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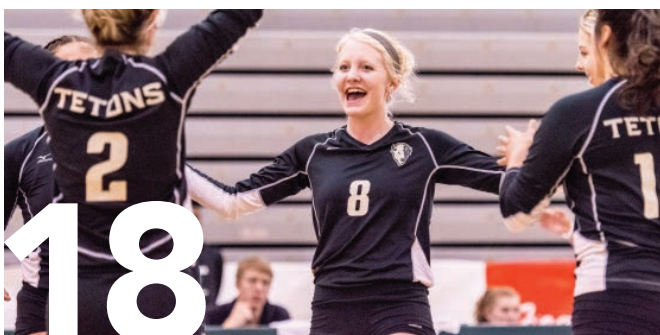
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presidential *welcome*



In the words of Winston Churchill, “You make a living by what you get, and you make a life by what you give.”

As we enter the holiday season, I reflect on the importance of serving others at Williston State College. I believe WSC experiences the best of both worlds when it comes to giving and receiving.

On one hand, the College benefits daily from the generosity of community members, alumni, and Teton supporters as they give unselfishly through the WSC Foundation to benefit our students.

This spirit of giving also carries over to our faculty, staff, and students, who in turn give back to Williston and surrounding communities with time, talent, and expertise.

This fall, I have witnessed wonderful examples of the propensity to give at WSC. Our athletic teams have spent countless hours in communities, retirement homes, schools, and even assisting businesses as they prepare for winter. Among our faculty and staff, I have seen outstanding support for cancer research and awareness, the fine/performing arts, and for students who experience personal, emotional, and academic difficulties. Our student government, ambassadors, and groups support positive activities on and off campus, from community and campus events to health and wellness activities.

I am proud of everything the extended “Teton Family” has done to make WSC and the communities we serve a better place to live, and I know this spirit of giving will continue throughout the holiday season.

Respectfully,
Dr. John Miller, President



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institutional *updates*



WSC ENROLLMENT NUMBERS BREAK ANOTHER RECORD

Record-breaking enrollment continues at WSC with 1,098 registered students according to census totals for the Fall 2017 semester. This represents an increase of more than 5% from Fall 2016.

“Williston State College’s fall enrollment growth was once again driven by our regional and county scholarships that provide students with free tuition and fees,” states President Miller. “In addition, a housing scholarship tied to Williams and Regional scholarship recipients has also provided students another incentive to attend WSC. Enrollment at WSC continues to grow at a steady and manageable rate, allowing the college to keep pace with expanding course and program requests.”

COLLEGE RECEIVES DIRECTOR’S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM

In August WSC Massage Therapy Program Director Wendy McGinley received the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education’s (NDDCTE) 2017 Director’s Award of Excellence in the Health and Sciences area for WSC’s Massage Therapy program. The award is an acknowledgement of superior career and technical education programs in North Dakota.

One of only four schools offering massage therapy in North Dakota, WSC has exceeded the national examination pass rate standard (72%) every year for the past three years with a pass rate of 100%.

“Receiving this recognition is a huge accomplishment for this program,” notes McGinley. “We have a lot of great massage therapists coming out of WSC and this honor is just as much theirs as it is ours.”

STENBERG NOMINATED TO NORTH DAKOTA HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

In October WSC Associate Professor of History and Political Science Richard K. Stenberg began his two-year term to the North Dakota Historic Preservation Review Board.

Nominated by previous WSC President Dr. Raymond Nadolny in a letter to the North Dakota State Historical Board, Stenberg’s twenty-two-year career at WSC and nineteen seasons as an Interpretative Park Ranger at Fort Union Trading Post Historical Society were just two small details of his dedication to North Dakota preservation.

“Mr. Stenberg has immersed himself in North Dakota history through his devotion to record, preserve, and share our state’s heritage with students and citizens alike,” explains Nadolny. “One example of Mr. Stenberg’s contribution to the preservation of North Dakota would be his documentation of World War II veterans’ stories for the North Dakota State Historical Society Veterans History Project.”

A native of Watford City, Stenberg attended UND–Williston (now WSC), earned undergraduate degrees in history and social science from Minot State University, and received his master’s in American history, specializing in North Dakota history, from UND. He has written numerous articles and reviews covering topics such as North Dakota history, the Upper Missouri fur trade, and Lewis and Clark.



campus events



DR. MILLER INAUGURATION

In June the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) unanimously appointed Dr. John Miller as Williston State College's fourth president. His inauguration was held on September 15.

Miller, a career educator with over thirty years of teaching and administrative experience spanning both K-12 and post-secondary education, joined WSC as Vice-President for Academic Affairs in 2015. Prior to this, he held a variety of positions, including Director of Operations for a 7,500 student K-12 school system and Instructional Dean for Extended Studies at the College of Southern Idaho. Miller also served as WSC's acting president for just over a year prior to his appointment.

Miller received his bachelor's and doctorate from the University of Idaho and holds a Superintendent's endorsement for K-12 education.

Staff and faculty at WSC look forward to seeing what Miller will bring to the future of the college.

"Dr. Miller is supportive and understanding of the unique roles that faculty members have," notes Arts and Human Sciences Department Chair Kim Weismann. "I am sure he will continue to lead WSC in a positive manner."

WSC Vice-President for Student Affairs Kaylyn Bondy notes that she is pleased to work alongside Miller as he steps into his new role.

"Dr. Miller is a great fit for WSC, the region, the community and the state of North Dakota," adds WSC Foundation Executive Director Terry Olson. "I have

found Dr. Miller to be a very student-focused president who has the leadership skills to be very pragmatic in dealing with difficult decisions."

According to many employees, Miller has already been a force for positive change at the college.

"He has been an active listener when we express our thoughts and opinions," adds Weismann, noting that Miller has also encouraged faculty to develop a strong balance between work and home life.

WSC Director of Extended Learning Kim Wray points out that under Miller's tenure as acting president, the college saw growth in enrollment as well as improvement in employee morale, adding, "I am sure Dr. Miller will continue to make WSC the place where the people make the difference."

WEEK OF WELCOME AND FALL FEST

The second annual Teton Week of Welcome (WOW) was held during the first week of classes in August.

WSC Student Life Coordinator Karissa Kjos created this week-long celebration in 2016 to help ease first-semester anxieties by guiding new Tetons through orientation programs with resources to help them acclimate to college life, and to provide social events for students to have fun and meet fellow Tetons.

"A few highlights for this year's Week of Welcome were Fun on the Lawn with D-Jaden and Jump-N-Fun inflatables, a welcome BBQ, and Mentalist Sean Bott," notes Kjos.



New to Teton WOW is Right Place Right Time (RPRT), a group designed for those who consider themselves non-traditional students, such as those over the age of twenty-five or anyone not arriving fresh out of high school.

"RPRT has grown from the idea that our older students who are starting college for the first time, or returning to school after a long time may benefit from networking with one other, identifying their strengths, and having access to staff and faculty that can help address their barriers or questions," explains WSC Mental Health Counselor Leah Hoffman.

In addition to RPRT, WSC offered academic breakout sessions to help students better understand areas that get the most questions: online courses, financial aid, understanding academics, and organizational skills.

"Students are transitioning to a new experience and we want to give them a head start by addressing many of the frequently asked questions or predictable challenges they may face," notes WSC Accessibility and Retention Specialist Kate Hoffman. "We want to ensure our students are prepared and feel confident in their abilities."

WSC also hosted its second annual Teton Fall Fest in October, opening festivities up to the parents and families of WSC students.

"This year we welcomed parents and family members to attend the weekend events so they feel part of the WSC community," explains Kjos. "WSC doesn't have a homecoming, but we wanted a week-long celebration to bring some Teton Pride midway through the semester."



Teton Fall Fest kicked off with a Teton Baseball double-header against Gillette. Student Life hosted several student events throughout the week, including grocery bag bingo, a Qdoba bar, and a caramel apple bar followed by Mission IMPROVable.

Family members joined students for Friday night tailgating and volleyball game, Clean Up Williston, a WSC campus tour, and various events at Frontier Hall, including a movie and a sundae bar.

“Teton Fall Fest is a week full of fun, food, relaxation, and Teton Pride,” adds Kjos.

TETON TRAIL [OF TREATS]

WSC opened its doors again to Williston’s trick-or-treaters for its popular Halloween event: Teton Trail [of Treats].

WSC employees, clubs, and departments hosted over a dozen stops for children and their families to play games and receive candy or prizes.

Each stop also allowed children to get a stamp on their Teton Trail Passport, and those who got all their stamps entered a drawing for a prize from Andrea’s (the WSC bookstore).

“We were blown away at the success of last year’s event with just shy of 500 passports turned in,” notes WSC Communication Specialist Natalie Boese, “This year we had even more passports, candy, prizes, and games for all of the Williston Trick-or-Treaters.” ■





WILLISTON STATE, FOR YOUR CAREER.

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

For those young students faced with selecting a college, making the decision can be difficult and at times overwhelming. While the tendency is to search everywhere, sometimes the best approach is to start local.

At Williston State College, “Where the People Make the Difference,” faculty and staff embrace quality student experiences, expanded offerings, and inspiring students to seek unlimited opportunities.

Students can go anywhere after WSC, but their time spent in these halls can shape them for success in whatever field they choose.

Four Tetons – Brad Phillips, Laura Boe, Siera Zimmerman, and Gabe Gratz – never knew one another while students, yet they all experienced a similar WSC.

All four found their calling in the pharmacy field and their WSC experience prepared them to make a difference.

Brad Phillips had a casual interest in healthcare when starting college. He enjoyed math and science and wanted a related career, but was concerned about keeping his options open.

Now director of long-term care at Thrifty White Pharmacy, a position he has held for five years, Phillips looks forward to continuing his career in healthcare.

“The field is ever changing and at times challenging with third-party insurance, but I enjoy it because it involves math and science and is about helping people,” explains Phillips. “Every day I learn how to best help people, and I learned this at WSC. The teachers cared about the students, and it taught me a lot about how to treat others.”

Phillips attended WSC in 1998 and 1999 and played on the men’s basketball team under the direction of Terry Olson.

Two faculty, Neil Westergaard and Lance Olson, stuck out to Phillips as mentors to him and other students.

“They engaged with students, always had time for you, and wanted you to do more than just recite the material, but actually understand it,” notes Phillips.

“Take full advantage of everything and all opportunities; WSC will set you up for your next adventure.”

Brad Phillips

It is no surprise then that Phillips’ science and math classes were his favorite.

While at WSC, Phillips applied and received admission to multiple pharmacy programs, but ultimately chose to continue his education at NDSU.

“People asked me if I was prepared coming from a small school like WSC,” recalls Phillips. “I say yes. I was amazed at what I learned there and how some NDSU classes covered what we did at WSC. I was well prepared to move on to the next level.”

Laura Boe began her WSC journey with dual credit classes in 2004 before becoming a full-fledged Teton in 2005.

Boe wanted a career in healthcare. She learned about a pharmacist’s role through a health careers class in high school and her cousin who is a pharmacist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Both opened her eyes to something different in healthcare.

Boe now works at a CVS specialty pharmacy in Colorado where she handles medications and patients that require monitoring.

“I get to know my patients by calling to check on them monthly,” explains Boe. “I develop a bond with them.”

While at WSC, Boe met instructors concerned about connecting with their students.

“Even though WSC is a smaller college, there aren’t lower standards,” says Boe. “The teachers know all of their students and expect the most of them. They pushed you to do your best. WSC has the same structure as a big school.”

Wanda Meyer was one of those instructors. “She was really motivating; one of my favorites,” adds Boe.

Meyer and others helped Boe prioritize time management and getting the most from a class academically and professionally.

“This was good because it helped me at NDSU and now.”

Though currently living in Colorado, Boe plans to return with her husband to North Dakota in a few years.

Pharmacology runs in **Siera Zimmerman’s** family. Her grandmother would often share her experiences with a young Zimmerman.

“I have wanted to be a pharmacist since I was in middle school,” recalls Zimmerman. “I always knew



the medical field was where I was meant to be.”

Zimmerman currently trains at a Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston, Texas, to become a pediatric pharmacist.

She attended WSC in 2011 and 2012 and received her AA and AS degrees. Zimmerman’s two favorite classes were microbiology and anatomy.

“These classes prepared me for pharmacy school,” explains Zimmerman. “The professors presented the material in a way that allowed me to understand concepts on multiple levels.”

One of those professors was Susan Zimmerman. “The material was difficult, but how Susan taught made learning fun,” says Zimmerman. “I may be biased though, as she is my mother!”

Zimmerman also continued her education following WSC in the pharmacy program at NDSU.

And like Phillips and Boe, Zimmerman felt more than prepared for the next level.

“I felt like I was ahead of students from other schools because of the experiences I had at WSC,” notes Zimmerman. “Because of the smaller classes and labs, I was able to ask questions and ensure I understood material. I also learned time management.”

“These life skills have helped me get to where I am today.”

Gabe Gratz was pretty sure he wanted to be a pharmacist before he came to WSC. “I’ve worked in a pharmacy my entire life,” Gratz notes. “My dad owns a pharmacy, so I worked there. I was dusting shelves at age six and doing deliveries and other odd jobs as I got older.”

Gratz knew he wanted to earn his degree at NDSU, but he decided to start at WSC because of the cost. Gratz was offered some scholarships, and he took advantage of that to complete most of his generals before transferring to NDSU.

Gratz thinks WSC offers a huge opportunity to students, and not just because of the low cost. Yes, the new scholarships offer a huge opportunity for all students, he explains. “Finances are the biggest challenge for students today, and the long-term benefits to save two years are amazing.” But he also thinks students should take the opportunity to get everything they can out of their time at WSC.

“Push yourself. Don’t do the minimum; do as much as you can,” he suggests. “The more you do here, the better off you’ll be later on.”

To any students who are considering pharmacy school, Gratz suggests getting an early start. “Get involved before you go to school,” he says. “Work as a cashier in a pharmacy. Start as a pharmacy tech if you’re over eighteen. See if it’s something you want.”

Gratz has been a pharmacist for ten years now and currently runs G&G Pharmacy in Williston. He and his wife Tara have three kids with a fourth on the way.

Shaped and empowered by their WSC experiences, all four of these Tetons went on to succeed in further education and their careers.

Each one is making a difference in their patient’s lives, just as the instructors and staff at WSC made a difference in theirs.

And their advice to potential future Tetons?

“Give WSC a fair shot,” urges Phillips. “Students may want bigger schools, but not enough can be said for the quality of education at WSC. It is a good high school to college transition. It is a great place to get started. Take full advantage of everything and all opportunities; WSC will set you up for your next adventure.” ■

trainND *updates*



WIL:EXPO RETURNS TO WSC

Returning for its fourth year, the **Women in Leadership (WiL) Expo** again provided a forum for local female community members to connect and develop professionally in September at TrainND-Northwest.

Topics at this year's Expo included authentic leadership, leadership with a purpose, how to stop saying yes when you want to say no, generational leadership, conflict management, dynamic speaking, volunteerism, and the five things an empowered woman in business must master.

Local and regional speakers included Julie Kline, Kim Schultz, Patsy Levang, Karissa Kjos, Kamila Dornfeld, and Wendy Gendreau.

"I created the WiL:Expo four years ago as my final project in Leadership Williston," explains Shanna Curlin, TrainND finance manager and WiL:Expo coordinator. "My goal was to create something for the women in the area where they can hear engaging speakers, participate in interactive workshops, and have something that inspires them to grow as women and business professionals."

WiL:Expo thanks their sponsors for their support, including 26th Street Liquor, Ackerman-Estfold, Gather Events & Marketing, KLE Construction, Williston Economic Development, Great Plains Women's Health Center, Williston State College Foundation, and TrainND. ■



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alumni updates

Randy Bishop, '96 (Glasgow, MT) currently teaches pre-calculus and calculus at Spring Creek High School in Spring Creek, Nevada. He has also coached extensively at Spring Creek, assisting with baseball and football every year and helping out with girls basketball, boys basketball, and now wrestling. Bishop's wife, Liz, is a commercial loan officer at Elko Federal Credit Union and they have two children: Skyla (6) and Kyson (2). ►

James Borom, '03 (Merrillville, IN) is a school counselor at Barker Middle School in Michigan City, Indiana, and is also a licensed life insurance agent at PHP Agency.

Wayne Richards, '03 (Port of Spain, Trinidad) is the owner of two fast food restaurants back home in Trinidad. The Firewater Grill was established last year in April 2016 and specializes in BBQ meats, specialty burgers, wings, and tasty side items. His second restaurant, called the Zing Grill, specializes in artisan handcrafted burgers, grilled meats, creole lunches, wings, and sandwiches. He hopes to open three more restaurants in Trinidad with possible regional expansion. ▼



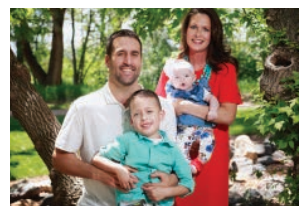
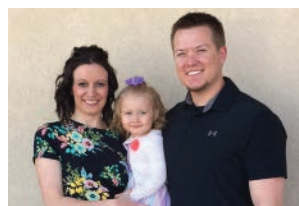
Lacey Heiar, '06 (Preston, IA) recently began her entrepreneurial career in Nashville, Tennessee, after earning a degree in radiation oncology from Vanderbilt University and spending four years helping cancer patients. Today she is involved in the health and wellness industry with Isagenix International and owns real estate with her brother, which they rent through Airbnb. For fun she also bartends at The Stage on Broadway, one of the finest honky-tonk bars in downtown Nashville.



If you know a former WSC student who's up to something interesting, let us know about it. We want to share their stories. Email us at tetonthunder@wscfoundation.com

#TBT [THROW BACK THUNDER]

Did you miss someone? Check out previous issues at wscfoundation.com



campus updates



NURSING STUDENTS DONATE TO BRAS FOR A CAUSE

WSC's Student Nursing Organization (SNO) decorated and donated two new bras for Williston's Fifth Annual Bras for a Cause event in November.

The local non-profit, Bras for a Cause, assists people in the Williston area who are battling cancer by raising money through its annual live and silent auction. Not including this year's event, Bras for a Cause, with the help of the local community, has raised over \$250,000.

WSC's SNO comprises twenty members from both Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs.

Both programs prepare the students with the education and skills to pass and become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN/Practical Nursing) or a Registered Nurse (RN/Associate Degree Nursing).

Amber Newman, President (ADN); Ian Moore, Vice President (LPN); Molly Baker, Secretary (ADN); and Mackenzie Hanson, Treasurer (LPN) meet with other SNO members to discuss fundraising, charity, and volunteer opportunities.

Each nursing area made one of the two bras. The LPN bra was a themed bra celebrating the Tetons and sports while the ADN bra was a decorative piece.



"SNO participates in Bras for a Cause because it's a local event and all proceeds stay local and go to those individuals who have cancer and financial needs," explains Administrative Assistant for Health and Wellness Amanda DeWerd. "Last year was definitely a transition of the nursing students when Gail Raasakka was undergoing chemo treatment; it truly hit home for all of us."

Over the years, SNO has also donated time to the Williston community by conducting blood pressure tests at sporting events, fundraising for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients, and organizing Goodie Boxes for the holidays.

COLLEGE RECEIVES CPR/AED TRAINING

To help kick off in-service week, one third of WSC employees became CPR/AED certified by the American Heart Association in August.

The course was led by WSC Nursing Instructor Lynn Douglas MSN, RN, a licensed American Heart Association Instructor.

The thirty-seven employees completed a four-hour online training program prior to attending a two-hour hands-on course where they tested their knowledge in six topics, including first aid, medical emergencies, injury emergencies, environmental emergencies, CPR and AED, and how to prevent illness and injury. "Dr. Miller approached me and asked if I would be willing to offer the course to WSC employees," recalls Douglas. "When I initially contacted WSC employees I found that some already hold a CPR/AED certification, but I was overwhelmed with the number who signed up. This is a great opportunity to help make WSC an even safer campus."

Mercy Medical Foundation (now known as CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Foundation) received funds to award Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to Williston institutions in April 2016. WSC was one of the recipients.

"It is important that we offer faculty and staff first aid and CPR training as part of this year's WSC wellness initiative," notes WSC President Dr. John Miller. "By supporting this training with professional development funds, we maximize the training opportunity and make progress toward the goal of having half of all faculty and staff certified in CPR. With additional training, we



are hopeful that we will be able to obtain additional AED units from the CHI St. Alexius Foundation for distribution throughout our campus buildings.”

Miller and Douglas both stress the importance of how every second counts and having qualified employees to handle life-threatening emergencies increases the chances of a positive outcome.

Certifications need to be renewed every two years. As a licensed American Heart Association instructor, Douglas must also attend continuing education and hold at least four classes every two years.

COLLEGE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MARKETING THROUGH TRASH

As WSC’s new business instructor and business program coordinator, Leah Windnagle took an ethnography exercise in her Principles of Marketing class to another level when she had trash bags from six Williston households delivered to her students in September.

Ethnography is the study of consumers that relies on the interpretation of artifacts to draw conclusions about consumption. Windnagle chose an exercise where her students could interpret trash artifacts to figure out who their consumers were, how they lived, and how students could market to them in the future.

“I wanted the students to understand the demographics of the household and what the socioeconomic status might be,” explains Windnagle. “Initially they were grossed out by the idea when I handed each group a bag of trash, but they became more comfortable as they started developing the household profiles.”

The twenty-five students grouped off, put on their plastic gloves, and dug into the trash of six diverse households ranging from singles and small families to grandparents with grandchildren.

At the end of the exercise, each group gave a presentation on its household based on the trash. “I was surprised with the accuracy,” notes Windnagle. “I wanted them to understand who their consumers were ... We then took their research and visualized that we worked at a marketing firm in Williston. Based off the trash, each group had to develop particular products for a fast-food company and examine marketing mediums that would best reach their consumers.”



In addition to the hands-on research, Windnagle and her students discussed netnography, a branch of ethnography that studies the behavior of online cultures and communities, and how this research might help enhance their consumer profiles.

CORE 4 TECHNOLOGIES DONATES PRINTER TO WSC

This fall WSC received a printer and labeling system from Core 4 Technologies for its Petroleum Production Tech students.

Jon Kremer of Core 4 Technologies donated the printer in August. Kremer met WSC Associate Professor Ken Quamme and WSC Instructor Alberto Bellina at an event at Border States Electric. Quamme is an IT professor, while Bellina teaches petroleum technology classes. Kremer was drawn to their genuine interest and enthusiasm about attaining a higher-quality labeling printer for their students.

“This is the first time I have donated anything to a college or school,” notes Kremer. “Ken and Alberto showed a true interest in having a more functional printer to teach their students with. After some discussion and understanding how the labeler was going to be used, I offered a unit free of charge.”

“The students will have a very robust, up-to-date printer to utilize as they are learning about labeling requirements in the electrical and communication/data world,” adds Kremer.

“Proper documentation and labeling is a must in the electrical and instrumentation industry that a lot of personnel don’t follow,” explains Bellina. “If we can teach the students the proper way, hopefully in the future, when becoming professionals in the industry, they will continue following best practices and share the right way with their peers.”

WSC strives to provide the best educational opportunities available in the area. This may be Core 4 Technologies’ first donation of its type, but it will make a difference. A generous contribution like this to WSC’s Petroleum Production Technology department will assist in continuing to set our students up for success. ■



1. New friends work as a team to complete the Scavenger Hunt during Teton WoW [Week of Welcome]. 2. WSC students host free children's activities during the James Memorial Art Festival. 3. WSC hosts the annual Relay for Life event on the WSC Front Drive. 4. Constitution Day! Professor Stenberg's students hand out constitution booklets to students, faculty, and staff. 5. WSC hosts 1 Million Cups in the Teton Lounge the first Wednesday of every month. 6. WSC President Dr. John Miller eats lunch and chats with students. 7. WSC hosts the annual college fair in the Well. 8. Paralympian Josh Sundquist speaks in the The Well in November to campus and the community. 9. Students register for graduation in October. 10. PTK students create a flag with hand prints and personal messages to thank veterans. 11. WSC hosts a Health & Wellness Fair for faculty, staff, and students. 12. The Teton Baseball team gets out in the community to play ball with Williston Wonders. 13. Students learn how to do a load of laundry, among other skills, in a series of student life events. 14. Eclipse and Oreos! Students, faculty, and staff step out on the Front Drive during Teton WoW [Week of Welcome] to watch the eclipse. 15. Active Minds students participate in the Out of Darkness (suicide awareness) Walk. 16. CRU hosts The Maze in November. 17. Jenny Wolf and Leah Windnagle promote WSC at Level Up: The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. 18. Students play bingo for groceries courtesy of Student Life. 19. WSC and community partners say farewell to the Gonzaga summer interns. 20. The Teton Activity Board hosts karaoke during Teton Fall Fest and a Tuba player jumped in! 21. Infragard President Bill Heinzen, WSC Student and Infragard Board member Jared Croop, and FBI Coordinator John Bonhage at the Infragard Annual Meeting in Bismarck. 22. WSC faculty, staff, and the Teton Volleyball team prepare and serve a community meal at Banquet West. 23. Mayor Howard Klug stops for a picture at Connecting Communities in Tioga. 24. The faculty and staff in the Western Star building take time for a picture on the first day of classes. 25. Hypnotist Frederick Winters wows the crowd at a student life event.



CLARK'S TABLE: UNVEILED



In August, Williston State College became home to a new steel sculpture by a local artist.

Dave Njos sculpted Clark's Table to provide a glimpse into the lives of Lewis and Clark as they made their way westward on their expedition. Njos, who also created the life-sized iron coyotes outside of Williston High School and the thirty-foot-tall wheat monument in Davidson Park, says he's been passionate about this piece for a while.

To begin the project, Njos, a skilled carpenter as well as sculptor, imagined being commissioned to build a lightweight and portable desk for Lewis and Clark's expedition, and then designed it as if he had only the tools and materials available to an early-nineteenth-century craftsman.

Njos then spent a great deal of time researching each piece in the sculpture to ensure that it accurately reflected the time period. He spent hours on a single crack in a box to make it look not only real, like real wood with the correct grain, but also as if it had been made by "a backwoods carpenter in Saint Louis with crummy tools and basic training".

The same level of care extended to everything else in the sculpture, from the bottles in Clark's trunk, which are sculpted as they would have appeared 200 years ago, to the badge on the front of Clark's hat, which Njos made sure to sculpt so it appears to be leather, not silk, as Clark was not a rich man.

Njos persevered on the project in his free time through multiple winters, overcoming obstacles such as arthritis that often prevented him from using the tools necessary to grind woodgrain into the steel, and completed Clark's Table for Williston State College this year. The sculpture is now housed in a gazebo designed and constructed by WSC Welding Instructor Tim Delorme and Director of Campus Services Clay Sponable. ■



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2017: Season of Growth

It is hard to believe we're halfway through the year already. It seems like we should just be starting our seasons! I have been excited for this year as I believe this is a strong growth year in all our sports. After a period of change, most of our coaches have been with us for multiple years now, and that makes a world of difference. We only had one coaching change from last year, bringing in new Head Softball Coach Chassity Johnson. Coach Johnson brings fifteen years of NCAA experience with her, so while she has to learn the ropes of Williston and the Tetons, she is prepared to run the program.

On the Booster Club side we have seen amazing growth and advancement. This year we debuted a video score table in The Well. This new video table will not only allow more dynamic advertising at our games, but also it allows us to showcase the college even more. I have had opposing coaches tell us that this is a game changer that, along with our facility and fans, makes us one of the best NJCAA facilities in the country. We also have been able to get a lot of work done on the dugouts this summer, adding style to the structure of the dugouts. The Teton logos that were plasma cut into the steel are backed by LED lights that can change color for different occasions.

The Teton Booster events still continue to be the core of Teton Athletics. We just completed the Gun Raffle and Wing Cook-Off and again, the community's support is strong and greatly appreciated. I want to give a shout out to Clarke & Associates, PC for their award-winning wings! If you think you have a recipe that can win next year, be sure to enter. For now we move to planning winter events, including the Ice Fishing Tournament and Truck Raffle.

The Ice Fishing tournament has seen some changes as it enters its fourth year. Initially planned as a competitive tournament, it has evolved to bring in more children and families. With lower entry fees and locations that are easier to access, we hope to grow this even more. The success of the tournament really depends on how many people we can get out there, so be sure to get involved if you or your family are interested. And I'm always looking for ideas to help improve these events, so don't hesitate to let me know if you have suggestions.

Go Tetons!

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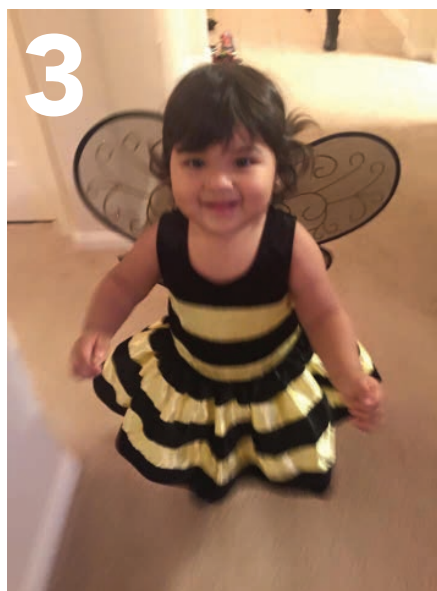


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TETON VOLLEYBALL

TEAM

WORK

& PERSEVERANCE

BY KATE CHRISTENSEN



WSC Teton Volleyball finished with a winning season this year, keeping an overall record of 18-16 and conference record of 8-2.

The season ended with a tough loss to Dawson Community College in the sub-regional tournament. Despite having the tournament held at home, the Tetons faced adversity in the post-season, losing starting freshman Constance Rollins to an ankle injury against Bismarck State College in just the second game of the tournament. It proved an unfortunate post-season for what was a successful season overall.

The Tetons challenged themselves early on, playing against tough competition in tournaments located in Beatrice, Nebraska and Sterling, Colorado. The Tetons held their own against these tougher teams and even pulled away on top to some, really highlighting their potential. The team also faced a tough first conference match, playing rivals NDSCS on the road and losing 15-17 in the fifth set. With the hard-fought match, the Tetons showed grit and skill against one of the toughest teams in the conference. Although they didn't come out on top of that particular conference match, they would later return to a sweet victory defeating the Wildcats in the last home conference match of the season 15-13 in the fifth set.

At the peak of their season, the Tetons overpowered Region XIII Champions Bismarck State College in a 3-1 victory. The team displayed a fluent performance highlighting what the Tetons had been working toward all season. With each player playing their role with high intensity the team's unity was unstoppable to the Mystics.

The team's consistency and skilled play did not go unnoticed, as two sophomores were awarded All-Conference and All-Region recognition. Outside hitter and Williston native Katie Nice and libero Brittany Hawman received the honors. Nice had a successful two years at WSC, earning this same honor as a freshman. She played a big role as an all-around player and a go-to hitter. Hawman, from Regina, Saskatchewan, was a team captain and defensive leader. Hawman was a huge asset to the team in her two years, being able to fulfil any role she was given. She led by example and her consistency and work ethic allowed her to be recognized at the regional level.

Though surrounded by sophomores on the court, freshman middle hitter Constance Rollins stepped up and filled a huge role. As the season progressed, Rollins gained confidence, unleashing her full potential as a go-to hitter for the Tetons. Her hard work and determination were recognized as she received player of the week honors and was named All-Conference and All-Region alongside teammates Nice and Hawman.

Although the Tetons faced hardships throughout the season, they showed what teamwork and perseverance really look like. Keeping with the Teton tradition, the girls never gave up and fought until the end. ■



“Coach the ones you got.”

up close & personal

CHASSITY JOHNSON

Chassity Johnson joined the Teton staff this fall coming from Northland College (NCAA DIII). She was a player for the Lumberjills and then an assistant for twelve seasons. Johnson coached one NCAA All-American and numerous All-UMAC and All-Academic UMAC players.

What drove you to get into coaching? Coaching is something I always have enjoyed. I started coaching my little sister's summer softball team with my dad when I was fifteen. I loved it. But I think I really decided after college when I was asked to stay and coach the year after I graduated, that it was something I could do as a career. After one year I was hooked and couldn't see myself doing anything else.

Tell us about a mentor or coach who is important in your life. I have had two mentors in softball. The first was my dad, who taught me all about the game; he was my coach from the time I threw my first ball until I was in high school. He taught me to not just play the game but learn the game. Once I graduated and started playing softball in college I was fortunate enough to play for Steve Wammer, who coached me for three years and then asked me to join him as an assistant coach. I worked alongside Steve for twelve seasons. He was an amazing mentor who let me learn all about running a softball program; he was always preparing me to become a college head coach.

What are some of the things you like to do in your free time? I love to spend time with my family and friends. I have a ten-year-old nephew and one-and-a-half-year-old niece who I love to see and hang out with. I love being at the cabin, fishing, boating, and pontooning. I also enjoy reading.

What is the best advice you have ever received? “Coach the ones you got.” This message was passed down to me from Steve Wammer. Too many times as coaches, we tend to dwell on the ones that are not there: an injured player, the big recruit that got away, etc. If you put all your energy in to coaching the ones that are there, things will all work out.

What was your very first job? Working on the farm. My grandparents owned a farm just down the road from my house. As far back as I can remember, I was working on the farm, milking cows, feeding calves, baling hay, cleaning barns; you name it, we got to do it. I don't ever remember not wanting to do it! It was great place to be, always having my cousins, grandparents, aunts, and uncles around. It was our family gathering place, and all of the kids learned what hard work was, but there was always time for a baseball game in the afternoon!

Do you have a favorite restaurant or food? Nothing beats a good steak dinner with potatoes and veggies. Homemade on the grill is usually the best, but a good steakhouse will do!

Is there anything crazy on your bucket list? Well I am scared of heights and needles, so no crazy jumps or tattoos! One thing I would like to do is go back to Sweden. I was lucky enough to get to go in high school with my great-grandpa who immigrated here when he was eighteen. I went for two weeks and met many relatives and saw the area he grew up in. I would love to go back there and see it all again. It was a great experience.

What is your favorite professional sports team? I am a Wisconsin girl, so Go Pack Go! I am also a Milwaukee Brewers fan.



#TETONWBB

BY KIA HERBEL

This year marks a new roster for WSC Teton Women's Basketball, packed with freshman hailing from North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, and Texas. All of these new players have been selected because they possess the characteristics the Lady Tetons value: they are hard-working, respectful, energetic, and committed players who will bring together a competitive team.

This is a group dynamic that will prove exciting to watch on the court and will grow throughout the season. Whatever experience with college basketball this young team lacks will be made up by the effort and energy they bring to all practices and games.

On the defensive end, Taylor Kappel (Billings, MT) and Macy Kirkaldie (Culbertson, MT) bring intensity to the team's defense. Paige Robertson (Froid, MT) and Cheyenne Hawbaker (Scobey, MT) are unusually quick, which the Tetons hope to translate into tons of steals.

Abigayle Deubner (Medicine Lake, MT), Jordan Kulczyk (Glasgow, MT), and Aulora Severance

(Parshall) are strong and quick and able to guard a variety of positions, and all three rebound well under the basket. And at 6'3", Rylie Skahill (Pflugerville, TX) brings a big presence to the paint by blocking shots and cleaning up the rebounds.

On the offensive end, Shali Sheridan (Faith, SD) and Kylie Schott (Broadview, MT) both show the leadership qualities needed for strong point guards. They will push the ball up the floor, knocking down big shots and starting the team in their offense. With help from Eden Lambert (Sturgis, SD), a 6'3" player who can hit mid shots and battle down low, the Tetons should prove effective in multiple positions. Nicole Drosdal (New Town) will be a big hitter on the three point line; she can knock down deep threes to keep the team going.

All twelve players are able to step up in multiple areas, creating many different opportunities. None of these players is limited to one side of the floor, and all are able to contribute on both ends while playing as a solid team. Any player can knock down shots, and any player can get after it defensively. This team is unique because they all consistently show the energy and effort that other teams can struggle with. As the long season continues, this more than anything will make the Lady Tetons exciting to watch as they grow and reach toward their full potential. ■

BY RYLEE HERNANDEZ

#MENS BASKETBALL



WSC Teton Men's Basketball has had quite the makeover since last season. The Tetons only brought back two players from the previous roster, and fresh new faces come to us from North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, and Ontario, Canada.

North Dakota newcomers include Dakota Halvorson of Minot, Seth Haugland of Alamo, and Cole McGorman of Watford City.

Halvorson, a 5'8" guard, comes to WSC after spending some time with NCAA Division 2 Minot State University. He took a redshirt year at his hometown university his first year and eventually decided against playing for the institution and moved west to study and be a Teton in January 2017. Halvorson brings a winning mentality with him wherever he goes. His senior year he helped bring a

Class A championship back to Minot and was runner-up for the prestigious North Dakota Mr. Basketball Award while also being named first team all-state for Class A basketball.

Haugland comes to the Tetons after his senior campaign with Divide County. He brings tireless work ethic, as well as a physical presence at 6'6", 245 lbs. His joy and passion for WSC and Teton athletics brings great perspective to the locker room.

McGorman, a 6'3" guard, joins the Tetons after his senior season at Watford City. He was a part of an ever-improving team that played their best basketball at the end of the season making an unexpected run to the Region 8 tournament. McGorman will redshirt this year to allow growth and maturity in his basketball abilities, and the Tetons expect to lean on him next season.

The Tetons also expect a great impact from newcomer Darrell Riley, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin native who brings leadership and experience to the point guard position. Riley comes to Williston after two seasons with Mississippi

Valley State University, a NCAA Division 1 institution that competes in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Riley averaged nine points and three assists this past season for MVSU. He will be counted as a leader of the team on floor and in the classroom.

Other leaders of the team include returners Michael Vandall of Culbertson, MT, and Bart Schild of Weert, Netherlands.

The Tetons will play a tough non-conference schedule to get the team prepared for the MonDak Conference and Region 13 play. The team will open up with perennial power College of Southern Idaho and will play Wyoming opponents along the way including Sheridan College, Central Wyoming, Casper College, and Northwest College of Powell, WY who will make an appearance at WSC for the first time in five seasons. ■

THE DRIVE FOR LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN

BY JOHN BOWKUS



When you ask about Teton Hockey's biggest motivation, it is not just about winning. It is about the drive to keep the streak alive. The WSC Teton Hockey team has made it to a National Championship Tournament for the past six seasons. The kicker: this is only their seventh season in existence. That's right; the WSC Teton Hockey program was started seven years ago, and they've already made it to six national tournaments, winning two National Championships and finishing as runners-up twice.

This season, the team has its work cut out if it wants to keep that streak alive. One reason: David Krejčík. An unbelievable goalie, he was a big reason the Tetons made it to Nationals for at least the past two seasons. Krejčík, who hails from the Czech Republic, is now honing his skills at Niagara University, playing at the NCAA Division 1 Hockey level. A kid from WSC was recruited to the top level of college hockey. It brings to mind Dustin Penner from Dakota College, who went on to University of Maine and then to Stanley Cup Champion Anaheim Ducks. We look forward to following Krejčík's career!

As to this year's team, the first half of season has been filled with highs and lows. The Tetons are off to a pretty good start to get back to National rankings, with a sixth seed in the West Division of ACHA D2. The top two teams get an automatic bid to Nationals while the other top ten teams will battle it out in a regional playoff. As of mid-November, they are 5-2 against teams in their division and 5-8 overall.

Goaltending has been getting better, with freshman Ryan Buttazzoni making a statement to contend for the #1 position. He is battling it out with two returning players, Arren Romeril and Christian Strecker.

On defense, the Tetons have five returning players. The team has been improving at coverage and assignments as the season has progressed. Freshman Dalton Johnson and returners Logan Kraft and Henry Hoffmann have proven that fans can look for offense from their defense.

Teton Hockey's forwards have been averaging nearly five goals per game, led by assistant captains and returning players Tyler Forest and Andrew Williams. Others have been getting some well-rounded scoring as well, a trend that should continue.

The team has played many games on the road so far, which will be an advantage during the second half of the season, when the longest trip will be ten hours for one showcase in Colorado, with all other games within four hours of home. The Tetons hope to garner a top seed in the ACHA West to get that autobid to Nationals; otherwise, look for them to play in the Regionals in Utah to win a spot to Nationals.

Winning a National Championship is always the goal, but for Teton Hockey to solidify its program as a national contender every year, keeping that streak alive is just as important. ■

July 8, 2017

Dear Terry,

A few days ago I received the Summer 2017 issue of the TETON THUNDER. Like previous issues I read it with great interest. Then the State College, formally the UND Williston Center, was established by Ben Gustafson, the UND administrator for the "Center", and I was the Director of Distributive Education to implement a two year program (I was the Director of Member Services in Williston for about two years later I recommended the program to the basketball coach.)

I accepted the change in the name of the Center. The Center was the first of its kind in the number of students. I was the first to have a surface of the Center. I was the first to have a Stockman.

A little back in the second year of the Marketing was the first team. We were a high school affiliate of the University of North Dakota. Looking at the Sioux I came upon the word Teton. It stated that the Teton were the most Westerly tribe of the Sioux.

I was the American State College. We had programs in the office on main. In a garage we had a few short term programs; Bank Teller, We had a few others.

Terry I could go on and on, but I guess the name writing. Thanks to you, the members of the FWS! Great Phil Rabon for his old friend Zip!

Personal Regards,

Lyle C. Sorum

FROM THE MAILBAG



Did you ever wonder how Williston State College chose the name Tetons? WSCF Executive Director Terry Olson heard all about it in a letter he received this summer from Lyle Sorum. Here's an excerpt:

"I believe it was in the fall of my second year at the Center [WSC, known at the time as the UND-Williston Center]. Bill Munyer was the basketball coach. Bill was aware that I had a marketing background. He asked to meet with him in a classroom in the grade school that was the main facility of the Center. Bill asked for my help in coming up with a name for the team.

We brainstormed for at least an hour. Several names went on the blackboard. There was a huge dictionary in the room, and I decided to seek out ideas. Since the Center was affiliated with the University of North Dakota (Fighting Sioux at that time) I looked for name associations. Looking under Sioux I came upon the word Teton. It stated that the Teton were the most Westerly tribe of the Sioux. And now you know the rest of the story!"

Do you have some WSC memories you'd like to share? Terry and Hunter would love to hear from you.

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20 QUESTIONS [WITH]

ARREN ROMERIL



Where did you grow up?
Amhertsburg, Ontario, Canada

Why did you choose WSC?
I chose WSC for their Hockey program and the dedication towards student achievement.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?
Developmental psychology. It is very interactive and very informative.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC? Jim Stout. He makes every class interesting and really works with you to help achieve the mark you want.

What has been your favorite activity at WSC outside of class? Hockey. I enjoy being at the rink every day and playing not just for my team but for the community of Williston.

What would you tell a prospective student who's thinking about coming to WSC?
This school is all about helping you as a student. You aren't just a number, you are a human, and the staff and professors pride themselves on making sure you know that.

What's next for you after you finish at WSC? I am looking to attend a four-year university either back home in Canada or here in the USA.

What job or profession are you hoping to do? I am hoping to work as a human resources manager and work closely with a sports franchise.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?
I am hoping to living in either Western Canada or Europe, pursuing either my hockey dream or career path.

Who would play you in a movie about your life? Charlie Hunnam or Jason Statham.

What's your favorite word?
Beauty. No real reason, it's just a great hockey term.

If you could choose to have one super-power, what would it be? I would choose to have amazing speed; this way I would be a better goalie lol

If you could invite three people over for a dinner party, who would you invite? My dad, Abraham Lincoln, and Clint Eastwood.

What book would you recommend to others? *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand. It is a very long book, but it taught me a lot about life and hardships that can be overcome.

What movie would you recommend to others? If you have never watched Abbott and Costello, do yourself a favor and watch all their movies and shows! You will die from laughter.

What music would you recommend to others? Anything by Nickelback is good but I would recommend listening to "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers.

What food would you recommend to others? If you ever find yourself in Michigan, You have to try out Joe Muer Seafood. It is the best restaurant I have ever been to, and all the seafood is flown in from around the world!

What's one place you've been that you would recommend to others?
England. I would recommend England for its vast history and how friendly the entire UK is.

What's one thing you like to do that you would recommend to others?
I enjoy cooking and creating new dishes. I recommend getting involved in the kitchen; you would be amazed how many great dishes you can create!

What's some of the best advice you've heard? "Good things come to those who wait, but play every game like it's your last, because you never know when it could be over." My grandmother said that, and it was the best advice I have ever received. ■

& ASHLEY THORNTON

Where did you grow up? I have lived in Williston on and off since 2009, but I am originally from Ucon, Idaho.

Why did you choose WSC? My best friend lived in Williston, and I had a wonderful job opportunity in town.

What has been your favorite class at WSC? I really enjoyed composition classes. I have always enjoyed writing, and the teaching style improved my critical thinking skills.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC? Steve Grunenwald has been my favorite teacher. He cares about his students beyond the classroom, and he wants everyone to succeed.

What has been your favorite activity at WSC outside of class? I take mostly online classes, but when I get a chance, I love attending sports events and supporting the athletes.

What would you tell a prospective student who's thinking about coming to WSC? If you commit yourself to your education and get involved, your years at WSC will be incredible!

What's next for you after you finish at WSC? I hope to attend UND to earn an English degree.

What job or profession are you hoping to do? Eventually I would love to become a lawyer and work in politics.

Where do you see yourself in ten years? I see myself settling down and working at a law firm while being actively involved in local politics.

Who would play you in a movie about your life? Zoey Deschanel.

What's your favorite word? My favorite word has to be "shenanigans". It is just a fun word to say and brings humor to conversation.

If you could choose to have one super-power, what would it be? I would love to be able to read minds. People are so interesting, and we all have our own perspective and motives. It would be cool to understand others.

If you could invite three people over for a dinner party, who would you invite? My great grandmother, Ben Shapiro, and Robin Williams.

What book would you recommend to others? *12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos* by Jordan B. Peterson is an excellent read for anyone at any point in their life. It offers simple solutions to major issues we all face.

What TV show would you recommend to others? I would recommend *The Office* because of its awkward characters and their lovable story.

What music would you recommend to others? I would recommend James Arthur. His music is laid back while still being full of emotion and thought.

What food would you recommend to others? I would recommend Indian food to anyone looking to try something new and flavorful. Butter chicken on rice is a wonderful yet spicy dish.

What's one place you've been that you would recommend to others? Everyone should visit Yellowstone National Park at least once in their life. It will leave you in wonder about nature and all it is capable of creating.

What's one thing you like to do that you would recommend to others? I would recommend that people take up hiking. It keeps your body active while allowing you to detach from the world and enjoy the nature that surrounds.

What's some of the best advice you've heard? "But what if you are wrong?" Coach Richard Cortes taught me to always see the other side of the coin and question my beliefs. He taught me that no one is an expert in everything. ■

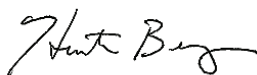


On behalf of the Williston State College Alumni Association, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Another year has passed, and our college continues to have many reasons to be thankful. From the Alumni Association, we too are thankful for the strong support in this, our first year.

We'll continue to grow, but this past year the Alumni Association has already supported scholarships for our students and provided equipment for our Science and Agricultural Labs—all due to the generous support of our alumni. More projects will be helped in the upcoming year as we continue to equip our students with the newest technology and learning tools.

Look for more events with the Alumni Association in 2018. And please keep in touch with us at the Alumni Association by following us on Facebook. We want to hear from you!

Happy Holidays and Go Tetons!



Hunter Berg
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TAYLOR OLSON

A former WSC student and now an attorney in Williston, Taylor Olson recently joined the WSCF Board. Olson fondly recalls her time at WSC, valuing the close-knit student body and the opportunities for community involvement. As a manager of the basketball team, she also enjoyed working closely with Terry Olson. She sees her position on the board as a great way to continue that community involvement.

"I've known most of the people on the board for my whole life," adds Olson. "It's wonderful being part of the Foundation."

The donations received by the WSC Foundation allow it to do a lot for the community, such as donating a trailer to the college for use at events and contributing funds for WSC's agricultural program. Olson says that, while it's a challenge to have to turn down requests for funding from some worthy causes, being able to fund so many projects makes her work very enjoyable.

JORY MEYER

Another addition to the board within the past year, Jory Meyer is also a big supporter of the Tetons.

"I grew up watching Teton basketball," recalls Meyer. "And when Terry [Olson] told me that there was an open spot in the WSC Foundation, I decided to join so I could help the college continue to grow and be successful." Meyer adds that Teton Athletics is a big part of his life as well as his family's.

For the past twenty years, Meyer has worked at First International Bank and Trust, where he is currently the Senior Vice-President/Commercial Loan Officer. In working with the Foundation, he enjoys being able to help so many locals. Meyer is particularly proud of the Foundation establishing the Williams County Graduate and Regional County scholarship, providing free tuition to area high school graduates.

"They've made a huge difference in keeping up college enrollment," he notes. "Hopefully we can continue that for years going forward."



The Marv Kaiser Fit Testing Room

In November, TrainND Northwest dedicated a room at the Workforce Training Centre due to a donation from the WSC Foundation. The Marv Kaiser Fit Testing Room houses two OHD Quantitative Fit Testing machines. Fit testing is required for any individual working around hazardous gas like Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S). This is a common gas found in the oilfields. Last year over 300 individuals were fit tested at TrainND.

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Gifts and bequests	\$869,569	\$495,000	\$133,551	\$1,498,120
Rent income	219,282	641,348	-	860,630
Interest and dividends	47,654	300,384	-	348,038
Gain on sale of fixed assets	218,328	-	-	218,328
Oil income, net	565,337	1,789,782	-	2,355,119
Motor Vehicle income	452,844	-	-	452,844
Pull-tabs income	-	1,344,719	-	1,344,719
Machine pull-tabs income	-	942,131	-	942,131
Blackjack income	-	1,804,504	-	1,804,504
Bingo income	-	47,378	-	47,378
Miscellaneous income	414	43,262	-	43,676
Net capital gains (losses), realized on investments	29,230	406,535	-	435,765
Other investment income	177,654	-	-	177,654
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	13,502	187,789	-	201,291
Net assets released from restrictions	6,882,408	(6,882,408)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	\$9,476,222	\$1,120,424	133,551	10,730,197
EXPENSES				
Administration	\$33,008	-	-	\$33,008
Advertising	25,404	-	-	25,404
Credit card fees	\$61,990	-	-	\$61,990
Depreciation	463,666	-	-	463,666
Donations to other charities	122,890	-	-	122,890
Gaming licenses	2,325	-	-	2,325
Gaming payouts	3,449,906	-	-	3,449,906
Gaming short	1,423	-	-	1,423
Gaming taxes	42,239	-	-	42,239
Insurance	162,967	-	-	162,967
Professional fees	110,673	-	-	110,673
Contract services	62,513	-	-	62,513
Office & postage	1,349	-	-	1,349
Payroll taxes	61,166	-	-	61,166
Property taxes	23,923	-	-	23,923
Pension expense	83,348	-	-	83,348
Public relations	31,972	-	-	31,972
Pull Tabs expense	42,559	-	-	42,559
Rental expenses	65,079	-	-	65,079
Repairs and maintenance	66,737	-	-	66,737
Salaries	832,072	-	-	832,072
Scholarships and grants	2,360,268	-	-	2,360,268
Scholarships & grants-gaming trust fund	342,068	-	-	342,068
Supplies	12,186	-	-	12,186
Trust fees	52,361	-	-	52,361
Interest expense	213,646	-	-	213,646
Teton Thunder newspaper	9,719	-	-	9,719
Special events	11,306	-	-	11,306
Utilities and telephone	125,505	-	-	125,505
Vehicle expense	1,502	-	-	1,502
Miscellaneous	63,905	-	-	63,905
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,939,675	-	-	\$8,939,675
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,973,654	15,106,769	7,700,817	26,781,240
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	536,547	1,120,424	133,551	1,790,522
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	4,510,201	16,227,193	7,834,368	28,571,762



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