

# Bismarck State College Foundation 2019 Annual Report

Building A Foundation For The Future







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# Building a Foundation for the Future

This has been a hallmark year for the Bismarck State College Foundation and BSC as we took on a capital campaign for the new BSC Health Sciences Facility—our first campaign since the conclusion of the National Energy Center of Excellence construction in 2008. My letter in last year's annual report discussed our preparation to raise funds for renovations and equipment, and a year later I am proud to say that it was a successful endeavor. The BSC Foundation Board Trustees and employees, Capital Campaign Committee, Property Holdings Board and BSC employees put in countless hours on the project. The BSC Health Science students are now enjoying the new facility as a result of our generous donors and loyal BSC supporters.

Upon completion of the project construction, BSC was able to purchase the building from the Foundation's Property Holdings entity with funding provided by the ND Legislature and Governor Burgum. Overall, this achieved the Foundation's objective of buying the former Unisys property more than five years ago and holding it for BSC's future use of the facility. We are very thankful that such a positive outcome was achieved through this cooperative effort.

I've enjoyed seeing people positively react during tours of the new building. When visitors and prospective students see the high-tech equipment and simulations, advanced training labs, and interactive classrooms, one could easily mistake the facility for a working hospital. It's a total transformation from the space in downtown Bismarck to what they have now: state-of-the-art equipment, direct access to campus services, and top-of-the-line training that prepares them for fast-paced, health industry careers.

We continue to fundraise to complete the final wing of the new space, which will allow BSC to move the Medical Lab Technician program from the Jack Science Center and accommodate continued growth in the Health Science programs. The final phase of the project will be led by BSC and should be completed in time for classes to begin in August 2020. The article on pages 6-7 includes more information and photos about this exciting project.

While we've been busy with this special project, our main work of the Foundation continues—to support and assist in the development and advancement of the College and BSC students. We continue to grow our scholarship programs, with more than \$400,000 awarded this year to students pursuing all manner of career aspirations—technical, academic, liberal arts, and transfer. In addition, over \$700,000 was provided in grants to BSC and BSC employees to support academic programs, special community events, employee development and more.

I am fortunate to be able to work with our loyal donors, dedicated Board of Trustees and a highly-skilled staff. As I mark my 4th year as Executive Director, I'm amazed at how much is accomplished from year to year, as well as the passion and drive that I see in my colleagues to support our students and their future dreams.

This year's theme of Building a Foundation for the Future is so much more than creating physical spaces. We are building upon a solid foundation and financial strength, so that we can continue our work supporting students and BSC. We are only as strong as our donors, board and employees, and together we are providing opportunities for students and helping ensure their success. Thanks for everything that you do to support BSC!

*Kari*

**On the cover: The BSC Foundation completed the renovation of the former Unisys building for BSC's Health Science programs.**  
 (Cover drone photo: Cole Bernhardt)

**Pictured right: The Health Sciences Capital Campaign Committee:**  
 From L to R: Co-Chair Tony Welder, Rita Nodland, Marby Hogen, Co-Chairs Dr. Ron and Joyce Tello, Kari Knudson, Kevin Magstadt, Cory Wrolstad, Jim Christianson. Not pictured, Danette Welsh, Marlin Kling, Loren Kopseng and Kurt Schley.



# 2018 - 2019 FISCAL REPORT

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 4.3¢, 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.

## July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

### SUPPORT and REVENUE

Contributions .....	\$3,133,202
Direct Contributions to Programs .....	\$908,933
Investments Gain (Loss) .....	\$1,159,308
Rent and Lease Income .....	\$1,016,196
Special Events .....	\$38,377
Other Income .....	\$66,795
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$6,322,811</b>

### EXPENSES

#### PROGRAM SERVICES (SUPPORT TO BSC)

Scholarships .....	\$408,369
Grants Program .....	\$723,405
Student Recognition .....	\$16,032
Employee Recognition .....	\$29,991
College Development .....	\$15,732
<b>Total Support to BSC .....</b>	<b>\$1,193,529</b>

### OPERATIONS

Salaries and Benefits .....	\$307,774
Interest Payments .....	\$277,492
Depreciation .....	\$676,000
Loss on Sale of Assets .....	\$791,183
Other Operating Expenses .....	\$308,819

### FUND RAISING

General Campaign .....	\$49,227
Special Events .....	\$13,331

**TOTAL FOUNDATION EXPENSE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT .....** \$3,617,355

**SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES .....** \$2,705,456

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 2019

\$2,705,456

### TOTAL ASSETS JUNE 30, 2019

\$47,412,138

### ANNUAL GRANTS 2019

\$723,405

### Create Your Legacy

Have you thought about establishing a scholarship for BSC students?

Matching funds are available for a limited time for scholarship donations.

Contact the BSC Foundation for more details at  
701-224-5700.

# Norm Clark: Trustee Spotlight

Norm Clark's roots began deep in the heart of a small town in North Dakota.

"I grew up on a farm," Norm said. "We had cattle. We had crops. We knew the value of hard work—early to get up; late to bed—we had to adapt to what was coming at us."

While growing up in Cando, N.D., Norm was active in the Future Farmers of America.

"We had a right-out-of-the-chutes ag instructor who was fresh from college," Norm said with a smile. "I like to think he broke us in about as much as we broke him in—he still teaches in Napoleon doing the same fantastic things there as he did with us—my foundation for leadership skills and my interest in business were planted in that program."

Norm said he took "a different path to get into the financial sector." He studied business at UND-Lake Region. His second year of college, he started working at Tractor Supply—from shelf stocker to lead receiver. He moved into an operations position and then sales management. He worked in Devils Lake and Minot, then Missouri where he opened a new store. Later, wanting to get closer to family, Norm took a position at Sears in Bismarck. When they merged with Kmart, he decided to look for other opportunities and applied for a manager position at Gate City Bank in Mandan. He has been with Gate City for 14 years.

Norm now works at the downtown Bismarck branch of Gate City Bank as the SVP of Relationship Banking & Development—which is ideal for Norm, who is passionate about connectivity and relationship building to help customers, employees and businesses achieve success.

Eleven years ago, Norm became a part of the Bismarck State College Foundation Board.

"I absolutely understand the value of a two-year college—the affordability of it," Norm said.

He explained his appreciation for BSC and the opportunities of a community college—the smaller class sizes, the connection with professors, the involvement on campus.

"My first son followed a similar path that I did," Norm explains. "He went to BSC, became an RA and engaged in all levels at the college. He continued at Crookston with parks and recreation management and minored in conservation. He is now a supervisor at Sully Creek State Park. (His) foundation at BSC set him up for that."

His youngest son is attending St. Cloud State University. Norm commented that Crookston and St. Cloud State are excellent schools, but BSC is right up there with them.

"I don't think people understand what we've got and the impression that it gives," Norm said. "When you come on campus, everything is pristine—top notch, and we do so many things well."

Norm explained that everything BSC does is in the interest of supporting the students and faculty. There is a drive to do it right. He gives the housing building as an example.

"The demand was there to get students into an affordable



**Norm and Denise Clark**

institution to get an affordable education and get off on the right foot in life," Norm said. "BSC is flexible in meeting the needs of the students, the community and the faculty."

Norm also appreciates the many Gate City employees he works with who have come through the ranks at BSC.

"I love getting those folks in here because they are high quality individuals," Norm said.

When Norm is not at the bank or busy promoting BSC, he is a volunteer, working with the Boy Scouts and a high school football players' mentoring program. He also challenges himself and his co-workers to offer their services to the community for at least one week throughout the year.

Norm is a proponent for individuals to step outside their comfort zone and try different things. He smiled and told the story about cliff diving this past summer in the Quarry Park and Nature Preserve near St. Cloud, Minnesota.

"I am not a big heights guy, but I wanted to try something new with my youngest son," Norm said and laughs. "Don't quit trying new things. (You) won't know what you are passionate about unless you try new things."

Finally, there is one other piece of his two-year college experience that Norm shared.

"It was very pivotal in my personal life as well," Norm said. "I met my wife at UND-LR."

Denise is a para-professional at Mandan High School working with students who are struggling.

Norm and Denise celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary this year.

"She is as involved with things in the community as I am," Norm said. "She takes part in activities and has been right by my side—except for tenting excursions. She has a heart of gold, and I would not be the person I am without her."



# Roy and Pat Mindt: Alumni and Benefactors

Roy and Pat Mindt, who sponsor a scholarship in their name at Bismarck State College, are resolute about helping students interested in farming. Having owned a family farm for years, they know the hard work involved and acknowledge they got some help along the way. Because of that, they both believe, “It’s important to give back.”

When the couple created the scholarship, they wanted the GPA requirement for it to be set at 2.5. They believe grades are not the only marker of a hard-working student.

“We wanted to reach students that don’t usually get scholarships,” Pat said, so they decided to make their scholarship more accessible to students in need. They’ve also set up a charitable trust to see that their philanthropy continues.

The Mindts have a long history with the school. Both Roy and Pat attended Bismarck Junior College. Pat remembers starting when the college was located on Boulevard Avenue in Bismarck, and Roy was in the first graduating class at BJC’s new location, where BSC sits today. Pat was there first, graduating in 1962. Roy graduated in 1963, and the couple also married that year.

They have two children, Cora and Jeffrey, and five grandchildren, ranging in age from 13 to 30. Cora followed in her parents’ footsteps and attended BSC, graduating in 1983. Jeffrey attended BSC before heading to UND, so whether BJC or BSC, the school has been a presence in the Mindt family for a long time.

Roy started farm work early in his life—farming is in his blood. He took a break from it when he left North Dakota to join the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1961, stationed in Germany. His family and Pat’s knew each other from Evangel Church here, and Roy remembers Pat’s mom writing him letters when he was overseas—something Pat first learned while being interviewed for this story. They are both pretty sure Pat’s mother was not trying to set them up; they figure she was only trying to help a young man she knew from church who was serving his country.

Pat’s father was in the military while she was growing up. They traveled a lot, which is probably why her mother wrote to Roy when he was overseas.

In January of 1959, Pat’s family moved to Bismarck from Paris—*Paris, France*. Pat remembers the culture shock. She was used to moving around, but the move from France to North Dakota had a very special set of challenges.

“It was hard to get used to the cold. January is a bad month to move to North Dakota,” she said.

When Roy returned from the service in 1961, he enrolled at BJC, and that’s when the couple started to go on dates, often to school events like basketball games.

In 1966, the Mindts bought land at Sterling and started their own farm. In 1970, they built a house on that land and

moved there permanently. They got a house in Bismarck in 2002, but continued to farm, commuting between the city and the farm. They still own the land, but they no longer farm it themselves. While they both say they were ready to retire, that decision didn’t come without some sadness. Both say the day the equipment auction was held at their farm in Sterling was a sad one. Roy still remembers when he finished his last day of combining in 2007. That day was also a hard one for him. “I knew that was the end.”

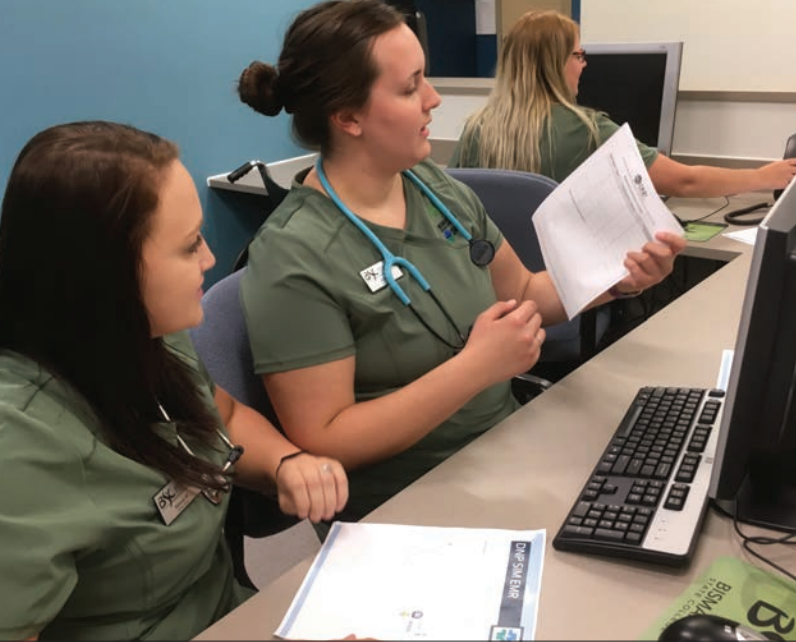
Roy admits to enjoying “being lazy” sometimes, although he is still an early riser. Pat enjoys retirement because it offers “The freedom to do what you want to do when you want to.” Both agree it’s nice to have the choices that retirement offers, and they like the options that living in town gives them. Roy plays golf and tennis and bowls, and the couple spends part of their winter in Fort Myers, Florida, each year. Pat was even able to return to Paris three years ago when the family vacationed there.

No matter how much they enjoy settling into retirement, the Mindts are still mindful of the challenges farmers face, and they haven’t forgotten that bottom line: as a farmer, you’ve always got to get a crop in, and you’ve always got to get a crop out. That’s one of the reasons they are so passionate about supporting the Roy and Patricia Mindt Scholarship at BSC. They want to encourage young people to continue farming so the family farm does not become a thing of the past. They treasure the idea that their gift will help young farmers in future generations.

“The scholarship will go on forever,” Roy said. “It’s nice that it will continue on long after we’re gone.”



Roy and Pat Mindt



# Health Sciences Facility Provides True-to-Life Training



## **The Health Sciences Capital Campaign Committee:**

**Co-Chairs**  
**Dr. Ron and Joyce Tello**

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**Tony Welder**  
**Jim Christianson**  
**Marby Hogen**  
**Marlin Kling**  
**Kari Knudson**  
**Loren Kopseng**  
**Kevin Magstadt**  
**Rita Nodland**  
**Kurt Schley**  
**Danette Welsh**  
**Cory Wrolstad**

A project that has been years in the making finally became a reality for the Bismarck State College Foundation. Beginning fall semester of 2019, students filled classes at the state-of-the-art Health Sciences Facility located on the hill east of the BSC campus.

Staff and faculty at the college have been aware for some time of the need to think long-term about its location for the Health Science training programs, which had been located in downtown Bismarck since 2005. Increasing workforce projections, simulation demands, and more complex, technologically advanced equipment are realities for all Health Science programs.

The downtown space began to get cramped, leading to enrollment limitations so students would have adequate time with professors, hands-on equipment and simulators.

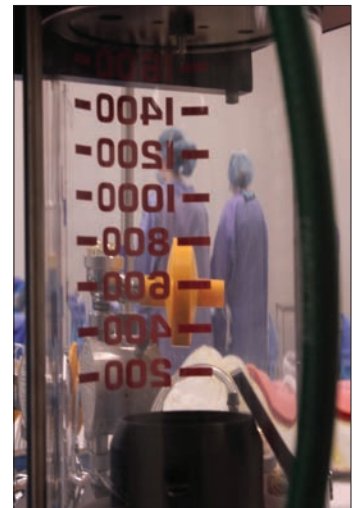
“For nursing, this space will enhance our students’ simulation experiences,” Associate Professor of Nursing/ Program Director Annie Paulson said. “In our previous space, we had one simulation room that was shared by all students. We now have four dedicated spaces, more simulators, and a nurses station.”

The Foundation had the foresight to anticipate the need, and the board moved to purchase a building adjacent to campus when it came up for sale five years ago. This proved to be a fortuitous move, as the tenant of the new building vacated shortly before the lease was set to expire on the downtown training facility.

Through long-range planning, good business decisions by the board, and community investment, Nursing, Surgical Technology, EMT/Paramedic Technology, and Certified Nursing Assistant students started classes this fall in an up-to-date, virtual hospital environment, giving them an extraordinary jumpstart in their future careers.

“One of the things I really like about the new building is the fact that it is designed to look like a real hospital,” Associate Professor of Surgical Technology Vanessa Taylor said. “In the future, we hope to set up more of a collaborative experience between the programs. It will be a great learning experience for students to see how each department functions and links us all together for patient care.”

BSC Health Science programs have an excellent reputation in the community, so graduates are in high demand with local healthcare organizations. Sanford Health in Bismarck has partnered with the college for many years, providing clinical opportunities, internships, and scholarship support. Sanford has also been a member of Health Science

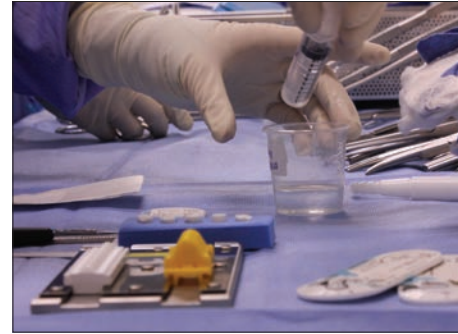






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communities,” said BSC Foundation Executive Director Kari Knudson. “Our graduates are there for us and our loved ones in hospitals, clinics, and ambulances when we need it most. Providing the best training we can through new space, equipment, and technology, we are increasing the quality of life for North Dakotans.”



advisory committees, giving critical input on industry trends, workforce needs, and skill demands.

“Sanford Health and Bismarck State College have a long history of working together to train skilled healthcare professionals,” Dr. Michael LeBeau, President of the Bismarck Region of Sanford Health said. “We are excited for the opportunity to enhance that relationship and to help Bismarck State further its mission and grow its programs.”

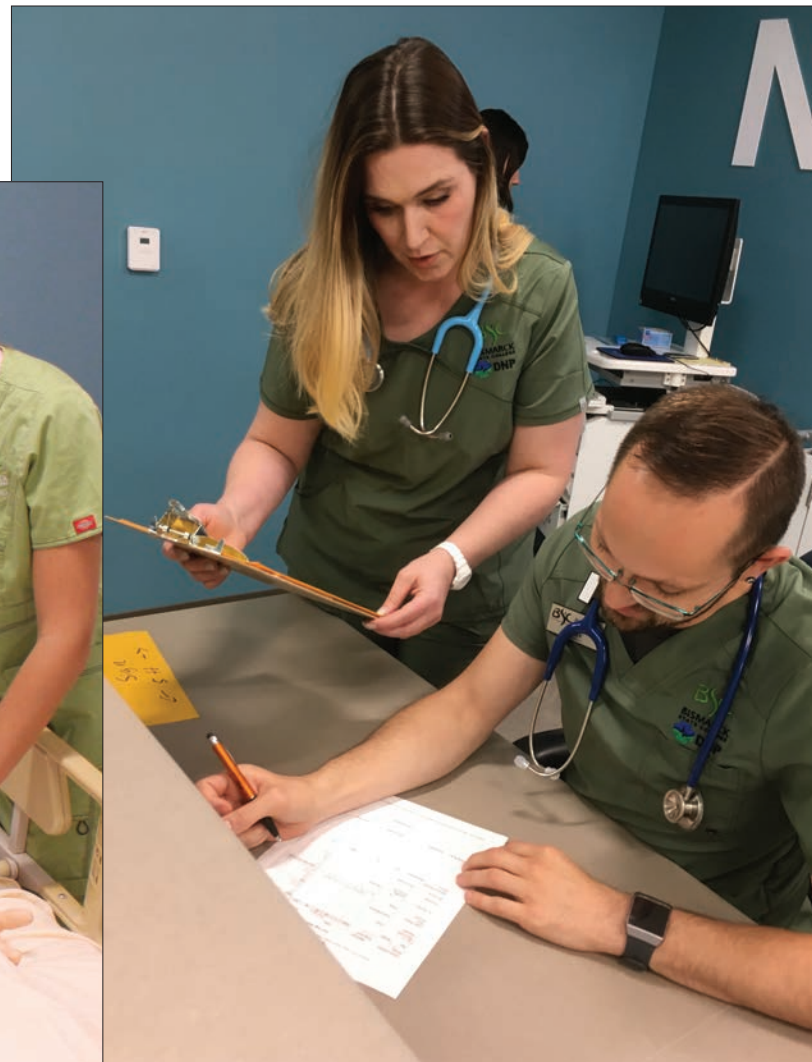
In a time when Health Science professionals are in such high demand, the Foundation recognizes the support of industry partners, donors, employees, and community leaders for their investment in supporting such a critical project for the state.

“We all benefit from access to quality healthcare in our

The BSC Foundation raised \$3.5 million in funds, which included \$1 million in endowed scholarships for Health Science students. The 2019 North Dakota Legislative Assembly appropriated \$8.9 million to BSC to purchase the building from the BSC Foundation and pay for some construction and equipment costs.

The BSC Foundation continues to fundraise in order to complete the final phase of the project, which includes renovating space for the Medical Lab Technology program, expanding capacity for the Health Science programs and purchasing equipment for those programs.

**The Health Sciences Facility provides students with real-life experiences including starting IVs on “patients,” working at a nurses station and practicing in an operating room. (Photos: Robert Mechaley III)**



# Community Involvement Requires Commitment

At an early age, Tony P. Welder learned the importance of working hard and getting involved with community. His father owned and operated the local creamery.

"My dad had an eighth-grade education, and I started working in his creamery in the little town of Napoleon when I was nine," Tony said. "When I was eleven, he started paying me 25 cents an hour, and I was so proud because I no longer had to go to him for a dime to buy an ice cream cone at Doerr's Drugstore or a nickel for a bag of popcorn at Al Plum's barber shop. When I was fourteen, I realized my dad was a bright guy with a lot of common sense—alderman, mayor, county commissioner—and he looked at me one day and pointed his finger and said, If you don't vote and you don't get involved with the community, I never want to hear you complain about how things are because you are not doing anything."

Tony has been working hard and getting involved ever since. He started his college education at Bismarck Junior College because it was close, small, comfortable, and because he didn't know what he wanted to do.

"There were only 300 students and one little building, and I learned I was pretty good at the sciences—

chemistry, biology—we had some good instructors up here, and we spent extra hours in the lab," Tony said. "I decided I wanted to get into something medical, and I wanted to own my own business. Pharmacy seemed like a good place to be because I could do both."

He continued his education at North Dakota Agricultural College (North Dakota State University). After he graduated in 1961, he worked at a pharmacy in Minot for six years but could not buy interest in that business because it was partially owned by a physician.

He went back to Napoleon, and with his wife and two little children, he bought his first drugstore.

"People thought I was crazy because I had a really good job," Tony said. "Three years later, when I bought the second pharmacy in Ashley, I went to Dad to see what he thought—he asked where I would get the money, and I said the bank was going to give it to me. He said he couldn't go through that but soon after, he closed the creamery and started doing my books, and one day he said, 'that wasn't such a bad idea after all.'"

The success of Tony's businesses came with hard work and a bit of ingenuity.

"I would do anything to make a buck to feed my family and pay the rent," Tony said. "You are looking at probably the only guy in the country who sold Ski-Doo snowmobiles

Good sport:

Tony came into my office wearing an NDSU Bison shirt. I teased him about wearing the wrong colors.

About twenty minutes after he left the interview, he sent this photo from the BSC Bookstore. (kB)



out of the back end of his pharmacy, and I am lucky," he said. "Many people are smarter than I am, but I am willing to work hard and accomplish things."

And he has accomplished many things over the years, including alumnus of the year at his school in Napoleon, at BSC, and at NDSU Pharmacy school. He was also man of the year at his fraternity. Over the years, he owned several pharmacies including Dakota Pharmacy in Bismarck and served as president for both the North Dakota Pharmacy

Association and the National Community Pharmacist's Association. He was the 2004 North Dakota Small Business Person of the Year. In addition, his service to

the community includes the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks, God's Child, and the Bismarck State College Foundation Board of Trustees.

For Tony, making connections in the community was a natural part of being a pharmacist and owning a business, and supporting things that help people was essential.

"(I was) blessed with a great work life because I created my work life," Tony said. "I never made business decisions based on how much money I could make. Because I was in health care, I based it on what I could do to help people stay healthy."

Perhaps that is why when BSC began the process of moving forward with the Health Sciences Building, President Dr. Larry C. Skogen reached out to Tony for help.

"Skogen called me one day and said 'Tony, we've got this little project to get going here. I would like to visit with you.'"

Tony became a co-chair for the campaign project that completed the first phase and opened with classes this fall. He is proud of the project, saying it is a terrific health education program not only for Bismarck but for the whole state.

With the first phase of the Health Sciences building complete, the committee will raise funds toward renovating space for the medical lab technician program. And if Tony has input, maybe a pharmacy technician program along with a business degree.



# KFYR-TV Brings MYSTICMEDIA Studios To Life

KFYR-TV's commitment to partnering with Bismarck State College has never been fake news.

This summer that commitment was especially evident as part of the BSC Armory was transformed into a new space for the school's Mystic Media programs, The Mystician, MystiCast, and The MYX.

KFYR-TV's donation of \$25,000 to the BSC Foundation was responsible for a remodeling project that provides state-of-the-art studios for students in the Mass Communications program.

KFYR's General Manager Barry Schumaier stated that the project also creates opportunities for the station. Schumaier said the station values the collaborative efforts with BSC because of the "truly local" nature of the partnership.

This donation for the new studio space is not the first time KFYR-TV and BSC have partnered; the news set that students use for MystiCast, BSC's student news program,

was donated by KFYR when the station updated its own set a few years ago.

Many BSC students and graduates have been employed at KFYR, both behind the camera and on air, including BSC alumna Monica Hannan, KFYR Managing Editor/Anchor. Hannan serves on the Mass Communications Program Advisory Committee and was instrumental in the conversation about the donation.

Schumaier is enthusiastic about seeing more BSC students come to work for the station, noting their

dedication to recruiting locally. As KFYR continues to grow its presence in the region, Schumaier sees BSC as helping foster that growth.

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*— Barry Schumaier*

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One of the features of BSC's program that appeals to a station like KFYR is the multimedia training.

Schumaier observed the days of an entire crew going out to cover a story are gone; today, journalists need to be more than reporters—often they need to be able to write and film their own content, as well.

The Mass Communications curriculum at BSC includes those varied skills that newspeople need. KFYR's donation helps the program make great strides in continuing to offer students the sort of professional and technical training required to succeed in a 21st century news culture.

Amy Juhala, Dean of Humanities, Arts and Sciences at BSC, appreciates the layers of the partnership between KFYR and BSC and how that collaboration serves students as well as the community as a whole.

"I am thankful for the support and guidance KFYR has provided our Mass Communications students, from financial support for the studio remodel to advisory committee participation," Juhala said. "The experiences and skills offered through the newly enhanced radio and television studios are priceless. Mass Communications is far broader than the written word, and the hands-on experiences that are available to our students will help them thrive in today's media field. Plus it is always great to see the view from the BSC weather camera!"

Best of all, the fruits of this partnership are available for everyone, even those who may never set foot in the BSC Armory to see the remodeled space. All of the Mystic Media entities are available online at [bscmysticmedia.com](http://bscmysticmedia.com).



Dusty Anderson and Barry Schumaier strike a pose in front of the new KFYR Mystic Media Studio in the Armory.





## Partners Help Build the Foundation of the Future

*One of the many ways that Bismarck State College excels is working toward student success with industry partners. This is perhaps most apparent in BSC's Energy programs. Several of BSC's industry partners contribute generously to student success via scholarships, equipment, and internship programs. These opportunities for students provide invaluable experience and assistance in completing their programs of study at BSC.*

The BSC Lineworker program has been working with industry partners since its beginning in 1970. The program began as a partnership with the **North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC)** and now accepts 60 students each year. The partnership allows BSC and NDAREC to share space and collaborate on training activities.

Such collaboration happens each summer, when BSC

students and faculty set up the yard for the NDAREC Hotstick training and in return the students attend the NDAREC annual safety conference in Bismarck.

One of the most entertaining partnership activities comes in the form of the annual spring Lineworker Rodeo, where students demonstrate the skills they've learned in the program to family and representatives from industry partners who assist by supplying prizes, food, and judging students who participate in the rodeo.

Industry partners play a key role in the success of BSC's Lineworker program through the donations of new poles and equipment and by serving on BSC's Advisory Board. Members include professionals from Coal Creek Construction, Border States Electric, Otter Tail Power, WAPA, Roughrider Electric, Verendrye Electric, MDU and NDAREC.

**Pictured at the top of the page:**  
Lineworker students show off their talents at the annual spring Lineworker Rodeo.

**Pictured at right: Hess and BSC Partners**  
Front row: Janet Dixon, Alicia Uhde, Julie Vetter (Hess), Maria Effertz-Hanson (Hess), Kari Knudson  
Back row: Kyren Miller, Bruce Emmil, Dr. Larry C. Skogen, Mitch Woiwode (Hess)





**Otter Tail Power Company**, based out of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, is another industry partner whose generosity has touched many students. OTPC provides sixteen \$2,000 scholarships each year for students. Dan Schmidt, a Department Chair in BSC's National Energy Center of Excellence said that Otter Tail Power is an important partner for the school.

"We appreciate our relationship and the ongoing support provided by Otter Tail Power," Schmidt said. "By serving on the Advisory Committee and funding scholarships, Otter Tail Power helps Bismarck State College and our students succeed."

Otter Tail Power also takes part in Career Day opportunities for students at BSC and has several BSC alumni working for them in their various divisions.

**Hess Corporation**, an energy generation company with offices around the world and a significant presence in North Dakota, supports BSC programs and students through the Job Experience Training (JET) Program. JET allows students to work for Hess Corporation while enrolled in the Process Plant, Petroleum Production, or Mechanical Maintenance programs. Students get real-world experience in an entry-level position at a major energy corporation.

"It's a two-year job interview for both Hess and the student," said Alicia Uhde, NECE Department Chair at BSC.

The benefits for both the school and Hess are many, but the opportunities JET offers to students are the most important element of the partnership.

Hess has also donated equipment for use in the NECE programs.

**ONEOK**, an energy company based out of Oklahoma, partners with BSC for the Girls in Energy program, which is scheduled annually in early November on the BSC campus. Eighth grade girls participate in hands-on activities and are introduced to potential careers in Energy, Energy Operations, Instrumentation and Control, Cybersecurity, and Engineering. Female employees from ONEOK help with the event, serve as mentors for the girls, and answer questions about the industry.

"ONEOK has been a great partner working to expand awareness of the energy industry and energy career opportunities to non-traditional audiences," Retha Mattern, BSC's Business Outreach Coordinator said. "When they offered their support to the girls in the energy project, it allowed us to expand the number of students who could attend and improved the experience we had to offer them."

ONEOK also donated funds for scholarships and other program support.

**Pictured below:**  
A group photo of eighth grade girls from Bismarck Public Schools after participating in the annual Girls in Energy Program, which is coordinated with the BSC industry partner ONEOK. Pictured right: Some of the participants working together.



# 2018-2019 GRANTS

Through the Grant Program, the Bismarck State College Foundation was instrumental in securing funding to enhance and expand programs at BSC.

## ENDOWED GRANTS

### IQ Fund

**Schafer grant for the  
Clay S. Jenkinson  
Endowment for the Humanities**

**The Sheila Schafer Drama  
Endowment**

**ProjectCare  
Emergency Fund**

The Bismarck State College Foundation Grant Program makes dollars available to BSC staff, faculty, and student organizations to fund projects.

Emphasis is given to innovative teaching and creative learning proposals.

A wide variety of teaching and demonstration equipment, campus presenters, performing art events, guest lecturers, participation in conferences and other events and projects have been supported through the Grants Program.

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## BSC Working Toward Becoming a Polytechnic

When Dr. Larry C. Skogen became the president of Bismarck State College, he understood the school would need to continue its history of envisioning what's next to serve students and their communities. From early on, he heard pleas to make BSC a four-year college.

"However, just being another four-year college in North Dakota was not practical," Skogen said. "We had to figure out how to meet the desire to be a four-year institution that didn't look like all the other four-year institutions in the state."

He wanted to be sure BSC was truly different, and soon realized a polytechnic college was the perfect solution.

North Dakota University System Chancellor Mark

Hagerott was a supporter of the idea, too. Hagerott introduced it to the State Board of Higher Education, where the nod was given to create a polytechnic. The state legislature also awarded BSC \$1 million to help the school move forward with the plan.

Skogen said he believes BSC's polytechnic will "create an institution that has a statewide and regional draw for students in technical fields."

He is retiring as BSC's president in 2020, but he is happy to hand over the reins to a new president at this exciting time in the school's growth.

"The new person in this job will get a nice, clean, shiny, well-running machine," Skogen concluded.



# Jack Fellowship Recipient: Matthew Frohlich

Born and raised in Mandan, N.D. Associate Professor of Computers and Office Technology Matt Frohlich now resides in Bismarck with his wife and three children. He graduated from the University of Mary with a bachelor's degree in computer information and began his career as an IT Support Specialist at Starion Bank.

"Teaching wasn't something that I had even thought about doing in life," Matt said in a "20 Under 40" article. "I was never formally trained as a teacher, and I see myself more as an IT professional that happens to be a teacher."

He has now been teaching at Bismarck State College for 14 years and has been instrumental in the computer education program at BSC.

Matt helped rework the program, and in 2016, it was renamed the Cybersecurity and Computer Networks Program. He and the department have developed a bachelor of applied science degree in Cybersecurity that was offered for the first time this fall.

This year, the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated BSC

as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) through academic year 2024. The two federal organizations stated that BSC's ability to meet the increasing demands of program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure.

"This designation puts a stamp of approval on our program and essentially shows that BSC is teaching the curriculum and supporting the opportunities and extracurricular activities that our students need to be qualified to defend the nation," Matt said.

This year Matt received his own stamp of approval with the award of the Jack Fellowship Grant that will allow him to pursue a master of science degree in Cyber Defense from Dakota State University.

"I am very grateful for the fellowship and am excited to share the knowledge I am learning with the students at BSC," Matt said. "The fellowship has made my aspiration to further my degree and make the program at BSC the best it can be. I am very thankful for the opportunity."

## Kermit Lidstrom Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards

In 1985, Bismarck State College President Kermit Lidstrom wanted to offer an opportunity for faculty and staff to be recognized and rewarded for individual outstanding accomplishments.

Knowing that recognition would be more favorable if nominated by peers and students, the Faculty and Staff

Awards for Excellence were created.

Each year faculty, staff, and students nominate faculty or staff members who have made a special or significant contribution to BSC by demonstrating excellence in performance of their job duties. The recipients include faculty, staff and adjunct/part-time awards.

Pictured left to right: BSC Armory Custodian **Darvis Helm**, Energy Technology Lecturer **Scott Agnew**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics **Heather Gysberg**, Associate Professor of Mathematics **Dr. Katrina Eberhart**, Academic Advisor **Andrene Krein**







Pictured: Alumni Board Vice President Woody Barth, BSC Student Government Representative Kathryn Herring, John Brammell, Alumni Board Past President Jennifer Schlinger, Emily Dalzell, Ben Brick, Kyren Miller, Courtney Reiswig, Mari Volk, and Alumni Board President Gavin McCollam

## 2018-2019 Bismarck State College National Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Bismarck State College National Alumni Association is dedicated to connecting alumni and students in lifelong loyalty to Bismarck State College and to promoting and serving the interests of its membership and the College.

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. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we look forward to working with our members and friends to make a positive contribution to the Bismarck State College National Alumni Association legacy.

### 2019 Alumnus of the Year — Vern Dosch



*"I've been doing this for 44 years. If had to do it over again – if I had to start Vern's Software Company – I'd start it here, on a windswept hill on Old Red Trail in Mandan, North Dakota."*

**Vern Dosch ('73)** is the longtime CEO of National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), an information technology company that develops and supports software and hardware solutions for utility cooperatives and telecommunications companies in all 50 states.

Committed to his family, the 1,200 plus employees of NISC and his North Dakota roots, Dosch authentically lives and breathes the values he espouses in his book, *"Wired Differently: How to Spark Better Results with a Cooperative Business Model, Servant Leadership and Shared Values."*

NISC is growing and looks to higher education in North Dakota to meet the organization's needs. In 2018, NISC donated \$50,000 to BSC's Cybersecurity and Information Technology Program, helping to grow the program's capacity, NISC's labor force, and the opportunities available in his hometown.

### 2019 Rising Star — Jack Golden



*"I'm the poster child for someone who didn't have direction, and found it there (Bismarck State College)."*

**Jack Golden ('17)** enrolled at BSC in 2012 thinking he'd major in economics. He was surprised to find his calling in a theater class—discovering a passion for behind-the-scenes roles.

After BSC, Golden earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from North Dakota State University, then spent more than a year working as a set designer for theater companies all over the country. Those months on the road helped his career take off.

In 2017, he won the BroadwayWorld Washington D.C. Regional Awards for Most Creative Set Design-Small Professional Theatre. In January 2018, he was featured in American Theatre magazine's "Role Call—People to Watch."

Currently serving as the director of production at NextStop Theatre Company and earning a Master of Fine Arts in Theater at the University of Maryland, his career began with a scholarship at Bismarck State College.



## ALUMNI AWARD INFORMATION:

# Nominate an Alumni Who Deserves Recognition

**The BSC Alumnus of the Year** award honors BJC and BSC graduates who have demonstrated success in their career or have shown distinguished service and recognized leadership in their work or community. Since 1978, 51 individuals have received this award.

**The BSC Rising Star** award was established in 2006 to recognize the accomplishments of our most recent alumni. Award recipients must be a graduate of Bismarck State College, age 45 or under and must have demonstrated exceptional achievements in career, public service or volunteer service. Since then, 15 alumni have been recognized with the Rising Star award.

**The BSC Legacy Family** award was established in 2015 to recognize the accomplishments of families with a long history of dedication to Bismarck State College. Family members have a tradition of attendance at Bismarck Junior College (BJC) or Bismarck State College (BSC), continue to be ambassadors for BSC and family members have demonstrated achievements in career, public service and or volunteer service.

To nominate future award recipients, forms are available on the BSC Alumni website, [www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni/awards](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni/awards)

## 2019 Bismarck State College Legacy Family — Francisco and Bertha Tello Family

**Francisco and Bertha Tello** met as college students in 1943. She was a music major from Minnesota. He came from Panama on a scholarship.

They fell in love and married, eventually bringing their growing family to Bismarck.

Higher education was an expectation for the 10 Tello children. All attended Bismarck State College, and nearly all pursued careers in healthcare. Bob,

Tim, Tony, Francisco (Chico) and Ron are doctors. Kathy is a nurse and Carmen a nurse practitioner. Rick spent 42 years in laboratory management, and Judy is a retired cytotechnologist. John, an accountant, worked for a time in medical insurance.

And, the tradition continues. One Tello granddaughter is a radiologist, another a dermatologist, a third is a

nurse and professor for NDSU, and another is an assistant professor of biology at BSC.

Over the years, the Tello family has generously supported a number of healthcare-related organizations in the area, and this year Ron and Joyce became co-chairs of the BSC Foundation Health Sciences Campaign.

**2019 Bismarck State College Legacy Family — Pictured: Dr. Anthony Tello, Dr. Robert Tello, Dr. Francisco Tello, Dr. Timothy Tello, Dr. Ronald Tello, Kathy Tello Brewer, Richard Tello, Judy Tello Grinager, Carmen Rodriguez and in the back, John Tello**





# 2019 Bismarck State College President's Run

On July 12, Bismarck State College alumni and friends joined BSC President Larry C. Skogen on the 12th Annual BSC President's Run to Vickie and Brian Volk's car collection in Linton N.D. The group also visited Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Strasburg and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hague. Lunch at the Hague Café reflected the Germans From Russia heritage.

This year's run was in memory of Ken Paulus, a longtime friend, supporter, and employee at Bismarck State College. Ken taught welding at BSC from 1980 to 2017. More than \$7,000 was raised this year and proceeds from the run will

go to the Ken Paulus Memorial Scholarship Fund at the BSC Foundation. Through the scholarship Ken's legacy will continue at BSC, supporting students in the BSC Welding and Mechanical Maintenance programs. Ken will be remembered for his many years of service to the college and his impact on countless students over the years.

At the run, Ken's family was presented the Dalton Hamilton Certified Welding Inspector of the Year award by Barry Schneider, Vice President of the Northern Plains section of the American Welding Society, in recognition of Ken's outstanding contribution in the CWI program.



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Complex in Strasburg, N.D.

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St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hague, N.D.



Retired Bismarck Public Schools welding instructor and longtime friend Barry Schneider presented the Ken Paulus family with a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) award to honor Ken Paulus at the 2019 Bismarck State College President's Run this summer.

Pictured: Barry Schneider, Ken's wife Patty Paulus, son Ben in the back, daughter Lacey Long and husband Jackson, son Joey on the right holding grandson Brecken with wife Allison.



# Professor With Big Personality Passionate About Teaching



Ken Paulus would have been pleased and happy to ride along for this year's President's Run in July. Riding motorcycles was one of his passions.

"I didn't know he was a motorcycle guy when I married him," said his wife Patty. "He evolved--he went from a dirt bike to a Honda and then to a Harley, and it was Harleys after that."

Although Patty wasn't a rider, Ken found a road trip partner with Sam May, a fellow professor at Bismarck State College.

And when Sam couldn't go, Ken's daughter Lacey went along for the ride.

"The Harley owners' group had the Great Lakes tours. Five lakes: Five tours – the first one was with Sam to Duluth," Lacey said. "The next year he and Sam went to Michigan and Wisconsin and the upper peninsula. The final ride they consolidated, so it was the last three lakes. Sam couldn't go, so I rode with Dad—over 3,000 miles."

They rode to Rochester, New York, and then each day, they took side trips to a variety of sites in the area—Niagara Falls, the Finger Lakes, Seneca Falls.

"The back of the Electra Glide was kind of like a Lazy Boy," Lacey said. "He liked to get up early, and I would doze off in the chair while we were riding."

Welding was another of Ken's passions. He came to Bismarck for a power plant job as a pipe fitter and began teaching night classes at BSC. He taught welding at BSC from 1980 to 2010. He then worked for Continuing Education, Training and Innovation (CETI) running mobile welding units at Missouri River Correctional Center and at various power plants throughout the state to train,

test and certify welders. Turning his profession into art, he later created welded sculptures—scorpions made of chains and motor parts were a specialty.

And Ken had another passion.

"First and foremost, his heart was in teaching—he wanted everyone to come away with a skill and learn from him," Patty said. "Ken was very good about promoting the trades—the students he taught may not have been good at the academic side of school, but (they) could be successful as a tradesperson. That is the value BSC brings to the community—graduating people who can work and fill the jobs in the trade industry."

Patty shared that Ken had a strong work ethic and took training seriously. When he committed to a job, he finished it. He would even come to BSC on Saturdays to check student welding projects sent in for testing.

"I miss coming to BSC with him," Patty said, "because he always wanted me to come with him."

"That was his teacher mode—'let me show you this,'" Lacey added.

His love for teaching crossed into all aspects of his life. One of Lacey's favorite memories was going with him to Harbor Freight to get a battery for her car. It was her first time in the store, and before making their purchase, he insisted they walk up and down the aisles, so he could explain all the tools to her.

"He had a big personality," Lacey remembers. "He always had a story to tell or advice to give."

Patty and Lacey shared many more memories about Ken—from tool bags for the grandkids made up of

Menards freebies, to his files of documentation collected from every welding student he tested, to unexpected tears at Lacey's wedding—the husband, father, grandfather, Harley rider, welder, and teacher will live long in the hearts of those he touched over his many years of caring for his family, BSC, and the community.

**Pictured: Ken Paulus takes a break outside the mobile welding trailer during testing and certification at the Great River Energy plant in the summer of 2015.**

(NOTE: Pictured on the side of the trailer is Ken wearing a welding helmet while sitting on his bike.)





The Sanford Health Golf Team was one of 34 teams competing this year. Pictured left to right are Nicki Cain, Tim Flagstad, Nick Jolliffe, and Dr. Michael LeBeau. The 2019 tournament marked the 24th year of the annual golf event, which has raised more than \$250,000 in total for athletic scholarships.

## 2019 Bismarck State College Golf Tournament

The annual Bismarck State College President's Cup Golf Classic was Friday, June 14, 2019, at the Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan.

Thirty-four teams competed in the tournament, which consisted of a scramble, alternate shot, and putting contest.

Prizes were awarded to the top three teams in the putting contest, overall net, overall gross, closest to the pin, and Par 3 Poker. Additional door prizes were given away, including team product from Universal Athletic, Minnesota Twins tickets and hotel package, and more.

Mark Mattern was the lucky Grand Prize winner of a

week's stay at an Arizona timeshare, sponsored by Doris Flurer, her late husband Richard, and the BSC Foundation.

Following the tournament, participants celebrated the beautiful summer day with a Hall of Fame social in the club house. During the social, Buster Gillis, BSC Athletic Director, presented the newest members of the BSC Athletic Hall of fame, TJ McCauley and Dave Clark.

The President's Cup tournament is a fun, annual event that supports BSC Athletic Scholarships.

This year \$19,000 was raised for scholarships. Mark your calendars for next year's event on Friday, June 12, 2020.

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## 2019 BSC Hall of Fame Inductees

TJ McCauley and Dave Clark were inducted into the Bismarck State College Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2019 Golf Tournament Social.

McCauley, pictured left with his son, played Mystic basketball from 2007 – 2009, scoring 1,348 points in two seasons for the Mystics.

Clark, pictured right, retired Executive Vice President for the college, played both golf and basketball for the Mystics from 1972 – 1974.

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The Bismarck State College Foundation has overhauled its planned giving website – [www.bsclegacy.org](http://www.bsclegacy.org) – with a new look and more helpful tools for donors and supporters.

Regular features include gift model explanations, such as IRA rollover, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder unitrust, and bequests; donor profiles; planned gift calculators that show income and tax benefits; as well as a staff and contact page.

Our “News” feature rotates weekly with articles on

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# 2018-2019

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Memorial Scholarship

Riley Keller — Minot, ND

### American Legion Auxiliary,

### Loyd Spetz Unit No. 1 Scholarship

Kathrin Dorfshmidt — Bismarck, ND

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### Memorial Scholarship

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### Marc and Betty Christianson

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*"Thank you for your generosity and support. I look forward to attending Bismarck State College in the fall, and I intend to prove not only to the BSC Foundation, but to myself as well, that I am worthy of this award."*

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# A Student Success Story: Andrew Schafer

Bismarck State College graduate Andrew Schafer's foundation for life began in the Heart River Valley between Flasher and New Salem. He grew up working on the family farm and ranch and went to school in Flasher.

"Ever since I was six years old, I wanted to join the Marine Corps," Andrew said. "But I had two hip surgeries in high school, so I had to put that off."

He decided to get a technical degree and came to BSC for the carpentry program.

"After carpentry, I decided college isn't that bad," Andrew said. He made the decision to go the officer route in the

Marine Corps, which means getting his 4-year degree and participating in officer candidate training. Last spring, he completed his generals at BSC, and this fall, he is enrolled in the civil engineering program at North Dakota State University.

He is glad he went to BSC.

"I think the quality of education is as good or better than any large institution," Andrew said.

"I was with the STEM club and met with a lot of engineers in town," he said. "We worked with them on a few community projects. I talked with the engineers, and I would ask them about their choice of going to a four-year school right away. They would always answer that BSC

would have been the best place to start for the first two years. The students who come from BSC into their junior year have a better grasp of the math and science aspect and get a better foundation here. Calculus in Fargo is 100 people; at BSC, it's 25—(students are) never lost in the weeds here—(it's the) best environment."

Although Andrew's ideal outcome in five years would be with the military, he said if that doesn't work out, he would stay close to home in the field of engineering.

His overall outlook on life is to keep learning and help people, whether

it is framing a garage at the farm and ranch or challenging other students to have a dialogue in class.

"I enjoy learning," Andrew said. "The more things I learn, the more useful I am. The more useful I am, the more valuable I am."

While at BSC, Andrew was invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college honor society. He participated in some of the local PTK activities and during his sophomore year he applied and was awarded the PTK New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar. Each year, only one transfer scholar is chosen from each state. They are then recognized at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention.

*"The more things I learn, the more useful I am. The more useful I am, the more valuable I am."*

*~ Andrew Schafer*

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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 BJC. 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.

In 2018, the BSC Alumni Association joined in a collaboration with the BSC Foundation to maximize our impact and support students in their pursuit of higher education as well as keep our alumni connected to BSC. The BSC Alumni Association continues their 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for charitable contributions.

The 1939 Society is a prestigious and unique program. By making a donation of \$1,939, alumni are inducted into the 1939 Society and established as lifetime members of the Alumni Association. The funds are permanently endowed in the 1939 Society Fund. Earnings from this fund support and sustain association programs that connect alumni with BSC while serving the needs of today's students. Membership in the 1939 Society enables the association to fulfill its mission to serve our current alumni and connect with future alumni.

**Pictured: Andrew Schafer (center) with Bismarck State College President Dr. Larry C. Skogen and NDUS Chancellor Mark Hagerott at the Student Recognition Awards Ceremony 2019. Andrew was awarded the Phi Theta Kappa New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar, a distinguished award given each year. Only one transfer scholar is chosen from each state.**



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