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GREETINGS FROM WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE AND THE WSC FOUNDATION.

THE FIRST SEMESTER IS SOON OVER, AND STUDENTS AND FACULTY CAN ENJOY SEMESTER BREAK. WHAT A WHIRLWIND FALL SEMESTER!

I believe the biggest news was the announcement of scholarships for Williams County high school graduates. A cooperative effort from the Alva J. Field Trust, North Dakota Higher Ed Challenge Fund, and the Williston State College Foundation made this happen. Special thanks to the trustees of the Alva J. Field Trust, who listened to a proposal and generously helped finance a transformational scholarship program. Scholarships will fund tuition, fees, and books from the WSC Bookstore for full-time students who graduated from any Williams County high school. It will be the Foundation’s goal in the future to acquire enough funds to include neighboring counties as well. Great news!

Like everywhere in Western North Dakota, construction has been visible on the WSC campus. A newly renovated Stevens Hall, a second apartment building (opening in February 2015), student parking behind Frontier Hall, and construction on the new TrainND Petroleum building have all been happening this fall. It’s all very exciting and beneficial for our students.

Regarding our TrainND facility, a special thank you to the TrainND Board and Chief Executive Officer Deanette Piesik. They have done an outstanding job in their design of the building, fundraising, and implementation of programs necessary for the oil industry in North Dakota.

On another note, we have a group of new faces in our Athletic Department, and they are doing a remarkable job. If you haven’t had a chance to meet them, our new Athletic Director, Dan Artamenko, would love to meet you and introduce you to our coaches.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and thanks again to all of our donors who really continue to make Williston State a great college!

Terry Olson, Executive Director, WSC Foundation
INSTITUTIONAL UPDATE

CONFERENCE INSTITIGATES IMPROVEMENT OF WSC LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The National Summer Institute on Learning Communities (NSILC) held their sixteenth annual conference in July 2014, and three WSC employees attended the weeklong event. WSC Provost/Vice President for Instruction Wanda Meyer, Business Technology Chair and Professor Ken Quamme, and Arts and Human Sciences Chair and Associate Professor Kim Weismann found the experience extremely valuable and stimulating.

The conference’s overall goal was to evoke action to start learning communities on school campuses. A learning community is composed of educators who meet and work collaboratively to enhance student experiences and educational goals and outcomes. WSC representatives left the conference with an action plan to incorporate some new elements every semester, so that in two years they will have a solid learning community on campus.

“Curriculums don’t stand alone generally, and when you can blend them together to reach class, program, and institutional goals, then you have outcomes,” explains Quamme. “It’s about guiding the students. What the students need is to be given the tools to increase skills to perform in their area of study. I want to show students the excitement of their career paths.”

The WSC team all found the conference beneficial and would encourage any interested educational representatives to attend future conferences.

For more information about the new NCILC conference, please contact Kim Weismann at kim.weismann@willistonstate.edu or 701.774.4503.

WSC NURSING PROGRAM SUCCEEDS WITH 100% PASS RATE IN MINOT AND WILLISTON

Williston State College continued its 100% pass rate in the Practical Nursing (PN) program in Williston and Minot this year. That is 123 students over six years who have passed the PN on first attempt. WSC Nursing Coordinator Janet Johnson says, “This shows that our site manager at Minot, Rhoda Owens, and site manager at Fort Berthold Community College, Gail Raasakka, and our clinical instructors at all sites are well prepared, knowledgeable, skilled, and follow the mission of WSC, ‘Where the People Make the Difference’.

This year celebrates the Dakota Nursing Program’s (DNP) tenth year. The DNP is a four-college consortium consisting of WSC, Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, and Dakota College at Bottineau. DNP educates more than 200 future practical nurses and associate degree nurses (two-year registered nurses) each year and is fully approved by the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

The program is structured to provide a foundation for career paths for future leaders in nursing practice and to prepare lifelong learners who can demonstrate knowledge, skills, critical thinking and flexibility.

For more information about the nursing program, please contact Janet Johnson at janet.k.johnson@willistonstate.edu or 701.774.4290.

WSC SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The WSC Summer Bridge program showed great success this year. Students enrolled in the 2014 program increased by four times over 2013 enrollment.

The purpose of the program is to get students ready for college coursework. The program replaces remedial classes so students are able to jump into college courses better prepared for success. The program expanded in 2014 by adding a writing preparation class that students found extremely helpful. High school counselors hope to encourage recruitment for the program throughout the school year.

For more information about the Summer Bridge program, please contact Laurel Kaae at 701.570.5984 or laurel.kaae@willistonstate.edu.

WSC STUDENTS GROW PROFESSIONALLY WITH SKILLSUSA CONFERENCES

Business and Computer Club members Ryan Seidel and Jordan Cooley recently attended the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference in Mandan, ND, as post-secondary state officers. The conference is an all-day rotating workshop for future and present members to learn about SkillsUSA. As state officers, Seidel and Cooley were each responsible for creating and teaching their own workshop to over 200 attendees. Both reported that it was a success and that they would do it again in the future.

SkillsUSA is a nationwide partnership of students, teachers, and industry that provides educational programs, events, and competitions to support career and technical education.

Earlier in the year, Seidel took first place in the post-secondary job interview state competition and went on to place eighth at the national competition. Cooley also placed second in the state computer maintenance competition at that time, behind fellow WSC student Nathan Stangeland, who placed first in the state and went on to earn twelfth place in the nation.

For more information about SkillsUSA, please contact Ken Quamme at ken.quamme@willistonstate.edu or 701.774.4207.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! TETON ATHLETICS HAS A NUMBER OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

The conference opener for Teton Basketball will be January 7. In February, watch for ice hockey playoffs (beginning February 6), basketball playoffs, and an ice fishing tournament. In April, WSC will host its annual Casino Night and Teton Truck Raffle, as well as the annual Wing Cook-Off. And the Teton Color Run is coming up in May.

For more information about upcoming athletic events and about Teton Athletics in general, check out their website: www.wsctetons.com.
THE COLLEGE ALSO PROVIDED RETTIG THE CHANCE TO TAKE HER FIRST STEPS IN HER JOURNEY IN EDUCATION, A CAREER THAT HAS TAKEN HER ALL OVER THE WORLD.
For a girl growing up on a small farm near Williston and attending high school in Alexander, it seemed only natural to attend WSC (then UND-W). Not only is the location accessible, but the low tuition combined with the Art Wood Grant makes it very affordable for McKenzie County kids to attend WSC. This is the path that led Pam Rettig to Williston State College.

Rettig's love for education was clear since she first came to UND-W in 1982. In those days, students paid for their first twelve hours of coursework to be considered a full-time student. If the student chose to take an overload, the overload courses were free. Rettig always took overloads because she was paying for her own school and was trying to get as many courses in as possible. She also wanted to be a double major in elementary education and special education, so she needed to fill her schedule with classes that would help pursue both concentrations.

Not only was Rettig busy with her overload coursework, but while attending UND-W she tutored for the Bureau of Indian Education as a part-time job, played Teton volleyball, and competed in track. If that didn't keep her busy enough, her parents also expected her to be home to help mow the lawn and do household chores on the weekends since they lived only seventeen miles away.

Rettig found that a large part of her motivation to learn came from her teachers. "The teachers make the school," she explains. "It wasn't a fancy building, but there were caring relationships, and there was a quality education occurring." Rettig found that quality education from a few professors in particular.

She remembers psychology instructor Martha Huset, as one of those amazing teachers. "Because of financial reasons, I didn't buy the expensive textbooks. Somehow Mrs. Huset found out," Rettig recalls. "Mrs. Huset made it possible for me to read the text to an Asian student who didn't have very strong English.

I ended up getting paid because of the very book I could not afford." Huset also nominated Rettig for the Beta Kappa Gamma Outstanding Student in Education award. "She saw something in me early on. I'm not sure what it was... but I am so glad she did."

Rettig also recalls English teacher Dan Landis as very inspirational because of the way he helped her become thicker-skinned about her written work. "He picked my writing apart and criticized it in ways I had never experienced," she says, "then he helped me put it back together as a stronger body of work than I ever thought it could be."

Above all, though, Rettig says her experience here would not have been possible without the help of her caring advisor, Helen Overbo. Overbo didn't just advise her and help get her classes in order, but she saved her chance to attend a four-year university. During Rettig's second year, the track team was cut. Overbo met with those in charge of this decision, and made it possible for Rettig to continue training on her own. She would be reimbursed for track meet entry fees, gas, and any other expenses to self-train. During this time, the head track coach from Minot State, Wiley Wilson, offered her a track scholarship tied in with an academic scholarship. "It is because of those events that I was able to go on to get my four-year degree," Rettig acknowledges.

Rettig is thankful for her time at UND-W because she started with a college small enough that her instructors truly knew every student and, because of the networking and philosophy of the institution, they took the time to really care. The college also provided Rettig the chance to take her first steps in her journey in education, a career that has taken her all over the world.

In July 2000, Rettig got the chance to work in New Zealand. It was the home of the International Reading Association's 18th World Congress on Reading. Here Rettig joined Joyce Hinman (North Dakota State reading coordinator) to present a session on picture books of the prairie.

After being awarded the Milken Award in October 2000, an award honoring top educators around the country, doors continued to open for Rettig in the educational world. In 2001, Rettig traveled to Nigeria after writing a grant with Dr. Obiajulu A. Emegulu, now the president of the Reading Association of Nigeria. This grant allowed Rettig to give inservices to teachers at the university in Nigeria as well as go into the very primitive and outlying areas and work with elementary and secondary teachers, first in teacher-only trainings and then later as they were actually back in their school settings working with children.

Rettig and Emegulu also created a workshop for teachers that combined practices they had learned from various conferences. Thanks to another grant from the International Reading Association (IRA), these workshops provided Rettig with an adventurous journey into the Owerri area of Nigeria and allowed her to bring teacher training to an area the IRA had not previously been able to reach.

The US Department of Education recruited Rettig to continue on her journey to Armenia to participate in Project Harmony, a program that connects schools together by building relationships and global understanding to learn and grow from each other. Rettig worked with fifteen other educators from across the United States for three weeks to get schools in various parts of Armenia computer access online for the very first time and teach the teachers how to use it for educational purposes.

Along with the Milken National Education award, Rettig was named as a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar and received a three-week Japan teaching honorarium. She has presented in both New Zealand and Scotland at the World Congresses on Reading. She was able to teach at NASA's Space Campus and has been a Who's Who in the World twice and received the University of Mary's Presidential Award.

While traveling across the country to teach is an amazing honor, Rettig says that her greatest reward through teaching is seeing the student's eyes light up at knowing they understand a new concept. "I don't believe teaching is a static thing," she explains. "It isn't something you are good at forever just because you were at one time. It is a calling, a craft, a skill that has to be continually nurtured in order to stay strong."

If she were to give other teachers one piece of advice, she says, "As a teacher, be sure to do your best each day. The most valuable thing in your classroom isn't the computers. It is the student's time. Try to make the most of each student's time."

Rettig has been a full-time teacher in the Bismarck Public School system since 1992 and an adjunct instructor at the University of Mary since 1995. She is serving as the Title I Reading and Math Specialist at Dakota Memorial School of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and as a Title I Transition Teacher for Charles Hall Youth Services. During the summers, Rettig has divided her time between working with the National Board of Teacher Certification, and volunteering with the World Bank and the IRA. Over the years she has volunteered twelve months of service in developing countries, one month at a time during her summer breaks.

In her free time, Rettig works with her new puppy to become a good working therapy dog. She also enjoys photography and has had a photo art show moving around North Dakota galleries the past two years, showcasing pictures from her four teacher training trips to Africa.

What's next for Rettig? "I don't know what the future holds," she says. "In fact, I am kind of surprised when I realize I live this fairly amazing life. I figure I will just keep doing my best each day and see what comes next. I certainly didn't plan all the professional and personal adventures that have fit into these first fifty years. I just look forward to what comes next. If anyone has any ideas for me, I'm not too hard to find." Her email is prettig@bis.midco.net

Williston State College is lucky to count Pam Rettig among its alumni. With her colorful background and inspiring teaching philosophy, she exemplifies the WSC motto, Where the People Make the Difference.
FREE TUITION!

By Alva J Field Trust, WSC Foundation and the ND Higher Ed Challenge Fund

Graduates of area high schools are eligible for free tuition to WSC thanks to a partnership between the Alva J. Field Trust, WSC Foundation, and the ND Higher Education Challenge Fund. The Williams County Graduate Scholarship will cover all tuition, fees, and books for two years for accepted students.

The scholarship will start Fall 2015. This includes current and eligible students continuing next year.

To be considered for the scholarship, students need only apply for admission to WSC, making sure to disclose the Williams County high school they graduated from (any year). There is no minimum GPA requirement, but students must maintain good academic standing to keep the scholarship. It is available to full-time students, and the priority deadline is May 1, 2015.

Thanks to the generosity of the Alva J. Field Trust and the matching funds of the ND Higher Education Challenge fund, area students will have a great opportunity to further their education locally. State leaders have already taken notice of the Williams County Graduate Scholarship, including Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley, who recognizes its importance for the area.

“The Williams County Graduate Scholarship offers an extraordinary opportunity to every high school graduate in Williams County,” Wrigley says. “Under the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund, donors like the Alva J. Field Memorial Trust can enhance their gift with our match money, and direct the leveraged gift to academic enhancements of their design.”

For more information, contact enrollment services at 701.774.4210.

For other information regarding Williston State, visit www.willistonstate.edu, call 1.888.863.9455, or stop by 1410 University Avenue, Williston, ND.

“THE WILLIAMS COUNTY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO EVERY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE IN WILLIAMS COUNTY,”

Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley
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DETAILS
• Scholarship will pay for all tuition and fees for qualified students.
• Scholarship will also pay for books when purchased at the WSC bookstore.
• The scholarship will pay for 2 years and will include current students continuing with us for Fall 2015.
• No application to fill out. All eligible Williams County graduates will be awarded after enrollment.
• Open to full-time students only.
• Open to degree and non-degree seeking students.
• Priority Deadline is May 1, 2015.
• Qualified students will be awarded after enrolling in a minimum of 12 credits.

QUALIFICATIONS
Must be a graduate of an accredited Williams County High School.
To get started, submit your application for Fall 2015.

FOR MORE INFO
wsc.admission@willistonstate.edu
willistonstate.edu/williamscounty
701.774.4210

WILLIAMS COUNTY GRADUATE [SCHOLARSHIP]
By Alva J Field Trust, WSC Foundation and the ND Higher Ed Challenge Fund

TOP: Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley, SBHE member Kathy Neset, Alva J Field Trust Attorney Chuck Neff, WSCF Executive Director Terry Olson, WSCF Board President Pete Furuseth and Alva J Field Trustee Dan Baker were all on hand for the press conference in October.
Financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The Foundation is audited annually by Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. The report below is a snapshot of the Auditor’s Reports, and the entire report is available online at wscfoundation.com

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EXPENSES

| Administration | - | $31,661 | - | - | - | - | - | - | $31,661 |
| Advertising | 9,106 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,106 |
| Credit card fees | - | 122,160 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 122,160 |
| Depreciation | 151,648 | - | 328,382 | - | - | - | - | - | 480,020 |
| Donations to other charities | 45,097 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45,097 |
| Equipment expense | 1,149 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,149 |
| Gaming licenses | 1,425 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,425 |
| Gaming payouts | 5,331,887 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,331,887 |
| Gaming short | 1,067 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,067 |
| Gaming fees | 74,579 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 74,579 |
| Insurance | 36,270 | - | 27,248 | - | - | - | - | - | 63,518 |
| Professional fees | 58,769 | 1,220 | 60,934 | - | - | - | - | - | 120,923 |
| Office & postage | 3,648 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,648 |
| Payroll taxes | 30,772 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30,772 |
| Property taxes | 19,123 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19,123 |
| Pension expense | 18,979 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18,979 |
| Premiums & prizes | 22,456 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22,456 |
| Public relations | 31,030 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 31,030 |
| Pull Tabs expense | 45,695 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45,695 |
| Rental expenses | 59,307 | 6,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 65,307 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 22,328 | - | 37,299 | - | - | - | - | - | 59,627 |
| Salaries | 412,150 | 336,389 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 748,539 |
| Scholarships and grants | 1,773,661 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,773,661 |
| Scholarships & grants-gaming trust fd | 619,047 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 619,047 |
| Supplies | 6,454 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,454 |
| Trust fees | 56,587 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56,587 |
| Interest expense | 73 | - | 179,082 | - | - | - | - | - | 179,155 |
| Teton Thunder newspaper | 56,069 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56,069 |
| Special events | 5,396 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,396 |
| Utilities and telephone | 8,482 | - | 38,122 | - | - | - | - | - | 46,604 |
| Uncollectible pledges | 16,671 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16,671 |
| Vehicle expense | 3,950 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,950 |
| Miscellaneous | 53,283 | 12,430 | 2,672 | - | - | - | - | - | 68,385 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 8,976,158 | 509,860 | 673,739 | - | - | - | - | - | 10,159,757 |

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 3,955,542 | (43,623) | (5,928) | 150,875 | - | - | 4,197,267 | 422,348 | 6,503,722 | 15,180,233 |

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | (111,126) | (15,872) | 7,019 | 4,165 | 160,126 | 4,950,128 | (187,127) | - | 13,571 | 4,820,284 |

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | 3,843,816 | (59,495) | 155,040 | 160,126 | 154,126 | 5,447,255 | (187,127) | - | 6,517,293 | 20,000,517 |
The TrainND staff poses in their new building. The 19,760 sq ft building is on track and is schedule to open in early spring. Once completed TrainND will move out of the Crighton Building to the new location. One of the benefits will be daily access to $2.5 million in donated equipment by area oil and gas companies.

TrainND-Northwest CEO Deannette Piesik joined the Williston City Commission in August 2014. When Howard Klug took office as Williston’s new mayor earlier this year, he vacated his seat on the commission. Sixteen candidates submitted applications for the seat, and Piesik was chosen to fill the open seat until June 2016.

Piesik has been with TrainND since it started in 1999. TrainND provides training and professional development for area businesses. As the oil industry has driven an economic boom in the area, TrainND has kept pace under Piesik’s leadership, adding new programs, customizing training programs to suit businesses’ needs, and training a growing workforce in areas of professional development, transportation, and safety.

Most recently, Piesik has overseen the opening of a new Minot location for TrainND and the construction of the new Northwest Center, a 19,760 square foot building that will serve as a state-of-the-art regional workforce training and education center beginning in 2015.

Her efforts toward making the Northwest Center a reality, including fundraising and working with the legislature, may provide a glimpse of what Piesik can achieve for the residents of Williston. Piesik looks forward to her work as a city commissioner and sees it as a chance to continue to serve her community.

COMMISSIONER PIESIK

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CONFERENCE SERVICES

LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HAVE YOUR NEXT EVENT?

Williston State College offers an array of meeting facilities and services to fit your needs. WSC Conference Services offers space for classes, workshops, seminars, conferences, meetings, receptions, banquets, fundraising walks/runs, exhibits, films, religious activities, summer programs, and more. Multiple spaces are available, including large and small meeting rooms, classrooms, gymnasiums, and a walking track. One of the more dynamic spaces available is the large front lawn, which includes a tent capable of accommodating upward of 250 people. “The opportunities are endless,” says WSC Meeting and Special Event Coordinator Shanna Curlin, “and we are always looking for new clients to come and check out what the college has to offer.”

In the past year alone, WSC has hosted the Women in Leadership Conference, American Petroleum Banquet, Marketplace for Kids, Jay Owenhouse Magic Show, Bakken Tek Craft Show, New Hope’s Easter Service, and countless business meetings. “We really try to meet the needs of all of our prospective clients,” adds Curlin. “If it means hanging ceiling drapes for fifteen hours or trying to configure a group of sixty in an unusual space, we get it done.”

In addition to renting space at the college, Conference Services also can assist in coordinating the logistics of your event, including catering, technology, and more. “We utilize not only our staff at Williston State, but also many of the members of the community for assistance in catering, sound, and event design,” says Curlin.

If you are interested in having an event at WSC, please contact Curlin at 701.774.4557 or shanna.curlin@willistonstate.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, April 23, 2015
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We all know the struggles of finding spacious, fairly priced, and available housing in Williston. It can make or break the opportunity to live and work in the city. Luckily, Williston State College and the WSC Foundation found a solution for their employees to live in Williston and actually enjoy their housing. Just over a year has passed since WSC made new apartments available, and the response has been nothing short of great.

When the apartments were initially opened in August 2013, the purpose was to house WSC staff. It allowed the school to finally fill open positions because they could provide affordable housing. Terry Olson, Executive Director for the WSC Foundation explains, “The apartments were to help us house staff, but I invited other entities to be involved in the planning. It was evident that we had a lot of needs so we opened it up to state agencies, highway patrol, game and fish, law enforcement, city schools, and Bethel nursing employees. We were full before opening and we have about twenty-plus college employees in it as well.”

These apartments house Williston families, but they are also home to retail space on the ground level. There is Jimmy John’s, a barber shop, a coffee house, and the Motor Vehicle Department, with a pizza place coming soon. Needless to say, the apartment owners are thrilled to be so close to these food options. According to one WSC employee living in the apartments, “When I have people over to my place, the first thing they ask me is if I have Jimmy John’s delivered to my room.”

As for the WSC employees that are housed in the new spaces, they all agree that the value of these apartments is incomparable. Kaylyn Bondy, WSC Registrar and Director for Effectiveness, says, “The apartment is a great value.

I am very fortunate and thankful to have WSC as an employer, and that the college and the WSC Foundation both realize that rent is a great hurdle for many of us living in Williston. They have made staying in Williston a possibility and so worth it for me!”

Dan Artamenko, WSC Athletic Director agrees with Bondy that he could almost not live in Williston without these apartments, and that they are very comparative to other spaces yet not overpriced.

Among the great value of the apartments, the amenities are also something to be praised. Underground parking and a spacious and modern feel to the residences are among the top amenities rated by the apartment owners. Bondy says her favorite is “the underground parking, which any native, or non-native for that matter, North Dakotan would say is great. I know my car is safe and warm every morning I need it.” The apartments also offer granite countertops, in-unit laundry, spacious layouts, and an easy-to-use kitchen with a built-in island, which is perfect for those who love to cook.

For those who work at WSC, the location of these apartments cannot be beat. Employees are a short walk from work, and they get to avoid the rush hour traffic that has become an issue in recent years. Artamenko describes the location of the apartments as “Perfect. I am able to walk to work, and I am right in the middle of town to access businesses. It also allows quick access to highways.”

In addition to the material value of the apartments, residents also value the community it provides. John Bowkus, WSC Head Hockey Coach says, “I like apartment living because many of the athletic department personnel are living there too.” Artamenko adds, “There are many college staff that live in the apartments, providing for easy company and friendship, a must for many of us who moved to work here in Williston.”

A second apartment has been built adjacent to the existing building and will open in February.
A FAMILY TRADITION

BY KELLY HUMPHREY

Williston is rich in history and family tradition. From farms to family-owned businesses, many trade crafts have been passed down from generation to generation. Two businesses in particular, born and raised in Williston (along with the families that started them), have been working with Williston State College since its early days. Selid Plumbing and Heating and Triangle Electric are both companies that were born with a father and are now fostered and run by the sons.

Harold Selid began Selid Plumbing and Heating in Williston in 1965. When the company first began, Selid received projects of all sorts. Not long after starting the business he took on one of his larger projects, the Williston Center at UND-W (now known as Stevens Hall at WSC), and followed it the next year with the UND-W bookstore. These successful projects began a long successful relationship with the college, which has continued since Harold’s son David Selid took over the business in 1979.

Whenever Selid Plumbing and Heating worked on a project for WSC, they had Triangle Electric at their side. Triangle Electric was formed in Williston in 1946 by Harold Hoffelt, Oscar Stenehjem, and Selmer Johnson. In 1963, Harold Hoffelt’s son Dennis joined as a partner in the business. Dennis’s brother Donn joined as a partner in 1978, and Harold retired in 1980. Since Dennis’s retirement in 1996, Donn Hoffelt has been the company president, and has grown the company to 300 employees.

In recent years Selid Plumbing and Heating and Triangle Electric have worked on the Well, the Western Star Career and Technology Center, the new science addition to Stevens Hall, and now the current renovations to Stevens Hall that are nearing completion.

“It’s really interesting and exciting to be redoing everything that my dad had originally constructed years ago,” says David Selid. “Donny, the owner of Triangle, is also redoing everything his Dad did. We are both sons of companies that were created and have stayed in Williston.”

Not only are the sons and fathers involved with the business but more of the family as well. When Harold Selid ran the business, for example, his wife began working as the office manager, and continued to work until she was eighty years old. Since then, David Selid’s wife VeAnna has taken over office manager the position.

The projects that Selid works on at WSC have more meaning than most. As a graduate of then UND-W, he gets to work on the same infrastructure that provided him an education. Selid notes, “It’s an exciting job at an exciting place, and it’s in our home town.”

There are few places left that can nurture family businesses the way Williston can. Williston State College is fortunate to count these two family traditions among their partners.
TOP ROW L-R: Assistant Professor Lynne Raymond and student run a booth at Art in the Park in September. Dr. Kyle Norris and the WSC City Band perform in Cash Wise in November. Japanese exchange students work on an art project during their visit in September. WSC staffers Brittany O’Neill and Martha RochaCordova were the Halloween costume contest winners.

MIDDLE ROW L-R: Community members enjoy an outdoor movie on the WSC Front Drive in August. Jane and Rich Studsrud visit the WSC photo booth during the Chokecherry Festival in August.

BOTTOM ROW L-R: WSC student Montanna Smith encouraging others to take a pledge to be drug free during Red Ribbon week in October. WSC Minot Site nursing students and instructors participate in the ND State Fair parade in July. WSC Spanish Instructor Martha RochaCordova walks her students through cooking traditional tortillas as a class project. Dr. Raymond Nadolny and staff participate in the Ice Bucket Challenge in August. Gonzaga President Dr. Thayne McCulloh speaks at a dinner for Gonzaga students in August.
The construction on Stevens Hall is nearing an end, right in time for the Spring 2015 semester. One of the biggest changes visitors to the campus will notice is the relocation of the bookstore next to the Stevens Hall main entrance. The more spacious, naturally lit location will also have a new name. The WSC Bookstore will now be known as Andrea’s, in honor of the longtime bookstore manager Andrea Heller.

Heller has been a part of Williston State College for over twenty-five years. “I came to WSC in the late ‘80s to take business classes with the hopes of finding a job after graduation,” she says. “I instantly loved all my courses and instructors, and I decided WSC was where I wanted to work.”

It was these twenty-five years of dedication that led WSC President Raymond Nadolny to the idea of renaming the bookstore in her honor. “Andrea has been colleague, friend, counselor, and cheerleader to everyone on campus,” notes Nadolny. “As the face of the bookstore, her legacy will continue in the name of the bookstore.”
ARTIST
(in residence)

BY KELLY HUMPHREY

Come this spring semester, Williston State College will have a new art instructor. Justin Sorensen, a Northwestern Pennsylvania native, will move to Williston to head the WSC art department beginning in January.

Sorensen began his art career at SUNY Jamestown Community College in New York before earning his BFA from Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. He did graduate work at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA, and went on to earn his MFA from Rhode Island School of Design. He is currently serving as a visiting instructor in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he teaches classes in drawing, visual thinking, and intermedia art.

Sorensen admits his journey as a student of art stemmed from some great mentors and teachers over many years. His mentors made the decision to teach an easy one, he says, as he wanted to pass the fire that was handed to him, adding, “As an artist it seemed natural to teach in a field that I’m personally invested in.”

His investment is not only in the field, but also in the students he teaches. “I’m most excited to meet the students and for the conversation that will happen in the classroom,” Sorensen explains. “Art is such a dynamic field, and it’ll be exciting to see what the students will bring to the discussion.” Sorensen believes that the studio provides a great opportunity to solve problems in a creative manner, and creativity is something that has applicability to numerous courses of study, not just the arts. “If I can help students view their education creatively,” he says, “then hopefully they’ll be able to see that ‘art’ is not something that is simply confined to the studio.”

Sorensen is looking forward to the move, and to getting involved in the community of Williston as much as possible. He wants to introduce his students to art and expand their artistic horizons, but also hopes to initiate a dialogue in the surrounding area. Like many who move here, Sorensen is excited to see how rapidly Williston is growing, and is looking forward to positively contributing to that growth.

Living in North Dakota has always been on Sorensen’s radar. In his book, new areas provide new opportunities and challenges to make interesting work. He believes this will allow him to develop a unique perspective that he can harness in his studio practice. “I recognize that there is a lot of value in this move,” Sorensen explains. “I’m also excited to share my ideas on contemporary art. I believe that everyone has a certain understanding of what art is. The studio provides a space where ideas can be exchanged and visions refined. It’s an exciting space to participate in.”

Of Williston, he says, “It’s always exciting to learn about what makes a place unique. It’s something I never get tired of, having lived in different parts of the mid-Atlantic and mid-west for the past eight years. That said, I’m preparing myself for a cold winter.”

BOTTOM: The Transfiguration, 2011. Gold leaf on rock. Both of these pieces are site-specific installations: they were made to exist within a specific location. The work is examining the body’s movement through the natural world.
Teton Volleyball had an outstanding season under first-year Head Coach Megan Theis. Ending the season with an overall record of 21-16, a reversal of last year's 14-21 record, the Tetons endured a tough schedule. They played in three Division I tournaments, earning wins against three NJCAA Division I teams: Eastern Wyoming College, Central Wyoming College and Northeast Community College.

In the North Platte CC Subway Classic, Katie Brown and Leah Sywanyk made all-tournament, and Hannah Ware made all-tournament at the Sheridan Volleyball Tournament. Sywanyk also was named Mon-Dak Conference Player of the Week, and both she and Masyn Klose made first team all-conference, with Hannah Ware making second team.

WSC hosted the Sub-Region Tournament this year. The Tetons' first match against the former conference champs Bismarck State College was tight, but the Tetons came out on top 3-2, and the Tetons proceeded to sweep Bismarck State in three for their second match. Noting the great turnout, Theis added that she would like to thank everyone that came out to the games, as well as those who were unable to attend and watched the games online.

The Tetons went to Wahpeton for the Region XIII Championship against North Dakota State College of Science. The Tetons won the first game, but NDSCS took the next three for the championship.

The Tetons had only three returners from last season, making the 2014 team a young one. Theis is looking forward to her returning class for 2015, and is confident that next year's team has the ability to return to the Region XIII Championship, perhaps even with a different outcome.

**Teton Lead Hitters were**
- Sywanyk (306),
- Klose (287),
- and Brown (276).

**Lead Blockers were**
- Klose (116),
- Hannah Atlee (108),
- and Brown (86).

**Ware was the leader in assists** with an amazing 1102.

**Dig leaders were**
- McKenna DeMoe (729),
- Sywanyk (400),
- and Payton Schieffer (381).

Theis says that she is very happy with the progress that the ladies made individually and as a team. She could not have asked for a better group of girls and was pleased with the outcome of this year's season.
SEND US YOUR PICS

SUMMER
Furry Tetons
Dress your pets up in some Teton/WSC gear and send us some pictures.

Former Tetons
Whatever the decade, send us pictures of your “good old days.”

WINTER
Teton Weddings
Recently married? Anyone in the wedding a Teton? Let us know.

Tiny Tetons
Any new (or not so new) addition to your family that you want to show off? Send us a photo!

Send high-resolution photos to tetonthunder@wscfoundation.com.

1. Marleigh (Senner) ’11 & Joshua Maulsby
   March 8, 2014 in Glendive, MT
2. Cruze, 3 & Piper, 6 months
   Josh & Katie (Aide) ’05 Kringen
   Sidney, MT
3. James, 17 months
   Dr. Kyle (WSC Music Instructor) & Amy Norris
   Williston, ND
4. Dylan James, 7 months
   Josh Dyck and Heather Fink (WSC Executive Director for Student Services and Financial Aid)
   Williston, ND
5. Noah, Gideon 4 & Cody 10 months
   Logan & Jasmine (Ames) ’05 Lindstrom
   Cedar Hills, UT
6. Hadley, 9 months
   Kyle & Alissa (Hoehn) ’07 (WSC Mental Health Counselor)
   Williston, ND
7. Waylon James, 10 Months
   Leah (WSC Math Faculty) & Brandon Hoffman
   Williston, ND
8. Marissa, 8 months
   Jack & Rachna McGinley
   Aunt: Wendy McGinley ’95 ’02 (WSC Coordinator/Associate Professor of Massage Therapy)
   San Jose, CA
9. James, 2, and Bailey 1
   Katelyn & Troy Jespersen,
   Grandma: Wendy McGinley ’95 ’02 (WSC Coordinator/Associate Professor of Massage Therapy)
   Grenora, ND
The Teton Athletic department entered an exciting new era this year with over seventy percent of the staff entering their first year with the Tetons. While the change was difficult throughout the off-season, the changes have encouraged the department to work together better than ever. The future for the entire program is bright as the department is pushing forward with the strength of six NJCAA programs, all with same goal.

DAN ARTAMENKO
The biggest change over the last year was Williston State College deciding to hire a full-time athletic director to manage the department. Dan Artamenko was hired August 1 to lead the Tetons, run the booster club, and serve on the WSC Executive Cabinet.

Artamenko comes from Blinn College in Texas where he monitored academics and eligibility for over 250 student-athletes. He also assisted in game-day operations and served on the Executive Committee of the Brazos Valley Football Bowl Game for two years. His experience in the NJCAA also dates back to his time working at the national headquarters as a compliance officer and media relations specialist. In addition to his time working in the NJCAA, Artamenko has held positions with sport organizations such as the Denver Nuggets, Colorado Avalanche, and USA Wrestling. Artamenko, who is originally from Colorado, also has ties to North Dakota. His father was born and raised in Fargo, and most of his father’s family still lives in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

TIFFANY BUCKMASTER
The newest member of the Teton family, Coach “Buck” officially started her duties as head softball coach at WSC on September 1. Buckmaster hails from Ohio but got her start coaching at NCAA Division II Columbus State University in Georgia, where she helped lead the Cougars to a 40-20 season and a Peach Belt Tournament Championship, while advancing into the NCAA Tournament during the 2011-12 season.

Buckmaster then returned to her alma mater, NCAA Division III Bluffton University, for the next two seasons, leading them to their best finish yet. She coached four First-Team, four Second-Team, and two Honorable Mention Conference standouts, two of whom went on to gain All-Region standings at Bluffton. Buckmaster also teaches business at WSC, having attained a master’s degree in business.
CORY FEHRINGER
Cory Fehringer enters his first season as the Teton’s Men’s Basketball coach after being named Region XIII Coach of the Year in 2013. Fehringer replaced Eric Peterson, who went on to become assistant coach at University of South Dakota. While this will be Fehringer’s first year in Williston, it will be his fourth year coaching in North Dakota, after stops at Dickinson State University and Dakota College at Bottineau.

Fehringer brings an exciting style of basketball that focuses on effort, teamwork, and a high level of commitment to excellence, both on and off the court. Originally from Colorado, Fehringer began his NJCAA experience as a point guard at Northeastern JC, where he won fifty-eight games in two years. He then played at Hastings College in Nebraska, where he led the team to a ranking of seventh in the nation.

JOHN BOWKUS
Coach John Bowkus becomes the second coach of the Teton hockey program, which is coming off back-to-back national championships. Bowkus has coached hockey for over twenty-three years with notable experience in the North American Hockey League. Bowkus will bring a disciplined and tenacious approach to the Tetons, who play out at the Agri-Sports Complex. This approach has led to many of his former players joining the ranks of professional hockey, including the NHL.

Bowkus began playing hockey at the young age of seven in Lansing, Michigan. He was able to play multiple years of juniors before signing and playing collegiately at Concordia College in Moorhead, where he was a two-year captain while earning his BA in business administration.

MEGAN THEIS
Megan Theis joined the Tetons in January 2014 as head volleyball coach and enjoyed a very successful first season this fall, posting twenty-one wins and finishing second in the region. Theis joined the Tetons after three years as an assistant coach at Waldorf College in Iowa. While there, Theis was instrumental in setting a school record in wins and improving the team each year.

Theis is no stranger to the Mon-Dak Conference. She started her playing career at North Dakota State College of Science and played in the National Tournament with the Wildcats. She continued her playing career at University of Minnesota Morris where she earned her BA in sports management.
The new era of Teton Basketball is underway, as Coach Fehringer has instilled a sense of pride in the program. The Tetons strive to be the hardest-working team on the court, pressuring their opponents from tip to buzzer. If early results are any indication, this system will be highly successful.

The Tetons return five players from last year’s team that won twenty-seven games and was ranked ninth in the country in scoring. Tahjee Williams looks to continue his stellar rookie campaign, in which he put up sixteen points, six rebounds, and two assists per game. Also returning is standout freshman Houston Lavachek. Lavachek led the teams in three point shots with sixty-nine on the year. Possibly the most entertaining of the returners, Ayob Ayob brings a rare skill set of being a 6’7” leading rebounder, with the ability to dribble and shoot threes with the best of them.

BY DAN ARTAMENKO

If there is one defining aspect of the 2014-2015 Teton Women’s Basketball team, it has to be the returning sophomores’ leadership on and off the court. In the life of two-year athletics, you strive to have two or three strong returning players every year. The Tetons were able to return seven sophomores to a team that went 8-3 in conference play last year.

However, Head Coach Axelson knows leadership is only the beginning, as the entire team must grow together to be a cohesive unit by the end of the year. After claiming a region and district title two years ago, the expectations in the program are sky high. “We want to make sure we are getting better every day, with a singular goal in mind,” says Axelson. “I am relying on my sophomores to be the catalyst that encourages constant improvement.”

In the game of basketball, off-the-court habits only carry over so far. So it’s a good thing that more than two-thirds of the scoring punch is returning. McKayla Haugeberg is the top returning sophomore, after leading the team last year with 14.4 ppg. Jaylen Newman and Emma Keller, both from Velva, look to push each other again, as they were second and third in scoring, respectively, last year.

The Teton Women will be playing in the Fiesta Bowl Tournament, with games starting December 29-31.
Back-to-back National Champions. A title reserved for those that truly work harder than anyone else, day-in and day-out. The Tetons were able to accomplish this amazing feat in 2014 by playing harder competition all season. When postseason came around, the Tetons were ready to work harder than everyone else. New Head Coach John Bowkus looks to continue with this philosophy, while being an entertaining team to watch.

On their quest for a third straight national championship, a feat that Dakota College-Bottineau last achieved in 2009, the Tetons must continue their hard work and discipline. WSC once again has scheduled a tough slate of games in order to prepare themselves for the long run. The Tetons play multiple four-year schools from locations like Utah, Chicago, and Boulder. Bowkus is excited about the journey, explaining, “The deepest bonds are built through perseverance. Long road trips, like the many we will take this year, will really bring out who we are. From there, we can grow as individuals and learn not only about the sport we love, but about life in general.”

Teton Hockey opened earlier this year against University of Colorado, followed by games against the NDSU Bison. Former Teton Nick Zern and the Minot Beavers returned to watch the dropping of the national championship banner. Come out and watch the Teton Hockey team this spring, as they play six games in the Agri-Sports Complex in 2015.
LOOKING FORWARD:
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

BY TIFFANY BUCKMASTER

The Williston State College Baseball and Softball programs are looking to continue their success into the 2014-15 season.

Over the past four years, Teton baseball has made their mark on Region XIII with two runner-up and two championship showings. During the 2010-11 and 2011-12 championship years, they finished with a North Plains District Runner-Up as well as being ranked as high as fifteenth in the country. For the 2014-15 season, baseball is returning five players from last year’s squad, who put up a mark of 21-18 and finished as Region XIII Runner-Up.

Teton Baseball looks to open their season in late February with three games in Colorado before leaving on their annual Spring Break trip to Arizona. The Arizona trip will consist of a total of fourteen games in a span of seventeen days. They will have their hands full, as their schedule consists of a combination of Division I and II junior college teams, as well as a few four-year schools.

Head Coach Shawn Cote states, “We have a great deal of talent on this team. I think the sky is the limit in what we can accomplish. We need to continue to get better in this off-season. If we do that, we will have a great year.”

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With only two seasons in the books for Teton Softball, they have ended in style with a Region XIII Runner-Up and Region XIII Championship, respectively. The 2014-15 squad has big shoes to fill after finishing as North Plains District Runner-Up, with a mark of 30-7 overall in the 2013-14 season. For the 2014-15 season, softball is returning three players from the 2014 Region XIII Championship team.

Teton softball will open their season in late February with three games at the Irish Dome in Minnesota. For their Spring Break trip, they will be playing a total of sixteen games over a span of twelve days.

“The expectations are set very high for this year’s team,” says Head Coach Tiffany Buckmaster. “If we continue to focus on the things we can control and improving every day, this spring should be fun to watch.”

Both teams are confident that with the combination of returning leadership and upcoming youth, this year’s campaign will be one to remember.
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In 2010, Williston State College and Kokusai Junior College (KJC) became sister schools. Since then WSC and KJC, a community college in the heart of Tokyo, have participated in a student exchange each year. WSC students visit Japan in the spring, and KJC students come to North Dakota in the fall.

This year, WSC students visited Japan from May 28 to June 4. They experienced the culture of the country firsthand and had the opportunity to teach English to a group of KJC students at a three-day English camp.

The students who took the trip this year were Lucas Amundson, Christina Drake, Brandie Kemple, Megan Perius, Nicole Rhodes, Rooney Villegas, and Madison Wigness. The chaperones were Tony Freed, Dr. Raymond Nadolny, Kim Weismann, and Tara Weltikol.

The group arrived at Japan’s Narita Airport in the afternoon of May 28. A shuttle brought everyone to a hotel in Tokyo's Shinjuku neighborhood. After getting checked in, several students explored the various shops, arcades, and restaurants surrounding Shinjuku Station, the world’s busiest train station.

The next morning, the group started the day with a visit to the Edo-Tokyo Museum for a look at the history of Japan’s capital city. The museum brings visitors back to 1457, when the small fishing village known as Edo was formed. Edo continued to grow, and in 1868 it became the imperial capital known as Tokyo.

The WSC group met with KJC students and staff before entering the museum. Each person was grouped with several KJC students, who guided them through the exhibits. Students were able to try the interactive displays, which provided many photo opportunities.

After lunch with the KJC students, the group left for Asakusa Shrine, a popular destination dedicated to Shinto, Japan’s leading religion. The students, with the help of their Japanese guides, performed the proper rituals before entering the shrine to pay respect and retrieve their fortunes.

On Friday morning, it was back to school for the WSC students. The group arrived at KJC for a tour of the campus and orientation, before meeting with Mrs. Rie Suzuki, the English professor at KJC, to brush up on their Japanese language skills.

After Japanese class, the students had lunch with the KJC students, many of whom had met the day before at the museum. The students were already becoming friends, and everyone was excited to see each other again. After lunch, the WSC students were given a preview of some of the sites they would visit in the following days, along with a general history of the area. After learning what to expect, the group took a train south to Miura City in the Kanagawa prefecture.

The WSC students and chaperones, along with KJC students and teachers, stayed at the Maholova Minds Miura, a resort-style hotel near Miura Beach and site for the three-day English camp, where KJC students were taught by WSC chaperones and students.

Saturday was a busy day of English lessons. The KJC students were all eager to learn the language, and they worked hard to improve their spoken and written skills. Throughout the day, trips were made to the beach for fun and games.

Sunday morning was the last day of classes at the camp, and the Japanese students gave final presentations in English to share what they had learned. They all expressed appreciation for the opportunities the camp provided.

Later that morning the WSC group left by train for the city of Kamakura, to visit two historic and cultural sites.

The first stop was the Great Buddha of Kamakura, a forty-foot bronze monument dedicated to the religious icon. The statue—the second-largest of its kind in Japan—was cast in 1252 and was originally covered in gold leaf, which has worn away from years of weather.

It was once housed indoors, but its shrine was destroyed over the years by tsunamis and earthquakes, leaving only the monument in its place.

The next stop was the Tsurugakoa Hachimangu Shrine, which dates back to 1063. The Shinto shrine has been the site of many historic events over nearly 1,000 years of existence, including the assassination of shogun Minamoto no Sanetomo in 1219.

In addition to the main shrine, the Tsurugakoa Hachimangu grounds are home to several smaller shrines. The group had the unexpected opportunity to witness a traditional Japanese wedding ceremony being held at one of these shrines. The event was so impressive that many in the group did not make it to the main shrine due to being distracted by the beauty of the ceremony.

After a busy day in Kamakura, the group left by train to Yokohama, Japan’s second largest city.

The group arrived at their hotel in Yokohama’s Chinatown, which is Asia’s largest concentration of Chinese shops and restaurants outside of China. They enjoyed a Chinese dinner at the hotel with KJC’s CEO Chiaki Takagi, Tomoko Sugiyama, and Tsubasa Ando, a former KJC student from Yokohama.

After dinner, Ando guided the group through Chinatown for souvenir and gift shopping.

The group began Monday morning with a leisurely walk through a park on Yokohama’s waterfront. Afterwards, Takagi and Sugiyama brought everyone to the Yokohama Landmark Tower, Japan’s second-tallest building.

After a forty-second ride in one of the world’s fastest elevators, the group arrived at the sixty-ninth-floor observation deck and was greeted with breathtaking views of the city. Everyone had plenty of time to take in the views before leaving for a nearby shopping mall. At the mall, the group had time for...
Students with their calligraphy projects.

Entrance to Asakusa Shrine, WSC

and KJC students pose on beach, BOTTOM: Edo-Tokyo Museum, WSC

eat Ramen. RIGHT PAGE (TOP TO LEFT PAGE: Madison and Rooney

version of “If You’re Happy and You Know It.”

Before heading to the airport for the trip back to the US, the students were treated to a going-away party at KJC. Refreshments were served, and the students were presented with certificates for completion of the short-stay program. Students exchanged gifts with their friends from KJC, and everyone said their goodbyes.

The WSC students found that the cultural exchange program was an excellent way to experience a different culture. Being able to share the experience with students from both WSC and KJC made the trip much more than a vacation.

“The highlight of the trip for me was the interaction with the Japanese students,” recalls recent WSC graduate Rooney Villegas. “If this trip were just for vacation I would have enjoyed it, but without the Japanese students my experience would have never been the same.”

Nicole Rhodes, a sophomore at WSC, also found inspiration from the program and her new friends.

“This trip has left a lasting impact on me and on my outlook on life,” says Rhodes. “This is the reason why I so avidly take chances to travel abroad, and I highly recommend others do so if they can.”

It’s these experiences that make such a program worthwhile. Kim Weismann, WSC professor and coordinator of the cultural exchange program, believes that immersion is the best way to experience another culture.

Weismann leads the Japan trip each year and works with the leadership of KJC to ensure the students from both schools are getting the most out of the experience. She will be busy this September when WSC hosts KJC. Community members, including Weismann, will open their homes to the Japanese students when they come to experience the U.S.

“I am looking forward to the students from KJC coming to WSC in September,” she notes. “It is so much fun to work with them as we all get to learn about each other’s cultures.”

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STUDENT [Q&A]
NICK WAGNER

Who would play you in a movie about your life?
Adam Sandler.

Tell us a joke.
What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta!

What has been your favorite class at WSC?
2-D Design.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?
Mr. Stout.

What has been your favorite activity at WSC outside of class?
Baseball.

What’s next for you after you finish at WSC?
Hopefully college in New York.

What profession are you hoping to do?
Sports Broadcaster.

What profession are you hoping to avoid?
Sanitation Engineer.

What makes students today better or worse than students twenty years ago?
We are more innovative but we like to procrastinate.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAKE NOODLE?
AN IMPASTA!

What makes college easier or harder today than it was twenty years ago?
It’s harder because I feel there are higher expectations now, but easier because there are a lot more opportunities for college than there used to be.

What’s your favorite word?
Dude.

What would your super power be?
Super speed!

If you could invite three people over for a dinner party, who would it be?

What advice do you have for fellow WSC students?
GO TO CLASS.
STUDENT [Q&A]

CIARA SORUM

What were you doing before you came to WSC?
Before attending WSC I had just graduated from Divide County High School in Crosby in the spring. I spent the summer working at our family service station where I have worked for the last five years.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?
Welding Lab.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?
Shelley Rencher.

What has been your favorite activity at WSC outside of class?
Going to the ARC and going to hockey games.

What's next for you after you finish at WSC?
I hope to be out working as a certified welder, either out in the field or a shop. Later on, I hope to do photography.

What makes students today better or worse than students twenty years ago?
I think that during this oil boom there is more of a need to finish school for some of the safer, higher paying jobs. So I think some students are more dedicated to do well. Those who would be worse probably don’t go, because they can still get a really good paying job.

What makes college easier or harder today than it was twenty years ago?
Today there is a lot more technology, so students don’t have to work as hard to get the answer for something. We can now just look up almost anything up on our cell phones and computers. Back in the day they had to go to the library and find a book that maybe had your answer.

What's your favorite word?
Goofy.

What would your super power be?
Super strength.

Desert island top five: you can take a total of five movies/books/albums with you on a desert island. What are your choices?
Sweet Home Alabama (movie), The Cowboys with John Wayne (movie), and my Garth Brooks albums.

What would you tell a prospective student who’s thinking about coming to WSC?
Everyone is worried about the town of Williston and the reputation it has from the oil field, but I have had no problem on campus when it comes to safety. They are very good about having the doors locked to the dorms, and they have security vehicles cruising around at all times. It's a really nice college, with nice dorms, great food, and an awesome staff behind it all!
MAKE A GREATER IMPACT IN ND FOR LESS.
Are you taking advantage of this ND tax credit?

A $5,000 gift to an endowment* at WSC may cost only $1,250.

*Additionally, you can make a qualified deferred gift (such as a charitable trust or gift annuity) and benefit from a state tax credit on your charitable contribution, and a gift of appreciation property can further leverage your tax benefit.

EXAMPLE:
Step 1: You donate a minimum of $5,000 to a qualified endowment
(or any amount to a qualified deferred gift)
Step 2: You get a federal tax deduction of $1,750
Step 3: And your ND income tax credit is $2,000 (40% of your charitable gift)

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*Check with your local accountant to see how your taxes would be affected.

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NEW LOGO

THE WSC FOUNDATION IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF A NEW LOGO.

In 2012, four Moldovan students came to Williston State College to work for the summer. They were employed as custodians at the college until WSC President Raymond Nadolny discovered that Victor Luchian was a professional graphic designer in his home country. Dr. Nadolny offered him the chance to intern with WSC Graphic Designer Jenny Wolf and WSC Director for Marketing Kayla McKeil for the summer.

One of the things on the marketing department wish list was to redesign the WSC Foundation’s website, as it was out-of-date and difficult to edit/update. “We asked Victor to help us redesign the website as he specializes in rebranding in Moldova,” says McKeil. “While working on it he asked if it would be possible to redesign the logo as well. Over the summer a new logo and website template were worked up. It was approved by the WSC Foundation board last year.

WSC FOUNDATION WELCOMES WARD KOESER AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD.

Koeser recently retired as mayor of Williston, after serving in that position for twenty years. He still works as general manager of Kotana Communications, the wireless communications company he started in 1979. He has served on a number of boards for many years, including the Board of Trustees for Oklahoma Wesleyan University, the Garrison Diversion Conservancy Board, and the Western Area Water Supply Board of Directors.

Koeser maintained a strong relationship with WSC throughout his twenty years as mayor. “I’ve always known that Williston needed to be a regional center, and the college has done a lot to help us do that,” says Koeser. “I tremendously appreciate the work of Dr. Nadolny, and his positive impact in the college and in the community.” And, he adds, “I admire Terry’s leadership. I’ve been really impressed with him. The Foundation is very solid, and they have a great mission in the community and in the college. I want to be a part of that.”

So far, Koeser says his experience on the board is going well. He is especially excited about the new Williams County Graduate Scholarship (see page 6). “It’s going to open a lot of doors for Williams County grads,” he notes. Looking forward, he says, “I love the region, and I’m excited about Williston’s future. I think in a few years, it will be a premier city, and the college will play a role in that.”

Koeser and his wife, Joetta, have been married for forty years. They have three grown children and nine grandchildren. Misti (who attended then-UND-W) and Heidi live in Anchorage, Alaska, and Eric (who took dual-credit classes at WSC) lives in Williston.

NEW BOARD MEMBER:

WARD KOESER

WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Lucian worked with Wolf and McKeil to address the challenge of refreshing the WSC Foundation logo by adapting it to meet modern graphic trends. The solution is a logotype with bold, capital and confident letters, assuring good readability for the Foundation name. The core elements represented in the old logo (green landscape and blue sky) were preserved and reinterpreted in the new logo with the colored pattern inside the letters.

“The new logo’s lack of gradients will make it easier to use it on merchandise or promotional materials, and the toned-down color palette will work better with the college’s color scheme and logo,” explains Wolf. The logo will be implemented slowly as old materials run out and new items are ordered.

WSC Foundation Executive Director Terry Olson adds, “The Foundation will continue to use anything with the old logo until we run out of items, so nothing will be wasted.”

“This is an extremely cost-effective way to revamp the Foundation,” says Wolf. “We were lucky to have Victor show up. He’s an amazingly talented graphic designer. It was a win-win.”
At Nemont, one of our core principles is ‘concern for community’. Nemont Communications Tech, Scott Copenhaver, takes that principle to heart. As a Williston volunteer firefighter, Scott is the guy running in when most people are running out. And just like Scott, Nemont is here for you when you need us, providing the best voice and data services available. Community and connections… it’s what’s important to us. After all, we’re here… where you are.