State and industry combine funds for equipment
Lineworker, auto collision students benefit from workforce enhancement grants

The Lineworker program and Automotive Collision Technology program will receive new equipment through two workforce enhancement grants from the North Dakota Department of Commerce and matching funds from industry partners.

BSC President Larry C. Skogen and Dick Hedahl, president of Hedahls Inc. in Bismarck, joined Commerce Commissioner Shane Goettle when he announced the grants Oct. 19 at a press conference in the auto collision shop.

The Automotive Collision program received $76,638 for purchase of a state-of-the-art semi downdraft, double prep station (paint booth). Current equipment is outdated and will soon be noncompliant with the low-VOC (volatile organic compound) regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Industry-driven, the project received guidance from members of the program’s advisory committee. Matching funds and resources came from cash and in-kind donations from Hedahls Inc., Mitchell International, Dakota Bumper, Fargo Bumper, BSC and the BSC Foundation. Total grant and match was $153,276.

Hedahl said, “The technicians educated by BSC Tech Center are vital to the future of our industry. Hedahls has been a strong supporter of the program since it began in fall 1967. But BSC values more than technology training. Students gain a broader perspective with general education courses and how to communicate and grow.”
BSC Foundation hosts donor reception to celebrate success of capital campaign

Celebrating success is a great tradition! In late September, BSC Foundation hosted a celebration reception for donors to the capital campaign for the National Energy Center of Excellence. President Larry C. Skogen called the NECE a “game-changer,” and noted the many qualities of the building that make it a special addition to the campus and the community.

BSC Foundation Executive Director Gordon Binek and campaign tri-chair Mike Hummel spoke about the importance of the contributions by various government agencies, industry partners, and individuals combined for a common purpose of education and workforce training for the energy industry.

NECE staff led tours of the building, including the state-of-the-art labs, some which had recently been finalized with specialized equipment.

The symposium, facilitated by nationally renowned humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson, featured authors, journalists and other humanities scholars examining the life and career of Sevareid, the North Dakota native who served as the “conscience of America” between 1963 and 1974, when he provided nightly commentaries on Walter Cronkite’s “CBS Evening News.”

Headliners for the symposium were CBS newsmen Dan Rather and Bob Schieffer, colleagues of Sevareid at CBS. They spoke to large audiences in the Belle Mehus Auditorium at Bismarck State College.

Videotaped programming from the symposium will be available Nov. 15 on the website devoted to this project, www.sevareidlegacy.org.
Foundation Board elects 2010-11 officers

Bill Townsend was elected president of the BSC Foundation Board for 2010-11 at the Foundation’s recent annual meeting. Townsend, president of Dakota Awards, has been a trustee since 1999 and has served on the board’s Executive, Development and Programs committees.

These trustees were selected as committee chairs: Brian Kroshus, Programs Committee; Mike Schmitz, Finance Committee; and Joe Harris, Development Committee.

John Weeda, plant manager at Great River Energy, will serve as vice president. A trustee since 2002, he has been a member of the board’s Finance Committee.

Dave Clark, BSC executive vice president, was elected secretary-treasurer. He has been a trustee since 1990 and a member of the Executive and Finance committees.

Jim Christianson, a trustee since 1999, becomes chairperson of the board. Christianson, president of Northwest Companies, has served on the Finance, Executive, Development and Long Range Planning committees.

BSC Foundation adds three trustees to board

The BSC Foundation welcomes three new trustees to the Foundation Board.

Bryan R. Dvirnak, president and CEO of Collection Center Inc. of Bismarck, is a board member of Bismarck Baptist Church, North Dakota Health Financial Management and North Dakota Collectors Association.

David L. Goodin is president and CEO of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, Great Plains Natural Gas Company, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and Intermountain Gas Company. He serves as a board member for Missouri Valley YMCA, American Gas Association, Edison Electric Institute and Lignite Energy Council. He is a member of Lord of Life Church and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, is a registered professional engineer in North Dakota and is past chairman of the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber.

Allan Thomas is president of Advanced Mechanical Inc. of Bismarck. He is a member of the Homebuilders Association, the local and state Mechanical Contractors Associations and the state and national Chambers.

Workforce enhancement grants

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The Lineworker program’s $45,968 grant will underwrite a skid steer loader for an Introduction to Pole Climbing course. The program requires students to climb poles, and electrical line contractors and cooperatives demand that skill.

Industry partners also contributed another $52,000 to boost monies to $97,968. The Lineworker program’s advisory committee recommended the skid steer loader.

Companies that provided matching funds or in-kind services were EZ Spot UR, Aveania, MDU, Border States Electric, Govert Powerline Services Inc., and the following cooperatives: Basin Electric, Capital Electric, Cass Country Electric, Cavalier Rural Electric, Central Power, KEM Electric, McLean Electric, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, Mountrail-Williams Electric, Roughrider Electric, Slope Electric, and Verendrye Electric. The BSC Foundation also provided matching funds.

Workforce Enhancement Grants enable two-year colleges to apply for funds that create or enhance training programs that address workforce needs of private sector employers in the state. Projects require employer participation and dollar-for-dollar match.
Investments in students and campus pay off

Bismarck State College continues to make a positive difference in the Bismarck-Mandan community, in our great state, and beyond. We truly appreciate your generosity and support!

By donating to the BSC Foundation, you are investing in our students. We are proud to report that over 4,000 students were enrolled in classes during the last academic year, and over $365,000 in scholarships was awarded to more than 370 deserving students. Your generosity helps make the dream of attaining a meaningful college education a reality to BSC students who will go on to become the doctors, teachers, linemen, nurses, power plant operators, and technicians of tomorrow.

When you support the BSC Foundation, you are also investing in the programs and educational experiences that make BSC great! We have award-winning programs, faculty, and staff, and the BSC Foundation is proud to assist them by providing grants that further enhance students’ learning and growing experiences. This year, over $800,000 was awarded to fund activities, programs, special events, and equipment that help take BSC to the next level.

Over the past year there has been an impressive upward trend of scholarships and grants awarded that can be attributed to the power of endowment. By investing in the future of BSC through our endowment, your support will only continue to grow and positively affect Bismarck State College for years to come!

We wouldn’t be where we are today without your support. Thanks again for investing in the BSC students of today who will impact our tomorrow, and beyond!

Foundation fiscal report for year ending June 2010

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Foundation awards record number of scholarships

The BSC Foundation recently awarded scholarships for 2010-11 to more than 350 students who excel in various disciplines. Scholarships range from $500 to $2,000. Some of the scholarships are named for individuals who have been significant in the development of BSC or have been memorialized through donations. The named scholarships are listed after the students receiving the awards. Students must maintain their academic standing to receive the second semester award.

Academic

Chris Alveshere, Bismarck ......................... Capitol City Lions Scholarship
Abby Anderson, Menoken ................................ Eugene Kralicek Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Arlien, Baldwin ................................ BPS Outstanding Student Scholarship
Ethan Arlien, Baldwin .............................................. Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Cassandra Ash, Belulah ................................. Dan Chesak Memorial Scholarship
Casey Austin, Mandan ..................................................... Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Megan Babel, Bismarck ........................................ Frank Bavendick Scholarship
Brandon Backman, Bismarck ....................... Glenn C. & Leola Vantine Memorial Scholarship
Kaylee Barker, Bismarck ................................................. Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Jordan Bartch, Bismarck ........................................ ND Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship
Olivia Becker, Bismarck ............................................ Ralph Werner Memorial Scholarship
Kendall Bergrud, Bismarck ......................... Sidney J. Lee Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Biegler, Bismarck ............................... St. Mary’s Central High School Carnival Scholarship
Kate Bird, Bismarck ................................................. Marc Christianson Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Blanchard, Bismarck ...................... Dr. Kermit Lidstrom Scholarship
Preston Blinsky, Bismarck ............................... Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Lynden Bloms, Carpio .................................. Clastra Schleicher Memorial Scholarship
Alicia Bohl, Bismarck .................................. Part-time Scholarship
Ty Bommersbach, Ellendale ......................... Carl and Leona Nelson Memorial Scholarship
Jonathan Breckel, Bismarck .......................... MDU Resources Foundation Scholarship
Lacey Briz, Bismarck ............................................. Dr. Kermit Lidstrom Scholarship
Casey Brown, Crosby ............................................. Part-time Scholarship
Shae Brown, Center ............................................. Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Trenton Bruner, Drake .................................. Leslie Gullickson Memorial Scholarship
Carlle Buechler, Bismarck ......................... Frank Bavendick Athletic Scholarship
Kara Burre, Wing ............................................. Tom and Mary Probst Scholarship
Paige Burtman, Crosby ................................. Dr. Donna S. Thigpen Nursing Scholarship
Kourtney Ceynar, Bismarck ......................... Bryce & Maxine Hill Scholarship
Rylee Christian, Glen Ullin ............................. Dr. N. Oliver Ramstad Memorial Scholarship
Marena Cloud, Cass Lake, MN ........................ Michael Hummel Scholarship
Traci Compaa, Strasburg ........................................... Richard Brown Memorial Scholarship
Andrew Conlon, Mandan ................................. Bonnie Gutormson Scholarship
Dillon Dewald, Bismarck ........................................ Marc Christianson Memorial Scholarship
Casey Diehl, Mandan .............................................. Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Kirstie Diener, Bismarck ................................ Pat Higgins Caudel Scholarship
Amanda Dietz, Linton ................................... Michael A. Tschida Memorial Scholarship
Kayla Dolyuk, Beach ...................................... Harvey Thurson Memorial Scholarship
Logan Dschaak, Belulah ............................................. Motorcycle Ride Scholarship
Michelle Duchscher, New Rockford ............... Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Human Services Scholarship
Leanna Dupp, Bismarck ................................ Barbara Nielsen Heinle Scholarship
John Eisenbeis, Bismarck ................................. Walter and Norma Fiedler Memorial Scholarship
Amanda Enriquez, Lincoln ........................................ BSC Foundation Ball Scholarship

Jenny Erhardt, Center .............................................. Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Clifton Erickson, Bismarck ........................................ Part-time Scholarship
Lexi Erickson, Dickinson ........................................ Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Kelly Feightsch, Mandan ................................ Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Paige Fitterer, New England .......................... Raymond Heid Memorial Scholarship
Shelby Fleming, Bismarck ..................................... John P. Jackson Memorial Scholarship
Kristin Fornshill, Bismarck ............................. Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Kari Foster-Braun, Bismarck ............................... William and Marietta Ekberg Scholarship
Adam Frick, Bismarck ................................................. Cecilia Deichert Scholarship
Dayna Frosth, Kenmare .............................................. Warren Robinson Scholarship
Mackenzie Gable, Mandan .................................. Marvin Erdmann Scholarship
Andrew Ganje, Columbus .................................. Thomas Kleppe Memorial Scholarship
Sheree Ganje, Washburn ....................................... Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Stacey Gerhardt, Flasher ...................................... Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Alisha Gervin, Glen Ullin ...................................... Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Jason Glasser, Bismarck ............................................ Maurice Smith Memorial Scholarship
Jordan Grabe, Woloford .............................................. Gerald Skogey Scholarship
Jenna Gross, Napoleon ............................................ Jason & Dr. Nigeria Stahl Scholarship
Jeremy Grossman, Hazelton ............................. Lynn W. Sperry Memorial Scholarship
Jeremy Grossman, Hazelton ............................... Telecommunications Academy Scholarship
Talie Grossman, Hazelton ....................................... Telecommunications Academy Scholarship
Colin Guillet, Solen .............................................. Kadmiss Lee & Jackson Engineering Scholarship
Kevin Gutman, Bismarck .............................................. John R. Sakariassen Scholarship
Jordan Hadle, Bismarck ............................................ Norman Kamins Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Hallendorff, Mandan ............................ Leona P. & Frances Larson/CPC Penney Scholarship
Derek Harper, Bismarck ............................................ Board of Governors Scholarship
Macle Harris, Kenmare ............................................. Georgiana Borden Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Harris, Bismarck ........................................ Kay Schlosch Scholarship
Laurey Hasper, Bismarck ............................................. Part-time Scholarship
Avery Haveruk, Glen Ullin ........................................... McDonald’s Corporation Scholarship
Kayla Heckaman, Beach ...................................... Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Davis Heidrick, Bismarck ........................................ Dennis F. Meyer Scholarship
Shana Hengel, Bismarck .............................................. Roger Peet Scholarship
Carli Hermes, Bismarck ............................................. Academic Honors Scholarship
Jesse Hieb, Mandan ............................................. Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Hannah Hiller, Mandan ............................................. McDonald’s Corporation Scholarship
Kristen Hill, Bismarck ............................................. Herb Schimmelpfenig Memorial Scholarship
Bridget Hine, Bismarck ................................................. Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament Scholarship
Ethan Hoepfner, Bismarck .......................................... Howard Wolfe Scholarship
Kolin Hoffland, Bowman ....................................... Tim Hennessey Scholarship
Luke Hushagen, Bismarck .............................................. Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Jessica Jacobs, Bismarck .............................................. Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Congratulations,
Scholarship Recipients

Kayla Jahner, Colorado Springs, CO ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Jenna Jarrett, Bismarck .................William Roesgen Scholarship
Alexis Jasper, Linton ..........Steven Harris Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Jasper, Bismarck ...............Part-time Scholarship
Ryan Jones, Dickinson ..............George M. Register Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Jungeman, Ray ........Judith Ekberg Johnson Scholarship
Blake Kaul, Washburn ..........Walter L. & Lucille Braun Scholarship
Austyn Kittelson, Velva ..........Gate City Bank Scholarship
Mariah Kitzan, Richmond ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Shannon Knoll, Bismarck ..........Curt Walsh Scholarship
Sarah Koch, Shields ..........Frank Koch Memorial Scholarship
Carly Kraft, Bismarck ..........Walter J. Swenson Memorial Scholarship
Holly Krein, Bismarck ..........Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Brittany Kuhn, Mandan ..........Cheryl Elsbernd Scholarship
Taylor Kurtz, Bismarck ..........Gordon Dietrich Scholarship
LaToya Larsen, Bismarck ..........Sam & Bertha Merritt Memorial Scholarship
Jordan Laske, Mandan ..........Academic Honors Scholarship
Nancy Leier, Hague ..........Horatio Alger Scholarship
Nathan Leier, Hague ..........Horatio Alger Scholarship
Zachary Leier, Tappen ..........BSC Alumni Association Scholarship
Kraig Loewen, Velva ..........Neal He Dahl Memorial Scholarship
Jenna Maas, Hazen ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Bre Malingen, Bismarck ..........Part-time Scholarship
Ben Maliske, Bismarck ..........Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Jordan Maurer, Mandan ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Alex Maus, Sentinel Butte ..........MDU Resources Foundation Scholarship
Caitlin Maus, Govala ..........Rab Grabar Scholarship
Justin Maus, Sentinel Butte ..........Evan E. Lips Memorial Scholarship
Bailey McLeod, Bismarck ..........Sam & Bertha Merritt Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Messer, Richardson ..........Adrian and Ardeh Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Daniel Mickelson, Bismarck ..........Dan Chesak Memorial Scholarship
Dixie Miller, Ellendale ..........Doris Orr Memorial Scholarship
Megan Miller, Richardson ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Michael Miller, Mandan ..........Michael H. Wickstrom Memorial Scholarship
Shelby Monson, Bismarck ..........Edward & Gladys M. Smith Memorial Scholarship
Evans Morganston, Bismarck ..........Academic Honors Scholarship
Raymond Morrell, Mandan ..........Part-time Scholarship
Stephanie Morris, Regan ..........Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Nathan Mundahl, Bismarck ..........BPS Outstanding Student Scholarship
Nathan Mundahl, Bismarck ..........Milton Rue Memorial Scholarship
Edward Murphy, Bismarck ..........Academic Honors Scholarship
Sarah Nagel, Linton ..........Harley & Margaret Swenson Scholarship
Ally Nelson, Velva ..........The Patrick Atkinson Scholarships for Enriching North Dakota Scholarship
Heidi Nilsen, New Salem ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
James Norton, Bismarck ..........Ervin & Dorothy Bourgeois Memorial Academic Scholarship
Eric Olson, Bismarck ..........Part-time Scholarship
Erica Page, Menoken ..........Ken Lomont Memorial Scholarship
Abigail Paines, Sykeston ..........Miss Carrington Pageant Scholarship
Autumn Patch, Bismarck ..........James and Mildred Duffy Memorial Scholarship
Lacey Petersen, Grand Forks ..........Irene Tschider Scholarship
Jordan Thilmony, Bismarck ..........BSC CONNECTIONS, BSC FOUNDATION
Morgan Mundahl, Linton ..........George M. Register Memorial Scholarship
Lacey Petersen, Bismarck ..........Alumni Athletic Scholarship
Kaya Rebol, Hebron ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Emily Reich, Lincoln ..........Suzanne Delaney Mattheis Memorial Scholarship
Laura Reinbold, Bismarck ..........Gregory A. Sharpe Scholarship
LeAndra Reinholtz, Ray ..........George F. Will Memorial Scholarship
Raelynn Renke, Bismarck ..........Carrie Jennings Memorial Scholarship
Kelsey Renner, Zaph ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Karyn Retterath, Hazen ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Kristi Richter, Moffit ..........Peter and Marcela Jennings Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Sailer, Hick City ..........Myron Atkinson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Evan Morgenson, Bismarck ..........Academic Honors Scholarship
Nadine Schaff, Bismarck ..........American Legion Auxiliary Lloyd Speitz, Unit No. 1 Scholarship
BreAnn Schaffner, Bismarck ..........Aldeen Paris Welsh Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Chante Showanbore, Wilton ..........Walter L. & Lucille Braun Scholarship
Robin Schiermeister, Mandan ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Cody Schiro, Bismarck ..........CHS Booster Bust Scholarship
Tanner Schiessman, Wilton ..........Walter L. & Lucille Braun Scholarship
Tricia Schmeichel, McLaughlin, SD ..........Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Devon Schmel, Dickinson ..........MDU Resources Foundation Scholarship
Laken Schmidt, Hebron ..........Mary Moses Schwichtenberg Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Schmidt, Bismarck ..........Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Michael Schmitt, Bismarck ..........Lyle and Charlene Schuchard Scholarship
Kimberly Schmitz, Bismarck ..........Eldon H. Reinhke Memorial Scholarship
Cody Schneider, Harvey ..........John Giese Scholarship
Nicole Schroeder, New Salem ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Schuler, Bismarck ..........The Patrick Atkinson Scholarships for Enriching North Dakota Scholarship
Hayley Schulz, Mandan ..........Richard Espeland Scholarship
Cameron Seibold, Bismarck ..........Bertha Warner Memorial Scholarship
Jacee Shively, Rugby ..........Harvey Harris Memorial Scholarship
Ariane Siewert, Bismarck ..........Part-time Scholarship
Tanner Simonson, Crosby ..........Dr. James Moses Memorial Scholarship
Sarah Sjursen, Bismarck ..........Heber Edwards Memorial Scholarship
Kevin Smith, Dickinson ..........Harvey Thorton Memorial Scholarship
Sally Spitzer, Wilton ..........Tom and Mary Probst Scholarship
Nicole Spooner, Noonan ..........Harold Schafer Memorial Scholarship
Alyxandra Sprynczykny, Bismarck ..........Leona P. & Francis A. Larson/UC Penney Scholarship
Ethan Staige, Center ..........LeRoy M. Nyes Scholarship
Amanda Stecker, Dickinson ..........Gateway HealthMart Pharmacy Scholarship
Jordan Stevenson, Mandan ..........Florence P. George Memorial Scholarship
Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients

Wynne Stewart, Breckenridge, MN. Edwin & Dorothy Edlund Scholarship
Nicholas Stordeur, Bismarck, Thomas A. Winter Memorial Scholarship
Diane Stork, Bismarck, Shiloh Skyhawkton Scholarship
Alyssa Stiefel, Beulah, Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Chelsey Sutton, Bismarck, Part-time Scholarship
Joseph Symonowski, Reeder, Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Jordan Thimoney, Mandan, Jerome Distributing Athletic Scholarship
Benjamin Thomas, Goodrich, Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Academic Scholarship
Paige Toth, Richardton, Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Cody Walker, Bismarck, John Pierson Scholarship
Lauren Warnke, Bismarck, Erik Sakariassen Scholarship
Jenna Wavin, Bismarck, Cash For Our Kids Scholarship
Alexandra Webster, Bismarck, Warren DeKrey Scholarship
Allison Weigel, Bismarck, Robert Webb Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Weisbeck, Herreid, SD, Ken and Anne Shaffer Scholarship
Daniel Weiss, Mandan, Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Justin Weiss, Hazen, Harvey Thorson Memorial Scholarship
Brittany Whalen, Bismarck, Marcia Olson Scholarship
Zachary Wiest, Velva, Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Academic Scholarship
William Woodworth, Bismarck, Myron Atkinson Jr. Scholarship
Lori Yarbrough, Bismarck, Part-time Scholarship
Devon Yellow Wolf, Mandan, Frank Baviendrick Athletic Scholarship
Joan Zahn, Lincoln, Part-time Scholarship
Morgan Zinke, Minot, Kenneth Reno Scholarship
Kaitlyn Zins, Bismarck, Marc Christianson Memorial Scholarship

Journalism
Ida Clarke, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Eliza Fisher, Hague, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Kevin Gutman, Bismarck, Bismarck Tribune Celebrate 2000 Legacy Scholarship
Allison Keigley, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Eric Monzelowsky, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Emily Reich, Lincoln, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Brandon Schuetz, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Monica Slater, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship

Performing Arts
Cassandra Ash, Beulah, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Chelsea Brown, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship

Shanna Carlson, Lincoln, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Christopher Chalmers, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Ashley Clooten, Bismarck, Sheila Schafer Scholarship
Emily Conlon, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Charley Conner, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Kristine Dammel, Medina, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Lee Davenport, Baldwin, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship

Kirstie Dienert, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Tara Enenvald, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Stephen Fitterman, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Jim Gefroh, Bismarck, Lydia Bavendrick Memorial Scholarship
Alisha Gerving, Glen Ullin, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Jack Golden, Bismarck, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Tiffany Grannis, Stanton, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Alyson Grinsteiner, Dickinson, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Malinda Hafner, Beulah, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Brian Hanlon, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Derek Harper, Bismarck, Jane Gray Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Brittany Helm, Wilton, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Ava Hohenstein, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Devon Hopfau, Bismarck, Tom & Frances Leach Foundation Scholarship
Shaina Hovrud, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Luke Hushagen, Bismarck, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Andrew Johnson, Almont, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Trina Johnson, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Katherine Kirschmann, Bismarck, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Cole Kuester, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Brittany Kuhn, Mandan, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Alisha Laskowski, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Gentry Lee, Horace, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Jade Leingang, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Dillon Leland, Sidney, MT, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Heather Lindberg, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Grayson Lorenz, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Jeremiah McFarlen, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Shaylee Meyer, Bismarck, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Cassie Miller, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Eric Monzelowsky, Mandan, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Evan Morgenson, Bismarck, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Erica Page, Minot, Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Clayton Perala, Bismarck, Tom & Frances Leach Foundation Scholarship
Jessica Portra, Turtle Lake, BSC Foundation Scholarship
Congratulations,

Scholarship Recipients

Megan Presser, Turtle Lake ......... Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Kaly Retterath, Hazen ............... BSC Foundation Scholarship
Travis Heiger, Bismarck .............. BSC Foundation Scholarship
Tim Rosen, Bismarck .................. BSC Foundation Scholarship
Ryan Sandvik, Mandan ............... BSC Foundation Scholarship
Kyle Sanford, Bismarck .............. BSC Foundation Scholarship
Matthew Stehr, Bismarck ............. BSC Foundation Scholarship
Joshua Thornton, Bismarck .......... BSC Foundation Scholarship
Angela Turner, Bismarck ............. Sam and Bertha Merritt Memorial - Performing Arts Scholarship
Jenna Wavrin, Bismarck ............. BSC Foundation Scholarship
William Woodworth, Bismarck ...... BSC Foundation Scholarship

Technical

Addison Allex, Horace .............. Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders Association Scholarship
Michael Bahm, Mandan .......... Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Agriculture Scholarship
Robert Benz, Mandan ............... Otter Tail Power Company Scholarship
Madison Bartolotta, Washburn .... Energy Generation Conference High School Scholarship
Katie Bird, Bismarck ............... Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Agriculture Scholarship
Tyler Bogren, Bismarck ............. Programmable Logic Controller Scholarship
Ryan Brady, Jud ..................... North Dakota Agriculture Association Scholarship
Franc Brossart, Dickinson ........ Great River Energy Scholarship
Clayton Christie, New Salem ...... Otter Tail Power Company Scholarship
Vincent Dodds, Baytown, TX ......... Otter Tail Power Company Scholarship
Shannon Doll, Napoleon ............ Great River Energy Scholarship
Shilo Donner, Morris, SD .......... Otter Tail Power Company Scholarship
Leanna Duppong, Bismarck ....... Auto Technology Articulation Scholarship
Josey Erickson, Beulah ............. Leonard Larsus Memorial Scholarship
Mark Fiechtner, Bismarck ......... Steve Sharp Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Glaser, Mandan .......... Otter Tail Power Company Scholarship
Cullan Gores, Bismarck ........... Russell J. Thronson Memorial Scholarship
Jenna Gross, Napoleon .......... Ervin & Dorothy Bourgois Memorial Agriculture Scholarship
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Amy Brown joins Foundation office staff

Amy Brown became the new administrative assistant for the BSC Foundation in September. She holds a bachelor’s degree in hospitality and tourism management from North Dakota State University. Certified in food safety management, she is also a certified notary public.

Brown worked at State Bank and Trust in Fargo for three years as a teller and loan servicing administrative assistant. She was a Bison Connection associate in NDSU’s student affairs office and worked three summers as a hospitality team leader for the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation. She is married to Andrew Brown and enjoys biking and reading.

Skogen appointed to Energy Council

President Larry C. Skogen was appointed to the academic board that advises the research center of an international energy organization. He is a member of the University Advisory Board (UAB) for the Energy Council’s Center for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER). The Energy Council comprises 12 member states and six international affiliates from major energy producing regions in the U.S., Canada and Venezuela.

The council provides a forum to discuss government policies on energy and the environment. CLEER advises the Energy Council on legislative issues and the University Advisory Board advises CLEER.

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Yamatake
BSC has acquired personal papers of the college’s first dean and chief administrator, Dr. Walter J. Swensen. His daughter Norma (Swensen) Groethe of Minneapolis, a 1943 graduate of BSC, presented the collection to President Larry C. Skogen at a public ceremony Aug. 24 in the BSC Library.

“These items have come home to the college and are very meaningful to us,” Skogen said.

The bound book contains minutes of the earliest board meetings, lists of faculty and students, class schedules, events, photographs, programs, news clippings, cards of congratulations from the governor and officials of the time, and a 1944-45 college catalog.

“We believe this is his personal scrapbook,” said Mark Groethe, who accompanied his mother to Bismarck. He and his wife, Anita, live in San Francisco.

Items span a nine-year period from 1939, BSC’s founding year, to 1948 when Swensen left to become state director of mental hygiene, a division of the North Dakota Department of Health.

Norma said she found the scrapbook among her father’s books and other mementos while cleaning out her stepmother’s home after her death.

“Mark was visiting at the time and I said, ‘Oh my goodness — this belongs to the college.’ So he called BSC and things went from there.”

Swensen’s papers will be housed in the BSC Library archives.

“We don’t have a lot of information from those days. This will fill a void,” said Carolyn Twingley, BSC archives librarian. “It’s valuable to have someone’s personal observations and notes.”

Those attending included former BSC President Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, former BSC Board of Trustees president Gerald Skogley and his wife Marilyn, retired history professor Warren Henke and his wife Rosemarie, Provost Drake Carter, Executive Vice President Dave Clark, Alumni Association Coordinator Rita Nodland, library director Marlene Anderson and faculty members. Also present was Lois Engler of Bismarck, former BSC librarian, who was a high school student at New Rockford, N.D., when Dr. Swensen was superintendent there.
Klecker-Green elected president of alumni board

The BSC National Alumni Association members elected Mary Klecker-Green president and Ryan Caya vice president at the annual meeting in August. Mary Klecker-Green, ’95, is supervisor of public and member communications at Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Ryan Caya, ’99 and ’06, is an associate professor in BSC’s National Energy Center of Excellence.

Larry Oswald, ’90, past president, is now chairman of the board. He is manager of business development and energy programs for Montana-Dakota Utilities Company and Great Plains Natural Gas Company.

New board members are Sommer Hunke, ’09, administrative assistant for the North Dakota Department of Transportation - Construction Services Division; Angie Milakovic, ’97, BSC assistant professor of geographic information systems; and Barry Coleman, ’86, executive director of the Northern Canola Growers Association.

Returning board members are: Clyde Bauman, ’72; Randy Binegar, ’81; Dr. Steve Chuppe, ’81; Catherine Dalzell, ’04 and ’05; Dr. Alison Fallgatter, ’94; Deb (Guy) Igoe, ’70; Michael LaLonde, ’62; Cheryl (Sloan) Miller, ’68; and Carolyn (Heskin) Twingley, ’68.

Alumni Association cites accomplishments for year

Dear alumni and friends!

One of our biggest accomplishments this year and every year is keeping alumni in touch with Bismarck State College and the BSC Alumni Association. We do so by encouraging participation in events; creating loyalty as members; and facilitating interaction with students, employees and friends. The Alumni Association recognizes that lasting relationships are built on shared experiences and common interests.

Highlights of the Year:
• Alumnus of the Year Awards: Dr. Michael R. Brown, ’82 and Dr. Ron Tello, ’70
• Rising Star Award: Amanda Lewis, ’98
• Alumni Art Show
• Self Defense Classes for BSC students and employees
• Financial Focus for Students
• Graduation and Beyond
• New Alumni Association logo
• Archiving photos and memorabilia from the Agriculture, Technology and Natural Resources program

• Mystic Athletic Scholarships

Watch for future stories on our newest programs, Alumni in the Community and Alumni Speakers Bureau.

Membership:
Any former BJC/BSC student who is interested in the mission of the Alumni Association may become a supporting member upon payment of $25 annual dues. Thank you to our supporting members, as dues and donations are used to fund our programs on campus and in the community.

Through our premier membership program, a 1939 Society Lifetime Membership allows our alumni and friends to support and sustain our programs and projects in the years to come.

Memberships and contributions can be paid through our online payment site, by mail or by phone. Visit us at www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni.

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

Thank you.

Rita Nodland, ’76 and ’05, Alumni Coordinator
1990s

Angie Milakovic, ‘97, BSC assistant professor of geographic information systems, was a presenter at the International GIS Users world conference in San Diego last summer, where she received the 2010 Achievement in GIS award for furthering GIS education nationally. She spoke about her collaboration with American Indian communities in the Upper Midwest. Her work derives from a National Science Foundation grant through the National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence in Texas, a BSC partner.

2000s

Dr. Nathan Lighthizer, ‘02, is an assistant professor of optometry at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He received a bachelor’s degree from Jamestown College and a Doctor of Optometry degree from Pacific University of Optometry.

Dawn (Lacher) Fischer, ‘03, Mandan, is an operations specialist at Starion Financial after being promoted from personal banker. She earned a marketing and management degree from Northern State University. Dawn and her husband, Matt, have a son.

Jesse Tran, ‘04, Bismarck, is a financial counselor for The Village Financial Resource Center. He is also working toward a master’s degree in business administration.

Andrew Brown, ‘06, Bismarck, graduated from North Dakota State University in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He works as a distribution engineer in training for HDR, an employee-owned architecture, engineering, and consulting firm. He is also working toward a master’s degree in business administration.

Adam Gabbert, ‘06, Bismarck, was part of a team from the University of North Dakota School of Engineering and Mines that took first place in the Australian unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) competition in late September. The group defeated 10 international teams in the UAV Outback Search and Rescue competition in Kingaroy, Queensland. UND was the first team in the competition’s four-year history to locate the target, a life-size dummy (“Outback Joe”). Gabbert had pilot control of the UAV and another student launched and landed it. Prize money was $15,000 out of a possible $50,000. UND failed to drop a water bottle within 100 meters of the dummy’s location.

Lindsey Matter, ‘07, Bismarck, was promoted to mortgage banking officer at Starion Financial after five years as a personal banker.

Tim Gellerman, ‘07, Bismarck, joined Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson as a CAD technician in the airports group.

Jared Lange, ‘10, Mandan, recently joined Midwest Business Systems as a digital service support specialist.

BSC Alumni Basketball Game set Nov. 26

Join us on November 26 for the BSC Alumni Basketball Game. A team of alumni basketball players will take on the 2010-11 BSC men’s and women’s teams. Admission is free. Women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m in the BSC Armory.
Alumni Association seeks nominations for awards honoring success and leadership

The BSC Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2011 Alumni of the Year and Rising Star Awards. These awards honor alumni for distinguished service, career success and/or leadership. The nominee must be a BJC/BSC graduate, but anyone can make a nomination.

Recipients will be honored May 12 during the Alumni Recognition Dinner. Deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 6. An awards committee will review nominations and forward finalist names to the alumni board.

Nomination forms are available at bismarckstate.edu/alumni, or by e-mailing Rita.Nodland@bsc.nodak.edu.

Former Mystic Masai Ujiri is new Nuggets GM

Masai Ujiri, ’95, Denver, a former Mystic basketball player from Nigeria, was named the new general manager of the Denver Nuggets in August. Ujiri earned all-region and all-conference honors while playing for the Mystics from 1993-95. He spent time previously with the Nuggets as their international scout before joining the Toronto Raptors three years ago.

BSC Athletic Director Buster Gilliss coached Ujiri when he was a student athlete at BSC. Gilliss said he isn’t surprised that Ujiri has reached a position at this high level.

“I knew from the start that Masai was destined to do good things,” Gilliss said. “He always had goals and worked hard to achieve those goals. He has done the blue-collar type jobs to get where he’s at.”

Gilliss said Masai’s teammates gravitated to him as a leader. “He is charismatic and real outgoing. As a student here, he always had a big smile on his face and people liked him,” he said.

According to an Aug. 25 Denver Post story, Ujiri, 39, has been a rising star in NBA executive circles. He worked for four seasons in the Nuggets’ scouting department, which included being named director of international scouting for the 2006-07 season. Prior to that, Ujiri worked as an international scout with the Orlando Magic in 2002-03.

A native of Zaria, Nigeria, Ujiri attended prep school in Seattle, graduated from BSC and then transferred to Montana State. He played basketball in college and then professionally for six years in Europe. He also has worked for years with the NBA’s Basketball Without Borders.

BSC graduates honored in Hall of Fame

Several BSC graduates were among those inducted into the St. Mary's Central High School Hall of Fame during the school’s homecoming weekend Sept. 17-19. Honored as St. Mary’s alumni were Morris ('52) and Irene ('57) Tschider of Bismarck, and Pat ('69) and Mary Dirk ('02) of Newport, Calif. David Hummel ('61) of Bismarck was honored for athletics.

Bismarck High School's 2010 Hall of Fame includes two BSC alumni and members of the Class of 1961. They are Dr. Curtis Juhala of Bismarck, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon for many years, and the late Rod Tjaden, who played a major role in expanding tourism in Medora through the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation.

Share your experience with BSC students – Join the Alumni Speakers List

Are you interested in sharing your professional experiences with students who are looking for their best career? The BSC Alumni Office is building an Alumni Speakers List and needs your enthusiastic assistance! For more information, contact us at (701) 224-5692 or BSC.Alumni@bsc.nodak.edu.

All professions, all ages, all alumni are invited to participate.
Grant helps bring smart grid technology to NECE
BSC among handful of institutions nationwide with this advanced training

A new smart grid system will place Bismarck State College among a handful of institutions nationwide training students on technology available only in industry.

BSC has received a $728,060 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop smart grid technology in the National Energy Center of Excellence (NECE). Funding comes from the Recovery Act-Workforce Training for the electric power sector. BSC contributed an additional $80,898 in-kind through employee time on the smart grid project.

Smart grid technology helps boost electric power and maintains system stability by reducing consumption, increasing efficiency and feeding the power system during emergency events.

BSC will augment current NECE labs for classroom and online instruction in smart grid technology, distributed generation and demand response. The project includes building a new mock smart home lab to demonstrate consumer smart grid technology by adjusting lighting, heating/cooling and water heat.

An innovative feature of the Smart Grid Laboratory (GridLab) platform is its Human Machine Interface. The design allows students to access and manipulate the laboratory from anywhere an Internet connection is available.

“What’s unique is there is no smart grid laboratory out there other than specific places such as utilities that do their own testing,” said Zachary Allen, NECE project manager and GridLab project director. “We can deliver on a national and international footprint and train students on equipment only available in industry. They don’t have to come to BSC to access or use it.”

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The smart home, existing NECE laboratories and energy sources will be connected and controlled by a web-based “brain” - the Advance Smart Control System, which will allow students to evaluate energy data generated from problem scenarios in real time. Faculty and students can program scenarios that will affect data readings in all NECE labs.

Besides the smart home lab, grant monies will fund new storage devices such as a battery storage system, photovoltaic array and electric vehicle, plus a diesel generator lab. The storage devices will add renewable generation sources to the BSC campus power system.

The high level design was based on Allen’s development of WebLab, a suite of software that interfaces physical equipment with the Internet. That system helped launch BSC’s ability to offer online energy laboratories. The smart GridLab uses the same system architecture.

“WebLab was designed to prove this idea would work, and we’ve learned a lot since then,” Allen said. “We’ve been able to leverage the WebLab technology across the college in multiple laboratories and at no additional expense.”

Francis Miller, NECE associate professor and lab facilitator, will help Allen build the GridLab. Three graphic design developers, Ron Starck, Lori Welder and Lance Geving, are also working with them.
Fall enrollment reaches record 4,177 students

BSC is serving a record number of students for the fifth consecutive year. This fall’s official enrollment report shows a record enrollment of 4,177 students, nearly a four percent increase over the 4,020 students enrolled in fall 2009.

Dr. Drake Carter, provost and vice president for academic affairs, outlined several reasons for BSC’s continued growth.

“The community college awareness initiative is demonstrating the great value of a community college education,” Dr. Carter said. “Also, we were able to freeze tuition, and this is paying dividends by making college more affordable. We appreciate the legislative support through the funding provided for both the awareness initiative and the tuition freeze.”

Dr. Carter said other factors for BSC’s growth are the partnerships with businesses, the military, and four-year institutions; the strength of BSC’s academic programs; and continued growth of the Bismarck-Mandan area. The report indicates that BSC has 2,743 full-time students and 1,434 part-time students.

BSC’s enrollment growth has been steadily increasing for over a decade. Ten years ago total fall enrollment was 2,744.

BSC selected to deliver energy training in collaboration with Turkish university

Bismarck State College entered into its first formal international agreement in September to offer online energy courses to Turkish students in collaboration with Izmir University, Istanbul.

BSC was selected by Izmir University after a global search of colleges delivering energy-related programs, said Kari Knudson, vice president, BSC National Energy Center of Excellence.

BSC President Larry C. Skogen said the expansion of BSC’s energy programs into the international market further demonstrates BSC’s national prominence as an energy education leader. He said BSC was designated the National Power Plant Operations Technology and Education Center by the U.S. Department of Energy in 2007.

“This partnership means more enrollment growth and program expansion. As importantly, we know that we can no longer remain isolated from the global educational environment. This agreement provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to learn about a different culture and the energy industry abroad,” Skogen said.

The agreement includes BSC providing courses for three different associate degree programs and Izmir University providing general education courses. Students will enroll at and receive their degree from Izmir University. The BSC programs are Power Plant, Process Plant, and Renewable Generation technologies. Turkish students may also enroll in BSC’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Management program.

Izmir University also has agreements with Boston University, New York University and other major U.S. colleges.

Engineering Technology program accredited by industry commission

BSC’s Engineering Technology program was accredited in August by the Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., formerly known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Engineering Technology is the first BSC program to attain the specialized accreditation. The designation benefits students by reducing the post-graduation work hours needed to seek licensure in some states.

“Not every school pursues it or achieves it, so this is good for BSC,” said David Sagsveen, assistant professor of civil engineering, who led the application process. “It’s tough because the self study is very in-depth and ABET looks at the college as a whole.”

ABET requires that applying programs continuously improve by providing a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate and improve student performance and program quality. Accreditation also helps families choose excellent programs and employers in recruiting well-prepared graduates.

ABET is a nonprofit organization operated by more than 25 professional and technical member societies that has set the higher education standards in its fields for nearly 75 years. It serves the public through promotion and advancement of education in applied science, computing, engineering and technology.
BSC department wins communications awards

‘Beyond’ brand campaign and ArtsQuest promotion are regional winners

BSC’s Marketing and Communications Department won eight awards in the regional communications contest of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 5 in September.

Director of Marketing Mary Friesz accepted the awards for the department at the regional conference in Kansas City, Mo. Friesz led employee committees that worked with Odney advertising agency to develop the BSC “beyond” campaign, as well as the energy and military campaigns.

BSC received three awards for its “beyond” brand campaign: a gold Medallion Award for the PR-recruitment campaign, a silver Medallion Award for print ad series, and a bronze Medallion Award for TV single ad.

In 2009, BSC and Odney developed a new brand position depicting a broader reach and the idea that BSC has moved beyond a traditional two-year community college. The approach and message are different for each target audience with “beyond” as the common thread for all.

“With all the innovative approaches and programs we have, making sure people know about them is essential,” Friesz said. “Our ‘beyond’ branding/marketing campaign has helped people see BSC differently.”

The department earned two gold Medallions for a video and a TV single ad promoting BSC’s energy programs. The campaign was designed to convey that education through the National Energy Center of Excellence provides training for high paying, high demand careers in the energy industry.

The past two years, BSC has focused on partnerships to deliver education to military service members. Those marketing efforts resulted in two Medallion Awards: silver for PR-Recruitment Campaign BSC Military-Beyond and bronze award for a promotional BSC Military Coin.

The eighth Medallion Award, a silver, was awarded in the special event category for promotional pieces for BSC’s ArtsQuest, an annual, month-long celebration of the arts on campus. BSC Graphic Designer Crystal Forster designed the ArtsQuest pieces and Public Information Specialist Vicki Voskuil wrote the copy.

NCMPR is a council of the American Association of Community Colleges. District 5 comprises North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Manitoba.