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ENROLLMENT SPIKES AT WILLISTON STATE

Williston State is experiencing its third enrollment spike in as many semesters. Early spring enrollment numbers are up 100% from the same time last year. Last spring was a record breaker, with enrollment passing the 1,000 mark for the first time in the College's history.

Free tuition programs for Williams County students and a recessed economy contributed to the spike in students pursuing a postsecondary degree at Williston State. When unemployment goes up, enrollment goes up. Unemployment is typically the number one predictor in community college enrollment. In Williston State's case, Foundation scholarships are the main driver of the College's current enrollment growth.

This semester, 33% of students were awarded the Williams County Graduate Scholarship, which explains the 43% increase in full time students. Headcount increased by 17.5%. More significantly, students took more classes with the number of scheduled credit hours increasing by 27.5%.

As we approach the spring semester, the College is on track to experience the same explosive growth as we did this past fall. The Williston State College Foundation created education opportunity through affordable education. Our students took the opportunity presented by our Foundation and in most cases have undertaken their education as full-time students. Our students, our College, and our community are truly blessed by this marriage of higher education opportunity and higher education achievement. Community support in our Foundation makes a real difference in the lives of our students.

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NURSING

Williston State College's pass rate for nursing boards is at 100% for 2015 for both nursing programs.

WSC offers both a Practical Nursing program and an Associate Degree Nursing program. A total of forty-one WSC students successfully completed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to achieve licensure to practice as a Licensed Practice Nurse or Registered Nurse.

After completing a nursing program and graduating with either a certificate or degree, the graduate nurse must register and take the NCLEX in order to practice nursing. This marks the sixth consecutive year that WSC has achieved a 100% pass rate in the PN program.

WSC is one of the partners in the Dakota Nursing Program consortium made up of four community colleges: WSC, Lake Region State College, Dakota College of Bottineau and Bismarck State College. To date, all four colleges have achieved a 100% pass rate in ADN programs for 2015.

The national NCLEX pass rate is 82.53% and North Dakota's NCLEX pass rate is 92.6%.

MASSAGE THERAPY

WSC massage students also received the results of their recent exams with an 85% pass rate, surpassing the 2015 national average of 71%.

Upon graduating last May, seven WSC students completed the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) offered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, and the six students who passed are now licensed massage therapists.

"Most students entering the massage profession do not understand how much education is actually needed and required," says Wendy McGinley, massage therapy associate professor. "There is a lot more to massage than just the hands-on portions that most people think about."

These scores arrived just as WSC prepared for its free massage clinic in October. The massage clinic provides WSC massage students with the opportunity to practice on patients, and community members are invited to participate. The massages are free, though giving a donation to the community tip jar allows the Massage Department to meet the costs of laundry, bottled water, and other expenses. For more information about the upcoming free massage clinic in Spring 2016, call 701.774.4297.

MUSIC

Dr. Kyle Norris, assistant professor of music, was invited to play with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra (SDSO) in October.

The SDSO is a professional orchestra made up of musicians from South Dakota and the surrounding areas. The orchestra presented Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 6 in A minor, sometimes referred to as the "tragic" symphony, due to events taking place in Mahler's life at the time of composition. Norris joined the SDSO for their first concert of the season.

"This was my first time performing with the SDSO," Norris notes. "It is a privilege to be asked to perform with any orchestra, but this is special because of the repertoire being performed."

Since joining WSC in 2013, Norris' responsibilities have included directing all instrumental and vocal ensembles and teaching private lessons as well as courses in fundamentals of music and music appreciation. During the summer, Norris serves on the artist teaching faculty at the International Music Camp and as director for the Williston City Band.

ADULT LEARNING CENTER

WSC student David Wilson was recognized at the state capitol in September for receiving the top 2014 GED score for North Dakota with a 724.

The 2014 GED exam is composed of four test subjects: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies. In order to pass, test-takers must earn a minimum score of 150 on each exam. Wilson averaged 181, placing him in the top 4% in the estimated national class rate.

Last year Wilson was enrolled at WSC as a dual-credit student after moving to Williston from Idaho with his family. "I was previously enrolled in an online high school when we moved, and it was not challenging me enough," Wilson explains. "My dad suggested looking into WSC's dual-credit program to get credit for both high school and college courses. I was placed in math and sciences courses at WSC. I soon realized that I still had a lot of credits to make up from high school, and not having a diploma was holding me back from pursuing my Associate in Science at the rate I wanted."

Luckily for Wilson, WSC provided a solution with their Adult Learning Center and their GED program. Wilson began taking practice exams early in the fall. After working with Laurel Kaae, director for WSC's Adult Learning Center, he soon felt comfortable enough to take the exam.

Now enrolled full-time, Wilson is on course to complete both his Associate of Science and Associate of Arts by next year. Though unsure of what his next career or academic step might be after he receives these degrees, he is happy with how everything has worked out. "WSC is a great place to get a good education. I am happy my dad suggested the dual-credit program, because it has given me the opportunity to be challenged and emerge successful."





WSC ALUM TAYLOR OLSON IS EXCITED ABOUT THE CHANGES SHE'S SEEN AT THE COLLEGE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, especially the new Williams County Graduate (WCG) Scholarship, and she hopes that as many Williams County graduates as possible will take advantage of the opportunities provided by WSC.

"The biggest challenge for students today, in my opinion, is figuring out how to pay for an education," says Olson. "Education today is so expensive and so burdensome. My husband and I both

classes (from history and real estate to canoeing and fly fishing) and getting involved in extracurricular activities.

"My favorite activity was working as a manager for the WSC men's and women's basketball teams," she recalls. "It was one of the most exciting and enjoyable things I have done."

After completing her generals at WSC, Olson continued her education at St. Cloud State University, where she earned her B.S. in accounting. As a transfer student, Olson was pleased to find that her coursework at WSC had been on par with that of her peers in St. Cloud, and that the learning environment at WSC had been just what she needed.

"I felt very prepared," Olson notes. "In college, you go through a transition period of having to balance school, homework, extracurricular activities, and freedom. I felt like my year at WSC provided me a stepping stone to transition into adulthood step by step.

Olson worked as a public accountant for three years before returning to school at the University of North Dakota School of Law. She and her husband both graduated from law school in 2011 and moved back to Williston to join the Furuseth Law Firm, which became the Furuseth, Kalil, Olson & Evert Law Firm in 2013 when Olson and her husband became shareholders in the firm. In addition to her civil practice, Olson has worked as city attorney and state's attorney throughout Western North Dakota and as the municipal judge in New Town.

In the years since she returned to her hometown, Olson has witnessed many changes.

"As always, there is good and bad to any big change like the oil boom has brought our region," she observes. But Olson likes to focus on the positive changes she sees. "One of the biggest benefits has been the new scholarship program implemented at WSC. It has the ability to impact thousands of area students, and I can't think of anything more exciting for our region."

Olson wants to encourage students to take advantage, not only of the new scholarship, but of everything WSC has to offer.

"Become as involved as you can be with extracurricular activities and meet as many people as you can," she advises. "Every person you meet

TAYLOR OLSON ATTORNEY AT LAW

BY MATT NELSON

attended law school and pay over \$2,000 per month in student loans. Education is such a huge benefit, but it is very expensive and the loans you accumulate are often debilitating when you are first working. I think the scholarships that Williston State College provides to students are remarkable."

When Olson was preparing to graduate high school, she faced a predicament typical for students considering college: she was pretty sure about what she wanted to study but wanted more time to decide on the right university for her.

"At the time, I knew I wanted to get a bachelor's degree in accounting but I wasn't sure where I wanted to attend school," she explains. "I decided to go to Williston State College to get some generals out of the way.

It helped that she would already know some classmates, and WSC was not exactly a long commute.

"A lot of my friends had decided to go to WSC as well," Olson adds, "And I actually lived across the street from the college, so I didn't travel far for my first year of college.

While attending WSC, Olson made a point of getting as much as she could out of the experience, taking a wide variety of

can teach you something new and unique you didn't know before. I learned so much during my time at Williston State College. I loved all of the people I met and all of the activities I participated in. It was a wonderful experience and I would suggest it to anyone."

Olson and her husband, Jordon Evert, live in Williston with their daughter, Dylan (20 months) and their four-year-old lab, Cooper. While balancing careers with raising a toddler leaves precious little free time, Olson and Evert still enjoy finding time to walk their dog and hang out with family and friends.



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ALUMNI UPDATES

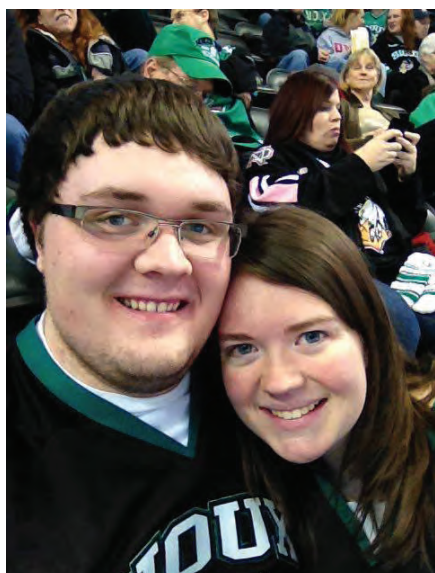
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Wally Ouse ('64-'66) & Jane Ouse-Sorenson ('63-'65) toured Stevens Hall in July. Wally and Jane are Crystal Hotchkiss's (WSC Registrar, Research Analyst) husband's aunt and uncle.

MOVING ON UP.

TRANSFERRING IS EASY AT WSC.



"I THINK MY TIME AT WSC WAS A GREAT PREPARATION FOR A FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL," SAYS AMUNDSON.

BY JOHN MELLING

Lordemann and Rachel Richter at a Sioux game in Grand Forks. Amundson at WSC.

The transition between high school and college can be a big step for most. Many young minds have toiled over the same questions: What college should I go to? What should I major in? What do I want to do with my life?

Luke Lordemann, a WSC alumnus, faced the same questions as he made his first steps out of high school. Lordemann wasn't sure what he wanted to go into, so starting off with a college in the town where he already lived and obtaining general education credits seemed like a good idea to him. Taking those generals and earning his associate's degree, Lordemann's experience at his hometown college proved to be a positive one.

"Professors were always available and were willing to go above and beyond to help you out," recalls Lordemann. "The classes I took while attending WSC prepared me to take the next step; moving onto a university."

Two-year transfer institutions, like WSC, can be very helpful for degree-seeking students. In Lordemann's case, WSC provided him with smaller class sizes that made those general credits much more accessible to him. Generally, community colleges have smaller class sizes and professors who can work one-on-one with students more. And of course the cost of attending a community college for two years to complete those generals is much lower than those same two years at a university.

The cost of attending UND for Fall 2015 with twelve credit hours as a North Dakota resident is \$3,982, and NDSU is \$4,090. Those same credits at WSC, on the other hand, would only cost \$2,119, and that's before financial aid. For students who graduated from high school in Williams County, that cost is \$0 with the Williams County Graduate Scholarship, and the scholarship even pays for books, which can easily cost more than \$1,000 per year.

Free college: two words that should put a smile on any hard-working parent's face as they prepare their son or daughter for the future.

When students consider starting at a community college with plans to transfer to a university, one concern that often surfaces is whether those credits will transfer. For WSC students planning on transferring to a four-year institution in the state of North Dakota, the process should go smoothly, according to Kaylyn Bondy, WSC vice president for student affairs.

Bondy explains that credits in North Dakota use a Common Course Numbering system (CCN), which allows for general credits to transfer on to other institutions with the same system fairly easily. The General Education Requirement Transfer Agreement (GERTA), which has been in place in North Dakota since 1994, is also designed to help students who are transferring to universities in North Dakota. GERTA sets out a number of general education courses that automatically transfer among all schools in the North Dakota University System, and provides that students who complete their generals at one institution will be deemed to have completed their generals at any other institution in North Dakota.

With easy transfer options and lower costs, the only concern remaining to prospective students and their parents is whether the community college classes will effectively prepare students for the higher-level courses required for bachelor's degrees and beyond. Lucas Amundson, a recent WSC graduate and current UND student, says this hasn't been an issue for him.

"I think my time at WSC was a great preparation for a four-year school," says Amundson. "The professors at WSC do a great job in challenging their students and holding them accountable. It's learning on a more personal level. At a larger school, students can sometimes get lost in the crowd, but I think students who have come from smaller schools understand that their professors want them to succeed and are willing to help if asked. Williston State College shows that a college can be a community."

Lordemann has completed his bachelor's degree in human resource management and now works in human resources at JMAC Resources. Amundson has transferred to UND and recently completed a semester studying abroad in Norway.

BAKKEN U

BY NATALIE BOESE

With oil prices hovering around \$40, several men and women who once helped build the Western North Dakota population and economy are contemplating their next move. Move back to their home state or country? Find another job? Go back to school?

Since 2010 North Dakota has seen a 10% increase in population, and Williston alone more than doubled in size with the influx of workers in the oil industry.

To encourage these displaced men and women to put down roots in North Dakota, North Dakota University System (NDUS) Chancellor Mark Hagerott created Bakken U, a partnership program between the five westernmost NDUS colleges and universities to provide education and scholarship opportunities to industry workers who were affected by the decrease in oil prices.

"We know that we have excellent workers in the oil field, and we want to provide increased opportunities for their growth," says Hagerott. "Our goal is to provide a bridge to employment, career enhancement, and create an 'energy reserve' of workers ready to meet the demands of the workforce whenever and wherever educated energy workers are needed."

Though the oil industry has laid off workers, nearly 35,000 positions are waiting to be filled in North Dakota. The lull in oil production provides a timely opportunity for industry workers to retrain for these positions.

Bismarck State College, Dakota College of Bottineau, Dickinson State University, Minot State University, and Williston State College are welcoming industry workers who want to return to school, either in person or online, this spring.

WSC has seen an increase in enrollment since the decline in oil prices. Beginning with Spring 2015, WSC has had consecutive record-breaking enrollment semesters with a 43% increase in full-time students over Fall 2014. With this increase, the Career and Tech Education (CTE) programs have seen the most growth. WSC offers five



degrees in petroleum, ranging from one semester to two years. Additionally, WSC offers competitive welding and transportation programs.

"Bakken U's program reflects what we are already doing at WSC," explains Dr. John Miller, WSC vice president of academic affairs. "We have several of the leading energy programs already in our curriculum and available for students who are looking for a change. Our partner TrainND has workforce enhancement for specific certifications."

WSC always has its doors open to industry workers who want to return to school to earn a degree or extend their learning while the industry adjusts to changing markets.

"If any industry worker is looking to come back to school for any field, WSC has several scholarship opportunities to make coming back to school more financially feasible," adds Miller.

Bakken U scholarships will depend on donations, but a collaboration with the North Dakota Petroleum Council and the Bank of North Dakota has already considered funding scholarships for Spring 2016.

The system is currently working with other partnerships to create more scholarships to help fund the Bakken U program. The application is available online at bakkenu.ndus.edu.

NDUS welcomes anyone interested in funding Bakken U scholarships. Please contact Jerry Rostad at jerry.rostad@ndus.edu if you would like to contribute.



TOP: Rencher's welding class. MIDDLE: Sponable's Transportation Technology class. BOTTOM: Bellina and McGillivray's petroleum classes

CTE PROGRAMS TAKE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

BY NATALIE BOESE



To emphasize the importance of networking, the petroleum, welding, and transportation departments at Williston State College are helping students interact with local companies.

WSC's two petroleum instructors, Alberto Bellina and Gerald (Mack) McGillivray, took ten of their petroleum production technology students on a tour of the Schlumberger artificial lift systems facility near Williston in October. Branch Manager Richard Gustafson conducted a tour and explained how downhole pumps work and how his company repairs and rebuilds old and damaged pumps.

"The students learned about the pump's mechanical components," McGillivray says. "All of the students asked good questions and were very appreciative of Mr. Gustafson and his staff taking the time to conduct the tour."

To conclude the day, the petroleum students attended the Bakken Oil Show in Williston hosted by DAWA Solutions Owner/President Jeff Zarling. Shelley Rencher, WSC welding instructor, also attended this show with her welding students.

"The students were able to learn information about new technologies, vendor services, and suppliers in the area, as well as discussing possible internships and employment opportunities," adds McGillivray.

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs have been incorporating more community involvement into their curriculum for awhile. Last year, the transportation department began a series of field trips to showcase potential job opportunities after graduation.

Clay Sponable, WSC transportation instructor, is continuing the tradition of bringing transportation students to local companies this fall. Recently, Sponable took his students to Gooseneck Implement, where they learned how transportation education can apply to other industries.

Sponable, Rencher, and Ken Quamme, business technology chair and CTE director, have all received generous donations for their departments from local industries who have been impressed with their outreach into the business community.

"It is such a great feeling that people want to give back to the college after meeting our students," Quamme observes. "Having support in the industries and companies our students might be working for is an awesome example for them."

SM Energy donated thirty computer monitors to Quamme's computer information technology program. Sponable's transportation department received a toolbox worth an estimated \$7,000 from Eileen William after her husband passed away. Rencher has also benefitted from her department's relationship with Chamley Pipe and Salvage.

"Pipe can be worth close to \$35 a foot, so it can get expensive for something students need to practice on," Rencher says. "We were lucky that they have been so accommodating and helpful to the WSC welding students. Whenever we need something to practice on, they go out of their way to help. We are very grateful."

Implementing job fairs, field trips, and industry speakers in the classroom has allowed WSC's CTE students a means to get one foot in the door in an ever-changing job market. Looking for jobs right now is not easy, but building relationships through these extra-curricular activities has helped.



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TRAINND [ON THE MOVE]

BY NATALIE BOESE

The collaboration between Williston Economic Development STAR Fund and TrainND-Northwest to complete the new TrainND training facility located at 415 22nd Ave NE was recognized twice this fall with local and national awards.

Internationally, Williston Economic Development received the Excellence in Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) during their annual conference in Anchorage, Alaska, in October.

This prestigious award honors organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Williston Economic Development nominated their collaboration with TrainND for an IEDC award in the category of Partnerships with Educational Institutions. 484 entries were submitted in twenty-four categories for this sought-after award.

"This award recognizes the world's best economic development achievements," explains Deanette

Piesik, CEO of TrainND-Northwest. "Our partnership is a perfect fit of how Economic Development impacts education and how important an educated workforce is to the businesses in any community."

Locally, the Economic Development Association of North Dakota gave its Project of the Year award to the partnership between the Williston STAR Fund and TrainND-Northwest in October in Watford City.

"These awards, along with the industry, city, and Williston State College's support, affirm what the TrainND Advisory Board has stated for many years: Williston needs a state-of-the-art training center not just for the oil and gas industry, but for all businesses in Northwest North Dakota," Piesik says. "Without the STAR Fund dollars and Economic Development, the new Workforce Training Center would not have been completed."

Construction began on the 20,000 square-foot regional workforce-training center in April 2014. WSC, TrainND-Northwest, and Williston Economic Development formed a partnership to complete the \$7.5 million project. Williston's Economic Development STAR Fund made a \$750,000 commitment to the project and challenged other local businesses to support the much-needed facility.

These two significant awards recognize how working with one's community can help achieve mutual goals.



Mayor Howard Klug, Williston Economic Development Director Shawn Wenko, CEO of TrainND-Northwest Deanette Piesik, and WSC President Raymond Nadolny accept the Project of the Year award.

"In education, it is vital to reinforce what is taught in the classroom with hands-on training," Piesik notes. "Our new facility was made possible due to many individuals and organizations working together to achieve our goal, and even now, people are donating equipment to our training field."



Cody Stauffer, Shaina Lord, Kylee Shea Meyer, and Stephanie Oylor

COLLEGE FOR FREE.

So much to be thankful for this year at WSC.

BY NATALIE BOESE

Fall 2015 marked the second consecutive semester of record-breaking enrollment at Williston State College. While the spring semester's high numbers were due largely to WSC's dual-credit program, fall's increase came largely from the 344 students who were awarded the Williams County Graduate (WCG) Scholarship. WCG Scholarship students compose 33% of WSC total enrollment.

This was the inaugural semester for the WCG Scholarship, which was created through a partnership including the Alva J. Field Trust, the Williston State College Foundation, and the North Dakota Challenge Fund. The scholarship guarantees that Williams County high school graduates who attend WSC as full-time students receive free tuition, books, and fees for two years.

"I am proud to be part of something that can give back to our community," notes Dan Baker, Trustee of the Alva J. Field Trust. "This opportunity allows local students to get free education as a result of the economic success of the oil industry in this area."

The Alva J. Field Trust will continue to donate \$100,000 to the WSC Foundation every semester for the next five years, for a total of one million dollars. The North Dakota State Higher Education Challenge Fund has agreed to match the one million dollars. The remaining balance for the WCG Scholarship fund will be paid by scholarship dollars from the WSC Foundation and from donors who have agreed to support Williams County graduates.

"This is a very exciting venture and a real benefit to our local students," says Terry Olson, Executive Director WSC Foundation. "The program will continue as long as the oil income from the foundation and the Alva J. Field Trust can maintain it."

"The Williston State College Foundation has made the dream of an education possible for a lot of people," adds WSC President Raymond Nadolny. "With the economic slowdown, we are also seeing a lot of people returning to college. Williston State's on-campus environment is nothing less than exciting."

The WCG Scholarship will continue as long as revenue and earnings continue. Now, thanks to the North Dakota Challenge Fund, personal contributions will go even further. Nadolny asks anyone thinking of a charitable gift this season to consider this unique opportunity: "For every two dollars donated, the North Dakota Challenge Fund will contribute one dollar." Anyone interested in contributing to the WCG Scholarship please contact the Williston State College Foundation at 701.572.9275.

Cody Stauffer

As he completes his first semester of college, Cody Stauffer has a leg up on other freshman around the country: he has no student loan debt. Stauffer, a recipient of the WCG Scholarship along with 343 other students, was awarded free tuition, books, and fees for up to two years.

"I decided to come to WSC because of the financial incentive," says Stauffer. "My parents encouraged me and I think this is

live in Williston with her father, she became eligible for the WCG Scholarship.

Preoccupied with the debt that can accumulate for higher education, Lord saw that attending WSC would be a gift to her family and her future, because she would not have to take out any loans to pursue a college education.

"I plan on attending WSC for my generals and staying in state for my Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from NDSU," says

education after I leave WSC. It will allow me to complete my general education courses before I transfer to a four-year university."

"This scholarship program has been transformational for students, WSC, and our region. When you hear Kylee talk about getting her education debt free it is a testament that these students get it," notes Terry Olson, executive director of the WSC Foundation. "I have known Kylee's mother for thirty-two years and you will not find a better teacher at any

be for my son to show him that hard work and dedication pays off."

Passionate about her career path, Oylooe is working toward a career as a domestic violence advocate. Understanding the struggles of domestic violence, Oylooe praises the support and empowerment provided to her by the women from the local family crisis shelter.

"We need more resources for these victims, more help, and more people to share their experiences and instill hope," Oylooe explains. "I

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a wonderful opportunity that many students don't get and it makes going to college a much more appealing idea."

Stauffer says the scholarship is helping him realize his dream of majoring in agriculture when he transfers to NDSU after completing his general requirements at WSC.

"Since I am saving money through this scholarship, I do not have to worry about taking out student loans," he explains. "I am not starting out my life buried under a mountain of debt. This allows me to get a better head start in life and find the job I want versus the job that pays the most."

It is gratifying for one particular WSC Foundation board member to see Stauffer pursuing his career in agriculture.

"It is a great honor for me to be on this foundation board and see what good has come from all the generous people that have donated their money, minerals and land to provide college education for so many high school graduates," notes Myron Lee, WSC Foundation board member and local farmer and rancher. "I hope we can continue this for many years. Giving the students these scholarships so they can further their education right here in Williston can only lead to good things for the whole community down the road."

Shaina Lord

When Shaina Lord, a 2015 graduate of Williston High School, moved from California her senior year to

Lord. "This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my interests without getting into debt at such an early age."

Lord and the other recipients received an average of \$3,455 to cover tuition, books and fees for the fall semester.

"It's a very generous scholarship, and I feel very fortunate for being able to partake in it," Lord adds. "It has opened up many opportunities for me, and I am very grateful for it."

Lord has been an active student at WSC. She began as a student worker over the summer and started choir in the fall. Lord was also selected as a Student Ambassador for the 2015-2016 school year.

Kylee Shea Meyer

Graduating from Williston High School in 2015, Kylee Shea Meyer knew attending WSC in the fall was exactly what she needed to do after hearing about the WCG Scholarship from her mother, Wanda Meyer, WSC associate professor of mathematics.

Meyer always intended to go to WSC for a year or two to save money by living at home, but with two years of her tuition, books and fees covered by the WCG Scholarship, Meyer decided two years at WSC clearly made the most sense.

"My goal is to graduate with my bachelor's degree debt-free," says Meyer. "This scholarship has helped me save money for my college

level or university than Wanda Meyer, so it is no surprise that Kylee is taking advantage of this great opportunity."

Stephanie Oylooe

Stephanie Oylooe considered going back to school a few times. As her son started kindergarten this fall, Oylooe found herself eligible for the new WCG Scholarship. She decided her son wouldn't be the only one starting school this fall, and is now completing her first semester at WSC.

A single mother, Oylooe attends classes full time and works as a bartender in Williston. She has been in the restaurant and bar industry since she was old enough to have a job.

"With this scholarship I will be able to get the degree I have always wanted and start a career," notes Oylooe. "I will be able to reach a level of stability that I have been striving for, not only for me, but for my son as well."

The scholarship removed the financial burden that had discouraged Oylooe from going back to school in the past. She planned several times to continue her education but as she says, "Life happens," and college was put off.

"There is this sense that someone else is picking up the tab, and so I can't disappoint," explains Oylooe. Before, the only person I was letting down by not succeeding was myself. I owe it to this scholarship to be successful. And," she adds, "I want to be the best example I can

want to be that person, someone who has walked in their shoes and can show them the way out. With this scholarship I can be."

Once Oylooe earns her associate's degree in applied science in mental health/addictions from WSC she plans to transfer to UND and take online classes for a bachelor's degree in psychology.

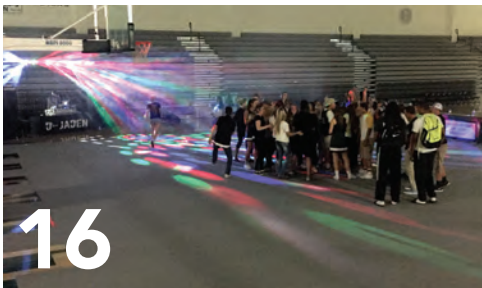
"Stephanie Oylooe is a great example of what a good scholarship program can do," says Olson. "In a world where the average student will now leave college after four years with debt of approximately \$35,000, something like this makes our foundation, its board, and donors feel pretty good!"

"There are so many people who would jump at the chance to have this blessing handed to them," Oylooe adds. "People who are stuck in terrible environments, who may never be able to get out due to lack of funding for education. It is still hard to believe sometimes that this is really all free to me. My son and I are very lucky."



1. Kokusai Junior College students visit WSC, Sept. 2. Student Services celebrates Halloween 3. State Board of Higher Education officials visit TrainND during their September meeting at WSC. 4. Student Orientation, August. 5. PTK helps students with stress during midterms. 6. Dr. Nadolny addresses the Williston Stakeholders at the June meeting in the Teton Grill. 7. Student Life hosts their annual pumpkin carving contest. 8. WSC Student Ambassadors at the Main Street ribbon cutting in October. 9. WSC's 2D design classes' projects hang in Lantern Coffee in Williston. 10. Students hand out the Constitution for Constitution Day on Sept. 17. 11. Nursing graduates in July. 12. WSC City Band performs in Harmon Park in June. 13. The Clothesline Project at WSC in October. 14. WSC's July outdoor movie *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*. 15. Culbertson, MT students visit WSC. 16. WSC Student Dance in October. 17. Associate Professor Stout's Children's Lit class hosts kids from a local daycare.





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WSC [FACULTY] NOW & THEN

HELEN OVERBO

BY NATALIE BOESE

Underlying the motto, “where the people make difference” at Williston State College are those people who helped lay the school’s foundation. When retired professor Helen Overbo looks over her thirty-six years at WSC, it’s the people she remembers the most, but her story is a model of lifelong learning and how community colleges often are the stepping stones to successful careers.

Recruited by Phil Rabon, Overbo began her career at UND-Williston in August 1970 as a business education and physical education instructor under her maiden name, Helen Hukkanen. After four years at UND-W, Helen wed Larry Overbo and became “Mrs. O” to her students.

Overbo taught shorthand, typing and office machines, and a variety of physical education classes. She also made a mark as a member of the UND-W coaching staff, coaching gymnastics for three years, track & field for seven, and volleyball for ten years between 1970 and 1983.

She knew her field and understood her students from the ground up. One of three daughters, Overbo grew up on a farm south of Ross, ND, and attended a one-room schoolhouse until fifth grade, going on to graduate from Stanley High School in 1962.

After completing one year of secretarial courses at Minot State University, Overbo took a job as a secretary in California, where she worked for three years. After only a few months, she knew she wanted to teach and so enrolled in evening classes at a local community college to receive her associate’s degree while working full-time. From there she moved back to North Dakota and earned her bachelor’s degree in business and physical education. After teaching at her alma mater, Stanley High School, Overbo moved to



Oregon, and she was teaching at St. Helen’s High School when Phil Rabon contacted her and urged her to apply at UND-W.

Continuing her own education as she began teaching at UND-W, Overbo completed her master’s program in physical education at Northern Arizona University over the summers of 1971-1973 and continued her studies in the education doctoral program at University of North Dakota over the course of her years at UND-W.

Overbo’s drive and determination resonated throughout the college as her role expanded after eighteen years at UND-W, when she was named director of academic affairs and later director of vocational education. She also continued to teach classes until she took on the additional responsibility of overseeing Student Services two years before she retired in 2006.

Juggling both academia and coaching, Overbo’s strong will and ambition imprinted her team and their performances.

“We were lucky enough to have the best female athletes from North Dakota and eastern Montana,” Overbo recalls, “But one of my biggest accomplishments in my role as a coach came when none of the girls who came out for volleyball played in high school. Despite their little experience, in the fall of 1976 the Teton team won the Region XIII title and advanced to the NJCAA tournament in Maryland.”

The impact Overbo made on WSC still shines through nine years later. Overbo helped design, develop, and implement the Dakota Nursing Program. She helped develop the common core numbering system for the community colleges that expanded to universities, enhancing transfer within the university system and nationally. Finally, Overbo helped lead UND-W through two self-study processes and visits from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that received the maximum ten-year extension for accreditation both times.

“Helen is a wonderful example of how closely the college is tied to the community,” adds WSC Vice President of Academic Affairs John Miller. “There is a Teton legacy with the people who began and worked here for so long, and it is because of them that we have such a wonderful college today.”

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Overbo and her 1976 Volleyball team.

Overbo looks back fondly on her coworkers over the years. From working with Phil Rabon planning classes, to pitching new ideas for the department to Gary Rooks, to memories of her mentor, Joan Amsden, Overbo looks back on it like it is yesterday.

"Working with these people was always the best part of my years at WSC," Overbo notes. "The years I spent at WSC were so important in my life that every day something reminds me of a faculty or staff member or student: the way Les Olson always made the same sound when you asked him for anything that cost money, but always managed to keep everyone within their budgets . . . how, whenever Dominic Schaff spoke, everyone listened so you wouldn't miss his joke . . . and, of course, the lunch bets on Davis Law's tie color."

"After thirty-six years, it felt like the right time to let others lead WSC into the future and spend more time with family and friends," Overbo says of her retirement in June 2006. She now shares her time between New Town, ND, and Maricopa, AZ. Overbo enjoys spending time with her children, Michelle and Brian (both of whom graduated from WSC), and her grandchildren, Jacob (12) and Kacie (10).

"Even though I miss the people, I am enjoying retirement spending time with family and friends doing what we enjoy, and remembering all the good times I had at WSC," Overbo adds.

Mrs. O feels pride and accomplishment when she hears the success stories of her former students. They have gone on to become teachers, coaches, scientists, medical doctors, therapists, engineers, and more. She can take the same pride in herself, knowing that community college launched her own career and that her example helped inspire her students. Without Overbo and her drive, Williston State College wouldn't be where it is today.

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LETTER FROM

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The biggest blessing with working in athletics is the phrase, "There is always next year."

As soon as that final buzzer sounds ending a hard-fought season, you almost immediately start to prepare for "next year". Never was that more true than for all our teams coming into this season.

Last year we had our highest-ranked men's basketball team ever, but we lost in the first round of the playoffs. Our Teton hockey team put on a show at nationals, but lost in the third period by one goal. The women's basketball team went through the roller coaster ride, but lost in the regional championship.

So all the sports spent all summer working hard to ensure we did not repeat those seasons. Women's basketball had only two returning sophomores, which meant a long road of recruiting. Men's basketball used some of the successes of last year to land impact transfers in Jordan Dembley and big man Adonis De Le Rosa. Teton hockey was able to land prize recruit goalie David Krejcek from the Czech Republic.

All the hard work is starting to pay off and we have very exciting teams to come watch. I personally invite you out to our games to see these young men and women represent us at the highest levels.

The Teton Booster Club has been rebooted this year and is now a bigger part of our athletics. I am very thankful to the influx of support and new board members that we received this fall. The Booster Club is the single reason that we are able to compete nationally and have the facilities that we do. It has put us on the level of schools with 5000+ enrollment.

If you would like to get involved in the Booster Club, give me a call. We meet once a month over lunch to discuss things we should be doing. Even if you are just interested in listening in or coming to a lunch or two, let me know. We would love to have you.

As we go forward this spring, I want to give a big thank you to everyone in the community for your support of the Tetons. Even in the short time that I have been here in Williston, we have seen drastic changes. We have moved our hockey rink, built a new softball field, and advanced our basketball teams to a national level, and none of that would have been possible without you. But this is only the beginning of our vision and we will continue to need your help to keep moving forward.

GO TETONS!



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1. Tara (Weltikol) ('07) [Student Life Coordinator] & Zac Peterson
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Matt & Leah Windnagle [Director for Enrollment Services]
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3. Eva, 16 months & Connor, 1 month
Derek ('05 & '12) & Kayla (Retzer) McKeil
Williston, ND
4. CJ ('10-11) & Katie (Slemin) Vinger ('10-11)
May 30, 2014
5. Matt & Natalie (Popko) Boese [Communications Specialist]
August 28, 2015



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SUMMER

Furry & Former Tetons

Dress your pets up in some Teton/WSC gear and send us some pictures. Or send us pictures of your "good old days."

WINTER

Tiny Tetons & Teton Weddings

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NEW LOOK FOR TETON HOCKEY



BY TETON ATHLETICS

From the time Williston State College decided to start an ice hockey program, a lot has changed. In the past five years, the city has seen a massive makeover, the college has made drastic improvements, and the athletic department has rebranded with the new Teton logo and colors. After losing in the national championship game last year, Teton Athletics decided that hockey needed to catch up and went through some major changes of its own over the last six months.

WSC Athletics Director Dan Artamenko met with Williston Parks and Recreation Executive Director Darin Krueger to discuss the possibility of the Tetons moving to the Raymond Family Community Center and making the Pete Conlin Ice Arena the home of Teton Hockey. The arrangement seemed a natural fit, and both sides went to work on making the move.

New bleachers were installed around the rink and the Parks staff put in a lot of hours painting and installing them, giving the whole arena a new feel. New locker rooms were created, and the bathrooms were renovated to create more locker room space going forward. New boards were installed to access the ice. Coca-Cola contributed a beautiful scoreboard in between the Teton Hockey banners. Teton Athletics laced all the nets and put logos of both organizations in the ice. It is a great setting for collegiate hockey.

The process culminated with the first collegiate game in the rink on November 5 against #3-ranked University of Colorado. The Tetons had a great crowd and used their support to win 5-0, capping a special night. After two games played at the Raymond Center, attendance has skyrocketed, averaging over 1,000 fans per game. With Papa John's pizza being served at concessions and many family-friendly activities, Teton Hockey is clearly becoming a can't-miss event in Williston.

Fans who have come out to see the Tetons play may have noticed new sweaters on the players. Early last spring, Teton Head Hockey Coach John Bowkus and Artamenko discussed rebranding the image of the hockey team. They wanted to create a new image that would make both the college and the community proud. Ditching the old jerseys and implementing uniforms with the iconic new Teton logo and colors that matched the WSC brand became a priority.

The Tetons now have custom-made jerseys that truly show the colors of WSC, completing the rebranding process. Now when the Tetons are at home, they will wear a white jersey with the full buffalo and the word "Tetons". When on the road, they will show off the buffalo head with the words "Williston State". You can stop wondering what the "W" stands for: we are the Williston State Tetons!

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SOFTBALL MOVES ON CAMPUS

BY TETON ATHLETICS

The 2015-16 season is off to a hot start for the Teton Softball team with the addition of the first on-campus softball field. The new home for the Tetons would not have been possible without the help of the Williston Parks and Recreation, especially Executive Director Darin Krueger. After Williston State College expressed the need, Krueger, being a huge fast-pitch fan himself, not only agreed but set the plan in motion. After two months of work, the field is completely enclosed, dirt has been put down in the infield, and sod has already taken in the outfield. Like Rabon Field, home of the baseball team, the softball field has its own watering system to ensure a bright green spring. The last steps for the field include adding foul poles, a scoreboard, and the dugouts, which will be eight feet tall, ten feet deep, and twenty-five feet long. These last additions should take place in the very near future.

The field will be the largest in the Mon-Dak Conference and Region XIII, with the six-foot tall fences located 220 feet from home plate. "This not only provides a great home-field advantage for the Tetons," notes Teton Head Softball Coach Tiffany Buckmaster, "but it will also showcase the mix of speed and power we have on this year's team."

The previous home of Teton Softball was Dakota Parkway, located approximately two miles off campus. While it was a great venue, the distance tended to keep attendance lower and take away from the true home field advantage. "We cannot thank Darin, the Williston Parks and Rec Director,

and Dr. Nadolny enough for their support and efforts in making this possible," says Buckmaster. "We are extremely excited to play on campus this year and look forward to a great crowd and atmosphere for both baseball and softball games. This completely changes the dynamic for both teams."

After the final additions this year to get the field playable, the future only gets better for the new field. Other planned additions include a brick and padded backstop, windscreen for the outfield fence, dugouts on both home and away sides, full stadium seating along with a press box, and bathrooms to be used by both baseball and softball.

The Teton Softball team invites you to come out for the first home game on the new field on April 2 against Dakota College at Bottineau. Game times are TBA.

TETON HALL of FAME

BY TETON ATHLETICS

November proved to be a very exciting month for the Williston State College Tetons. In addition to starting out the month with the Coca-Cola Tetons Tip-Off Classic for the opening weekend of basketball, WSC honored new inductees for the Teton Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Teton Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding individual athletes, coaches, and teams whose accomplishments demonstrate the highest level of excellence. Each year, a maximum of four individuals or teams are selected for membership in the Hall of Fame. These individuals or teams can be nominated by any person.

The individuals that are nominated must have completed a minimum of one year of competition for Teton Athletics and must have been gone from the program for a minimum of five years. Coaches may be selected at any time. All of the nominees must have served as a positive ambassador for Teton Athletics and the college.

The 2015 inductees for Teton Athletics were Roger Larson (1972-1973 baseball team), Tami Jacobson (1991-1992 women's basketball All-American), the 1983-1984 Teton Women's Basketball team, and Jon Cole (KUMV legendary broadcaster, member of North Dakota Sportscaster Hall of Fame).

A luncheon banquet was held in the Donn Skadeland Gymnasium, which was home to most of the athletes inducted. The banquet was hosted by Outlaws Bar and Grill. Friends, families, and longtime supporters of these athletes came to help honor them.

The entire 1983-1984 women's basketball team was able to make it and Penny Slagle, their Teton Hall of Fame coach, introduced them and shared some

memories. Slagle was also the coach for inductee Jacobson. Larson was introduced by his coach, Phil Rabon, who is a Teton Hall of Fame coach as well. When Cole accepted his award, he shared memories of each of these players, having interviewed them and watched them grow as athletes over the years.

The players were later honored again at the Teton men's basketball game during half time.

Teton Athletics is proud to honor these athletes who gave so much to the program and have been a part of keeping the Teton tradition strong.

TETON ATHLETICS IS PROUD TO HONOR THESE ATHLETES WHO GAVE SO MUCH TO THE PROGRAM



1983-1984 women's basketball team and Coach Penny Slagle.

TETONS^{IN THE} CLASSROOM



Emma Keller, McKayla Haugeberg, Jaylen Newman, Tia Conrad and Xavier Cruz.

BY TETON ATHLETICS

While the athletic successes of the Tetons have been well documented, Williston State College prides itself on maintaining high standards in all aspects of college life.

Last year, the Tetons experienced a sharp increase in performance in the classroom, and Teton student-athletes were recognized by the NJCAA, which awards both teams and individual students for outstanding academic achievement.

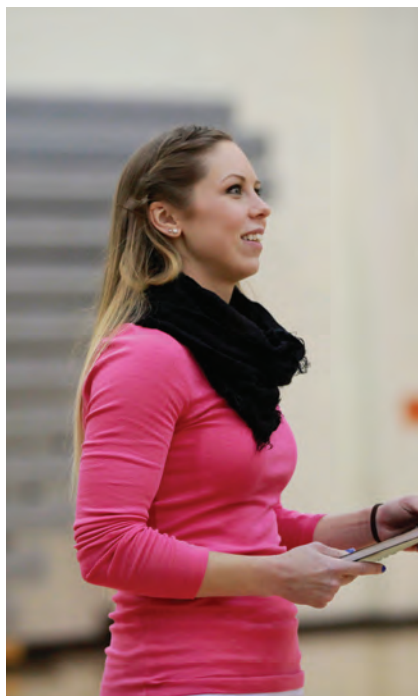
In the team awards category, the Teton Women's Basketball team finished second, with a team GPA of 3.67. Teton Softball and Volleyball teams also earned honorable mentions with GPAs of 3.39 and 3.08, respectively.

In addition to the team successes, multiple individuals were honored for their work, and basketball stole the show. Emma Keller of women's basketball received the highest honors, earning the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence with a 4.0 GPA at WSC. McKayla Haugeberg achieved the second-highest honor with the Superior Academic Achievement award. Haugeberg was named twice to the All-Conference team and is now continuing her career at Black Hills State. Jaylen Newman and

Tia Conrad both received the Exemplary Academic Achievement award. On the men's basketball side, Xavier Cruz also won the Exemplary Academic Achievement award.

For continued success, hard work must be part of the daily routine. Working directly with the academic staff at the college, the Teton Athletic Department has committed to opening the library four evenings per week. The Teton coaches have volunteered their time to staff the library in order to ensure students have a productive environment to achieve their academic goals. Due to WSC's location, Teton student-athletes experience some of the longest road trips in the country. To make better use of this time, all teams travel with a portable Wi-Fi device to access their homework and assignments at any time while on the road.

In order to keep up the great work, WSC has partnered with Frontier Insurance to offer the Student of the Month award. Each month, faculty and staff nominate a student that best exhibits what it means to be a WSC student. After a committee meeting, a winner is named and presented the award and gift package during one of the Teton games. Having this partnership with Frontier Insurance is great way to promote the successes off the court these students are having.



VOLLEYBALL WRAP-UP

BY TETON ATHLETICS

Williston State College Athletics started off the school year by announcing Katelyn Christensen as the new head coach for Women's Teton Volleyball. Christensen came into the program late, accepting the position on July 24 after the previous head coach, Jennifer Hartmann, resigned.

Teton Volleyball started off with a challenging schedule traveling to North Platte, NE, where they played NJCAA D1 schools and battled.

"It really highlighted our flaws and showed us quickly what was working and what needed work," notes Christensen.

After ending the tough weekend, the girls came together to beat Dakota College at Bottineau and took off from there.

The Teton Volleyball team put their noses to the ground and competed with tough teams in their conference. They were tested through their season and traveled for most of the games they played, playing only six games on their home court. The Tetons defended their home court well, only losing twice at home. They ended their season 4-4 in their conference and 14-21 overall.

The Tetons went into the sub-regional tournament with a couple of injuries to their starting players. Their starting middle was

unable to play due to shoulder injury. Their season ended, unfortunately, in Bottineau in the sub-regional tournament but it was a battle to the very end. The first day of sub-regionals the Tetons went 2-1, losing to BSC in four sets. Because the tournament was double elimination the women had one more chance to retaliate against Bismarck, but were unable to do so.

Hannah Ware and McKenna DeMoe were named both All-Conference and All-Region. Both sophomores, they were great leaders and played with a lot of heart. Both Ware and McKenna plan to continue their volleyball careers at the next level.

Christensen has already begun building up the roster for the next season. She is proud of how her girls faced unfavorable situations and worked through their season as a team. She has her goals set high and hopes to have a much fuller roster for the upcoming season; and she's excited for the chance to do some of her own recruiting.

The Teton Volleyball team headed back to the gym November 30 to start training and getting ready for next year. They are hungry and ready to put work in to reach the ultimate goal.



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STUDENT [Q&A]

NIKIRA HOOKS

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

My little sister

What's your most embarrassing moment?

When I tripped and fell in front of a bunch of people.

What's your favorite word?

Bet.

What would your super power be?

I'd want to be able to teleport.

What profession are you hoping to do?

I want to be a social worker...or a WNBA player.

What profession are you hoping to avoid?

I don't want to be a math or science teacher



What's next for you after you finish at WSC?

I'm planning to go to a D1 school for basketball.

What were you doing before you came to WSC?

I went to a school called Roxbury Community College in Boston.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?

Economics from Mr. Peterson.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?

Mrs. Weismann.

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

I like all of the extra activities the college sets up for us.

What would you tell a prospective student who's thinking about coming to WSC?

It's a different outlook and experience. If you like change (and the cold) then this is the place to go.

What advice do you have for your fellow WSC student-athletes?


Keep your head in the books. Good grades keep you on the team.

If you could invite three people over for a dinner party (anyone, living or dead), who would you invite?

My mother, my father, and my grandmother.

Desert island top five: you can take a total of five movies/books/albums with you on a desert island.

I'd take three movies: *Love & Basketball*, *Save the Last Dance*, and *Scream*, and two albums: Lil Durk's *Remember My Name* and Fab's *The Young OG Project*.



STUDENT [Q&A] LANE VOLTZ

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Leonardo DiCaprio

What's your most embarrassing moment?

As a junior in high school at a basketball tournament, someone from the other team jumped, got his shoe stuck in my shorts, and completely pulled them down in front of the crowd.

Tell us a joke.

What did the buffalo say to his kid when he left for college?
Bison.

What's your favorite word?

I like the word gnarly, which is just another way to say cool.

What would your super power be?

It would definitely be time travel or flying. Either one would be pretty cool.

What profession are you hoping to do?

I hope to be a physical education/health teacher, and more importantly use that to become a successful basketball and football coach and maybe even athletic trainer.

What profession are you hoping to avoid?

I could never be a chef.

What's next for you after you finish at WSC?

After WSC, I plan to continue playing basketball and going to college at a four-year university, preferably close to home in either North Dakota or Minnesota.

What were you doing before you came to WSC?

I grew up in the very small town of Richardton, North Dakota, where I attended school at Richardton-Taylor High School.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?

Yoga.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?

Mr. Grunenwald, because I just liked the way that he taught in a different way than I had ever experienced.

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

That would definitely have to be being a part of the WSC Men's Basketball team, and all of the friendships and memories that I've made through that.

What would you tell a prospective student who's thinking about coming to WSC?

WSC is a great place to be for your first two years. The professors, students, coaches, and all others involved all really want the best for you while you're here. It's a very fun school.

What advice do you have for your fellow WSC students?

Two years here goes faster than you think so definitely enjoy every day and make as many friends as possible.

If you could invite three people over for a dinner party (anyone, living or dead), who would you invite?

I would invite Jesus Christ, for obvious reasons, Albert Einstein, because the man was a genius, and lastly Michael Jordan, because as a basketball fan he is the greatest of all time and a great business mind.

Desert island top five: you can take a total of five movies/books/albums with you on a desert island.

For books, I would bring the Bible and the novel *Blind Your Ponies* by Stanley Gordon West. For music, I would bring Justin Bieber's new album *Purpose*. For movies, I would bring *The Lion King* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

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Interest subsidy	-	-	-	-	220,559	-	-	-	220,559
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Pull-tabs income	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,907,975	-	1,907,975
Machine pull-tabs income	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,210,233	-	1,210,233
Blackjack income	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,678,596	-	3,678,596
Miscellaneous income	555	-	-	-	279	-	34,534	-	35,368
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Other investment income	39,743	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,743
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(86,868)	-	-	1,400	-	(199,425)	-	-	(284,893)
Net assets released from restrictions/ transfer of restricted funds	9,076,881	-	995,883	-	(995,833)	(2,278,376)	(6,795,927)	(2,578)	-
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	10,224,092	591,595	1,150,833	1,400	219,696	2,339,858	35,508	47,422	14,610,404
EXPENSES									
Administration	\$1,881	\$45,801	\$275	-	-	-	-	-	\$47,957
Advertising	24,403	-	295	-	-	-	-	-	24,698
Credit card fees	-	102,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,442
Depreciation	152,230	-	402,057	-	-	-	-	-	554,287
Assets donated to WSC	629	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	629
Donations to other charities	35,279	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,279
Equipment expense	2,407	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,407
Gaming licenses	1,275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,275
Gaming payouts	5,690,006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,690,006
Gaming short	6,356	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,356
Gaming taxes	78,812	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,812
Insurance	36,352	-	35,791	-	-	-	-	-	72,143
Loss on sale of fixed assets	149,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	149,442
Professional fees	70,338	-	71,843	-	-	-	-	-	142,181
Contract services	-	-	3,157	-	-	-	-	-	3,157
Office & postage	1,872	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,872
Payroll taxes	38,932	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,932
Property taxes	5,807	-	49,095	-	-	-	-	-	54,902
Pension expense	29,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,885
Public relations	26,805	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,805
Pull Tabs expense	59,303	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,303
Rental expenses	63,640	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,640
Repairs and maintenance	18,718	-	94,568	-	-	-	-	-	113,286
Salaries	509,021	362,251	-	-	-	-	-	-	871,272
Scholarships and grants	3,130,637	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,130,637
Scholarships & grants-gaming trust fund	405,947	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	405,947
Supplies	19,054	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,054
Trust fees	42,111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,111
Interest expense	30	-	285,948	-	-	-	-	-	285,978
Teton Thunder newspaper	31,792	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,792
Special events	3,059	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,059
Utilities and telephone	8,698	-	47,363	-	-	-	-	-	56,061
Vehicle expense	6,258	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,258
Miscellaneous	53,604	29,778	16,914	-	-	-	-	-	100,296
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,704,583	540,272	1,007,306	-	-	-	-	-	12,252,161
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,894,377	(59,495)	1,091	155,040	160,126	9,626,591	235,221	6,385,419	20,398,370
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(480,491)	51,323	143,527	1,400	219,696	2,339,858	35,508	47,422	2,358,243
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	3,413,886	(8,172)	144,618	156,440	379,822	11,966,449	270,729	6,432,841	22,756,613

Thank you to all the folks at WSC Foundation for the work you do! I was blessed to receive the WSCF Book Scholarship for the Spring 2015 Semester + the Vocational Experience Scholarship for the 2014-2015 school term. I am so grateful for the financial assistance this year - I am graduating with my AA in Liberal Arts + could not be more excited! Thank you!
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January 6, 2015

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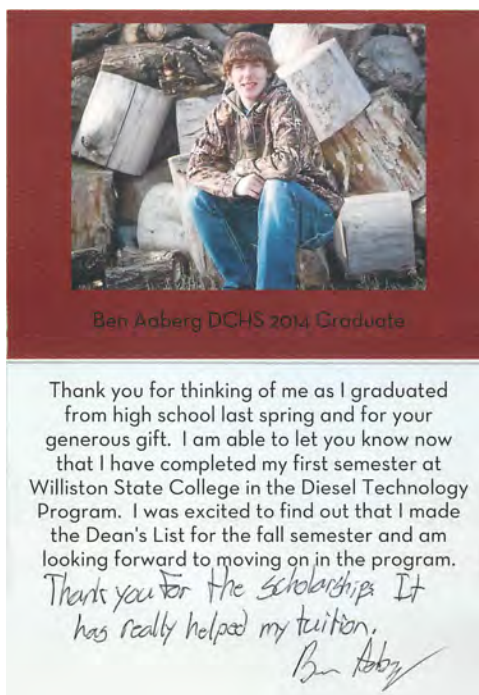
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