ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1939, BISMARCK JUNIOR COLLEGE OPENED FOR CLASSES.

Enrollment on that first day was 104 full- and part-time students who were taught by faculty of 12 instructors in classrooms on the third floor of the Bismarck High School. America was still in the depths of the Great Depression, and World War II was only three days old. It was out of these simple beginnings that Bismarck State College began its mission that has touched and changed the lives of thousands, given second chances to hundreds, and has made the American Dream a reality for all its students.

It is in recognition of our past and in pursuit of a brighter future, that the BSC National Alumni Association has established the 1939 Society.

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 will be permanently endowed in the 1939 Society Fund. Earnings from this fund will pay your annual membership and support and sustain association programs that will connect alumni with BSC while serving the needs of today’s students. Membership in this society will enable the association to fulfill its mission to serve the college, our current alumni, and connect with our future alumni.

1939 Society members receive special recognition for their support in Connections and on our Web site and each member will receive a certificate of appreciation that can be proudly displayed. As a member, you will be making history again as no other community college in the United States has a similar program. Additionally, support for the 1939 Society is tax-deductible. And, of course, as a lifetime member, you will be eligible to receive all present and future membership benefits for life.

We have much to be proud of as a college. Through your support, we will be offering a future full of promise, and endless in potential, for today’s BSC students and tomorrow’s BSC alumni.

For more information, please log onto www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni or contact Alumni Coordinator Rita Nodland at (701) 224-5692 or toll-free at 800-272-2586. You may also send an e-mail to rita.nodland@bsc.nodak.edu.