BSC Foundation has accomplished much during the past year. As a result, this year’s students saw the BSC campus expand to include a brand new residence hall. And students many generations into the future will benefit from additional scholarships gained from generous donors and match from the North Dakota Challenge Fund.

The Gate City Bank Residence hall was completed in time for occupancy this fall. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on August 8, 2016 to celebrate this successful venture between Bismarck State College, Gate City Bank and the BSC Foundation. The new residence hall added housing for 72 more students, which brings the total including Ritchie Hall to 128 students in Foundation-sponsored residence halls. BSC Foundation was key to seeing this project to fruition and helped Bismarck State College meet an urgent housing need for its students. With Gate City Bank Hall, Ritchie Hall, and the rest of the residence halls, BSC now has 433 resident students living on campus.

Another year of successful fundraising to raise matching funds for the North Dakota Challenge Fund has bolstered scholarship funds for BSC students. It is important to keep in mind that these scholarship funds are permanently endowed. Endowed scholarships are established by donors who specifically give gifts to the BSC Foundation to develop a fund that will last in perpetuity. Scholarship awards to students are made from a portion of the interest earned on the endowment. Maximizing this state funding has guaranteed that many more students will have scholarships available to them now and in the future.

BSC Foundation leadership has transitioned to Kari Knudson, Vice President for College Advancement and Executive Director, BSC Foundation. Knudson joined BSC in 2007 as vice president, National Energy Center of Excellence. She brings 17 years of experience in domestic and international oil and gas and utility industries, with a strong background in finance, in addition to 9 years of experience at BSC. Gordy Binek, who retired from his full-time position in January, 2016, continues to serve as Senior Development Advisor and recently celebrated 20 years at the BSC Foundation.

Sound fiscal management and loyal support of donors brought the BSC Foundation combined assets to more than $45 million, including the two new residence halls, the Unisys Building, the National Energy Center of Excellence, and the Mandan campus. It is important to note that BSC Foundation undergoes an independent audit annually by fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. The audit report is presented and accepted at the annual meeting of the BSC Foundation Board of Trustees whose members understand financial good health is imperative to sustain BSC programs for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Bismarck State College Foundation abides by all guidelines of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Donor’s Bill of Rights. Our cost to raise a dollar is 9.5¢, which is competitive with other organizations and well below the percentage required by oversight agencies. The BSC Foundation is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by state and federal tax laws. Most of our funds are permanently endowed, so the assets will be available to assist BSC and students for many generations. Our endowment qualifies for the State of North Dakota 40 percent tax credit.
Janet Schwan chuckles when she explains how she found out about the beautiful player piano her husband Steve bought in 2010.

“He told me he got a new toy,” Janet said. “I thought it was another car.”

Steve Schwan explained that Eckroth Music in Bismarck was having a truckload piano sale, and he thought a player piano sounded like a great addition to their home.

The Schwans, who own Schwan Buick GMC Cadillac in Mandan, have been regular benefactors to Bismarck State College, but the donation of the Kawai player piano to the college filled a special need. The piano, which is housed in a recital room at the Leach Music Center at BSC, provides accompaniment for several student groups at the school.

The couple visited BSC to hear the piano in action with the BSC Men’s Ensemble.

“It sounds wonderful in here,” Janet said. When the piano was in their home, Janet liked to listen to while she did housework. Seeing it in the Leach Music Center, she commented, “It seems smaller here than it did in the house.”

The Schwans donated the piano to BSC when they decided to sell the house where they’d raised their family and move into a smaller place. They didn’t want to see it sit in storage, so when Steve found out there was a need at the college, the Schwans decided the music department was a fitting home for the elegant instrument. Neither of the Schwans plays the piano.

Steve took lessons in school, but said, “I didn’t figure I’d ever play it.” So they were happy it would be used for a good cause.

The piano comes with a unique piece of Bismarck history, as well. When the Missouri River surged in Bismarck in 2011, the Schwans’ home was in danger of flooding. They moved their belongings, including the piano, to higher ground. Because they didn’t want to haul it out of the house and store it only to move it back in after the water receded, they improvised; they took the legs off the instrument and lifted it on top of the countertop in their kitchen. Steve noted wryly, “It’s heavy.” Fortunately, their home—and the piano—survived the flood without damage.

Once reassembled, the piano was relocated and immediately put to use. Dr. John Darling, professor of music at BSC, said the school is very fortunate to have the instrument, which is not like any other snub-nosed baby grand.

“This instrument has been a blessing – compared to the last one, which was old and worn out – this one plays like a brand new piano,” Darling said. The biggest benefit is for students. “This piano is much more appropriate for our music majors than the old one.”

Pictured from left to right: Theresa Bickler (accompanist), Adler Scheer, Wayne Clark, Josh Upgren, Andrew Wickenheiser, Paul Nagel, Jeffrey Pitcher, Janet Schwan, Tyler Johnson, Steve Schwan, Morgen Hagerott, Kari Knudson - V.P. For College Advancement & Executive Director BSC Foundation, Matthew Irvine, Dr. John Darling - professor of music & department chair, Tim Bjugstad, Dawn Hagerott - Associate professor of music & director of the Men’s Ensemble (photo credit: BSC student Hunter Andes)
The Nacelle Wind Tower is one of the newest structures on Bismarck State College’s campus. This tower, completed in August of 2016 and located on the west side of the NECE, was designed to serve as a training model for safely descending from a wind turbine.

Bruce Emmil, Dean of the National Energy Center of Excellence at BSC, explained how the project came to be: “Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) approached us about two years ago about the feasibility of putting this project together.”

Wind technicians are required to have refresher training to safely descend from the top of a wind tower (nacelle) using the appropriate harnesses, rope and rigging equipment.

Having a shorter tower to practice on in a controlled environment, instead of descending from a real wind turbine, which is approximately 300 feet tall, is very beneficial. It allows technicians to try different scenarios and perform numerous practice descends before they descend from a much higher height. Emmil said the conversation immediately turned to what it might look like and what it would take to build a training tower that could serve multiple purposes.

Funding was the first issue to address, with estimates coming in around $200,000. BSC and MDU took the project to the advisory committee for the Energy Services & Renewable Technician program offered at BSC, which piqued interest from other organizations. MDU was willing to help finance the project, and soon after that Minnesota Power came on board. Both companies agreed to put $30,000 toward the model wind tower. A North Dakota Department of Commerce Work Force matching grant was written and successfully secured an additional $60,000. With over half of the funds raised for the project, BSC continued pursuing additional funds when NextEra Energy came forward, matching the other industry donations of $30,000. Two additional funding sources were secured including the Energy Generation Conference board and through a U.S. Department of Labor Grant, known as Training for Regional Energy in North Dakota (TREND). CW Structural and EAPC helped design the project and Capital City Construction completed the construction.

The top of the Nacelle tower stands 32 feet tall with the interior hub hatch standing at a height of 24 feet. It was completed in August and students began to use it in September. Reynold Miller, a professor in the NECE’s Energy Service & Renewable Technician program, is especially enthusiastic about having this structure on campus. “This gives us the ability to allow students and companies to climb and rescue certified through Ropeworks, using the Ropeworks PDQ Emergency Descent System,” Miller said. “This is a great addition for students, as they will get more of a real-world training environment.”

Emmil said this project does exactly what the NECE strives to do: “work closely with industry; provide value to them and serve their needs; ensure our students are well prepared for the workforce; and offer ongoing incumbent employee training options – it’s what we’re here to do.”

Industry partners plan to make use of the tower, and because climbers can descend from the top, off the north side, or out of the hub on the underside of the tower, there are possibilities for other industries like EMTs to use it for training associated with their operations. “Any occupation that involves working at heights can gain some valuable experience and practice the associated safety aspects using the tower,” Emmil said.

The south side of the tower has an oversized hatch where other majors on campus can find uses for the tower, including physics courses, where students can drop objects and measure speed, velocity and other dynamics.

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The Nacelle tower dedication on Oct. 3 included a demonstration by NECE professor Reynold Miller and his students.
Bryce Hill worked for the city. Maxine Hill worked for the county. Together they helped effect many positive changes in their community.

Bryce Hill dedicated his life to law enforcement. He grew up in Alva, Oklahoma. He was drafted into the Army in 1955 and served two years as part of the military police. He returned to Alva and attended Northwestern State University earning a degree in sociology and then went to the University of California Berkeley and earned a bachelor’s degree in criminology.

After school, Bryce moved back to Oklahoma and worked in the Tulsa police department as a jailer.

“That was really an experience,” Bryce said. “I saw a little bit of everything – every big city has a lot of alcoholics. I got to know them, and I could just call their names, and they’d come over and go to jail on Friday. Monday they’d face the judge, work all week and Friday, they’d start it all over again.”

After a few years in Tulsa, he moved to St. Louis where an opportunity to teach opened new doors. Three community colleges were built in the area, and Bryce helped start a criminal justice program at Forest Park Community College. He then moved to Savannah, Georgia and started similar programs at local community colleges.

In 1969, wanting to get back to the Midwest, he moved to Bismarck where he worked for a government agency providing equipment for police departments.

In 1974, he began working at Bismarck Junior College where he helped start a program similar to the one in St. Louis. He became an associate professor of criminal justice and served as the chair for the department of criminal justice on campus.

Maxine Hill grew up in Bismarck and is a 1960 graduate of BJC. She is a member of The 1939 Society.

She worked for 20 years as the Burleigh County Recorder. During that time, she was influential in computerizing the county records.

In 1987, Bryce and Maxine were married.

“We bonded very quickly,” Bryce said. “She was interested in sports. Her brother Jerry played basketball and baseball at BSC, and her dad was an umpire.”

They both loved baseball, and while Bryce was teaching at BJC during spring break, he and Maxine would go down to St. Petersburg, Florida for spring training.

“We would go to games every day – get out in the sun – and we were right in the middle of some of the best seafood,” Bryce said.

In 1994, Bryce retired from BSC to dedicate his time working for Bismarck as a city commissioner. He was given the portfolio for police, fire, ambulance, emergency management, the airport and public health.
He became active in the National League of Cities, and he was the first person in North Dakota to be selected as chairman for the NLC Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

“We would meet all over the United States, and we would develop policy regarding criminal justice,” Bryce explained.

The group generated plans for emergency situations. The plans were designed to be fluid and changeable depending on the city and the circumstances.

Bryce was serving on the NLC in 1995 during the Oklahoma bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

“One of the first things you have to do when you have a disaster like that,” Bryce said, “You have to take care of people.”

As city commissioner, Bryce was instrumental in emergency planning for the Bismarck/Mandan area.

Both Bryce and Maxine have retired from their civic duties, but they continue making positive changes in their community. A few years ago, Bryce and Maxine transferred their cabin to establish a charitable trust through the BSC Foundation. It currently funds two scholarships – one for a criminal justice student and one for a business student.

This year they decided to sell their home in Bismarck and move into the Touchmark Retirement Community. They wanted to do the same thing with the house that had been done with the cabin. Working with Gordy Binek, they were able to transfer the home into the charitable trust, which will help fund several scholarships for the future.

“That’s what I want to do,” Bryce said. “That’s what Maxine wants to do.”

Forty-one motorcycle and car enthusiasts joined Bismarck State College President Larry C. Skogen on Friday, July 8 for the 2016 President’s Run. Participants rode along the Enchanted Highway to Regent for lunch, followed by a tour of the Enchanted Castle. The event raised over $6,000 for the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Endowment Fund.

In recognition of retiring BSC Professor of History Mike McCormack’s dedication to education, the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Fund has been initiated with a $10,000 lead gift. A scholarship goal of $50,000 has been set - $1,000 for each of McCormack’s years at BSC.

As master of ceremonies to all, photographer of many, singer of songs, scholar advisor, and author/editor with a crammed résumé of presidencies, chairmanships, speakerships and good will – Mike McCormack has made himself famous. He has been the face and voice of BSC for 50 years – a true institution.

Contributions to the J. Michael McCormack Scholarship Endowment Fund are tax deductible and may be eligible for a North Dakota state 40 percent tax credit (please consult your tax advisor). In addition, all donations made to Mike’s scholarship by December 31 are eligible for a fifty percent match from the state, making your gift even more significant.

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LARRY ROLFSON
Robert “Bob” Brown grew up in Sterling, North Dakota. He graduated from Bismarck High School and attended Bismarck Junior College for two years. He started classes at BJC when the school was located in the building on Boulevard Avenue, and he graduated in 1962 as part of the first class to attend the building on the hill, which is now Schafer Hall. With an accounting and business administration degree, he decided a desk job was not for him and went back to the farm.

“I wanted to go back to Mother Earth,” Bob said.

The college education was usable on the farm where they raised dairy cattle, sheep and then range cattle. They eventually switched to raising purebred Simmentals and having yearly production sales of breeding stock.

In addition to farming, Bob took care of the business side and also did the yearly taxes for the farm until the late 1970s when the tax codes became more complex.

DeLayne “Dee” Trautmann Brown grew up and graduated from high school in Medina, North Dakota. She went to BJC for one year and then decided to join the work force. She started her career as the assistant county clerk at Farmers’ Home Administration in Ellendale and then Washburn. She moved to Bismarck and became a loan specialist working with community and business programs.

“I’m a city girl,” she said.

Bob and Dee met and married later in life. They made their home on the family farm in Sterling.

“I was in my 40s, and she was younger,” Bob said. “We got married, and I drug her out to the farm – what a shock for the city girl.”

“I was still working,” Dee said, “so I was gone all day and drove back and forth to Bismarck.”

Dee said she liked living on the farm, so she continued that drive for 16 years.

“You just plan ahead,” Dee said, “and get what you need when you are in town.”

Bob grinned and asked if he could tell the story. Dee smiled and said, “Go ahead.”

“Right after we got married,” Bob said, “she came home with the office vacation calendar and said, ‘I get six weeks of vacation. When can we pencil it in?’ I said ‘Six weeks’ vacation to a farmer – I haven’t had six days, but if it rains, we can drive to Bismarck.”

Dee finished the story, “It rained one day, and we couldn’t go. I remember that.”

Bob retired in 1998. Dee retired in 2006. They sold the farm and have been living in Bismarck ever since. They spend part of their winters in Arizona, driving down after Christmas, so they can spend the holidays here with family.

“But coming back early enough that we can still get a blizzard to remind us of North Dakota,” Bob said.

Even though they are retired, they both stay busy.

Bob does grounds work around their condominium and continues his love for farming by having a space at the Bismarck Community Garden. He grows tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beets, onions, and he even experimented with a cotton plant.

“It was real slow coming,” Bob said, “but then when it warmed up in July and August it took off like crazy. It got 24-30 inches tall and was just starting...
Cedric and Mary Theel have been in the retail car business for 48 years, first in Bottineau, North Dakota, and for the last 30 plus years they have been in the business in Bismarck. They currently are co-owners of Cedric Theel Toyota, located on exit 161 in east Bismarck, with their son Justin and his wife Missy.

The Theels have always valued higher education and feel that financial assistance is an important part of the process. The Theel scholarship at Bismarck State College is especially designed to help students in the Auto Technician, Auto Body Collision, Business, and Accounting programs achieve their education goals. Cedric points out that his educational experience, as well as that of his wife, his daughter and his son, is part of their inspiration for helping others.

Cedric received his Mechanical Engineering degree from General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan (now Kettering University) via a co-operative program that had him working in a Chevrolet assembly plant in Janesville, Wisconsin. It was a five-year, year-round program.

Mary received her Bachelor of Science degree from UND. She did her student teaching at Red River High School in Grand Forks and then taught Home Economics at Valley Junior High School, also in Grand Forks.

Cedric and Mary’s daughter, Jennifer, after graduating from Century High School, received her business degree from the University of Minnesota. She worked part time and later full time for Norwest Bank, now Wells Fargo.

After graduating from Bismarck High School, their son Justin, who is the current Bismarck Toyota dealer, received his business degree from the University of Notre Dame. He received financial help by the way of a hockey scholarship.

“There is no way I would have stayed with the strenuous engineering curriculum except I knew if I quit, I would lose both my job and my income,” Cedric said. “Plus there were people with General Motors that believed in me. I wasn’t going to let them down. People in the Grand Forks Public School system believed in Mary. People at Norwest Bank believed in our daughter Jennifer. People in the Notre Dame Athletic Department believed in our son Justin. None of us were going to let those that believed in us down.”

Both Cedric and Mary express their happiness at being able to offer financial scholarships to students at a quality institution such as Bismarck State College, where Mary is a member of the Foundation Board. The Theels believe an opportunity like this will motivate many young students.

“Sometimes showing a young person that you believe in them is more motivating that the dollars themselves,” Cedric said. “When students know that someone besides their family believes in them, there is no way they will let them down.”

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to make the ball for the cotton and fall came – end of cotton. We just don’t have enough days, but it was fun watching it.”

Next he wants to try growing peanuts.

Dee works on the board for the National Active Retired Federal Employees as treasurer/officer. She also volunteers and helps raise funds for Alzheimer’s Research.

They both volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch and Ruth Meiers Hospitality House.

Their connection with Bismarck State College continues with their donation of an annuity with a state-matching grant, which made it possible to set up two scholarships – one for an agriculture student and one for a business student.

“We wanted to give to BSC because we both went there,” Bob said. “We hope it will help someone complete a dream.”

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Cedric and Mary Theel
Serving the community was instilled early in the life of Jim Christianson. With an older brother and sister, he grew up watching his parents’ hobby farm become an integral and lasting part of the Bismarck landscape. Jim’s parents, Marc and Betty Christianson created the Dakota Zoo. He followed a different path than his parents, but the impact has been important to the community. It is difficult to define Jim’s 30-year career with a single job description because of his involvement with a variety of projects throughout his life.

Jim graduated from Bismarck High School and attended Bismarck Junior College and the University of North Dakota where he was a journalism major. During this time, his older brother Marc, who was a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger Instructor, was killed in an accident. “I lost interest in a lot of things after my brother died,” Jim said, “and took that summer off. I traveled and moved out to California where I lived with some relatives in the bay area and worked at a computer company.”

He decided to come back to Bismarck in 1973 and was listening to the radio as he was driving and said, “Hey, I am interested in trying this.”

When he got back to town, he contacted the station manager at KFYR-FM and spent the rest of the summer as a weekend and evening disc jockey.

“I had no formal training, but I worked alongside pros like Sid Hart, John Ruby and the Old Reb,” Jim said with a smile.

After six months, it was time for the road again, and he left for a backpacking trip through the Canadian Rockies. Upon his return from this trip he met inventor J.D. Kirschmann. Jim’s journalism studies were helpful when Kirschmann hired Jim to edit the 3rd edition of his book, The Nutrition Almanac, published by McGraw-Hill.

“Nobody said I couldn’t do this,” Jim said. “That’s been my approach – maybe I got some of that from my folks. I am not afraid to try anything – if you fail, well, at least you tried.”

And Jim has tried and succeeded at many things. He became a realtor and developer and is now president of NorthWest Development Group, Inc.
LLOYD RITCHIE RESIDENCE HALL

Lloyd Ritchie had a lifelong interest in education. He graduated from Bismarck Junior College in 1960 but never stopped learning. He traveled frequently, always learning about the states and communities he traveled through. BJC always held an important place in his heart. In 1995, Lloyd funded his first scholarship in honor of his second family – Marc and Betty Christianson.

Over the years he continued to make contributions for scholarship funds and in support of other projects at BSC. In 2011, he established a Charitable Remainder Trust, with the Bismarck State College Foundation designated as the death beneficiary to fund scholarships in the name of the Christiansons. Lloyd died unexpectedly in 2012 and had included the BSC Foundation in his will. The proceeds of his estate were used to provide the equity needed to proceed with a student housing apartment building on the campus of Bismarck State College. Naming one of the apartment buildings Lloyd Ritchie Residence Hall is a tribute to Lloyd’s generosity and commitment to education.

Gate City Bank has been a consistent supporter of Bismarck State College – whether it’s sponsoring a cookout for students or funding a scholarship or helping finance a building project, they have partnered in very meaningful ways.

In 2014, the BSC Foundation was developing a plan for student housing apartment buildings on the BSC campus. The cost to finance the project was critical to the success as the construction and finance costs become part of the rent to BSC students.

BSC wanted to keep the rent as affordable as possible.

Using tax-free bonds, Gate City Bank provided an outstanding interest rate, ensuring a successful project and keeping the rents affordable for BSC students.

In recognition of their support of BSC through low-cost financing, one of new student housing apartment buildings has been named Gate City Bank Residence Hall.

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and NorthWest Realty Group, L.L.C.

A founding member of the Bismarck Historical Society, Jim appreciates the importance of maintaining the past for the future. Combining this appreciation with his real estate background, Jim helped save, renovate and develop several historic buildings in downtown Bismarck including the NP Railroad Depot, the Soo Hotel, the Capitol Theatre Building and Patterson Place/Peacock Alley.

He currently serves on the board of and is helping the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation on a project to open an art gallery called Capital Gallery in the old Woolworth building on the corner of Fourth Street and Main Avenue.

Calling himself a “downtown developer guy,” Jim continues to serve the community as a member of Bismarck’s Renaissance Zone Authority, the Bismarck Parking Authority, and the Mayor’s Downtown Task Force. A licensed private pilot, he is also an active board member of the Bismarck Air Museum Foundation, which is working to preserve the airport’s historic 1930s-era “Hangar Five” and convert it to educational use.

For the past 3 years Jim has been busy developing Midwest Business Park, a light industrial park on east Main Avenue that is being marketed by NorthWest Realty. Jim’s next business endeavor will be working on developing a bank/office building in the FiveSouth project near the Bismarck Event Center.

“My parents instilled in me the belief that education in any form is important for success, but so is doing something you are passionate about.” Jim said. “With knowledge, hard work, teamwork, common sense, honesty and no small amount of luck we can do whatever we set our minds to.”

In addition to helping redevelop the downtown area, Jim has also taken the time, in fact 20 years of time, to serve on the Bismarck State College Foundation Board of Trustees.

“I feel fortunate to have attended BSC and to have been a part of BSC’s exciting growth these past few years,” Jim said. “It’s very rewarding to know that the BSC Foundation and all the great people, who give their time and energy to serve as trustees, are doing something meaningful by helping young people continue their education and prepare for their careers – hopefully doing something they enjoy.”
Paul Sukut, Basin Electric CEO and general manager, uses the word “legacy” when he talks about Basin Electric. Like his predecessor, Ron Harper, Sukut sees real value in education and community.

One of the significant things about partnering with Bismarck State College, he said, is that “we need to hang on to our recent graduates.” Sukut believes that if you help graduates get jobs, they will stay in the area, and that is one of the most notable benefits of the collaboration between Basin Electric and BSC.

“We are blessed with a great work force and a great work ethic here on the Great Plains,” Sukut said. “We need to educate them, hang on to them, and employ them. When we get new employees, it is our hope that they make their career with Basin Electric.

We’ve been blessed to have had many long-term employees, who started here fresh out of school and stayed until retirement.”

This is part of the culture at Basin Electric that reflects the legacy Sukut talks about so fondly. That culture of service and building on the legacy Jim Grahl started as the first General Manager continues, Sukut affirms, and he takes great pride in carrying on that cooperative tradition. He believes this is manifested in many ways, including the fact that Basin Electric employs so many local people and is so active in its communities.

Basin Electric is a prolific supporter of the communities it serves, but it is difficult to find major monuments to its corporate generosity.

Sukut acknowledges that cooperative modesty, saying it’s essential to be good, solid citizens of the areas they serve, whether it’s well known or not. Basin Electric supports the United Way, Brave the Shave (a fundraiser for pediatric cancer), and countless local organizations from hospitals and first responders to lighting for ballparks. The cooperative is also active in the Chamber of Commerce and works hard to support businesses in the area.

The cooperative feels equally strongly about people power. Through its BE Involved Initiative, Basin Electric facilitates volunteer opportunities for employees across its Midwest footprint. It’s Basin Electric’s cooperative culture, he declares. It always has been.

Legacy applies to Sukut’s life outside of the walls of his office, as well. He is a North Dakota native, as is his wife, a BSC grad, but he jokes about their divided loyalties (he attended NDSU, she UND). He speaks fondly of visiting the family farm (which is still in the family) with his father, reflecting on a lifestyle unique to the Great Plains and North Dakota. He sees value in the North Dakota way of life—having good neighbors, the opportunities for recreation, low crime—things that he knows can become easy to take for granted.

**Synfuels Plant:** Basin Electric Power Cooperative, through its for-profit subsidiary, Dakota Gasification Company, owns and operates the Great Plains Synfuels Plant. The Synfuels Plant is the only commercial-scale coal gasification plant in the United States that manufactures natural gas. Additionally, the plant produces fertilizers, solvents, phenol, carbon dioxide, and other chemical products for sale. To date, more than 30 million metric tons of carbon dioxide have been captured and transported for geologic sequestration.
Sukut emphasizes the importance of impressing upon North Dakota’s youth that “Yes, you can build a career in North Dakota.” A lot of young people, he fears, automatically assume there are no careers here and just plan to leave the state without understanding the sorts of opportunities North Dakota affords them. He is wholeheartedly in support of the careers that Basin Electric facilities offer so people can stay in the small towns and those small towns can flourish.

Of the partnership between BSC and Basin Electric, Sukut states, “More than anything, BSC has been open to Basin Electric’s needs.” He says that BSC understands energy.

In North Dakota, where two big resources are energy and agriculture, Sukut believes BSC has shown understanding of how to train and help retain valuable workers in both of those areas while looking forward to future needs.

Energy will evolve, Sukut said. Solar and distributed types of generation are emerging. He’s hoping to see the partnerships with BSC grow to include research on power storage for solar and wind and to prepare young people for these new energy trends.

“We have to be realistic,” Sukut said. “We are moving toward a carbon-restrained energy future. We need to get ahead of the curve.”

He believes it’s important for BSC and Basin Electric to work together to prepare for the future of energy.

As Sukut lists the resources Basin Electric works with and wants to work more with, he confirms natural gas will always be there—it emits less carbon dioxide than coal, and it can work well with wind generation.

He sees that renewable energy is going to continue to play an integral role in Basin Electric’s energy mix. Basin Electric has been a leader of wind development in the Dakotas. By year end 2016, the cooperative will have more than 1500 megawatts of wind generation in its portfolio (owned and purchased).

“There is a need for even cleaner power,” Sukut said. “We need to meet that with time and flexibility, including taking advantage of the opportunities for wind that North Dakota has to offer.”

There are many BSC graduates at Basin Electric, Sukut affirms.

“Basin’s a great company to work for,” Stephen Lannoye, Real Time Trader I at Basin Electric and a BSC grad said. “If you come in and want to work toward a specific kind of job, they’ll set up a track to get you there.”

BSC offers a number of programs that fit well with Basin Electric’s need for employees, which makes for a strong partnership that is appreciated by both participants.

“BSC has the National Energy Center of Excellence because Basin Electric leadership had the vision to marry our excellent education and

Paul Sukut, Basin Electric CEO and general manager

Wind turbines: Through direct investments and annual payments under renewable power purchase agreements, Basin Electric has invested more than $1 billion in renewable resources. By year end 2016, Basin Electric will have more than 1500 MW of wind generation in its portfolio. Pictured: Day County Wind Energy Center, a 99-megawatt wind project in Day County, SD, owned and operated by NextEra Energy Resources. Basin Electric purchases 100 percent of the output from the project.

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training programs with their future workforce needs,” BSC President, Dr. Larry Skogen said. “BSC appreciates that visionary leadership and the support of such an exemplary energy corporation. And today, BSC has a national footprint in energy education because of our much-valued relationship with Basin Electric.”

Sukut wants to maintain a strong relationship with BSC because of what he sees as the barbell effect: there are a lot of employees who have been around for many years and are getting ready to retire.

One of his goals as CEO is to ensure a strong work force once this batch of long-time employees retires. Working with BSC’s energy programs helps to maintain a steady supply of employees who are trained in the areas where Basin Electric needs them the most, including renewable energy.

Sukut is confident in Basin Electric’s ability to keep up with the new demands for clean energy.

He acknowledges that North Dakota has a long history as a coal state, and Basin Electric hasn’t forgotten that. They are working on new technologies to create cleaner coal plants. The Dry Fork facility, built in 2011 outside of Gillette, Wyoming, is one of the cleanest coal plants in North America. And through a recent partnership with Wyoming, Dry Fork Station will be home to an integrated test center that will study the capture, sequestration and management of carbon emissions from the coal-based facility.

Sukut is quick to point out that this new clean technology strengthens the collaboration between Basin Electric and BSC. There will be a need for chemists and mechanical maintenance workers and engineers trained in programs like those at BSC’s National Energy Center of Excellence.

In addition to finding cleaner ways to use coal, the member owners are calling for more clean energy sources, like solar and wind.

Sukut says he has to ask himself, “What is our resource mix going to look like?” He points to changes in places like the Great Plains Synfuels plant, where they are evolving the facility from a synthetic natural gas producer to a fertilizer manufacturer. The facility now produces two fertilizers, several additional coproducts, and is in the process of developing a third fertilizer through the construction of their urea plant. When Basin Electric took over the failing plant in 1988, it was with an eye toward implementing new technology like urea to continue on the path to strengthen rural America.

When considering Basin Electric’s future partnership with BSC, Sukut pointed to the success the two organizations have had with the central station program.

“We need to do it one more time with wind and renewables,” he said.

Wind, solar and emerging nuclear technology need to be on the agenda. Sukut would like to see work on battery technology with these new energy sources, as well.

“Storage is a big deal,” he said. As any energy program moves forward, that needs to be a major part of the discussion.

Sukut said he is grateful to BSC for its contributions to the work force in North Dakota and that Basin Electric will “keep going back because of what we’ve gotten from you.”

This is the main stack at the Synfuels Plant, which is about 409 feet tall. The main stack is used to handle the exhaust from the three multi-fuel boilers used to turn water into high pressure steam, which is used in making the initial raw gas stream in the gasification process. The stack has continuous emission monitors to measure the amounts of sulfur and nitrogen oxide. The facility also has seven off-site and 10 on-site monitoring systems to measure various emissions, including those from the main stack.
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Addie Eamon, Jamestown, ND
Sydney Gangl, Dickinson, ND
Joey Gebhardt, Grand Forks, ND
Brandon Geiszler, Bismarck, ND
Seth Gillis, New Rockford, ND
Spencer Gillund, Enderlin, ND
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Macy Lynch, Bismarck, ND

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Avery Privatsky, Dickinson, ND
Alexandra Reisenauer, Bismarck, ND
Sierra Rohr, Dickinson, ND
Hadley Rosales, Bismarck, ND
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Curt Stahlecker, Rapid City, SD
Rumor Stokes, Minot, ND
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Jocelyn Miller, Hickson, ND
Levi Nistler, Beach, ND

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Jasymn Loven, Bismarck, ND
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Daniel Neff, Bismarck, ND
Mitchel Pilon, Bismarck, ND
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Hailie Doll, New Salem, ND
Ashlee Edwards, Rhame, ND
Nathaniel Fulton, Dickinson, ND
Sydney Gangl, Dickinson, ND
Kathryn Gerving, New Salem, ND
Allison Gion, Regent, ND
Kayla Helbling, Mandan, ND
Shari Hewson, Dickinson, ND
Skyler Huber, Mandan, ND
Jacob Kuntz, Richardton, ND
Misty Martin, Dickinson, ND
Madison Meyer, New Salem, ND
Bethany Morman, Glen Ullin, ND
Coltyn Nelson, Dickinson, ND
Lexi Nistler, Beach, ND
Grace Peterson, Mandan, ND
Patricia Romaysroyn, Dickinson, ND
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Cole Solem, Beulah, ND
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Tony Welder Scholarship
Chantel Fettig, Kimntyre, ND

Ralph Werner Memorial Scholarship
Tarynn Jacobson, Alexander, ND

Michael H. Wickstrom Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Menge, Bismarck, ND

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Logan Welle, Nome, ND

Thomas A. Winter Memorial Scholarship
Brian Erickson, Mott, ND

Howard Wolfe Scholarship
Trevor Griffin, Bismarck, ND

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Alexis Lee Larson, Carrington, ND
Erik Matthes, Bismarck, ND
Devin Stelter, Bismarck, ND
Ashley Thorpe, Bismarck, ND

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Kiri Bauer, Mandan, ND

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Tyler Tkach, Bismarck, ND

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Jacob Lawler, Mandan, ND

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Alexis Boehm, Bismarck, ND
Eleeshua Bohlen, Bismarck, ND

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Tyler Due, Washburn, ND
Timothy Keller, Mandan, ND
Medelyn Kopp, Bismarck, ND

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Carlie Borchers, Mandan, ND
Jackson Carlson, Bismarck, ND
Wayne Clark, Mandan, ND

Jane Gray Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Robert Day, Mandan, ND
Megan Fitterman, Mandan, ND
Aeryn Mehlhoff, Bismarck, ND

BSC Foundation Scholarship
Tyler Conlon, Bismarck, ND
Stephanie Davis, Bismarck, ND
April Dexter, Washburn, ND
Nolan Forderer, Center, ND
Ash Gallagher, Carrington, ND
Chase Geer, Bismarck, ND

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Alicia Billock, Bismarck, ND
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Jake Pertile, Bismarck, ND
Jeff Pitcher, Bismarck, ND

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Kathryn Gerving, New Salem, ND
Trevor Griffin, Bismarck, ND
Ariana Herman, Bismarck, ND

Peg Jack Memorial Scholarship
Cassidy Miller, Bismarck, ND

BSC Foundation Scholarship
Ariana Herman, Bismarck, ND
Keedan Holzworth, Lincoln, ND
Paul Hopkins, Bismarck, ND
Savannah Husebye, Bismarck, ND

Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial Scholarship
Mikayla Schirado, Bismarck, ND
Elizabeth Schuh, Bismarck, ND
Joshua Upgren, Bismarck, ND

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Alexis Larson, Carrington, ND
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Matalyn Lund, Bismarck, ND
Adam Maragos, Bismarck, ND
Megan McNeil, Lincoln, ND

Jane Gray Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Grant Risk, Bismarck, ND
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Paul Nagel, Bismarck, ND
Kennedi Porter, Bismarck, ND
Peter Rackow, Dickinson, ND

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Paige Kihle, Bismarck, ND

BSC Foundation Scholarship
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Ben Thompson, Mandan, ND

Sheila Schafer Scholarship
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Kailey Williamson, Bismarck, ND
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Hunter Goldade, Selz, ND
Adam Goroski, Mandan, ND
Breck Heintz, Bismarck, ND
Matthew Heupel, Bismarck, ND
Eric Hooker, Rugby, ND
Clay Jorgenson, Watford City, ND
Matthew Larson, Bismarck, ND
Landen Lelm, Turtle Lake, ND
Cody Macdonald, Bismarck, ND
Cody Martel, Bismarck, ND
Misty Martin, Baldwin, ND
Lucas Montag, Finley, ND
Reid Mundahl, Rugby, ND
Michael Neprash, Watford City, ND
Bryton Rosshau, Beulah, ND
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Dalton Magilke, Mandan, ND

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Levi Bernhardt, Bismarck, ND
Taylor Ellefson, Bismarck, ND
Morgan Jacobs, Noonan, ND
Karley Volochenko, Balfour, ND
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Cass County Electric Cooperative
Lineworker Scholarship
Reed Gleason, Fargo, ND

Bill Clairmont Scholarship
Autumn Nelson, Bismarck, ND

Corvettes of Dakota
Territory Scholarship
William Winterberg, Bismarck, ND

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Equipment Scholarship
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Connor Brackenbury, Mohall, ND
Brandon Brown, Bismarck, ND
Erin Damman, Underwood, ND
Chelsi Doll, Mandan, ND
Jason Hathaway, Bismarck, ND
Ethan Krebs, Jamestown, ND
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Cordell Staloch

It gives me joy to know that other people have completed this program successfully, and even made a bigger life out of the education they received. Getting the opportunity to read your loved one, Chris Albin’s, biography has shown me a lot about what I can do with my education later in life. He received his education, worked for a living, then decided to impact more people with his experience, and getting the chance to receive a scholarship in his name is a great honor. Once again, I thank you greatly for your love and respect of Chris Albin. His accomplishments have deepened my understanding of what a true education is, and how you can accomplish more in life with your education than just one career. You can really make a difference.

Zebulen Pulkinen

I am accepting this scholarship with deep humility and much gratitude. I was almost brought to tears in more ways than one when I learned you had selected me for this scholarship. This is one of the most humbling experiences of my life and a much needed reality check. Writing this is not the easiest thing to do either, but I am extremely happy to do so. I am also letting you know that words will not do justice regarding what an honor this is. Thank you, again, for your generous gift and support, I will never forget this. I promise I will continue to work hard and hopefully one day can give something back to other students like myself.

Neil Kienzle

I cannot find the words to express my thanks enough to the committee for giving me the opportunity to accept this scholarship and to Mrs. Marcia Myers Olson for dedicating her time and money to aid students in their journey to a career. Again, thank you so much for allowing me to receive this scholarship. It truly means so much to me!

Madison Hulm

I, again, thank you for your generosity and for contributing to my peers and our community for many years. You have lightened my financial burden and allowed me to focus more on pursuing my degree. I have been inspired to be as generous to my community as Mr. Merritt has been to me. I, thank you!

Cordell Staloch

Again, I want to say thank you. Being awarded this scholarship means a great deal to me and I cannot express how much gratitude I have for your family. I can promise the generosity and great change Sidney Lee possessed, is being carried on through the work of this scholarship.

Jacob Sommerfeld

By awarding me the Mary Morris Laschkewitsch Scholarship, you have decreased my financial burden which allows me to focus on what is most important to me, my education. Your generosity has inspired me and I hope one day I will be able to give back to my community. Thank you, again, for your generosity and support.

Chelsea Renner

I would like to, once again, thank you for your generosity towards my education. It is reassuring to me that someone else, besides my family and some teachers I have become close with, believes in my potential to be successful in life. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

Emily Greff

For taking me “beyond”, I say Thank You. Two small words that are meant to have a very powerful impact. The question is how to convey that impact through writing. They could be capitalized: THANK YOU, they could have punctuation added: Thank You! They could be written in a foreign language: Gracias, or even have some of today’s emoticons added to the end: Thank You ☺ Ah, I think I have found my answer-see that smiley face at the end of the thank you? That is the smile you brought to my face when I opened my BSC Foundation letter stating I was a scholarship recipient. That’s the impact I was looking for, so let me return the favor: Thank You! ☺

Mikaela Miller

Mikaela Miller

Chelsea Renner

Mikaela Miller
Thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), BSC is Bringing Humanities to Life.

The NEH committed $500,000 to the college contingent upon BSC Foundation raising $1,000,000 in new, nonfederal contributions.

In its second of a six-year project, the grant has already helped launch humanities-related activities for the benefit of BSC students and the community; including establishing a humanities endowment, awarding two research fellowships, and promoting student and faculty programs.

The Bringing Humanities to Life initiative is led by Project Director Tayo Basquiat, associate professor of philosophy, and a committee made up of BSC English, history, and energy faculty; a BSC library representative; and the executive director of the ND Humanities Council.

The committee chose two recipients for the fellowship who began their research semester in January of 2016:

Dr. Daniel Devlin, PhD, assistant professor of theater, and Dr. Perry Hornbacher, BD, professor of history.

Dr. Devlin’s research focuses on updating and revising a play and then teaching those skills to local theater groups, working with communities to develop interpersonal and collaborative skills, self-management skills, and decision-making/problem-solving skills.

Dr. Hornbacher’s project focuses on the history of intolerance in America, particularly in immigration. The project seeks to help people, through an examination of this intolerance, to develop understanding of other points of view, engage in difficult conversations concerning a contemporary political issue, and begin to imagine how that historical knowledge can shape their own efforts to welcome new people into the community. Both fellows have accomplished their research and have begun their fall semester of teaching.

In keeping with the requirements of the grant to offer the research project result to an audience beyond the traditional classroom environment, the committee decided to partner with BSC’s Continuing Education, Training and Innovation and Ongoing Lifelong Learning programs to provide a built-in audience for the fall semester teaching requirement

The committee is moving forward with planning additional activities in partnership with the ND Humanities council; and making use of Humanities 211 (HUMS211), which is a non-traditional format, cultural excursion based course.

The grant project is building upon existing humanities programs at Bismarck State College. Conversations at BSC, Campus Read, Visiting Writers Series, and BookTalk have all enjoyed success.

With help from the NEH funding, BSC can create new ways to extend its reach to the surrounding community, the state of North Dakota, and beyond.

Vickie Volk, associate professor of computer support specialist, was the recipient of this year’s Jack Fellowship from the Bismarck State College Foundation Board of Trustees. The fellowship, valued at $25,000 helps BSC faculty and staff further their education, conduct research or pursue professional development.

Volk earned a Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning from the University of North Dakota. She has taught in the computers and office technology department at BSC for fifteen years. The degree will help her to pursue her desire for lifelong learning and to share that enthusiasm and knowledge with colleagues and students. In addition, it will allow her to assist BSC in accomplishing its mission of providing a high quality education reaching local and global communities.

Vickie’s passion for teaching has been recognized by numerous nominations for the Kermit Lidstrom Faculty Award for Excellence and for the Mountain-Plains Business Education Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The BSC Fellowship Program was established by the late Tom and Peg Jack to fund sabbatical leaves that partially underwrite the salary and/or expenses of a Bismarck State College employee. The purpose of the sabbatical leave is for an employee to engage in an educational experience that will ultimately benefit Bismarck State College and the students it serves. Each Fellowship will be a monetary award of up to $25,000 to be used to enhance the recipient’s professional performance.

At BJC, she received an academic tuition scholarship, the Deluxe Dry Cleaners and Capital Laundry Foreign Language Tuition Award and the Mrs. Thomas W. Leach Award in Business Education. She was on the President’s Honor Roll, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and National Junior Honor Society.

After graduation, she worked as a legal secretary for two years in Bismarck, and in 1983, she moved to Tyler, Texas to attend the University of Texas. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in English and minoring in speech, and upon graduation she received the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Student Award. She was the recipient of the UT Tyler Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016. Kathryn earned her law degree in 1989 from Southern Methodist School of Law in Dallas, Texas.

“My first job after law school was at Thompson & Knight, which was then the largest law firm in Dallas,” Kathryn said. “I began my law career in the business litigation area, which I enjoyed.”

After a few years, she became involved in a group called Lawyers Against Domestic Violence and started to do a substantial amount of family law representing those who could not afford an attorney. She developed a strong passion for family law and started practicing it exclusively in 1994.

“I am helping people at very difficult times in their lives,” Kathryn said. “It is my goal in every case to assist my clients to get to a more positive place with minimal destruction to their families. I want to help them obtain an efficient, satisfactory end to the process.”

She is currently a partner in the law firm of Goranson Bain, PLLC, which is a family law boutique firm with offices in Dallas, Plano and Austin, Texas. She is Board Certified in family law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Kathryn was named “Lawyer of the Year” in Dallas by Best Lawyers © Family Law, Woodward and White Press, 2015. Only a single lawyer in each practice area within a community is honored with this distinction. She is also the 2017 recipient of this award. In 2013, she was the recipient of the Annette Stewart Inn of Court, Serjeant of the Inn Award, presented to attorneys who have contributed to the profession and the community throughout their careers. Kathryn has been consistently selected by Thomson Reuters for inclusion in the list of “Top 50 Women Texas Super Lawyers,” and “Top 100 Dallas/Fort Worth Super Lawyers.” She has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 2003.

Although she now resides in Texas, Kathryn’s education and experience at BSC helped her achieve her goal in becoming an attorney.

“Irene Tschider was one of my favorite teachers of all time,” Kathryn said. “She was such a wonderful role model and mentor for me, and I believe that I am in the legal profession because of her. Judy Polzin, my German teacher, was also a positive influence. I have a passion for the German language to this day.”

Kathryn said she plans to continue practicing family law in the Dallas area and hopes to publish more books and articles about family law. She is a frequent author and speaker on family law issues, and she is the Chair of the Family Law Council of the State Bar of Texas. She is a Fellow of the prestigious International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Texas

Kathryn with her husband Mike (center of the photo) with their family.
With more than 2,000 participants over the course of three and a half years, the first phase of the Training for Regional Energy in North Dakota (TREND) Consortium is coming to a close. Bismarck State College leads the five-college consortium in an effort to scale up training and credential attainment in energy and energy-related careers. BSC, along with consortium partners Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain Community College and Williston State College, were awarded $14.6 million in 2012 through the U.S. Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program. Through this funding, TREND offered training in more than 20 programs at the five colleges.

President Barack Obama authorized $2 billion over four years to fund the TAACCCT program, which started distributing grants across the United States in 2011. The U.S. Department of Labor administers the TAACCCT program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education. The TREND Consortium was successful in receiving funding in TAACCCT Round 2 (2012) and in TAACCCT Round 4 (2014) with an additional $9.9 million.

Each consortium partner specializes in key areas, ranging from enhancing and modifying training, building new programs from scratch, creating and increasing career navigation services, and purchasing new equipment and supplies to provide hands-on and technology-enabled classroom and lab space. Training programs offered can vary in length from nine-week certificates to a two-year Associate's degree. New training programs include Commercial Drivers License, Pipe Welding, Electrical and Concrete. These programs are offered in shorter-term certificates to get participants in the workforce quickly while attaining multiple industry-recognized credentials, such as OSHA 10, First Aid, CPR, and credentials from the National Center for Construction Education and Research and American Welding Society.

During the first phase grant period, the TREND Consortium exceeded its original enrollment target, accomplishing a 60 percent increase of its original goal by enrolling 2,400 students into TREND programs. While comprehensive completion data isn’t available due to a number of enrolled students continuing to complete their courses, the TREND Consortium reports as of August 2016, more than 1,700 credentials have been earned by TREND participants in the first grant.

In the second phase of the TREND grant, college partners are prioritizing enhanced career navigation services by providing additional support to students via job-skills training and preparation, such as interviewing, resume-building, and job coaching. In addition, staff and faculty have dedicated time to increase industry partnerships to provide on-the-job training, internship opportunities, job site visits, and seminars for students on real-world job expectations. □

Murphy continued

Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, where she is a Past-President. She is an author of Thomson Reuters’ Texas Family Law Practice Guide, a three-volume family law treatise for attorneys that was published in March 2000 and supplemented each year to the present. In her spare time, she continues one of her favorite hobbies speaking, reading and studying the German language. She also takes ballroom dance lessons and practices yoga.

She likes to spend time with her family, especially at the lake in East Texas. She is married to Mike Fallin and has two children, Kyle and Ally. Both attend the University of Oklahoma. She has two stepchildren. Hunter lives in Dallas, and Emily lives in Waco with her husband, Bryce, and their three girls, Fallin, Parker and Beckham.
The BSC Foundation Grant Program makes dollars available to BSC staff, faculty, and student organizations to fund a wide variety of projects. Emphasis is given to innovative teaching and creative learning projects. A wide variety of teaching and demonstration equipment, travel for groups, campus presenters, performing art events, guest lecturers, consulting services, research, and other innovative projects have been supported through the Grants Program. Listed under Partner Funds are donations from businesses; most frequently in the form of supplies or equipment.

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- Equipment for I & C Program
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- BSC Engineering Club Donation
- Dr. Samuelson presentation
- Summer Ag Academy

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- Music Master Classes
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- Holt National Chemistry Week Grant
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- USA Skills Auto Collision Technology Competition
- BookTalk at BSC 2016
- Spring Show Exhibit
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- National PAS State Conference
- The New Christy Minstrels
- 2016 Student Advocacy Committee
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The annual BSC President’s Cup Golf Classic raised over $19,000 for scholarships for student athletes. Thirty-four teams gathered at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan for a gorgeous day of golf and fun on Friday, June 17. Thanks to our generous sponsors and fantastic volunteers for making this an exceptional event.

Following the tournament, a women’s basketball player and one men’s basketball team were inducted into the BSC Athletic Hall of Fame. Tanya Bullhead was an outstanding scorer and team player for the Mystics during the 1995-96 women’s basketball season. The 1975-76 men’s basketball team was the third Mystic basketball team to advance to the NJCAA National Tournament. Five players from the team attended the induction ceremony.

Top Left: Dave Glaser, Middle Left: Jim Christianson, Bottom Left: Tanya Bullhead

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The BSC National Alumni Association was created in 1961 as the Bismarck Junior College Alumni Association to provide services for alumni and to foster and encourage the development of Bismarck Junior College. With the college’s name change, the alumni association changed their name to the Bismarck State College National Alumni Association and acquired 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 1983.

Any former BJC/BSC student interested in the mission of the Alumni Association may become a supporting member upon payment of annual dues of $25.

A lifetime membership through the 1939 Society, our premier membership program, allows our alumni and friends to support and sustain our programs and projects in the years to come.

The Board of Directors look forward to working with members and friends to make a positive contribution to the BSC National Alumni Association legacy.

To learn more about becoming a member, visit www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni or contact Alumni Coordinator Rita Nodland at 701-224-5692 or 800-272-2586.

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The 2015-2016 BSC National Alumni Association is managed by a 16-member board, representing graduates from five decades, BSC student representatives and the alumni coordinator. Ex-Officio members are Alumni Coordinator Rita Nodland ‘76 & ’05 and Vice President for College Advancement/Executive Director-BSC Foundation Kari Knudson. Pictured left to right: Vice President Kyren Miller, ’98; Anne Polasky, ’94; Hunter Andes, SGA; Rosella Grant, ’71; Past President Michael J. Thomas, ’03; John Brammell, ’65; Brittany Jasper, ’06 & ’10; Angie Milakovic, ’97; Tammy Heick, ’95 & ’05; Gavin McCollam, ’85; President Shelly Wanek, ’05; Jennifer Schlinger, ’97; Emily Dalzell, ’08 & ’09; Sommer Hunke, ’08; Jean Monroe, ’67; and Marcie Woehl, SGA. Not in photo: Greg Ellwein, ’81.
LEGACY CORDS AT COMMENCEMENT

At the 2016 Bismarck State College commencement ceremony several of the graduates were wearing green and gold cords with their gowns. The BSC Alumni Association has started a new tradition by recognizing the connection our current graduates share with their family members who have graduated from BJC or BSC before them. Legacy cords are provided as a gift from the BSC National Alumni Association to our newest graduates who attend commencement.

Future graduates can apply for the legacy cords when submitting their application for graduation. For more information: bismarckstate.edu/academics/graduation/Commencement/legacy/

CREATIVE PATH

Steve Lillegard, Bismarck State College alumni guest artist, presented to visual art students April 13-14, 2016 in the BSC Alumni Creative Path program in collaboration with BSC ArtsQuest.

Lillegard, from Stanford Montana, participated in a “Meet the Artist” event on April 13 along with his exhibit in the Elsa Forde Gallery, BSC Schafer Hall.

Lillegard, owner of Bronze Sculptures by Steven E. Lillegard, studied fine art at Montana State University in Bozeman before transferring to BSC to spend a year in graphic design. His bronze sculptures range in size from miniature to larger-than-life and sell worldwide. Besides doing bronze sculptures, he also draws and paints.
Shane Balkowitsch, ‘98, grew up in Bismarck and is finding unexpected fame as an ambrotypist. Self-taught, Balkowitsch made his first image in October 2012 after researching the process which was invented in 1848.

Knowledge of chemistry from his former career as an oncology nurse helped launch his Nostalgic Glass Wet Plate Studio in south Bismarck.

His work includes a commission of Native American images curated and archived by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and plates made for the Custer House at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. BSC’s Gannon Gallery displayed his one-man exhibit, “Souls of Silver,” which traveled to galleries across North Dakota. In June, he and a cast of volunteers captured an 1800s tableau, “Murderer’s Gulch”, in wet plate on a Bismarck side street.

Generous with his time and resources, Balkowitsch demonstrates his skill for student groups and organizations, sharing his passion while educating his audience.
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