ronning), Agnes; Ponca City, Okla.
- '42 Hansen (Hance), Eva; Minot
- '42 Smith (Berntson), Audrey; Glasgow, Mont.
- '43 Miller (Springer), Alice; Rugby
- '43 Robinson (Harchanko), Charlotte; Lake Bluff, Ill.
- '43 Voeller (Hassler), Arnetta; Rugby
- '43 Warbitsky (Boyko), Agnes; Velva
- '46 Baarstad (Hubbard), Betty; Ventura, Calif.
- '46 Miller (Neil), Jean; Cherokee, Iowa
- '46 Tompkins (Connors), June; Minot
- '47 Moore (Stotts), Dorothy; Willcox, Ariz.
- '48 Mogen (Aamodt), Carmen; Livingston, Mont.
- '48 Richards, Gordon; Minneapolis, Minn.
- '49 Cruse, Betty; Devils Lake
- '50 Haga, Donald; Moorhead, Minn.
- '50 Olson, Loren; Bottineau
- '51 Bowman, LeRoy; Fargo
- '51 Kolbo, Robert; Zumbrota, Minn.
- '51 Norberg, Gerald; Valley City
- '52 McMahon (Nelson), Beverly; Fargo
- '53 Carlson, Maybelle; Minneapolis, Minn.
- '53 Johnsrud (Martin), Celia; Fargo
- '53 Wilhelm, Don; Clearwater, Fla.
- '54 Pittenger, Gerald; Bellevue, Wash.
- '55 Nelson (Sanford), Marlene; Watford City
- '57 Black, John; Spokane, Wash.
- '57 Ellingson (Rust), Patricia; Minot
- '57 McAlister (Stewart), Mary Ann; Lakewood, Colo.
- '57 Oyen (Kittelson), Norma; Williston
- '58 Christoffersen (Burkholder), Carol; Froid, Mont.
- '58 Haberlack, Leo "Red;" Flagstaff, Ariz.
- '58 Kjonaas (Lee), Lavon; Bismarck
- '59 Christenson, Clarence "Christy,"
Morgan City, La.
- '59 Herbel (Hoff), Betty; Bottineau
- '59 Troxel, Calvin; Scottsdale, Ariz.
- '60 King, Donald; Onalaska, Wis.
- '60 Railing, Maurice; Devils Lake
- '61 Bohan, Patrick; Minot
- '61 Halvorson (Lund), Marian; Washougal, Wash.
- '61 Syverson, Duane; Epping
- '63 Buri, Kay; Drake
- '63 Olson, Dale; Mesa, Ariz.
- '64 Kohlman, Dennis; Phoenix, Ariz.
- '65 Johnson (Brandt), Evelyn; Minot
- '66 Asendorf, Calvin; Minot
- '66 Kyes, James, Sr.; Minot
- '66 Loen, Ronald; Pompano Beach, Fla.
- '67 Hoffman (Roos), Joyce; Medicine Lake, Mont.
- '69 Bishop, Roger; Goshen, Ind.
- '69 Fontaine (Monley), Katie; Minot
- '69 Merck (Lauinger), Regina; Minot

'70 Livedalen (Fecho), Bonnie; Towner
 '71 Sandeen, John; Minot
 '71 Vannett, Harold; Minot
 '72 Smetana, Peggy; Minot
 '73 Smith, Curtis; Missoula, Mont.
 '76 Wheeling (Lee), Janelle; Minot
 '77 Hilson (Polsfut), Doreen; Deadwood, S.D.
 '77 Klaus (Sperling), Cynthia; Story, Wyo.
 '78 Gebhart (Heller), Jane; Lemmon, S.D.
 '78 Issertell (Masteller), Annette; Moorhead, Minn.
 '78 Myers (Suhumskie), Eileen; Parshall
 '78 Schommer, Gregory; Bismarck
 '78 Schweyen, Timothy; Northgate
 '78 Selland (Hubbard), Marilyn; Minot
 '79 Lykken (Griffin), Vickie; Oregon, Wis.
 '79 Maupin, Mark; Minot
 '79 Olson (Norwood), Mae; Bottineau
 '82 Zuleger (Wiltse), Judith; Minot
 '83 McDonald (Schwalbe), Edythe; Detroit Lakes, Minn.
 '83 Pinnow (Ringo), Tammy; Minot
 '84 Hale (Kohl), Julie; Kansas City, Mo.
 '85 Brennan, Jack; Spokane, Wash.
 '87 Eversmann, Joseph; Minot
 '87 Grimm, Jerry; Idaho Falls, Idaho
 '89 Conway, Robbie; Westhope
 '91 Jelskey, Jeff; Casper, Wyo.
 '92 Grondahl, Timothy; Minot
 '93 Liserio (Mork), Deborah; Coon Rapids, Minn.
 '93 Yellow, Ron; Fort Yates
 '98 Grant, James; Fargo
 '99 Knauer (Wieneke), Marilyn; Buffalo, Wyo.
 '10 Lindgren, Scott; Leeds
 '10 Stiel, David; Rapid City, S.D.
 '15 Thomas, Codi; Sidney, Mont.

Attended

Alexander (Enget), Sharon; Epping
 Anderson (Roen), Geraldine; Minot
 Bata (Wilhelmi), Elizabeth; Langdon
 Benson (Roen), Elsie; Minot
 Bergstrom (Frisinger), Vera; Tioga
 Buettner (Golan), Monica; Minot
 Burkett, Thomas; Grand Forks
 Busch, Ronald; Grand Forks
 Carlson (Haugen), Alyce; Portland, Ore.
 Clark (Enge), Debra; Stanley
 Conway, Vance; Minot
 Damschen (Farland), Eunice; Bismarck
 Disher (Jacobson), Blanche; Fargo
 Doyle, John; Morro Bay, Calif.
 Dullum (Doeden), Jeanette; Kalispell, Mont.
 Dupre (Vardsveen), Kathryn "Kacey;" Minot
 Durward (Helde), Fern; Minot
 Ellison (Wissbrod), Rose; Auburn, Wash.
 Emery (Dockter), Lavonne; Bismarck
 Enns (Jennings), Arlene; Bakersfield, Calif.
 Esterby, Ronn; Minot
 Falstad (Smith), Jean; Mesa, Ariz.
 Fliginger, Darrel; Garrison
 Fossum-Milbrath (Halstead), Florence; Bottineau
 Gabel (Slocum), Joyce; Minot
 Gandrud (Ramey), Ardith; Grand Forks
 Gardner, Charles; Williston
 Georgeson (Brown), Arlice; Esmond
 Hart (Grindberg), Vicky; Oshkosh, Wis.

Heggen (Hambek), Marlys; West Fargo
 Heier (Faydo), Diane; Horace
 Hell, Sister M. Dianna; Hankinson
 Helm, Kristofer; Minot
 Henne (Bartz), Viola; McClusky
 Hennicker (Gray), Peggy; Hankinson
 Hoffart, David; Fargo
 Hoiby (Anderson), Carol; Powers Lake
 Howe (Johnson), Eileen; Anacortes, Wash.
 Iron, Michael; McLaughlin, S.D.
 Jordahl, Michael; Minot
 Kalmbach, Lane; Minot
 Koble (Massine), Gunda; Balta
 Kraft (Withey), Bonnie; Rolette
 Lane, Cheryl; Minot
 Lautenschlager (Bauer), Florence; Kenmare
 Lehmann (Ness), Irene; Rugby
 Lehmann (Johnson), Marlys; Billings, Mont.
 Linnertz, Stanley; Berthoud, Colo.
 Ljunggren, Ronald; Rockport, Maine
 Lyman (Berger), Ethel; Missoula, Mont.
 Marske (Meyer), Marie; Westport, S.D.
 McAlmond (Syvertson), Mary; Minot
 Nelson, Orville; West Des Moines, Iowa
 Nelson (Sackman), Violet; Bismarck
 Newbury (Westlie), Melissa; Minot
 Nickelson (Bjornseth), Myrtle; Bottineau
 Nord (Huffman), Doreen; Red Lake Falls, Minn.
 O'Connor (Preusse), Beverly; Minnetonka, Minn.
 Oberg (Hansen), Marjorie; Washburn
 Oen, Albert; Surrey
 Parkman (Arason), Lois; Bottineau
 Parrone, Alexandra; Glendale, Ariz.
 Pederson, Vernon; Lakeville, Minn.
 Ralston, Paul; Longmont, Colo.
 Roberts (Kontos), Nita; Minot
 Renner (Huus), Debra; Minot
 Rosaaen (Ross), Shelly; Sidney, Mont.
 Sandhofner, Bennie; Ada, Minn.
 Schiff (Mitchell), Doris; Minot
 Schulz (Miller), Edris; Lindstrom, Minn.
 Schweitzer (Yeager), Pearl; Fargo
 Shae (Rustad), Sylvia; Williston
 Skaare (Miller), Delores; Williston
 Smith (Beauchamp-Miller), Patricia; Stillwater, Okla.
 Stordal, Dr. Gerald; Tulsa, Okla.
 Stromswold, Omund; Sebastopol, Calif.
 Testa (Aus), Karen; Minot
 Thomason (Albright), Linda; Minot
 Trimble (Hartleib), Jane; Akeley, Minn.
 Vanberkom, James; Stanley
 Voeller (Eberle), Irene; Rugby
 Volz, Conor; Williston
 Walters (Pulst), Caryl; Cando
 Webber, Jeffrey; Detroit Lakes, Minn.
 Webster (Medalen), Beatrice; Bismarck
 Wiebe (Schild), Louella; Walla Walla, Wash.
 Wilkinson, William, Sr.; Garrison

Friends

Anderson, Henry; Minot
 Anderson (Dahl), Marilyn; Minot
 Allmaras, Clemence; New Rockford
 Braaten (Vasek), Frances; Rice, Minn.
 Carlson, Priscilla; Louisville, Colo.

Dethloff, John; Harvey
 Detlaff, Robert; Minot
 Ege, Orvin; Bismarck
 Erickson, Jerroll; Maxbass
 Farhart, Moody; Anthem, Ariz.
 Feller, Joe; Karlsruhe
 Fossum (Hunt), Loretta; Minnetonka, Minn.
 Freiberg, Dr. Paul; Minot
 Garves, Kenneth; La Crosse, Wis.
 Gillmore (Everson), Karen; Minot
 Godsell, Carl; Minot
 Gokavi, Walter; San Antonio, Texas
 Hansen (Hatley), Eldryce; Deering
 Heere (Sateran), Lena; Minot
 Hoeven, John H. "Jack;" Minot
 Hoeven (Yusuf), Raziye; Minot
 Jensen, Don; Surprise, Ariz.
 Jorgensen (Bakeman), Winifred "Freddie," Santa Barbara, Calif.
 Kaljot (Roose), Linda; Minot
 Keck, Robert; Williston
 Kelsch (Ternes), Cherlene; Arden Hills, Minn.
 Kjoson, Merrel; White Earth
 Kline (Dahl), Margaret; Dallas, Texas
 Kline, Wallace; Dallas, Texas
 Knutson, Melvin; Post Falls, Idaho
 Lagorin, Morris; Kenmare
 Langager (Hill), Doris; Stanley
 Leinen (Forseth), Darlene; Williston
 Linstrom, Terry; Rugby
 Lyson (Topp), Shirley; Williston
 Meschke, Herbert; Minot
 Opland (Waterman), Marlene; Moorhead, Minn.
 Pantsari, Harold; Rocklake
 Pope, Robert; Minot
 Quam Brown (Carlson), Jean; Minot
 Rauschenberger (Brye), Ruth; Minot
 Rutherford, Kathleen; San Antonio, Texas
 Seelig, Eldon; Moorhead, Minn.
 Selland, Ernest; Minot
 Severson (Chrislock), Ruth; Castro Valley, Calif.
 Stredwick (Melby), Sharlene; Boise, Idaho
 Undlin, Lloyd; Lansford
 Wallace, Owen; Fessenden
 Wienbar (Whitmore), Wanda; Stanley

Faculty and Staff

Chambers (Edwards), Marguerite; retired manager of the MSU bookstore, Eastport, Maine
 Hegstad, Dr. Joseph; retired chair of the division of music; Scottsdale, Ariz.
 Kephart, Dale; former custodial supervisor for facilities management; Tucson, Ariz.
 Klein (Wolf), Lorraine; retired food services employee; Minot
 Krabbenhof (Peterson), Marjorie, retired executive secretary to the president; Minot
 Meyer, Peter, retired maintenance staff; Minot
 Schaake, William, former football coach, Ellensburg, Wash.
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Meet our newest

Goettle

Matt Goettle '02 and Jen (Beaver) Goettle '01 welcomed Katrina Lucille on Sept. 30, 2016. She joined siblings Abigail, Elizabeth, Lincoln, Caleb, and Evelyn.



Gravesen

Seth Gravesen '10 and Janae (Groninger) Gravesen '12 welcomed a baby boy, Brandt, on May 24, 2017.



Harvey

Krista (Friesen) Harvey '06/'08 along with her husband, Chris, welcomed Eloise Portia May 18, 2017.



Huettl

Etta Faith, daughter of Jordan Huettl '10 and his wife, Katie, entered the world Feb. 3, 2017.



Hunt

Archie Evans made his debut June 7, 2017. He was born to Dawn (Walhood) Hunt '03/'08 and her husband, Carl.



Hvidsten

Grace Hvidsten was born Dec. 6, 2015, to Joshua Hvidsten '09 and Amber (Miller) Hvidsten '10.



Jensen

Saylor Elizabeth entered the world Feb. 5, 2017. She was welcomed by Mat Jensen '07 and his wife, Emily.



Casavant

Serena (Fred) Casavant '04 and husband, Trevor, happily welcomed Cameron David March 17, 2017. He joins big brother Payton.



Davis

Bente Ray was born July 18, 2017, to Amy (Kanewischer) Davis '00 and her husband, Larry.



Becker

Proud beaver parents, Travis Becker '06 and Jenn (Sundahl) Becker '06 welcomed Anyston. Anyston joins siblings Liam and Berkley.

Berube

Benson Don made his appearance March 23, 2016. He was welcomed by Shane Berube '05 and Ashley (Lysne) Berube '05 as well as by siblings, Brielle and Barrett.



Duchscher

Adrya Hope born Dec. 8, 2016, to April (Keller) Duchscher '06/'10 and her husband, Jason.



Boyko

Alice Christine joined the Boyko family March 1, 2017. Parents are Shawn Boyko '04 and his wife, Ashley.



Froseth

Hazel Grace entered the world Oct. 20, 2016. Hazel was born to Jeremy Froseth '07 and Cassie Olson.



Broe

Emmitt David made his debut Dec. 12, 2016. He was welcomed by proud beaver parents, Duane Broe '07/'13 and Emma (Erie) Broe '07.



Fultz

Andrea (Isaacson) Fultz '06 and her husband, Daniel, proudly welcomed William Duane on April 27, 2016.



baby Beaver fans!

Jordan

Brandon Jordan '05 and Ashley (Fetsch) Jordan '08 welcomed their second child, Griffin Charles, Oct. 26, 2015.



Mertz

Michelle (Draper) Mertz '07 and her husband, Brandon, welcomed a baby boy, Samuel Augustus, on Feb. 6, 2017.



Lamb

Daniel Lamb '13 and Marianna (Danna) Lamb '12, welcomed their daughter, Lillianna, on Aug. 31, 2016.



Mosley

Quade Richard made his appearance Aug. 16, 2016. Parents are Tara (Kuntz) Mosley '12 and her husband, Lloyd.



Lawson

Dusty Lawson '05 and his wife, Kayla, welcomed Ellie Marie on Feb. 27, 2017.



Ogaard

Jason Ogaard '04 and Katie (Kjelshus) Ogaard '06 welcomed their third little one, Oliver, to the family on Nov. 7, 2016.



Lee

Addilyn Catherine was born Feb. 19, 2017, to Chase Lee '12 and Amy (Greene) Lee '07. She joins brother Camden.



Parsons

Kinzi Bristol was born June 21, 2016, to Shawna (Neshem) Parsons '05 and her husband, Darrell.



Lema

Sofia made her debut April 5, 2017. Proud parents are Luis Lema '16 and his wife, Ines.



Pederson

Jordan Pederson '12 and Jordan (Stenberg) Pederson '13 joyfully welcomed their second little one, Rhodes Charles, Oct. 23, 2016.



Mauldin

Arianna Sophia entered the world June 22, 2016. She was welcomed by parents Kristen (Belgarde) Mauldin '09 and her husband, Matthew.



Privratsky

Lillian entered the world Sept. 16, 2016, and was welcomed by Susan Privratsky '05/'07 and her husband, Derek.



Meinert

Signe Denise was born March 19, 2016, to Jeremy Meinert '06 and Roxanne (Weyrauch) Meinert '05.



Undlin

Landri Reese entered the world March 14, 2017. Landri was welcomed by Jenny (Engh) Undlin '05 and her husband, Matthew (attended).



Rogness

Cody Rogness '10 and Liz (Thomas) Rogness '09 welcomed Beckem Dec. 8, 2016.



Rovig

Paisley Margaret entered the world March 3, 2017. Parents are Vanessa (Nussbaumer) Rovig '14 and husband, Taylor.



Schilken

Vaida, daughter of Cameron Schilken '07 and his wife, Sara, entered the world on April 10, 2016.



Stanley

Briar Grace was born Aug. 26, 2017 to Deann (Olschlager) Stanley '10 and her husband, Justin.



Swearingen

Kristi (Vandal) Swearingen '04 and Anthony Swearingen (attended) welcomed their daughter, Nevada, March 10, 2016. She joins siblings Dakota and Peyton.



Tabbert

Breck Thomas was born to Janell (Meyer) Tabbert '13 and her husband, Josh, on Feb. 23, 2016.



Torr

Johnna (Lewis) Torr '04 and her husband, Aaron, had Jack Briggs March 22, 2017.



Zacharias

Trista (Ortynsky) Zacharias '03/'07 and her husband, David, along with big brother Kade of Austin, Manitoba, welcomed Kassidy Eva March 30, 2017.





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Grand opening coming this spring!

