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Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, BSC President Emeritus
These days, there is much to celebrate in our state, our communities and at Bismarck State College. The 2013 BSC Foundation annual report is a celebration of the support and generosity of our donors.

**Strength**
We see it all around us. Despite high employment rates - which typically indicate fewer college enrollments - student enrollment at BSC is solid and steady. As has been the case for 75 years, industry depends on our graduates to fill the growing demand for employees with both technical and critical thinking skills.

**Support**
Thanks to your support, the BSC Foundation surpassed $10 million in total grant and scholarship funding this past year. Since its inception, the philosophy of the Foundation has been to do the most with what we have. This milestone provided the ability to award dozens of faculty members with internal grants to pursue innovative ideas for the classroom and campus. In the 2012-13 academic year, more than 400 students received financial support through scholarships.

**Stability**
The BSC Foundation is proud to be part of what makes BSC great and its students successful. Your endowed investments generate earnings that provide a permanent source of funding for scholarships and grants ensuring the promise of an affordable education for generations to come.

As you page through this report, keep in mind that the accomplishments of the Foundation would not be possible without your support. Your generosity has provided the BSC Foundation with the stability and strength to realize its mission of supporting and assisting the development and advancement of Bismarck State College.

*Author Miriam Beard said, “The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation.” Thank you for your support. Our gratitude is beyond calculation.*
Lidstrom’s passion inspired employee giving

The college’s fourth executive officer, Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, arrived at BJC in 1977. It didn’t take long for him to identify a need and develop a plan for the college, but he knew it would take people and money. Lidstrom was good at gathering both.

BJC was still functioning with the 1930s-era Bismarck College Corporation, a fundraising entity used to solicit public support and money to start the college. Lidstrom recruited a group of like-minded supporters that reorganized the corporation and its $69,000 in assets into the Bismarck Junior College Development Foundation. By the late 1980s, assets reached $1,000,000 and today, the Foundation has grown to an impressive $29 million in assets.

In tandem, Lidstrom engaged BJC’s graduates and employees to form a team that reorganized and vitalized the alumni association, providing better connections with alumni and building support. In the 1980s, when the college changed its name, the association became the Bismarck State College National Alumni Association. From those first 13 alumni founders in 1961, the alumni association now has links to more than 19,000 graduates nationwide.

Lidstrom also had a vision for employee participation and support for the Foundation. He initiated and heavily marketed the first employee payroll deduction program on campus. With help from then-foundation Executive Director Herb Schimmelpfennig, the employee payroll deduction became available to faculty and staff in 1985. Payroll records show that Lidstrom got in early, making his first donation in August 1983.

Staff and faculty support is crucial to the many activities supported by the Foundation, and the BSC family has never shied away from stepping up.

In an interview conducted last winter, Lidstrom reflected on the impact of the Foundation, and his pride in building it.

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Atkinsons long relationship evolved with BSC

Myron Atkinson began his long association with Bismarck State College as one of its first graduates in 1947, eight years after its founding on the third floor of Bismarck High School. Ever since, he has been an avid supporter of the institution that helped launch his extraordinary career.

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He earned a law degree from the University of North Dakota in 1951. After serving in the Korean War, he practiced law in Bismarck at Pearce and Durick until 1964, when he became
Three generations of the Meyer-Ekberg family have contributed their multiple talents to the BSC Foundation Board of Trustees and enriched others and themselves through teaching and study at BSC/BJC.

Judith Ekberg Johnson recently ended 25 years of service on the board. Judy’s son, Dr. Aaron Johnson, is completing his fifth year as a trustee and her mother, the late Marietta Meyer Ekberg, was a board member in the late 1970s and early ‘80s.

“We love the story of BSC,” Judy Johnson said. “The college is forward thinking, innovating, continually critiquing itself, and on the forefront of giving students a valued education – one that is useful, practical and well-rounded right here in the heartland of North Dakota.”

As founders of Bismarck’s Meyer Broadcasting Company (1922 to 1998), the family started the area’s first radio and television stations and grew the company to seven radio stations, four TV stations and cable TV.

“She always said how much she loved being on the board and about service to the community,” Judy Johnson said about Marietta, who, with her husband William, had five daughters. “In the Meyer and Ekberg families, higher education was important and always encouraged, especially for girls.”

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Marietta was among the founding trustees of the foundation and served as vice president. She taught a BSC psychology class at Fort Yates, N.D., and with William, was active in many community organizations.

Johnson joined the board as a trustee in 1988, serving as board president in 2000-2001.

A recipient of BSC’s Distinguished Service Citation, Johnson was a member of the capital campaign committee to build BSC’s National Energy Center of Excellence. She has been an instructor and participant in BSC’s Enrichment program classes.

Aaron Johnson attended a BSC summer session and took high school electronics at the BSC Technical Center. He returned to Bismarck after dental school and joined the BSC Foundation board in 2008.

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“There is a real emphasis on education, and it’s exciting to see what Gordy [Binek] has done for BSC in terms of expansion,” Aaron Johnson said. “Growing up, I heard about and observed public service. As the fifth generation of small business owners, I am enjoying giving back what I can to the foundation.”

The leadership and commitment from generations of the Meyer/Ekberg/Johnson family has had, and will continue to have, a profound impact on the success of both BSC and the BSC Foundation.
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President’s Run helps auto tech students

Fifty-five motorcycle and car enthusiasts joined BSC President Larry Skogen on July 12 for the sixth annual President’s Run fundraiser. Participants traveled from BSC to the Garrison Dam where they enjoyed a BBQ lunch followed by a tour of the Dam. The event raised more than $10,000 for the Dean D. Gunsch Toolbox Program. Mark your calendar for the 2014 President’s Run scheduled for Friday, July 11.

President’s Cup funds scholarships

The BSC annual President’s Cup Golf Classic on June 21 raised $14,700 for student athletic scholarships. Held at Prairie West Golf Course, the competition drew 156 golfers. Hall of Fame inductees honored during the 19th hole social were Al Kunick, ’74, Pamela Ihmels, ’78, and Frank Bavendick, a BSC student from 1949-50. Bavendick was a runner-up at the 1950 NDIAC Track & Field championships. A generous supporter of Mystic athletics, he served on the BSC Foundation Board as a trustee and received the college’s Distinguished Service Citation. Ihmels was a standout for the Mystic volleyball, basketball and track teams and was named to the NJCAA All-American Track & Field Team. Kunick was selected twice to the Mon-Dak All-Conference and NJCAA Region XIII baseball teams. The Cincinnati Reds drafted Kunick in 1974.

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Jack Fellowship

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A recipient of BSC’s Faculty Award for Excellence, Leingang has taught a wide variety of mathematics courses since 2000. He was named chair of the Geomatics, Engineering and Mathematics Department in 2005. A native of Mandan, Leingang earned regional and national awards as outstanding advisor to BSC’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

The late Tom and Peg Jack, lead contributors to BSC’s Jack Science Center, endowed the Jack Fellowship in 1999.

Dean D. Gunsch Toolbox Program

The Dean D. Gunsch Toolbox Program was launched in honor of BSC’s longtime Automotive Technology instructor and Transportation & Construction Department chair, Dean Gunsch. Funded through contributions to the Foundation, the Toolbox Program helps decrease initial startup costs by providing toolboxes for Automotive Technology students to use while attending BSC. During his 34 years at the college, this program was one of many projects initiated and championed by Gunsch, who passed away August 27, 2012, at age 58 from cancer.

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Walter L. and Lucille Braun Scholarship

Former teachers Walter and Lucille Braun value education and feel strongly about giving back. “In this day and age it’s important to have an education and we want to help people achieve that,” Walt said.

The couple focuses their philanthropy on helping the disabled and supporting education. As longtime supporters of the BSC Foundation, their charitable gifts have funded student scholarships at BSC since 1999. In 2013-14, their endowed contributions provided five $2,000 scholarships to BSC students, and these awards will continue in perpetuity.

“We started our careers as teachers and we know how important education is. We wanted to ensure our support would always be available,” Walt said.

Both graduated from college with two-year teaching certificates – Walt from Minot State University and Lucille from Moorhead State College. Walt was high school principal and coach in Mercer, N.D., before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. He also was a Lieutenant in the 231st Combat Engineers and served as Adjudant. After WWII, he taught elementary school in Cavalier. Lucille taught six years in Ashley and Washburn before marrying Walt in 1950.

Walt moved from education to business in 1947, when he opened W.L. Braun Agency in Turtle Lake, N.D., in insurance, real estate, oil brokerage and investment business. Within 48 hours of the Iverson oil well discovery in 1951, Walt and his partner opened their oil brokerage office in Tioga. The couple moved to Bismarck in 1976 to continue their business interests from home and traveled widely.

Walt and Lucille are members of Bismarck’s First Lutheran Church, the Founders Club and the Rough Rider Club of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. A lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Walt also served as president of the North Dakota Insurance Federation and is a member of the Landsman’s Association of North Dakota, the Dakota Petroleum Club and various community organizations. The Braun family received Diamond Award honors at the BSC Foundation’s 2011 donor recognition event.

Walt and Lucille have two daughters, Renee and Barbara, and philanthropy is a family affair according to Walt. The Braun’s Fidelity Gift Fund has helped them provide grants to charities since 1994, and the family regularly discusses how best to support their favorite causes. “I’ll put it simply, we try to help the needy, not the greedy,” Walt said.
Brett R. Dvirkak Memorial Scholarship

The Brett R. Dvirkak Memorial Scholarship was established in 2012 through an endowed contribution from his parents, Bryan and Cindy Dvirkak. The $1,500 annual award provides enhanced opportunities for students who share Brett’s passion for music. Brett passed away in June 2012.

Gifted musically, he played saxophone in grade school at Centennial Elementary and later excelled at percussion, which he continued to play at Hughes Junior High and Century High School in Bismarck. While enrolled at BSC, Brett concentrated in music, inspiring his peers with his enthusiasm. A highly accomplished musician, Brett performed in the BSC Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and the pit orchestra for several BSC musicals.

“Brett’s outgoing personality and love for music was so infectious that he quickly became one of the leaders among the music students,” said John Darling, associate professor of music. “His willingness to share his time and talent knew no bounds, and his passion for music contributed significantly to raising the profile of the Music program around the community and state.”

Brett received the 2008 Instrumental Music Student of the Year award at BSC’s Student Recognition Ceremony. He graduated in August 2009 with an Associate in Arts and moved to Oregon to attend Portland State University in September 2011. In addition to music, Brett played hockey and loved snowboarding, skateboarding, history and video games.

The Dvirkaks are longtime BSC Foundation supporters; Bryan serves as a trustee on the Foundation board.

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“Migrating from a small country in the western part of Africa (Ghana) into the United States of America hasn’t been easy, let alone going to college and working full-time. But this scholarship has really boosted my moral and my ability to live in America and also to excel in my education. I promise to keep on with my education and not let Gateway Pharmacy down.” – Godfried Kenah (Gateway HealthMart Pharmacy Scholarship)

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"Randomly just a few days after receiving this scholarship, my friend proceeded to talk about his favorite teacher and advisor… Ken LaMont. He was explaining his kind caring nature, cheerful upbeat personality, and his willingness and want to always help out all of his students … I promise that I will remember this forever, as I continue to work toward my goals. Once again I would like to say thank you. I have heard nothing but the best things about Mr. LaMont and truly feel honored to have received this scholarship.”
– Kirby Huber (Ken LaMont Memorial Scholarship)
Donald L. Russell Memorial Scholarship

Don Russell was an entrepreneur extraordinaire with interests in the auto, food, restaurant, real estate and energy industries. At his death in 2011 at age 68, Don and his wife, Evey, had established or grown more than 40 businesses.

The Mandan native loved vehicles and started his career in high school buying and selling cars. After graduating from North Dakota State University, Russell founded Speedy’s Tire Center in downtown Mandan, expanding to three states. In 1972, he joined Cloverdale Foods, his family’s business, eventually becoming third generation CEO and chairman. From 1980-90, he owned Dakota Farms cafes with his late partner Ken LaMont, a BSC instructor.

Russell’s generosity and hands-on management style endeared him to his employees. He had a gifted understanding of people, and the ability to build teams and motivate others. His philanthropy reached throughout the community.

“Don was a believer in higher education, but he also believed in the power of the individual,” said Loren Kopseng, his friend and business partner. “He was willing to take risks and worked hard to see them through one way or the other.”

Russell invested in real estate and land development in the Midwest and West Coast. In 1984, he and Kopseng formed Rainbow Gas, a natural gas marketing company. With Missouri River Royalty, they entered the oil business and became big players in Bakken oil development under the corporate umbrella, United Energy Corporation.

Established with a lead gift from Kopseng in 2011, the Donald L. Russell Memorial Scholarship awards $1,000 annually to a student excelling in business or energy. In July 2012, the foundation honored Russell by designating proceeds from the fifth annual President’s Run fundraiser for his scholarship.

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Megan Humann, Hazeltown

Doris Orr Memorial Scholarship
Sean Hushagen, Bismarck

Part-Time Scholarship
Shae Brown, Center
Francis Cluett, Bismarck
Bonnie Dahmus, New England
Kat Kirschmann, Bismarck
Desiree Lennie, New Salem
Joy Manning, Cheyenne, WY
Jenny Marboe, Dickinson
John McDaniel, Belfield
Rian McMaster, Bismarck

Roger Peet Scholarship
Hailey Lacher, Bismarck

John Pierson Scholarship
Lucas Colbenson, Stanley

Dr. N. Oliver Ramstad Memorial Scholarship
Lucas Meier, Venturia

George M. Register Memorial Scholarship
Phillip Hamilton, Minot

Eldon H. Reinke Memorial Scholarship
Kellie Hoffman, Mandan

Kenneth Reno Scholarship

Tausha Lowe, Mandan
Warren Robinson Scholarship
Steven Schwarz, Hazen
William Roesgen Scholarship
Jennifer Herman, Kenmare
Milton Rue Memorial Scholarship
Mylee Schorsch, Bismarck
Erik Sakariassen Scholarship
Trisha Hoffart, Devils Lake
John R. Sakariassen Scholarship
Shannon Hawkins, Bismarck
Harold Schafer Memorial Scholarship
Karly Wald, Wishek
Herb Schimmelpfennig Memorial Scholarship
Alyssa Dahlke, Sidney, MT
Clara Schleicher Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Arthaud, Bismarck
Kay Schlosser Scholarship
Taylor Wade, Bismarck
Lyle & Charlene Schuchard Scholarship
Valeria Mokrushova, Bismarck
Mary Moses Schwichtenberg Memorial Scholarship
Libby Olson, Bismarck
Ken & Anne Shaffer Memorial Scholarship
Anna Helmers, Mandan
Kyle Hornbacher, Bismarck
Boyce Kluting, Montpelier
Jacob Legreid, Bismarck

Keith Mantz, Bismarck
Mary Wagner, Wing
Jenna Wentland, Bismarck
Jonathan Widmer, Jud
Greggory A. Sharpe Scholarship
Alex Kottre, Lincoln
Gerald Skogley Scholarship
Bruce Wahlin, Center
Edward & Gladys Smith Memorial Scholarship
Erika Quist, Bismarck
Maurice Smith Memorial Scholarship
Dalton DeLange, Bismarck
Lynn W. Sperry Memorial Scholarship
Zachary Dschaak, Bismarck
St. Mary’s Central High School Carnival Scholarship
Stuart Berger, Woodbury, MN
Jason & Dr. Nigeria Stahl Scholarship
Samantha Gross, Linton
Bob Stenehjem Memorial Scholarship*
Vernon Eckel, Burlington
Walter J. Swensen Memorial Scholarship
Aaron VanGorkom, Menoken
Margaret & Harley Swenson Scholarship
Kaitlyn Fueller, Bismarck
Adrian & Ardeth Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Ashlie Carnes, Mandan
Aldeen Paris Welsh Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Michelle Flesness, Bismarck

Dr. Donna S. Thigpen Nursing Scholarship
Morgan Perleberg, New Rockford

Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Kenneth Bahm, Mandan
KaDee Berger, Stanton
Kevin Cortes, Mandan
Ashley Diehl, Mandan
Casey Duppong, Glen Ullin
Samantha Erhardt, Mandan
Rachell Feigitsch, Mandan
Kelly Feigitsch, Mandan
Shelby Johnson, Mandan
Brittany Jundt, Mandan
Lindsey Kirschenheiter, Taylor
Nathan Kurtti, Hazen
Taylor Kurtz, Mandan
Cole Miller, Huff
Julie Perkins, Mandan
Jayme Pischel, Beulah
Autumn Schaan, Beulah
Cale Schafer, Mandan
Elizabeth Schaner, Mandan
Stephanie Scherr, Dickinson
Jonah Schwartzenger, Mandan
Jerri Sterna, Mandan
Racheal Valleroy, New Salem
Alicia Wehri, New Salem
Sara Wells, Carson
Jarret Westberg, Mandan

Bill Townsend Scholarship
Austin Balk, Bismarck

Irene Tschider Scholarship
Courtney Schumacher, Napoleon

Glenn C. & Leola Vantine Scholarship
Ryan Horner, Bismarck

Curt Walth Scholarship
Cayden Smith, Bismarck

Bertha Wanner Memorial Scholarship
Kayla Sorby, Bismarck

Robert Webb Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Dralle, Moffit

Ralph Werner Memorial Scholarship
Alistair Crockett, Langdon

Michael H. Wickstrom Memorial Scholarship
Cameron Sadowsky, Beulah

George F. Will Memorial Scholarship

Ty Rossman, Turtle Lake

Thomas A. Winter Memorial Scholarship
Evan Weiss, Hazelton

Howard Wolfe Scholarship
Kameron Wingenbach, Bismarck

Journalism
Bismarck Tribune Celebrate 2000 Legacy Scholarship
Alyssa Meier, Bismarck

BSC Foundation Scholarship
Jhett Cihak, Sturgis, SD
June Hunt, Mandan
Ben Jyring, Bismarck
Alesha Pfennig, Bismarck
Jackson Pieper, Bismarck
Danell Straub, Hazen

Performing Arts
Lydia Bavendick Memorial Scholarship
Sam Holly, Bismarck

BSC Foundation Scholarship
Kathleen Andersen, Bismarck
Dan Bauer, Mandan
Quentin Bergstad, Center
Hannah Carlson, Bismarck
Allison DeKrey, Bismarck
Steven Deutsch, Bismarck
Asa Fox, Bismarck
Michael Grimm, Hazen
Nicholas Hanson, Bismarck
Alexandra Heisler, Bismarck
Jacob Herman, Bismarck
Jaime Houser, Bismarck
Nick Jensen, Flasher
Shelby Johnson, Mandan
Kat Kirschmann, Bismarck
Alaina Kloster, Bismarck
Alex Kottre, Lincoln
Lakin Kramer, Linton
Samantha Lachenmeier, Lincoln
Garret Larson, Almont
Kelsey Phillips, Mandan
Brett Rasmusson, Bismarck
Kelyn Retterath, Bismarck
Melissa Roise, Bismarck

Ryan Sandvick, Mandan
Elizabeth Schaner, Mandan
Elizabeth Schatz, Bismarck
Danielle Stotz, McLaughlin, SD
Mary Wagner, Wing
Zachary Watson, Bismarck
Andrew Wickenheiser, Bismarck

Dianne Eichhorst Scholarship
Kayla Grewatz, Bismarck

Peg Jack Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Landrie, Mandan

Tom & Frances Leach Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Bales, Bismarck
Stephen Gefroh, Bismarck

Sam & Bertha Merritt Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Berg, Dickinson
Dominic Berrios, Mandan
Samantha Erhardt, Mandan
Brandon Erickson, Mandan
Kyle Hornbacher, Bismarck
Sean Hushagen, Bismarck
Gabriel Kent, Bismarck
Natalie Marschall, Lincoln
Jeremy Skager, Bismarck
Remmington Wanner, Mandan
Alicia Wehri, New Salem

Sheila Schaefer Scholarship
Kayla Hill, Bismarck

Jane Gray Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Shelby Johnson, Mandan
Nathan Kortti, Hazen
Dustin Smith, Bismarck
Brandon Wetch, Bismarck

Bertha Wanner Memorial Scholarship
Shelby Johnson, Mandan
Payton Morris, Bismarck
Travis Rieger, Bismarck
Kristina Steckler, Bismarck
Danielle Stotz, McLaughlin, SD

Technical
Allen Energy Scholarship
Shaina Funke, Whitefish, MT

“There was a point in my life where I wanted to use writing to merely get my views across. I wanted to talk about myself. I’m tired of talking. I want to listen. I want to make a difference, even if just for one person, even if just for one moment. I am here to serve the people around me. So, in that sense, this scholarship is going far beyond me. It is going to every person I am allowed to reach in my career. So thank you for helping me get closer to my dreams.” – Alyssa Meier (Bismarck Tribune Celebrate 2000 Legacy)
Without the aid of such individuals and organizations, many like myself would be unable to enrich their lives with higher education. It is because of your patronage that I may continue my studies at Bismarck State College and aspire to better myself with a degree in process plant management.

— Everette Brickner (XCEL Energy Scholarship)
State and federal grants drive long-term projects

Bismarck State College has a strong track record of securing grant awards from a variety of federal and state sources.

Many of these most recent awards are funding projects being developed over the course of several years. This kind of long-term project requires the ongoing dedication and hard work of staff and faculty members all across campus.

Grant dollars currently under management and development at BSC total over $21 million.

Federal Grants

- Department of Education, Title III: Enhancing the use of data to drive decision-making – $469,435/year for five years
- Department of Energy: North Dakota energy workforce development - Western Collaboration earmark – $3,707,850
- Department of Energy: Developing and advancing the role of the Energy Corridor – $610,450
- Department of Energy: ARRA – Smart Grid Program curriculum and simulation development – $728,060
- Department of Labor: Training for Regional Energy in North Dakota (TREND) – $14,642,938
- National Science Foundation: Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S-STEM) – $597,540

State of North Dakota Grants

- Department of Commerce: Precision Agriculture Program – $50,000
- Department of Commerce: Enhancement of Energy Labs – $225,420

Private Foundation Grants

- Cenex Harvest States: Enhances the Precision Agriculture Program – $150,000
- ONEOK: Energy Program equipment and curriculum development – $112,200
- North Dakota Council on the Arts: Bluegrass Festival – $2,000

Students in the Mechanical Maintenance program receiving hands-on training in the newly expanded building on the Mandan Campus. The expansion was made possible through grant funding and private donations.

A grant from ONEOK was used to purchase equipment and develop curriculum for the energy programs.

Hard work secures state and federal grants
In 2012-13, the BSC Foundation Programs Committee awarded a total of $493,528 in scholarships and $794,677 in grants. To learn more, visit bismarckstate.edu/foundation/scholarships.

**Endowed Grants**
- Sheila Schafer for the Clay S. Jenkinson Endowment for the Humanities
- IQ Fund
- Music Master Classes
- Holt National Chemistry Week
- The Sheila Schafer Drama Endowment
- ProjectCare

**Partner-Funded Grants**
- Agri-Bash
- ONEOK lab equipment
- Conversations at BSC 2012-13, Whiting Petroleum Corporation
- Work Force Enhancement Grant
- Nordic Fiberglass Samples
- NECE Summer Career Academy
- CHS Foundation Grant
- Energy Curriculum Project

> "I would like to extend appreciation for the support of the Visiting Scientists Series as provided by the BSC Foundation. We simply would not be able to host events such as this one without the support of the Foundation – thank you!" – Scott Tschaekofske, associate professor of chemistry

**BSC Foundation Grants**
- 43rd Annual BSC Graphic Design and Communications Spring Show Student Design Exhibit
- ND Postsecondary Ag Student Organization State Conference
- ND Postsecondary Ag Student Organization National Conference
- BookTalk at BSC 2013
- Board of Governors membership in the American Student Association of Community College
- Regional Science Olympiad
- BSC Sing Appeal Concert

High school students attending the two-day Summer Ag Academy gained hands-on experience learning about agronomy career opportunities.

The Visiting Scientist series, “Physics Force,” was presented by physics instructors from Minnesota to a full house in Bismarck.
Student and faculty participation in the Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre Festival
2013 Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference and Competition
Andreas Klein Master Music Class
Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conferences
BSC Certified Nursing Assistant Program
Visiting Scientist Series
Staff Development Day
Support for “In a Thousand Pieces” by The Paper Birds
BSC ChoirFest
NECE Summer Career Academy
Capitol Shakespeare Production “The Tempest”
Integrated Geospatial Education and Technical Training Workshop
MystiCast News Set/TV Studio
National Chemistry Week
American Advertising Federation Addy Awards
On Campus Orientation
2013-2014 Visiting Writers Series
Figments of Imagination
2013 PBL National Leadership Conference
Peter Jankovic Music Master Class

Faculty and Staff Professional Development Grants
Karen Arlien, association professor of computer science – tuition for doctorate in Teaching and Learning
Kevin Cavanagh, assistant professor of management – tuition for doctorate in Business Administration
Katrina Eberhart, assistant professor of mathematics – tuition for doctorate in Teaching and Learning
Mary Eisenbraun, student finance operations manager – tuition for bachelor’s degree in University Studies
Matt Frohlich, associate professor of computer information systems – learning conference on IPv6
Yvette Matthews, associate professor of science – National Association of Biology Teachers Conference
Carmel Miller, associate professor of agriculture – National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Conference
Carla Sivesind, payroll accounting technician – attendance at ND State Staff Senate Meeting
Vickie Volk, associate professor of computer support – tuition for doctorate in Teaching and Learning
Anita Wirtz, assistant professor of psychology – tuition for doctorate in psychology; pursuit of National Level Certification, Association for Applied Sport Psychology

Thank you for your grant to our local Phi Beta Lambda Chapter! We had one student complete the second and third level of Career and Membership Achievement... the first student in North Dakota to accomplish this!”
– Kalyn Retterath, BSC Phi Beta Lambda chapter president

Visiting Scholars Series gets grant support

The BSC Visiting Scholars Series has received permanent funding from a new grant established by Mary and Tom Probst of Minot. The gift honors Mary’s sister, Dr. Marcia Carlisle, who passed away in 2005 at age 59 from a degenerative muscle disease.

A Bismarck native and American history professor, Dr. Carlisle taught at Bennington College and was a visiting professor at New York University and Rutgers University in New Jersey. She joined Phillips Exeter Academy in 1989, spending the last 16 years of her career in New Hampshire. She was known there for her teaching excellence, independent spirit, student advocacy and work bringing outside speakers and authors to Exeter. Carlisle did meticulous research to select the most informative presenters as a means to widen students’ perspectives. “Marcia believed in equality in every form, whether it be race, gender, able-bodied or disabled,” said Mary Probst. “She was always there for her students, and they, in turn, were there for her.”

The Marcia R. Carlisle Visiting Scholars grant was established with a $25,000 endowment.

Students from the Lineworker program with the underground sectionalizing cabinet, donated by Nordic Fiberglass, Inc.

Six Appeal, an a capella group, in their “Sing Appeal” concert at the Belle Mehus Auditorium.
**Our mission**
To enhance and develop BSC through lifelong involvement.

**Our goal**
To keep you connected to BSC.

Whether you are a recent graduate of BSC, one of the trailblazers who attended those early classes offered by Bismarck Junior College on the third floor at BHS or anyone between – the BSC National Alumni Association is your organization.

Established in 1961, the association focuses on keeping alumni connected to the college and working with current student groups to develop relationships while they are on campus. The alumni association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Any former BJC/BSC student interested in the mission of the Alumni Association may become a supporting member with a $25 annual contribution. Supporting members may benefit from our Alumni Advantage Program, which includes discounts on hotel reservations, car rentals, BSC Bookstore clothing and local business discounts.

A lifetime membership through the 1939 Society - our premier membership program - allows our alumni and friends to support and sustain programs and projects in the years to come. To learn more about becoming a member, visit bismarckstate.edu/alumni.

**2012-13 Activities**

- Free self-defense training was provided to BSC students and employees.
- **Backpack 2 Briefcases** brought alumni together with BSC Phi Beta Lambda students to provide interviewing experience in preparation for state competition and real-job interviews.

- The 2013 Alumni Art show had 36 exhibits from 22 alumni. Items included painting, photography, wood carving, pottery and books.

- The **Alumni in the Community** program introduced local kindergarten children to the idea of college, as well as career opportunities. Students also received a tour of BSC.

**Stay connected**

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**2012-2013 BSC National Alumni Association Board of Directors**

Back/L-R: Dr. Steve Chuppe ’81, Cheryl Miller ’68, Angie Milakovic, Vice President ’97, Damian Schlinger ’97, Sommer Hunke, President ’08, Annette Polasky ’94 and Chad Kincaid ’00.
Front/L-R: Ryan Caya, Past President ’99 & ’06, Larry Oswald ’90, Greg Ellwein ’81, and Michael Thomas, ’04. Not in photo: Barry Coleman ’86, Rosella Grant ’71, Deb Igoe ’70, and Shelly Wanek ’05.

**BSC alumni 1939-2012**

Students in BSC Cartographic Design and Analysis class (GIS 235) designed choropleth maps based on BSC alumni zip code data. For more maps, see bismarckstate.edu/alumni.
Lee Gurke honored with national award

Lee Gurke, ‘66, retired U.S. Navy captain and 1987 BSC Alumnus of the Year, received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the American Association of Community Colleges in April. He was one of six nationwide to receive this prestigious award for 2013.

During his 26-year naval career, Gurke served at sea and ashore in numerous capacities. Assignments included chief engineer of the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier, the world’s largest integrated nuclear reactor complex. He was commanding officer of the guided missile destroyer USS Buchanan and the Aegis cruiser USS Normandy.

As a strong supporter of BSC, Gurke was instrumental in securing a $900,000 Department of Defense grant that helped military students access BSC’s energy programs online. He also contributed expertise to curriculum development for the Nuclear Technology program.

Gurke ended his Navy career as deputy commander and chief of staff for the commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, where he was responsible for 130 warships and more than 50,000 personnel. Since leaving the military, Gurke has worked in the Boeing Company’s government operations office in Washington, D.C.

2013 Rising Star Award
Sam Coleman, ’99

Sam Coleman is an artist, pastor, business owner and family man. Ordained in 2003 after earning a degree in art, Coleman is currently a pastor at Charity Lutheran Church and teaches art at a local gallery. He exhibits his award-winning paintings widely and recently opened S² Photography in Mandan.

BSC has helped Meyer do more

Dennis Meyer planned to be a farmer, but hay fever changed his plans. After graduating from Bismarck High School, he farmed (and sneezed) for five years near Baldwin, N.D., before enrolling in Bismarck State College in 1956.

He earned an engineering degree from North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU) in 1960, and worked for the Soil Conservation Service. Transferred to Bismarck in 1968, he began looking for more to do. “I was used to long hours on a farm. My 40-hour job wasn’t enough,” Meyer said.

He’d heard about a parcel of land for sale in north Mandan and found some friends interested in investing in it. Two longtime BSC staff members, Herb Schimmelpfennig and Mike Wikstrom, became his partners in the deal, establishing Terra Vallee, LLP.

The 30 acres on which the new Mandan Middle School is built, is part of that original 143 acre parcel. Fifteen of those acres were donated by Terra Vallee to the school district. That donation reflects Meyer’s service-mindedness. Long active in the BSC Alumni Association, he served as president in 1978 and initiated the Alumni of the Year award. “It was just a wild idea, but I’m very proud of it,” Meyer said.

In 1985, Meyer received the award he founded, honoring his service and his generosity to BSC and the larger community. Meyer has been a generous supporter of the Foundation for many years and, in 2009, established the Dennis F. Meyer Scholarship fund. He is also a member of the Alumni Association’s 1939 Society.

“I wasn’t the greatest student, but I’ve been successful – BSC gave me an opportunity to do more with my life. The atmosphere and quality of instruction at BSC brings out the best in people and I’m proud to be able to help students access that,” he said.
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 9.3¢, 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% tax credit.

**Support & Revenue**

- Endowment Income .................. $ 182,570
- Special Events .......................... $ 46,801
- Direct Contributions to Programs .... $ 615,208
- Contributions .......................... $1,161,091
- Investments ............................ $ 840,160
- Other Income ......................... $ 264,874
- Total Support & Revenue ........... $3,110,704

**Expenses**

- **Program Services**
  - Scholarships ....................... $ 493,528
  - Student Recognition ................ $ 24,216
  - Employee Recognition ............. $ 24,533
  - Grants Program ..................... $ 714,818
  - College Development .............. $ 31,110
- **Operations**
  - Salaries & Benefits ............... $ 178,907
  - Interest Payments ................. $ 95,270
  - Other Operating Expenses ....... $ 212,653
- **Fund Raising**
  - General Campaign ................. $ 68,538
  - Special Events .................... $ 23,889
- Total Foundation Expenses ........ $1,867,462

**Support and Revenue Over Expenses**

$1,243,242

**Total Assets June 30, 2013**

$28,814,749

*We appreciate your generosity and commitment to education.*