

Bismarck State College

# Connections

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## Quitting is not in Chere Allard's dictionary

When stuff happens, you persevere. You look ahead and do what needs to be done at the time. Chere Allard did that for four decades, raising her four children, welcoming grandkids and great-grandkids. Her husband beat one severe health crisis after another; she cared for her parents for 10 years. And through it all, Allard kept working and learning and advancing – largely on her own raw talent and ability, without a college degree.

“I have taken classes my entire career, but due to family concerns and an excellent career in the energy industry, I didn’t have the opportunity to finish college,” said Allard, who graduated from BSC in May with two of her grandchildren. “I got my job in industry by testing into it and bypassing degree requirements. I didn’t choose this field; the field chose me.”

Her plan in 1970 was to graduate from the University of North Dakota and teach English. Then she met Gary working on his master’s degree. They married, began their family and Gary got very sick. They needed health

benefits and while Gary taught for a while at Minot State University, Allard found work with Montana Dakota Utilities on the start-up team for the Coyote Power Plant near Beulah, where they lived for 33 years. Allard started as an entry level operator and retired as operations shift supervisor. BSC called shortly before she left and hired her in August 2003 as an adjunct instructor. In October 2004, she began teaching full time.

Now assistant professor in BSC’s National Energy Center of Excellence, Allard teaches Power Plant Technology students on campus and online. She monitors online students nationwide for their industry job shadowing requirements in the Power Plant, Process Plant, Petroleum Production, and Water/Wastewater programs. But her contract required her to complete a degree. While Allard is close to bachelor’s degrees in sociology at University of Mary and career and technical education at Valley City State University, that wasn’t enough.

“I wanted to be a BSC graduate because I work here and because my career is in energy. I also wanted my family to know that no matter how old you are, with hard work and commitment you are never too old to reach a goal.”

—Chere Allard

As further incentive, she wanted to graduate with grandson Tyler Boeckel (Instrumentation & Control Technology) and granddaughter Karleigh Allard (A.S., Pre-Dentistry). Nanny Allard staked her goal, completing 12 energy courses (38 credits) of Prior Learning Assessment work and that pesky, put-off Applied Algebra in one semester to earn an Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies. Still teaching and working with the industry, she faced off with algebra at 5 a.m. every

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*Chere Allard and her family*

day ("I had to have an 'A'"), conferred with instructor David Peterson, and worked with math tutors daily at BSC's Sykes Student Success Center. Spring semester, she also weathered foot surgery, helped Gary through double knee replacement and heart surgery, and hosted a friend's family one week a month while he had cancer treatments. Fifty years after passing her last math class, Chere Allard earned a college diploma.

"Algebra was the frosting on my story, but "One Day at a Time" was my song and got me through," Allard said.

Grandson Tyler Boeckel grew up in Beulah and lived with the Allards in Bismarck while getting his associate's degree. He has a background in

computer science but credits Nanny Allard with his new career choice.

"She's very hardworking and went after what she wanted without having a degree," Boeckel said, adding "very loving and caring" to his description of her.

Karleigh Allard chose BSC for the convenience and to save money by living at home in Bismarck. She moves on to the University of North Dakota in the fall and thinks of Nanny as "the most vibrant, selfless and loving human being I know," Karleigh said. "What I remember most from the graduation ceremony was watching my grandmother walk across the stage with a smile on her face and pep in her step."



## BJC/BSC All School Reunion Saturday, August 23, 2014

BSC National Energy Center of Excellence, 2-5 p.m.

**Register online at [bismarckstate.edu/75live](http://bismarckstate.edu/75live)**  
Registration not required but appreciated.

Following the reunion: **75 Live**  
MDU Resources Community Bowl,  
5 p.m.-midnight.

- live bands • inflatables
- concessions • fireworks



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*—Josh Hoffman*

*Verendrye Electric Lineworker Jody Bruce poses with Haitian children. Bruce said his interaction with children was one of the highlights of the trip.*

## BSC Lineworker graduates power Haiti

BSC Lineworker graduates Josh Hoffman and Jody Bruce learned what grit it took to electrify rural America and launch the electric cooperative movement in the 1930s and ‘40s. For two weeks in March 2014, the North Dakota linemen volunteered in Haiti, where they set poles by hand and wired a small village.

Working through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Bruce and Hoffman joined four linemen from Minnesota, Missouri and Oregon to build infrastructure in hurricane-ravaged Haiti. The crew managed to nearly double the pilot project goal by setting 90 poles instead of the expected 50. They also exceeded training goals, adding CPR and First Aid for locals eager to help and learn how to keep the lights on after the Americans left.

“This was just an opportunity to do something like that, to travel and see the world in a different perspective,” Hoffman said. “More than that, it was to help people.”

For Hoffman, ‘05, it was his second time with the Haiti program. He spent three weeks in 2012 installing power to the Caracol Industrial Complex. When finished, it will employ 30,000 people in a country where 80 percent live below the poverty line and 54 percent live in extreme poverty. People don’t have anything, he said. A third of the children have no clothes. Many had never seen a light bulb and didn’t know what electricity was.

A lineman for Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Hoffman works out of Carrington and comes from a family of linemen. He applied to help with the sustainable energy project right after graduation and gradually rose on the list. Bruce, ‘07, works for Verendrye Electric Cooperative in the Minot area. He heard about the project from Hoffman, and like him, sought to experience another culture.

“I wanted to help, see the world and learn,” said Bruce, who welcomes challenge. “I [even] like to go out on storm jobs.”

The crew stayed with local linemen, all in various stages of on-the-job education and mentoring by degreed linemen like Bruce and Hoffman. Missionaries help the Haitians with English and some have moved into textbooks and

apprentice or journeyman training with staff from NDARC and its International Foundation program.

Bruce and Hoffman came back with appreciation for what Americans have and the equipment available to lineworkers here. Hoffman also saw changes since his 2012 mission. Bringing power has sprouted cell phone towers and Internet cafes and mobilized a reverse osmosis water treatment system for Caracol.

“Everything I learned, I carried down to Haiti,” Hoffman said. “What’s moving is realizing that you can pass on knowledge taught in schools and affect the lives of people thousands of miles away. In a way, BSC was down there for a little while.”

*Jody Bruce, a lineworker with Verendrye Electric Cooperative, helps set a pole by hand. Because of limited equipment, a lot of the work setting poles is done by hand.*







## Construction underway on a new Communications and Creative Arts Center

BSC officially broke ground on the Communications and Creative Arts Center on Tuesday, May 20 on the corner of Edwards Ave. and Schafer Street on the BSC campus. Gov. Jack Dalrymple, N.D. University System Interim Chancellor Larry C. Skogen and BSC Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Drake Carter spoke of how business and industry leaders aided in identifying skills necessary for future employees like communication, critical thinking and creativity and how this new facility will help provide that.

Last session, the state Legislature appropriated \$13.3 million for the new three-story, 40,000-foot facility. The BSC Foundation had to raise an additional \$665,000, and has nearly met that goal with about \$600,000 raised so far with the help of a \$166,250 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation. The Communications and Creative Arts Center will bring BSC's English and Visual Arts departments together into a modern space. It will also replace the library with a 21st century learning commons. The new building should be completed by the summer of 2015.

*Photo L to R: BSC Interim President Dave Clark, BSC Director of Library Services Marlene Anderson, Bremer Bank President and Marketing Manager Kevin Strege, BSC Provost & VP for Academic Affairs Drake Carter, ND Governor Jack Dalrymple, NDUS Interim Chancellor Larry Skogen, BSC Arts and Communication Department Chair Michelle Lindblom, BSC Chief Buildings & Grounds Officer Don Roethler, BSC Professor of English Jane Schreck, and VP for College Advancement and BSC Foundation Executive Director Gordon Binek.*

## Carla Bickert retires to focus on business



Carla Bickert, associate professor of management, retired May 19 to dabble in coffee, flowers and hometown conversation. Friends and colleagues can find her at Java Rose Floral & Cappuccino in Washburn, N.D., a business she founded 15 years ago.

"That's where I'll be. And I've instructed all my colleagues to come have coffee," said Bickert, an entrepreneur who also helps run the Shell convenience store with husband Richard. They met at BSC and married

28 years ago, when he was teaching electronics.

"For small communities, Java Rose is important. When you know people, it is really enjoyable to give a personal touch," she said.

At BSC 33 years, Bickert spent all that time teaching alongside Jim Wright, longtime chair of the Business Department. The pair

once shared an 8-foot by 10-foot office with two other people and desks, "so I learned a lot about fishing in those years," said Bickert, an instructor of marketing, advertising, organizational behavior, and human resources.

Her signature methodology was to embellish classes with presentations by business owners, experts and former students to convey real world company practices. Students also toured businesses, where they gained networking opportunities and potential internships. Bickert made maximum use of technology in Smart classrooms to show how business connects with customers.

Outside the classroom, Bickert served two terms on Faculty Senate and was a member of BJC's All Campus Senate before the college entered the North Dakota University System. A faculty excellence award nominee many times, she was active in the Marketing Education Association at state and national levels, the Central Dakota Human Resource Association, and American Advertising Federation.

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Over time, Bickert has nurtured a creative streak and taken classes in landscaping, floral design, stained glass and home decorating. She joined the Washburn Civic Club, North Dakota Florist Association, Petroleum Marketers Association, church council, and achieved one step below a martial arts black belt.

While these activities may continue, Bickert is looking forward to more time with her parents in rural Leeds, her son Jameson, stepdaughters Sarah Bickert and Becca Beckler, and her three (nearly four) grandchildren.

## Bill Cossette rounds out teaching career



Bill Cossette knows about non-traditional students better than most. For 24 years, he taught inmates at the State Penitentiary and the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) in Bismarck.

Not all that time was spent teaching automotive technology for BSC.

Cossette worked 18 years for BSC starting in 1996, when BSC took over the program from the state Department of Corrections and North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS). Cossette's

contract job transferred to BSC and continued until the inmate program closed in 2013, when he began teaching on campus at the Technical Center. An associate professor of automotive technology, Cossette retired June 30.

During his career, he developed the open entry/exit program in which inmates could fill one of seven open spots anytime and work at their own pace. Cossette taught 12 months a year, six hours a day. He started the first SkillsUSA (VICA) chapter in a correctional facility and initiated the qualification process for the MRCC program to be certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

Cossette led a NATEF team that evaluated auto tech programs in North Dakota and served on another NATEF team that wrote End of Program test questions for students. He was awarded with Young Educator of the Year (1990) by the North Dakota Vocational Association; Educator of the Year (1993-94) by the Trade, Industrial, Technical and Health Association, and Region IV Teacher of the Year (2000) by the Correctional Education Association.

In addition, Cossette helped the MRCC program win excellence awards from the North Dakota State Board for Vocational Technical Education (1995) and Industry Planning Council (1995-'01, '03, 2005-07).

Cossette earned multiple degrees, starting with his diesel mechanics Diploma and later an Associate in Applied Science from NDSCS. He has two associate degrees from BSC and a B.S. in vocational technical education from Valley City State University. Cossette also earned a B.S. in criminal justice from Minot State University and M.S. in education from University of North Dakota.

He began his work life as a truck and auto technician in Fargo and taught high school vocational education in Cooperstown, N.D., one year before taking the job at the penitentiary. Teaching hasn't left his blood yet, but in the meantime, Cossette will keep up his drag racing and gardening interests and enjoy time with his family. He and wife Karol have two sons and five grandchildren.

## Kathie Overson leaves paperwork behind



During her 36 years at BSC, Kathie Overson processed three departments worth of data, files and student records. First paper, then digital code accumulated across her desk, along with an array of computers and tracking systems data ultimately made its way into BSC's archives.

When she left May 30, Overson was in Mystic Counseling and Career Services working as the counseling and advising associate. Her job since 2008 had been to coordinate the fall and spring job

fairs, administer BSC's Job Seekers Network on the Internet, and keep track of technical program graduates and their employment status for placement reports.

However, most of her career was spent in Admissions, where she started in 1978 as a clerk typist, advancing to admissions and records associate. Overson crossed over to the registrar's office in 2005, where she helped the office transition from the old Legacy

computer system to PeopleSoft after training at University of North Dakota for the changeover.

Nominated several times for the Staff Award of Excellence, Overson served on Staff Senate, where she participated in the 1985 community "yes" vote campaign to add Bismarck Junior College to the North Dakota University System. She also worked on the Multicultural Committee and the Staff, Benefits and Compensation Committee.

Her favorite memory is working with Dr. Lloyd Anderson, retired registrar and director of admissions, on the Visiting Scholars project.

"Every year he brought famous people to BSC for the scholar events and the BSC Jazz Celebration. I sold tickets to their presentations and was able to meet and shake hands with these great artists."

Overson said she will miss her colleagues and students – "who keep you young at heart." Off-line activities will include gardening, traveling, 1,001 house projects, reading and walks in the park. She and husband Reed also plan to enjoy their four mutual children and seven grandchildren.



## Six BSC employees receive excellence awards

► Bismarck State College honored six employees with the Award for Excellence at the spring BSC Celebration event. The award recognizes significant or meritorious performance in professional roles. Students and employees submitted 40 nominees for the awards.

Tayo Basquiat, assistant professor of philosophy, and Vickie Volk, associate professor of computer support specialist, received the Faculty Award for Excellence. Basquiat was noted for his clear presentations, outstanding teaching skills, ability to involve students and relate philosophy to their lives, patience, and genuine relationship with students. Volk's nominator said she helped motivate the student to graduate and earn an associate's degree. Volk goes above and beyond with students and engenders BSC's reputation that every student and degree matters.

Recipients of the Staff Award of Excellence were Becky Fischer, catering coordinator and food service supervisor, and Jamie Gable, custodian in Werner Hall. Fischer was lauded for her organization skills, exceptional attitude, new ideas, and extra effort to address special dietary needs. She introduced vegetarian and gluten-free options to menus. Gable was appreciated for his positive and cheerful attitude and keeping Werner Hall spotless.

The part-time staff Award of Excellence went to Rebecca Ottosen, chemistry lecturer, and Brianne Fuzesy, music advisor/lecturer. Fuzesy was instrumental in creating the new Digital Audio Production AAS and Certificate programs. Ottosen connects well with students and makes chemistry fun by supplementing lectures with demonstrations and stories.



*Brianne Fuzesy, music advisor/lecturer, was honored with a part-time staff Award of Excellence during the BSC Celebration event on May 7.*

The BSC Foundation coordinates the nomination and selection process. A committee composed of BSC staff, faculty, students, and off-campus representatives selected award recipients. Full-time employees received a \$1,000 cash gift from the BSC Foundation. Part-time employees received a \$250 cash gift.

## 7th Annual President's Run raises funds for the Ed Kringstad Memorial Scholarship Fund

► Fifty-one motorcycle and car enthusiasts joined Bismarck State College Interim President Dave Clark on Friday, July 11 for the 2014 President's Run. Participants traveled to the Knife River Indian Villages for a tour and then onto the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center where lunch was provided courtesy of BlackRidgeBANK, Cloverdale Foods and Larry Rolfson. The event raised \$18,500 for the Ed Kringstad Memorial Scholarship fund, which was established to honor longtime Bismarck State College Hall of Fame wrestling coach and athletic director, Ed Kringstad, who passed away in May of 2013.

Bismarck business owner and BSC alum Gary Schumacher provided a \$10,000 lead gift to establish the Ed Kringstad Memorial Scholarship fund.

"Everyone who knew Ed Kringstad, knew he was a special man. It was my privilege to get this fund off the ground," Schumacher said.

In an effort to endow the fund, the Foundation will work to raise an additional \$10,000. Once endowed, the Ed Kringstad Memorial Scholarship will award \$1,000 each year to a BSC student athlete in perpetuity.

To donate to the fund, please contact the BSC Foundation at 701-224-5700 or [amy.brown.1@bismarckstate.edu](mailto:amy.brown.1@bismarckstate.edu).



*Ed Kringstad's family including his wife Faye, their two children and their families, and his brother attended the event that raised money for the memorial scholarship in his name.*

## Three new members join BSC Foundation Board of Trustees

→ Gary Miller and Scott Becker were elected as Trustees at the May board meeting and Jordis Conrad was elected as the BSC Retirees Group Representative.

Miller is President and CEO of St. Alexius and has been with the healthcare organization since 1984. Active in the community, Miller serves as a member of the Board of Directors with North Central Health Care Alliance (Primecare), Northland Healthcare Alliance, West River Regional Medical Center Clinic Board, Mobridge Regional Hospital, North Dakota Hospital Association, Noridian Mutual Insurance of North Dakota (BCBS), Bismarck-Mandan Development Association and the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce Board. He's a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, North Dakota Society of Certified Public Accountants, North Dakota Healthcare Financial Management Association and National Healthcare Financial Management Association. Miller was recognized in the healthcare trade publication Becker's Hospital Review, as one of 291 Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know. He recently received the Sister Boniface Timmins Leadership Award.

Becker is a Registered Professional Engineer in North Dakota with Bobcat/Doosan. He is a member of the BSC Alumni Association and an Aquastorm Swim Club Booster. He has been involved in the United Way Day of Caring, The Banquet at Trinity Lutheran Church, and participates in various student activities as a technical advisor or judge.

Conrad retired as BSC director of communications in 2011 after 37 years of service.



Gary Miller



Scott Becker



Jordis Conrad

## Donors make a difference

### The Foundation welcomes new and renewing Executive Club members for April 1 through June 30, 2014.

D & E Supply Company Inc.  
Eastgate Funeral Services  
Kurt and Kayla Hammargren  
Patricia Hanson  
KEM Electric Coop Inc.

### The Foundation welcomes new and renewing President's Club members for April 1 through June 30, 2014.

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Arntson Stewart Wegner PC  
Associated General Contractors of ND  
Brad and Claudia Ballweber  
Michael and Renae Baltzer  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
Frank and Joanne Bavendick  
Jay Beyer  
BlackRidgeBANK  
Border States Electric  
Lester and Caroline Buckman  
Capital Credit Union  
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Verendrye Electric Cooperative  
Tony Welder  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.  
Xcel Energy Foundation

## BSC recognizes outstanding academic students

Bismarck State College celebrated its scholars and Outstanding students at the 45th annual spring Recognition Ceremony April 23 in the Bavendick Stateroom of the National Energy Center of Excellence.

The BSC Foundation sponsors the awards program honoring achievement in the Phi Theta Kappa international two-year college honor society, All-USA Academic Team nominees, Outstanding Students in degree areas, Student Government Association, Phi Beta Lambda, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Those selected as Outstanding Student, Who's Who, All-USA Academic Team, and most Student Government Association members received certificates and a \$100 cash award from the Foundation.

The guest speaker was J. Michael McCormack, BSC professor of history and senior faculty member. Other speakers were BSC Interim President David Clark and Mike Schmitz, BSC Foundation board president. Master of ceremonies was Gordon Binek, BSC Foundation executive director and vice president of College Advancement.

*\*Denotes BSC Foundation Scholarship recipients*

### Outstanding Students

Casey Boehm .....	Mechanical Maintenance Technology
*Derek Boeshans .....	General Chemistry
Kristen Bortke .....	Anatomy & Physiology
*Spencer Brandt .....	Petroleum Production Technology
*Lucas Buchholz .....	Humanities
*Hannah Carlson .....	Music (Instrumental)
Stephen Cooper .....	Nuclear Power Technology (online)
*Allison DeKrey .....	Theater
Marcus Dietrich .....	Science
Melissa Dighans .....	Farm and Ranch Management
*Kelly Dugan .....	Process Plant Technology (online)
Jason Duncan .....	BAS Energy
Eric Echols .....	Water & Wastewater Technology
Megan Eichele .....	Web Page Development and Design
Stacy Fritz .....	Art: Visual
*Courtney Goetz .....	Business Administration
Cassandra Goldade .....	Web Page Development and Design
*Ashton Gullickson .....	Surgical Technology
Toni Gullickson .....	Social Work
Matt Haag .....	Automotive Collision Technology
Brooke Haugen .....	Administrative Assistant General (online)
Nanette Hegwood .....	Phlebotomy Technician
Austin Hilzendeger .....	Criminal Justice
Coltan Hogue .....	Welding
*Levi Hollinger .....	Carpentry
*Kyle Hornbacher .....	History
Brooke Hove .....	Nursing (PN)
Alexandra Joersz .....	Philosophy
*Roxanne Johnson .....	Mass Communication
*Mathew Johnston .....	Automotive Technology
Jeremy Kelly .....	Sociology
Matt Kourouma .....	Accounting
*Rachel Kovash .....	Education
Andrew Kreidt .....	Agriculture, Industry and Technology
Ryan Kuntz .....	Renewable Generation Technology
Hailey Lacher .....	Administrative Assistant General
Stephen Leard .....	Paramedic (EMS) Technology
*Kory Mashek .....	Lineworker (Electrical)
*ReeAnn Mehus .....	Microbiology



*Ashton Gullickson receives the award for Outstanding Student in Surgical Technology from now retired BSC Dean of Academic Affairs Janelle Masters. Gullickson is from Solen, N.D.*

*Mariah Michaelis .....	Power Plant Technology (on campus)
Tony Mitterling .....	Biology
*Sarah Morris .....	Journalism
Jennifer Nagel .....	Administrative Assistant Legal
*David Neff .....	Economics
Blake Nemecek .....	Foreign Languages
Levi Nistler .....	Information Processing Specialist
Victor Ogundipe .....	Computer Science
*Tyler Ortmann .....	Instrumentation & Control
*Heather Pearson .....	Technical Theater
Mark Perius .....	Information Processing Specialist
Samuel Ravnaas .....	Mathematics
Samuel Ravnaas .....	Physics
*Kyle Redmann .....	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
Jonita Roloff .....	Psychology
Ty Rossman .....	Computer Support Specialist
*Kyle Roth .....	Management
*Cameron Sadowsky .....	Petroleum Engineering Technology
*Noah Schaible .....	Geology
*Landen Schmeichel .....	Speech
*Kimberly Schmitz .....	Graphic Design
Brandon Schock .....	English
Brandon Schock .....	Religion
Casey Schuh .....	Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (transfer)
*Eli Severson .....	Process Plant Technology (on campus)
*Craig Shaffer .....	Power Plant Technology (online)
Yvonne Smith .....	Electric Power Technology (online)
Jerica Smithers .....	Human Services
Drew Spaulding .....	Engineering
*Graham Swenson .....	Music (Vocal)
*Lucas Weber .....	Electronic/Telecommunications
*Kelsey Jo Weigel .....	Introductory Chemistry
Matt Welton .....	Engineering Technology
Autumn Wolf .....	Administrative Assistant Medical
*Emily Wolf .....	Organic Chemistry
Kimberly Wolf .....	Medical Lab Technician
*Lisa Zahn .....	Nursing (RN)
Wyatt Zahn .....	Geographic Information Systems Technician
Jennifer Zamarripa .....	Electric Transmission System Technology (online)
Tyler Zeller .....	Geography



## Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

\*Allison DeKrey  
\*Emily Kautzman  
\*Katherine Kirschmann  
Andrew Kreidt  
\*Kalyn Retterath  
\*Lucas Weber

## Student Government Association

\*Nia Coley  
Cheyenne Delorme  
Zach Dschaak  
Ricky Elton  
Cole Frank  
Kelly Groll  
\*Dakota Hoots  
Brooke Hove  
Brooke Johnson  
Leslie Kindseth  
Kelsey Klein  
\*Kristen Kramer  
Andrew Kreidt  
\*Austin Lantz  
\*Karley Leland  
\*Bob Mason  
Stephanie Moum  
Chris Ness  
\*Kalyn Retterath  
Jenna Schaff

## All-USA Academic Team Nominees

\*Dakota Hoots  
\*Jayme Pischel

## Phi Theta Kappa

Megan Albertson  
Kandace Atchison  
Robert Ayres  
Chancellor Baesler

\*Hannah Bailey  
Michael Barrett  
Juan Barrett  
\*Katelyn Baumgartner  
\*Leslie Beaudoin  
Treana Berreth  
Kassie Blevins  
\*Derek Boeshans  
\*Lacey Bordeaux  
Kevin Brandon  
Katharine Brandvold  
Jay Bywater  
Jessica Church  
Charles Conerly  
Alexis Cook  
Stephen Cooper  
James Cruthcer  
Bonnie Dahmus  
David DePlonty  
Julie Dethloff  
\*Isabel DeWitt  
Jorge Diaz  
\*Shawna Dietz  
Melissa Dighans  
Jodan Dollinger  
Ashley Eagle  
Eric Echols  
Megan Eichele  
Brittney Engelhard  
Denise Faber  
Harley Fisher  
Andrea Forde  
Perry Freidig  
\*Alexander Froelich  
Jeffrie Gill  
\*Courtney Goetz  
Russell Grandmont  
\*Katrina Hausauer  
Keith Hixon  
Zachary Horn  
\*Kyle Hornbacher  
Dylan Horner  
David Israel

\*Roxanne Johnson  
Travis Johnson  
Joshua Johnson  
Larry Jorgensen  
Breanna Klabo  
Kendra Koch  
Jason Kovacs  
Ryan Kuntz  
Jason Kurtti  
\*Nathan Kurtti  
\*Karlee Laframboise  
\*Austin Lantz  
\*David Larson  
\*Derek Lee  
Jayme Leintz  
\*Karley Leland  
Daniel Lengowski  
Adam Lewis  
David Lobbestael  
Nancy Long  
\*Vitus Maduako  
Lauren McCollom  
\*Jesse McCormick  
Paul McElligott  
Caleb Mehlhoff  
\*ReeAnn Mehus  
Dyllon Meiers  
Erika Miller  
\*Janae Miller  
Savanah Monzelowsky  
Jesus Mora  
Andrew Ndolo  
Blake Nemecek  
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Christina Parsons  
Kendra Pazdernik  
Emma Peterson  
Konnor Peterson  
Michael Peterson

Andrew Phelps  
April Pollack  
\*Kathryn Ramlo  
Casey Reamann  
\*Morris Reed  
\*Lindsay Reede  
Graham Regan  
Robert Rentfrow  
\*Jonathan Rixen  
Ty Rossman  
Holly Rudnick  
Dylan Ruff  
Jon Santibanes  
Benjamin Schemensky  
Brandon Schock  
Bradley Scroggs  
Chelsey Seawell  
Tim Seckla  
\*Craig Shaffer  
Thomas Smith  
Yvonne Smith  
Kimberly Spallinger  
\*Tiffany Steingrueber  
Steven Thomas  
Arthur Tollinger  
Austyn Trauger  
Scarlett Tweeten  
Uchechukwu Uchem  
Laken Underdane  
Selena Van Hout  
\*Tiahna Wagner  
Preston Walsh  
\*Sadie Wetzel  
\*Jennifer Wikenheiser  
Matthew Wimsatt  
\*Nicholas Wolff  
\*Emily Wolff  
Anthony Wright

## Phi Beta Lambda

Hailey Lacher

## In memoriam

The following memorial contributions were made to the  
Foundation from April 1 through June 30, 2014

*In memory of:*

Alec Anagnost  
Marva Anderson

Walter Braun

Audina Braunagel  
Marcia Carlisle  
Brett Dvirnak  
Warren Henke

Gwyneth Jensen

*Given by:*

Dean and Shawn Anagnost  
Bismarck-Mandan Retired  
Teachers Association  
Gordon and Paula Binek  
Paul and Marilyn Swanson  
Marjorie Thorne  
BSC Employees  
Ronald and Neva Carlisle  
Bryan and Cynthia Dvirnak  
Gordon and Paula Binek  
Dr. Marcus and Margaret Fiechtner  
Rose Marie Henke  
Lorraine Moos  
BSC Employees

*In memory of:*

Ed Kringstad  
Robert "Bob" Kuntz  
Ken LaMont  
Anthony Martinetti  
Henry and Agnes Miller  
LeRoy Naves

Helen Rask

Donald Russell  
Marvin Saylver  
Marvin Schlafman  
Flo Schulz  
Orville Stenerson  
Carla Wardzinski  
Eugene Weisbeck

*Given by:*

Dawn Hagerott  
EAPC  
Baker Boy Bake Shop  
BSC Employees  
Everett and Bev Miller  
Don and Lynne Bigwood  
Gordon and Paula Binek  
Ed and Faye Hasche  
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Loren Kopseng  
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Teachers Association  
Jerry Schimmelpfennig  
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## The Comeback Scholarship helps ND residents finish the degrees they started

The Comeback Scholarship, offered by Bismarck State College and the Bank of North Dakota, gives adults a chance to finish an associate's degree affordably and with the kind of support they might not have had in the past thanks to an assigned advisor who helps recipients navigate their return to college.

This scholarship is a pilot program developed to increase the accessibility and affordability of college, giving North Dakota residents a great opportunity to complete their degrees.

## CONVERSATIONS

AT BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE



The sixth season of Conversations at BSC begins Oct. 26. Once again Clay Jenkinson, BSC distinguished humanities scholar, and NDUS Interim Chancellor Larry C. Skogen will look at the world by emphasizing the 360-degree perspective of the humanities. An occasional guest and questions from the audience complete the conversation.

**October 26, 2014**

**John Wesley Powell and North Dakota's 125th Birthday**

John Wesley Powell was a Civil War veteran, who floated the canyons of the Colorado and Green Rivers in 1869. Powell was much more than an explorer. He became the second director of the U.S. Geological Survey, and the founding director of the U.S. Bureau of Ethnology. He knew a half-dozen Native American languages, made pioneering contributions to our understanding of the Numa (Ute, Paiute) People, and helped to classify American Indian languages. Powell also wrote the Arid Lands Report in 1878, a revolutionary document that attempted to alter the way the United States developed lands west of the 100th Meridian, which runs through Steele and Tuttle, ND, and runs through Pierre, SD, and North Platte, NB. Powell came to North Dakota to address the state's Constitutional Convention in 1889.

The Comeback Scholarship covers up to half the tuition at BSC – \$1,200 per semester for full time students or \$600 per semester for part-time students.

Up to 20 scholarships are being offered for Fall 2014 in more than two dozen programs. Learn more by visiting [comebacktocollege.info](http://comebacktocollege.info) or calling 701-224-5798.

**Bismarck State College**  
**Sundays at 3 p.m. NECE building Bavendick Stateroom**  
**Free and open to the public**

**December 7, 2014**

World War I (The Great War): A Centennial Introduction

**February 8, 2015**

Violence and the American Dream

**April 19, 2015**

John Wilkes Booth: The Last Journey

**May 3, 2015**

The Idea of the National Parks with a Particular Focus on Theodore Roosevelt

### Reading to prepare:

Wallace Stegner: *Beyond the Hundred Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the American West.*

Donald Worster: *A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell.*

Edward Dolnick: *Down the Great Unknown: John Wesley Powell's 1869 Journey of Discovery and Tragedy Through the Grand Canyon.*

## Golf Classic raises scholarship funds

This summer's President's Cup Golf Classic raised more than \$18,000 for student athletes attending Bismarck State College.

Thirty eight teams gathered at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan on one of the few fine days in a rainy and cool June. The first place net overall winners were the team of Ben Zeltinger, Eric Hoffer, Doug Larson and Mike Herzog.

The team of Jon Anderson, Kevin Bjork, Jon Joersz and Kevin Gilchrist took first place gross overall.

Following the tournament, former Mystic men's basketball players Doug Swenson ('97) and Godwin Owinje ('95), and the late LeRoy Naves, a strong supporter of the Mystics, were inducted into the BSC Athletic Hall of Fame.

### Golf Classic sponsors:

American Bank Center  
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Cloverdale Foods  
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Dakota Community Bank & Trust  
Dan's Supermarket  
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Gateway Health Mart Pharmacy  
Gilchrist Dental  
Gilchrist & Fettig Financial  
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Jerome Distributing  
JLG Architects  
KFYR TV  
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Scheels  
Starion Financial  
TMI Hospitality  
Townsquare Media  
Ubl Design Group  
United Printing  
Walmart  
Wells Fargo



## Connect with former classmates

**Susan Rae Helgeland, '62**, retired in April as executive director of Mental Health America of North Dakota after 50 years of mental health advocacy and service.

**Robert Cordova, '67**, former Alumni Association board member and winner of the first Distinguished Service Award from the ND Association of Technology Leaders, was inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame.

**Susie Ekberg Risher, '78-79**, was honored for her passion and inspiration in the Cass-Clay community through the Fargo ND YWCA Women of the Year program.

**Tom Bernhardt, '81**, was recently elected to a term on the North Dakota Wheat Commission.

**Sara Berger, '91**, was named the Post-Secondary Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce. She is an instructor for Sanford College of Nursing in Bismarck.

**Toni Massey-Wheeler, '95**, was awarded the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce. She is a teacher at Dorothy Moses in Bismarck.

**Eric Hyttinen, '99**, joined the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah, ND, as an electrical and instrumentation field technician.

**Melissa Schumacher, '00**, was awarded Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Pizza Me, Mafia" at the 2014 St. Tropez International Film Festival.

**Beck Hruby, '02**, was recently contracted as a Farmers Union Insurance agent, joining the Brach Johnson Agency in Bismarck.

**Josh Hoffman, '05**, and

**Jody Bruce, '07**, lineman through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, traveled to hurricane-ravaged Haiti with four other volunteers to set poles and wire a small village.

**Kendra Entze, '07**, a medical services assistant, began working at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah, ND.

## Class Connections

Send Class Connections to:

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**Paul Grahl, '09**, recently joined Basin Electric in Bismarck as a service dispatcher.

**Bret Weiland, '12**, was hired as a service dispatcher at Basin Electric in Bismarck.

**Adam Berger, '13**, was hired as a process operations field technician at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah, ND.

**Tyler Simpfinderfer, '13**, began work as a process operations field technician at the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah, ND.

**Brett Ver Helst, '14**, was hired as a surveyor with the survey group at Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson.

## Sports recap

### Baseball

After a cold spring the baseball team finished the season 9-18 overall and 8-12 in the Mon-Dak Conference.

### Softball

The softball team garnered their first win in the sport's history finishing 5-16 overall and 4-14 in the Mon-Dak Conference.

### Golf

The women's golf team competed at the NJCAA National Tournament in Daytona Beach, FL, May 12-15. The men's golf team competed at the NJCAA National Tournament in Plymouth, IN, May 19-22.

### Academic Excellence Awards

#### NJCAA Pinnacle Award for

#### Academic Excellence (4.00 gpa)

ReeAnn Mehus (volleyball and basketball)

#### NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.80-3.99 gpa)

Keely Fogarty (softball)

Sierra Hall (soccer)

Tanner Purinton (basketball and baseball)

#### NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.60-3.79 gpa)

Leslie Beaudoin (volleyball and basketball)

Katie Ramlo (volleyball)

Casey Reamann (volleyball)

Matt Kourouma (basketball)

Allison Slaubaugh (basketball)

Christina Parsons (softball)



#### NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year (3.00 team gpa or higher)

2013 Volleyball Team

2013 Women's Soccer Team

2013-14 Women's Basketball Team

Find Mystic athletic schedules, photos and more at [bscmystics.com](http://bscmystics.com).

## *Don't miss 75 Live on Aug. 23!*

On August 23, 2014, you are invited to the capstone event of BSC's celebration of 75 years – 75 Live. This fun, free and family friendly event is our opportunity to honor the community that has made BSC the thriving place it is today. Save the date and join us to kick off our 75th school year!

### **Saturday, August 23 Schedule**

#### **2-5 pm All School BJC/BSC Reunion**

Register today at [bismarckstate.edu/75live](http://bismarckstate.edu/75live)

Several buildings on campus will be available for visits.

#### **5 pm-midnight 75 Live**

#### **in the MDU Resources Community Bowl**

Live bands, inflatables, concessions and fireworks.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

Music provided by BSC alumni The Gefroh Brothers, Cotton Wood with Preston Schmidt, The Relics and headliner PopRocks, a Minneapolis-based high-energy band bringing decades of music alive with 45 outrageous costume changes. There will be something for everyone – folksy to bluegrass, classic rock to hip-hop.



Bring a blanket and enjoy the festivities on the field or grab a seat in the bleachers. Lawn chairs are not allowed due to potential damage to the turf on the field.

For updates and more information, visit [bismarckstate.edu/75live](http://bismarckstate.edu/75live).