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GREETINGS FROM THE WSC FOUNDATION!



Everyone at Williston State College and the Foundation hopes you are enjoying a great summer.

It has been said that there are only two things certain in life, death and taxes. I believe *change* belongs on that list. WSC and the Foundation are undergoing a great deal of change. And though challenge often accompanies change, we are concentrating on, and looking forward to, the opportunities change presents.

As many of you already know, Dr. Raymond Nadolny resigned his position as WSC President in June. In my opinion, Dr. Nadolny was the right man at the right time for WSC. Dr. Nadolny came to Williston seven years ago filled with passion and vision. The pairing of Dr. Nadolny's passion and the prosperity of North Dakota were timed perfectly. Positive change—continuous improvement—was Dr. Nadolny's focus throughout his presidency. He will be remembered as a visionary who guided the College through the creation of a thriving, alluring, collegiate campus. Dr. Nadolny's passion for things new and improved became the norm for WSC. During his tenure, WSC constructed a new dorm, science wing, and CTE center; redesigned the front drive; renovated Stevens Hall; and added two sports teams, positioning WSC to handily take on the future and the demands of a growing student population.

Dr. John Miller, WSC Vice President of Academic Affairs, has been named as acting president. Dr. Miller is a great educator and will do tremendous work in his new role. In my opinion, he has worked diligently in his short time at WSC to earn the respect and confidence of both the Foundation board and the staff of WSC.

This year is also bringing about exciting changes for the Foundation and WSC alumni. Diane Hagan worked feverishly in the 1980s to get an alumni association going, but the association has been dormant for quite some time. Combining the alumni association with the Foundation, which most institutions in our state do, has long been a goal of the Foundation. The key to having a successful alumni association is having a dedicated, passionate alumnus to direct it, and we are fortunate to have Hunter Berg stepping into that role. We are happy to welcome Hunter to the Foundation, as he has the passion for WSC we were looking for. Alumni get ready!

Scholarship expansion is always on the Foundation agenda. Increasing the numbers of students we serve through scholarships is our priority. We have expanded our free tuition and fee scholarship program to include additional regional counties along with the Williams County Scholarship program. We hope students will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Scholarships and other benefits that WSCF provides for WSC students are, of course, the results of the generosity of our donors - past, present and future. I encourage you to read about the Herman Family Trust and the Jane Nelson Endowment in this issue of the *Teton Thunder*. Both are fine examples of the impact selfless donors make. I also want to recognize the importance of the North Dakota Higher Ed Challenge fund. It has made a big difference for our Foundation, making our donors feel a part of something so big and impactful, and increasing the funds we have available for students. Thank you, donors, and the State of North Dakota! Our students are forever indebted to you.

In closing, I'd like to take a moment to reflect again on Dr. Nadolny's time at WSC. The Foundation worked shoulder to shoulder with Dr. Nadolny on so many projects in these last few years. We were able to accomplish a great deal for the College and the community. What a grand journey it has been. Special thanks to Dr. Nadolny for leading that journey.

Sincerely,

Terry Olson
Executive Director
Williston State College Foundation



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INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES



DIVERSITY WEEK

WSC hosted its first Diversity Week in April, with most events planned by the WSC Diversity Club and Kim Weismann's intercultural communication class. Different events were held each day, focusing in large part on traditional clothing and food of many cultures.

WSC's Diversity Club is growing and open to new members. Students, faculty, and staff interested in joining should contact Kim Weismann at 701.774.4503 or kim.weismann@willistonstate.edu. Community members with ideas for Diversity Club events are also encouraged to contact Weismann.



UNITED WAY

In the past year, both Kim Wenko, TrainND Continuing Education/Marketing Manager, and Jenny Wolf, WSC's Director for Creative Services, have been asked to join the Williston Branch of the United Way Board. The United Way Board provides funding for approximately thirty different nonprofit agencies operating in northwest North Dakota.

"I feel it's important to invest in the community that you are living in. It's everyone's responsibility to make Williston a great community," explains Wenko. "We are both honored as WSC employees to have been asked to join this board and make Williston an even better community."



SONS OF NORWAY

Coordinator and Associate Professor of Massage Therapy Wendy McGinley and Associate Professor of History Richard Stenberg were named to lead Williston's historic Sons of Norway Chapter as President (Stenberg) and Vice-President (McGinley).

Williston's Sons of Norway holds weekly Norwegian language classes, taught by WSC's Kirby Lund and his grandfather Chet Lund, as well as Norwegian dance lessons. Throughout the year classes in traditional Norwegian baking, sewing, and genealogy are hosted at the Sons of Norway Hall.

If you're interested in signing up to become a member or joining one of their cultural classes, please contact Wendy McGinley at 701.774.4293 or wendy.mcginley@willistonstate.edu.

RELAY FOR LIFE

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the NADOLNYFILES: 2009-2016



OCTOBER
Ground breaking for Career & Technology Center

AUGUST
Residence hall ground breaking



JULY
Sitting Bull dedication (featured speaker: Ernie LaPointe, great grandson of Sitting Bull)



MARCH
Master plan completed (paid for by City of Williston)

JULY
Nine additional trailers added to campus to deal with employee housing (total of sixteen)

JANUARY
New Hockey and Women's Fast Pitch Softball programs announced

JULY
DMV opened on campus



JULY
Science Center ground breaking



AUGUST
Frontier Hall opening and dedication

2009

JUNE
TrainND's Petroleum Safety & Tech Center opens

2010

JUNE
Website redesigned and faculty receive iPads



NOVEMBER
Refurbished Veterans Memorial

APRIL
New logo unveiled



MAY
Williston State awarded two million in impact funding from special session

2011

AUGUST
Western Star Career and Technology Center grand opening



NOVEMBER
Mayville State University opens office on campus



OCTOBER
Ground breaking on Foundation's first apartment building

SEPTEMBER
Science Center grand opening



FEBRUARY
National Hockey Champions



APRIL
Full-time security hired

SEPTEMBER
Ready Room grand opening



OCTOBER
Learning Commons grand opening

JULY
New T.O. Court unveiled



2012

2013



NOVEMBER
Streets named (Lewis, Clark, Pioneer, Bakken Loop)

OCTOBER
Williston State awarded 1.9 million Title III Grant



MARCH
Backup generator installed



MAY
Livdahl Lounge grand opening



OCTOBER
Campus front drive dedication and grand opening

MAY
Additional two million placed in Williston State's operating dollars (staff salaries increase 6%: faculty salaries increase 20%)



the NADOLNYFILES: 2009-2016

JANUARY
Stevens Hall renovation begins



JANUARY
Stevens Hall renovation grand opening

FEBRUARY
National Hockey Champions



APRIL
Foundation begins construction on Apartment Building II

FEBRUARY
WSC enrollment breaks 1,000 for first time

AUGUST
250+ students receive Williams County Graduate Scholarship

APRIL
First President's Advisory Council meets



2014

2015

2016

JULY 1
Most trailers removed from campus (with three remaining for high school)

OCTOBER
Williams County Graduate Scholarship announced

MAY
TrainND-Northwest Center ground breaking



MARCH
ARC grand opening



FEBRUARY
Regional County Scholarship Announced for every high school graduate in four more counties

MAY
Pump Jack dedication



OCTOBER
TrainND-Northwest grand opening





WSC students Grant Haataja and Eliel LaFavor with Dr. Nadolny at his farewell celebration.

WHEN DR. RAYMOND NADOLNY ACCEPTED THE POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF WILLISTON STATE COLLEGE, HE COMMITTED TO DOING THE JOB FOR THREE YEARS. Nadolny arrived in Williston in 2009, and he has spent the last seven years guiding WSC through a rapid expansion that has mirrored the growth of the surrounding community. Having remained at WSC for more than twice the length of his original commitment, Nadolny resigned as president in June.

THE END OF AN ERA.

BY MATT NELSON

Nadolny's decision to leave WSC involved a number of factors. "Right now, I have a father who's very ill. So, I'm going to take one or two months to be with him," explains Nadolny. "It has been so crazy the last seven years. I have not really had a lot of time to leave, but all of a sudden this year, things started calming down and things started falling into place, and the opportunity presented itself to take this time with my father, so I'm going to take that time." Also, Nadolny adds, "My family has relocated to Seattle, so I need to be there with my family. They've had the hard end of it, because I was very up front about a three-year commitment, and after six years, they were kind of tugging on me. So this was a good transition time."

Looking back on his time at WSC, Nadolny finds himself amazed by everything the college has been able to accomplish during his tenure. "All those capital projects were pretty huge," notes Nadolny, "The rec center, the new residence hall, completely renovating Stevens Hall, putting in the front drive and back drive and the CTE building," but he's more impressed that the college was able to make such progress, "all during a time when we were having this incredible turnover and people were incredibly stressed. Everything that was done in this environment was done usually while we were short-staffed. When I look at that list of accomplishments, I'm just overwhelmed."

Nadolny is looking forward to joining his family in Seattle, but there are many things he's going to miss about Williston. "In some of the cities I've lived in, you get to know a lot of people, but it tends to be a lot more superficial than in a community like

this," he explains. "Whereas, here you can make some pretty significant and deep relationships very quickly, and that I will miss. Because I feel like I got to know some people very, very well in seven years, more so than in other communities in twenty years. It's been a remarkable ride."

As to the future of WSC, Nadolny says the partnership between the college and the WSC Foundation has ensured that things will only get better. "Paying for college really is the biggest challenge for most students right now," he notes. "You have students who are graduating from high school in this area who have tuition and fees paid for, so to have that obstacle overcome here really is incredible. So that partnership with the Foundation really has made this place magical, and has made the experience for students very promising."

"There always are going to be challenges," Nadolny adds, "That's going to be for the next administration, and so to that, I say, 'Good luck, and my very best.' But I think the foundation has been laid here. It's a strong foundation. I also think that, given all the growth of the last seven years, it's not bad to take a little break. And I think this college could use a break, and could use a little rest, and they will continue to do a great job of serving these wonderful students."

"IT'S BEEN A REMARKABLE RIDE."

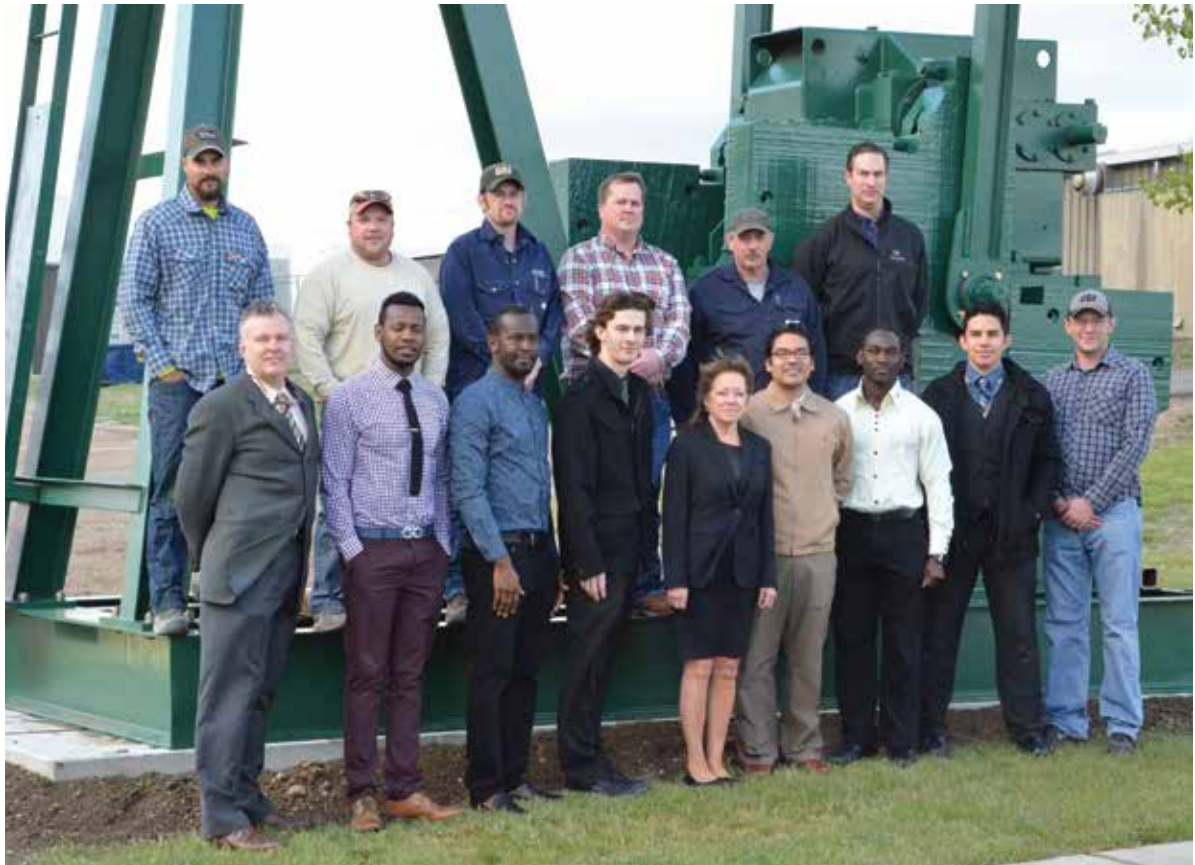
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- DR. NADOLNY



PUMP JACK NOW ON CAMPUS

BY NATALIE BOESE



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The retired pump behind the Western Star Building now has a second life as an ornamental piece on campus thanks to Petroleum Instructor Alberto Bellina's TECH 299 class.

Donated by Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation in 2014 for educational use, the conventional sucker rod pumping unit looked like a good piece for Bellina's automation class to work on.

"I thought it would be great to work on an actual pump jack, get the piece working again. A lot of schools do not get this opportunity handed to them," Bellina explains. "After researching it further, with the aid of WISCO employee Pierre Nkada, who had serviced that unit last, I discovered it could not be reassembled as a working pump, but could instead be an ornamental piece for WSC."

Tasked with designing the setup of a sucker rod balance pump unit for the spring semester, six sophomore petroleum students spent the beginning of the semester in teams researching companies to assemble the sucker rod pumping unit, bid out jobs, and solicit donations.

This 100% student-run project replicated a real world, hands-on project management experience. Steve Vargas, Richard Fiadzo, David Kwasitse, and Alex Ruvugwa took direction from lead project managers Brian Ensrud and Tanner Fricke after their final presentation received the highest grade.

"Feedback from panel judges was used by students to improve each project phase, resulting in a well-researched and substantiated final presentation," states Pamela Rasmussen, TREND (Training for Regional Energy in North Dakota) grant director. "TREND was able to cover non-donated costs with DOL TAACCCT grant funds to ensure completion due to the educational relevance of the project and the quality of the documentation provided by students."

Estimated to cost \$40,016.39, the concept was approved by WSC

Petroleum Advisory and Leadership Boards after \$15,240.41 was covered by the TREND Grant and an estimated total amount of \$24,775.98 in donations were awarded to this project.

Donors include B&G Oilfield Service, Basin Concrete & Trucking Rental, Border States Electric, Borsheim Crane Service, Fastenal, Knife River, McCody Concrete, Nodak Oilfield Service, Sherwin-Williams, Signs by Dan, Whiting Petroleum, and Williston API (American Petroleum Institute).

Lighting was installed by H&H Electric, and the WSC Welding Department created the safety fence. The diesel program helped in draining the unit, smoothing out the surface for painting, and fixing one of the donors' trucks. The Williston State College Foundation will donate the signage once the project is complete.

"Not only did our students work with a dozen companies to place a pump jack unit on the front of the CTE Building, they created the plan and oversaw the implementation at no cost to WSC," Dr. Raymond Nadolny states. "I have never witnessed anything like this. Our petroleum students are amazing."

Brain Ensrud, TECH 299 lead project manager on the pump jack unit project, knows this experience will help him in his Hess Corporation internship this summer in Tioga.

"The project transition to completion took some planning. I didn't count on having four days of rain prior to painting," Ensrud explains. "Fortunately, I was able to schedule the companies to move and set it up May 9. Everything came together nicely. Everyone involved has been very helpful in completing the project by graduation day."

Bellina agrees. "It is impressive to see that WSC can show students how to start and end a project of this magnitude. Students at a four-year university would more than likely never have this type of opportunity to be so directly involved," Bellina adds. "I have seen all six of these students grow intellectually and know they will take away a lot of skills from this project that will help them succeed."



FREE TUITION EXPANSION



WSC student Shonda Powell speaks at the WSC Foundation's scholarship celebration in February



WSC student Grant Haatja performs during the celebration.

[WSCF ADDS 4 MORE COUNTIES]

BY NATALIE BOESE

At a time when students can expect, on average, \$35,000 in debt after four years in college, Williston State College's new Regional County Scholarship will provide two years of paid tuition and fees to the region's high school classes of 2016. Building on the success of the Williams County Graduate (WCG) Scholarship, the Williston State College Foundation has extended scholarships to include the 2016 high school graduating classes in Burke, Divide, McKenzie, and Mountrail Counties.

"The WSC Foundation is extremely excited to include more of our regional students in this new scholarship," says WSC Foundation Executive Director Terry Olson. "We have donors who wanted to help in the cost of school at WSC, and we are doing what those donors requested. The foundation is very fortunate to have such generous people."

Though similar to the WCG Scholarship, where any graduate of a Williams County high school can receive two years of free education from WSC, the new Regional County Scholarship is in no way affiliated with the Alva J. Field Trust.

What impact will this scholarship have? As a result of the WCG Scholarship, first year, full-time, degree-seeking student retention increased 8.09% to 78.09% from fall 2015 to spring 2016, according to Dr. Raymond Nadolny. The Regional County Scholarship will expand on that success as more students in the region become eligible to attend WSC tuition free.

"Eighteen senior classes from eighteen high schools will benefit from both the Williams County Graduate and the Regional County Scholarships, spanning four semesters, with no tuition and fees," explains Nadolny. "I know of no similar opportunity in the nation."

Students must maintain the following minimum requirements to keep the Regional County Scholarship: full-time status for four consecutive semesters (excluding summers); a 2.0 term GPA; and enrollment in at least one on-campus course per semester.

"This new scholarship is innovative and speaks highly of the work being done by Williston State College and the WSC Foundation to expand opportunities for students in the northwest region of the state," says NDUS Chancellor Mark Hagerott. "They will give more students in that area a chance at furthering their education through one of our fine community colleges."

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1. Dr. Nadolny with Miss ND Delanie Wiedrich in April. 2. Ryan Ogaard mystifies students at Marketplace for Kids in April. 3. WSC Transportation Instructor Clay Sponable celebrates his ASE certifications. 4. Associate Professor Richard Stenberg's World War I class honors veterans in Riverview Cemetery in May. 5. Border States Electric Branch Manager Mark Christopher and Petroleum Instructor Alberto Bellina 6. Kokusai students Ryoko Suzuki and Miki Nakai at WSC in December. 7. WSC hosts the Northwest Regional Science Fair in March. 8. Sidney Middle School visits WSC in April. 9. WSC hosts the second annual Northwest Career Expo for local high school students. 10. WSC Faculty host their annual Pi(e) day at WSC in March. 11. WSC Petroleum Instructor Alberto Bellina with area HS students. 12. Yoga class moves outdoors. 13. PTK Easter Egg hunt. 14. ND State Staff Senators meet at WSC in June. 15. Students dress for Cultural Clothing Day during Diversity Week in April. 16. Ken Quamme's students build a chair with CDs. 17. Service Dogs of America from Judd, ND visit students to relive stress during finals. 18. Faculty and staff model "what not to wear" to a job interview. 19. Faculty and staff gather for Strategic Planning in December. 20. WSC celebrates with Yaya Thimbo after he receives his US Citizenship. 21. WSC Student Senate in January.



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WSC'S 2016 Commencement ceremony was livestreamed on YouTube. The video is available now to watch at youtube.com/user/willistonstate

COMMENCEMENT [2016]



Williston State College's 55th Annual Commencement was held Friday, May 13 in the Thomas Witt Leach Center (The Well).

This year's keynote speaker was Executive Director of Williston Economic Development Shawn Wenko. Student speakers Jamie Gleeson and Madison Brown also offered congratulations to their fellow graduates.

WSC awarded 183 students more than 270 degrees, including 122 CTE Associate in Applied Science degrees, certificates, and diplomas, as well as more than 150 transfer degrees.

Commencement marks the end of the school year, but things are not slowing down at WSC with preparations

underway for the second year of the WCG Scholarship and the first year with students utilizing the new WSC Regional County Scholarship.

"Classes are filling up fast and we are excited to help students get registered for our upcoming fall term," notes Vice President for Student Affairs Kaylyn Bondy. "We encourage students to participate in one of our upcoming registration days." WSC's next registration day is Friday, August 12.

To register for classes, please visit www.willistonstate.edu/registration.

For more information, please visit www.willistonstate.edu, call 1.888.863.9455, or stop by the college at 1410 University Avenue, Williston, ND.



KIDS COLLEGE

WSC Community Education held its annual Kids College this summer, offering six different five-day programs throughout June and July.

Kids College has been one of the most successful community education programs at WSC, running for more than ten years. Continuing Education & Marketing Manager Kim Wenko notes that the program has changed over time, along with the community's needs, "For example, we used to run half-days, but we revamped the program during the boom so kids would be occupied all day and parents wouldn't need to come pickup their kids at midday." The program has also expanded over the years to include multiple Monday-Friday sessions that serve a broader range of ages.

WSC's partnership with Gonzaga University, which allows Gonzaga students come to stay at WSC's Frontier Hall for the summer and work in a variety of internship positions in the college and community, has also helped maintain the success of Kids College. "We couldn't continue without the Gonzaga partnership," adds Wenko.

Each week's program has a different theme, and most are open to kids ages 7-12. This year, the first week of Kids College was a happy summer celebration, full of outdoor activities, arts and crafts, games, and swim time at the ARC, culminating in a celebration of old-fashioned picnic games, like the three-legged race, potato sack race, bobbing for apples, and more.

Week two was an adventure week, and kids explored Teddy Roosevelt National Park and Lewis and Clark State Park with park rangers, hiking trails and learning survival skills. Kids also got to enjoy the kids' day events at the Fort Union Rendezvous and cap off the week with an ultimate obstacle course to test their new skills.

The final session in June was a week of tech camp, designed to spark students' love for technology. With emphases on creativity, exploration, and friendship, kids were encouraged to discover new tech skills in an energetic, kid-friendly learning environment. They worked with a variety of digital tools, including 3D animation and design, web creation, coding, and more.

Three more sessions are planned for July, including the Summer Palooza week, which is a celebration of

summer camps. Kids will swim, ride in boats, play sports, use the computer lab, and travel and explore Lewis and Clark State Park and the Badlands.

The penultimate session of Kids College is sports camp, where they spend each day focusing on a new sport. Kids will work closely with the WSC Athletic department to learn basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, and volleyball skills. The WSC coaches teach the kids basic skills of each sport, but the focus is less on competition and more on having fun and enjoying the game.

Finally, the last week of July will include the end of the summer bash. This program celebrates summer with outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and games, as well as trips to the movies and the bowling alley. They will cap off the summer with a party with slip and slides and inflatables.

For more information about WSC's Kids College, please contact Kim Wenko at 701.713.3782 or kim.wenko@willistonstate.edu.

LETTER FROM

THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Weathering Change, Never Sacrificing Values

From the time I became the Director of Athletics two years ago, both the college and the Williston community have seen drastic change. We have seen the price of oil drop nearly \$80, gone through changes in both vice-president and president of the college, and introduced seven new head coaches. We also have seen the addition of an on-campus softball field, renewed partnership with the Williston Parks and Rec with the Raymond Family Center, and a drastic increase in enrollment.

Even with all these changes, the Teton Way will always continue. The hard work mentality that each coach brings to the table has paid off in many ways. In our time we have seen four of our teams ranked in the top 20 or higher in the entire nation. Men's Basketball set a WSC record being named #14 in 2015 and Teton Baseball won seventeen straight games to reach #19 that year as well. Teton Hockey went to Nationals the last two years and is pioneering a new trail as an NJCAA joining the ACHA.

This year we witnessed what can happen when you don't compromise your values. Williston State College student-athletes combined to record a cumulative grade point average of 3.09 for the entire year. I feel this is an amazing feat, as the small details are generally the ones that get lost in times of change. The countless hours the department put into academics, with initiatives such as opening the Learning Commons at night, partnering with academic departments on improved communications, and working with Admissions on processes for registration, all pay off at the end.

The future continues to allow room for growth. We are excited about the completion of the Teton Softball Field and look to grow that complex to become the premier baseball/softball complex in North Dakota. We are excited to grow the Teton Basketball name nationally with trips to Idaho, Arizona, and Wyoming already scheduled for next year. Hockey looks to represent Williston and Northwest North Dakota in a new league with over 400 institutions. Our Teton Booster Club is becoming more active and soon will be the best Booster Club in the NJCAA.

I could not be more proud of the dedication and commitment these young men and women show every day to shine as students, as athletes, and as the next generation of world and community leaders. We will continue to win championships, excel academically, and serve as a model of what junior college athletics should look like.

I cannot thank our Teton alumni, Teton Booster members, and fans enough for their continued support and passion for these student-athletes. I look forward to celebrating another exciting year of uncompromising success.

Go Tetons!



Dan Artamenko

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As we say
goodbye to
DR. NADOLNY,
we have a
special **TETON
THROWBACK**
to the days of
UND-W first
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STEVENS**



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SUMMER

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WINTER

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NEW LEADERS FOR THE TETONS IN HERNANDEZ &

BY TETON ATHLETICS

After the departure of Coach Cory Fehringer to Western Nebraska, Rylee Hernandez has been named Head Coach for Teton Men's Basketball. Hernandez has been an assistant coach at Williston State College for three years, and he has already assumed the responsibilities of head coach.

"I am extremely thankful and grateful for this opportunity to guide and lead these young men at Williston State, not only on the court, but in the classroom as well," says Hernandez.

Hernandez came to WSC in 2013 and helped grow both the women's and men's programs. In 2014, he was named the top assistant for the men's program and played a key role in many major successes for the program. Hernandez has been part of two regular season conference titles, with national recognition in the polls reaching as high as 14th in the 2014-2015 season. Hernandez works extensively with skill development, team defense, game and practice planning, scouting, recruiting, travel, film, academics, and graduation. His work with top recruits Adonis De La Rosa and Teyvon Myers was key in their re-recruitment to four-year schools. In his three years at WSC, the Tetons have won 75 games.

While working as assistant coach this last season, Hernandez got an early taste of the head seat when he served as acting head coach for one game, a win over United Tribes Technical College. Coach Hernandez is ready to continue the success.

"There has been a lot of success over the past few years," notes Hernandez. "I look to continue with this success going forward. I am very honored to take this position and excited about playing this part in the Williston community."

Before arriving at Williston State College Hernandez was a team captain and junior varsity assistant men's basketball coach at Lakeland College. As a player he went 43-13, bringing in a Northern Athletics Conference North Division regular season title (2012-2013) as well as back-to-back Northern Athletics Conference Tournament Championship appearances at Lakeland College. Going 22-6 as senior, Hernandez helped his team break the school record for wins as an NCAA institution. He also holds the highest career win percentage as a player with .767 at Lakeland College. At the conclusion of his senior year, he was named the T.W. Hornemann "Male Muskie of the Year" award recipient.

Hernandez spent his first two collegiate years at Vermilion Community College in Ely, MN. There he was part of a Minnesota College Athletic Conference North Division Championship for the 2010-2011 season. He was also in the NJCAA top 20 for three-point field goal percentage in 2010-2011.

Hernandez is a native of St. Paul, MN, and a graduate of Roseville Area High School. He received his Associate of Arts from Vermilion Community College and earned a bachelor's degree from Lakeland College in exercise science and sports studies.

HERBEL



On May 17, the Tetons announced the hiring of Kia Herbel as Head Coach of the Teton Women's Basketball Program. Herbel was previously the head coach of United Tribes Technical College.

In her first year as head coach, Herbel was able to accomplish great things with United Tribes. She was able to win eighteen games in the year and did so with only six players on the team. Herbel's team advanced on to the NJCAA National Championship Tournament in Overland Park, Kansas. En route to these accomplishments, Herbel was named Region 13 Coach of the Year and District F Coach of the Year.

Prior to taking the reins of the Thunderbird program, Herbel had served as an assistant coach for two years, one each at Bismarck State and United Tribes. She returned to coaching in North Dakota after a very successful playing career here. Herbel played two years for the Tetons under Head Coach Hunter Berg and then was named an All-American at Dickinson State under Coach Guy Fridley. Describing her play, Fridley simply says, "I think that's the single most dominating player I've seen."

Teton Athletics sat down with Kia to ask her a few questions:

What motivated you to take the job?

I played for Williston State College for two years and there was a strong feeling of family from the coaching staff, teammates, faculty, students, and the community. When I returned to the college this last year, as a coach from an opposing team, it still felt like I was home. The support and unity of the college and community made it an easy decision to join the Teton family once again.

Coming back to Williston, what memory from your playing career here stands out?

The memory from my playing career that stands out the most is when I found my passion for basketball. The coaching staff had expectations for me and pushed me in a way that helped me grow on and off the court. They taught me many things that have benefited me throughout my basketball career and my life.

You mention the community support before, how do you plan to build that relationship with the community?

I plan on building the relationship by attending community events and continuing to build upon the strong relationship that has already been established. By showing the community that my girls and I are positive role models who support causes both on and off campus, we can hopefully inspire others to become more involved with WSC.

What is your plan for recruiting players to the Tetons?

I plan on recruiting as many players from North Dakota as I can. We have many talented athletes in our backyard that could play at the college level. I would also recruit from neighboring states that have the same talent that would fit at WSC. The strong support from the faculty and community will be a recruiting tool for us. It will also help to show the players the facilities, which they can utilize throughout their time here.

What should we expect out of your Teton teams?

The student-athletes will be hardworking, not only on the court but in the classrooms as well. They will represent WSC in a positive way by having good attitudes, being respectful, and performing well academically.



BY TETON ATHLETICS

TETON HOCKEY MOVES TO THE

ACHA

Since adding hockey to its Teton Athletics program in 2012, Williston State College has made five appearances at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Hockey Tournament. Winning back-to-back national championships in 2013 and 2014 brought WSC national recognition and enhanced recruitment. This year was the first time both Dakota College at Bottineau and WSC appeared at the Frozen Four. The two North Dakota colleges have won a combined eleven NJCAA National Hockey Championships.

"Although Dakota College brought home the national championship this year, Williston State is proud both teams were in a position to represent North Dakota's excellence in hockey," notes Dr. Raymond Nadolny.

With the conclusion of the National Tournament, the athletic department announced that Teton Hockey would be leaving the NJCAA to compete in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The ACHA is a growing hockey league with over 430 programs, and it's adding more each year. Compared to the six teams that were in the NJCAA, the ACHA will provide a more competitive atmosphere. In addition, there are multiple North Dakota schools currently in the

ACHA, with Minot State being a top-ranked team in Division 1 ACHA, University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University Club Teams, and University of Jamestown joining the ACHA for the 2016-2017 season.

This season, the Tetons will compete in the ACHA Division 2, which comprises 182 teams with a regional tournament in Denver, Colorado. Other benefits include being a member of USA Hockey, which opens up both invites to the World University Games and selection to International Traveling Select Teams. Former Teton Nick Zern was selected to Team USA Hockey Roster once he joined the ACHA Minot State team. The impact has already been seen as the Tetons will have a record twenty home games next year as teams are more willing to travel to Williston due to membership in the ACHA.

"We worked closely with ACHA Executive Director Michael Walley over the last twelve months to find a viable home for the Tetons," says Athletic Director Dan Artamenko. "The excitement and growth the ACHA offers was a perfect match for both the college and the community."

BY TETON ATHLETICS

TETONS

[IN THE COMMUNITY]



The Williston State College Foundation is now able to provide free college to students from the service area of WSC, which is a truly great accomplishment. These scholarships have already had a significant impact on both the college and community, strengthening the bond between the two. This bond extends into the athletic world as well.

This last year, more than twenty-three athletes on the Teton rosters hail from schools within three hours of Williston. That is almost 30% of the rosters, and this number is expected to go up in 2016-2017 due to the new regional scholarship! Beyond the numbers on the rosters, the development of local sports is also growing. All of the Teton sports hosted a skills camp to focus on the growth of each game in the surrounding area, and a partnership with Williston High School has begun with teams from both schools working for a greater good.

WSC hosted Donn Skadeland Night for WHS, the annual rivalry match-up against Minot High. The men's basketball program at WSC has created the Badlands Basketball Showcase, an invitational camp for the top twenty players in Western North Dakota. This summer, Teton Baseball will lend a strong hand with the Babe Ruth World Series hosted in Williston. Phil Rabon field will serve as a main practice field, and the Well will host the opening banquet.

The Class B Region 8 Boys tournament was again held at WSC as well. This year saw great numbers as nearly 4,000 paid attendance over the three-day tournament, as well as all the passes and players in attendance. The championship game between New Town and Kenmare saw the gymnasium nearly at capacity, with over 2,000 fans in attendance.

Teton Athletics is proud of this bond and hopes to continue to strengthen it in the coming years. For more information on sport camps or partnering with the college on events, please contact the Athletic Department at 701-774-4589.

Four Teton Athletes earned individual recognition this year from the NJCAA, and three Teton teams were honored for their overall performance. Overall, Teton Athletics earned a GPA above 3.00, finishing with a 3.06 across all sports.

"I am very proud of the students representing Williston State strongly on and off the courts," notes Athletic Director Dan Artamenko. "In addition, I would like to thank each coach for the individual work they have done this year. While the top performing teams are being recognized today, I am most proud that we did not have a weak link. To have an overall athletic department GPA above a 3.00 is one of the proudest moments in my career."

Leading the pack for the individual honors were two sophomore Lady Tetons from the Women's Basketball team. Jamie Gleeson and Taylor Nelson both earned the Pinnacle Student-Athlete Award, the most prestigious academic honor awarded by the NJCAA, given to those who have completed four semesters with a 4.00 GPA.

Jamie Gleeson was one of the most decorated Tetons, with multiple recognitions both on the court and from the college, due to her leadership and work with groups such as Student Senate. Gleeson is studying business and hopes to one day take over the family company in Missouri. Taylor Nelson from Ray played volleyball her first year and then basketball her second, all the while keeping up with her coursework in elementary education.

In addition to the individual awards, the Teton Women's Basketball team finished with a 3.24 GPA, earning them their sixth consecutive nomination for NJCAA Academic Team of the Year. Last year, the Tetons finished second in the nation.

Teton Softball continued its success, being nominated for their third NJCAA Academic Team of the Year award with a team GPA of 3.08. In addition, Miranda Schulz received the Superior Academic Performance with an overall GPA of 3.88 in her two years at WSC. Schulz was in the massage therapy program after coming from Delta, British Columbia.



TETONS EARN [ACADEMIC] AWARDS

BY TETON ATHLETICS

"The softball program at WSC places a huge emphasis on academics," adds Head Softball Coach Tiffany Buckmaster. "These student-athletes are just that, students first. I tell all of them, 'Your employer will most likely not care that you played softball; they will only care what you learned.' I am proud of this year's team on this achievement and look forward to continuing that tradition with the group next year."

The Teton Hockey team also received recognition for their work, earning a nomination for Academic Team of the Year with a team GPA of 3.15. "As a coaching staff we are extremely happy for the hard work that our players put forth in their academic studies," says Head Hockey Coach John Bowkus. "The bar has now been set for our next group of players who will wear the Teton logo. I personally would like to thank Coach JD Hobbs for an outstanding job of ensuring our players were attending classes and finishing class assignments even as we spent numerous hours traveling for hockey."

As part of the hockey team as well as the baseball team, dual-sport athlete Ging Martin from Sandy, Oregon, earned the Exemplary Scholar Award for posting a 3.75 GPA during his tenure at WSC. Martin, who has been studying international business, played Left Field for the Teton Baseball team and batted .309. He was a key defenseman on the hockey team. "Ging really embodied what it means to be a Teton," said Assistant Coach JD Hobbs. "He played two sports both years and was able to do it while keeping up with his grades off the ice. Players like him really have a future ahead of them."



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STUDENT [Q&A]

JAMIE GLEESON



Who would play you in a movie about your life?
Angelina Jolie.

What's your favorite word?
America.

What would your super power be?
Flying.

What profession are you hoping to do?
Pro dancer.

What profession are you hoping to avoid?
Mortician.

What's next for you after you finish at WSC?
Play ball in Missouri.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?
Either yoga or geology.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?
They're all fabulous, but my favorite is Lance Olson.

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

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

What advice do you have for your fellow WSC students?
Sometimes you gotta pull down your pants and slide on the ice.

What makes students today better or worse than students fifty years ago?
Students today are worse than students were fifty years ago, because they're too spoiled and self-centered.

What makes college easier or harder today than it was fifty years ago?
College is easier than it was fifty years ago because the world has advanced and people are smarter.

If you could invite three people over for a dinner party (anyone, living or dead), who would you invite?
Natalie, God, and Brad Pitt.

Desert island top five: you can take a total of five movies/books/albums with you on a desert island. What are your choices?
The Harry Potter series, *Woodlawn*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Lilo & Stitch*, and *The Lion King*.



[Q&As] WITH THE 2016 COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKERS



STUDENT [Q&A] MADISON BROWN

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Hilary Swank.

What's your favorite word?

Onomatopoeia.

What would your super power be?

My super power would be to eat without getting fat because let's face it, we all love food.

What profession are you hoping to do?

Elementary Education.

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

After I finish at WSC, I am going to Mayville to finish up my degree.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?

Native American Literature.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?

Kim Weismann.

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

It is hard to pick one thing, but I really like the activities that are provided for students, like magicians, hypnotists, mentalists, bowling, root beer pong, etc.

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

WSC is a great start to your college academic career. There are many opportunities provided here from less expensive tuition, scholarships, and classes. On top of that, the faculty is phenomenal. They are always willing to lend a hand if you need help and they really have your best interest in mind. They want you to succeed.

What advice do you have for your fellow WSC students?

Make the most of your time at WSC and use your resources that they provide you. Always remember that your professors are your friends, not your enemies.

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

Theodore Roosevelt, Rosa Parks, and my grandparents who have passed away.

Desert island top five: you can take a total of five movies/books/albums with you on a desert island. What are your choices?

I am a complete bookworm and love reading so I would bring five books with on a desert island. Picking just five is kind of difficult but I would choose *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman*, the Harry Potter series, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and *The Fifth Wave*.

R. E. HERMAN FAMILY TRUST & JANE NELSON

ENDOWMENTS

BY NATALIE BOESE

Williston State College's Nursing program will gain significant support beginning Fall 2016 thanks to two local donors: the R. E. Herman Family Trust and Jane Nelson. The gifts from both families will have a huge impact on the Nursing program, as each donation is eligible for matching funds from the North Dakota Challenge Fund.

The WSC Foundation and the North Dakota Challenge Fund began their partnership July 1, 2015. For every two dollars donated to the WSC Foundation, the Challenge Fund contributes one dollar. Through this partnership, the WSC Foundation is eligible to receive \$1 million from the North Dakota Challenge Fund through June 30, 2017.

The late Robert and Sharron Herman established the R. E. Herman Family Trust. Managed by their children—Connie (Herman) Teske and December Herman—along with their granddaughter Stacey Massey and family friend Steve Oyloe, the Herman Trust honors Robert and Sharron Herman by donating to WSC's Nursing program.

The money allows nursing students to attend WSC at a much more affordable cost. Connie Teske explained that their family donation was the result of her parents' belief in higher education.

"My mother and father's mission was to improve the lives of children, to create opportunities for students, and



enhance healthcare for the residents of North Dakota," Teske explains. "We thought donating to the college specifically for nursing students was a great place to start fulfilling their mission."

Steve Oyloe, Chairman of the Grant Committee for the trust, has been involved for over twenty years at various levels with Mercy Medical Center including serving as chairman of the Governing Board. He explained that staffing and maintaining qualified nurses has been, and continues to be, a challenge at the hospital.

"Through discussions between Terry and I, fundraising for the nursing program was a top priority," Oyloe states. "Bob Herman was a client and friend of mine for years. I assisted him with the establishment of the Trust. Higher education with an emphasis on medicine is one of the core values of the Trust. I am excited we can benefit the Nursing program at WSC."

Todd Herman, December Herman, and Connie's son Steven Teske all attended WSC. Connie's other son, Triten Teske, plans to attend WSC beginning Fall 2017.

Jane Nelson, the daughter of the late Leonard P. Nelson, followed in her father's footsteps by donating to WSC. Leonard P. Nelson was a generous benefactor for WSC, and the Health Science Wing, which houses the nursing program, is named in his honor.

A retired surgical nurse, Nelson advocates strongly for nursing, proving that a nursing degree can have multiple career paths.

"I was always proud that my father gave to WSC," Nelson notes. "Terry Olson asked me about donating to WSC's Nursing program, and I was able to give, so I thought it would be a great thing to do."

As long as there is a need in the Nursing program, the R. E. Herman Family Trust and Jane Nelson donations will be allocated for WSC's future nurses.

"As one of the only colleges in the nation where every high school graduate in the service area can attend WSC and receive full tuition and fees, we want to keep student affordability our utmost priority," explains Terry Olson, Executive Director of the WSC Foundation. "Having additional scholarships for specific successful programs like Nursing became our donors' next priority."

The WSC Foundation encourages anyone interested in donating to help achieve the \$2 million goal to do so soon. Scholarship endowments allow WSC to continue providing educational opportunities. Each generous gift will be increased by 50% in matching funds from the North Dakota Challenge Fund. If interested in contributing, please contact the WSC Foundation at 701.572.9275.



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Pictured with the plaque are Donn's son and grandson, Andy and Abram.

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WILLISTON'S RENAISSANCE MAN

BY DR. RAYMOND NADOLNY

Their parents weathered the depression. They would experience the impact of the Great War, the Korean War, the Cold War, and multiple military conflicts - Al serving in the Airborne and my father in the Marines at the height of the Cuban missile crisis. Their generation knows where they were when Kennedy was assassinated and where they were when the first man stepped on the moon. Out of these transforming experiences developed men of toughness, sharp wit and immense wisdom.

For Williston State College, Al was our renaissance man. Family man, military man, educated man, Al represented the best of UND-Williston and Williston State. If Phil Rabon is the face of the Tetons, Al was the face of UND-Williston. Al was one of two faculty members recognized as the College's first assistant professors.

Al's presence was matched only by his mesmerizing voice. Everyone knew when Al was nearby. His voice would echo throughout the College. The echo was conversation mastery. As a member of a faculty quartet, and even in the classroom, the echo often turned into a song.

Professor McGinley, like so many current faculty and staff taught by Al, recalls Al

saying, "If there's only one thing you learn from this class...just remember to maximize your profits and minimize your losses." Mr. Bervig, as students would address him, would then repeat it with a tune. Al maximized our College and our community (his wife was once mayor of Williston). Al still reminds us to take today's losses with both a smile and song.

Al's art of persuasion would make Socrates blush. He would begin a conversation with one viewpoint only to move an individual to the opposite point of view. Gifted with a quick tongue and impish smile, Al could sell hay to a farmer.

One of the many Al legends involves senior faculty member Al and novice professors Stout and Quamme. Al informed the junior faculty duo of an important College tradition. When faculty receive a master's degree, the newly conferred graduates host a party to celebrate. When Professor Stout and Professor Quamme received their masters, Al reminded the two newly minted teachers of this important obligation. The resulting party, laden with heavy hor'dourves and a smashing success, was paid for by the two professors. Al wasted no time in informing the newbies that the party was a first... they had become the creators of a new tradition.

Over thirty years of teaching, Al's passion for life rubbed off on his students. An instructor of economics, Al stayed current via the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*. Students learned life's lessons from today. Professor Meyer recalls how frequently students would say: "Mr. Bervig told us another story today". In truth, Wanda reflects, Al used stories students never forgot.

Terry Olson reminded me that Al lived to see his dream of the Tetons playing hockey, he lived to see a world-class recreation center, and he lived to see a world-class renovation at the College built on the solid infrastructure Al put into place. Terry speaks for all of us when he says, "He will be missed."

Allen "Al" Bervig - May 28, 1939- March 3, 2016.



BERG TO LEAD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Williston State College Foundation is restarting its Alumni Association, bringing back WSC alum Hunter Berg to become the Foundation's Alumni Association Director in July.

With its goal to provide a database for WSC alum and keep past students up-to-date with current events at the college, the Alumni Association is something that has needed updating and attention. This has been a longtime goal of the Foundation, and the Alumni Association has been patterned after several other colleges in the state and region.

"We do our best to keep our alums up to date with the *Teton Thunder*," explains WSC Foundation Executive Director Terry Olson, "But we have always wanted to focus back on alumni association. We knew as enrollment of students increased, a full-time position was necessary to keep everything organized."

Berg will also fundraise for endowments and larger gifts.

Berg was one of the best to ever lace them up and put on a Teton uniform. As a player he earned All-American honors



both seasons at WSC. He was named North Dakota Male Athlete of the Year in 1996-97, and was All-State, All-Conference, State MVP, and Region XIII MVP both seasons. Berg also excelled in the classroom, earning Academic All-American honors in 1997.

Despite several NCAA Division I offers, Berg chose to stay close to home and attend the University of North Dakota. He was named to the 1999 All-American Farm Team and the GTE Academic All-District VII second team, and was also All-Conference and NCC All-Academic both seasons.

Berg took over the Teton women's program in 2002. He compiled a 95-57 overall record while winning the Mon-Dak Conference in 2004-2005 and was named Mon-Dak Conference Coach of the Year.

Berg switched over to coach the Teton men's basketball team during the 2008-2009 season. The Tetons earned an 80-50 overall record during just four seasons, averaging 20 wins per contest during his time as the head coach. The Tetons won Conference Championships and Region XIII championships in 2009-2010 and 2011-2012, and Berg was named Mon-Dak Conference and Region XIII Coach of the Year those same seasons.

"I enjoyed having the best seat in the house at every Teton game for the past 10 years," says Berg. "We have had some unbelievable teams and unbelievable players and I got to see them front and center. Our fans and supporters are simply the greatest and they make it seem like anything is possible."

As the Athletic Director from 2007-2012 he started both the Teton Hockey and the Teton Softball programs. Berg also coordinated new fundraising activities such as the Wing Cook-Off, Casino Night, and the Gun Raffle, and he was instrumental in starting the Teton Hall of Fame.

"Hunter is the perfect choice to lead the Association," Olson adds. "He's a well-respected alumnus, and we are excited to have him back in Williston to join our team."



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