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GREETINGS! WITH FALL 2019 JUST AROUND THE CORNER, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO REFLECT BACK ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT WSC!

In August 1952, a group of regional leaders met to discuss the idea of establishing a community college and trades school to serve northwestern North Dakota. Over the next ten years these early discussions led to the establishment of UND-Williston, now Williston State College. At the same time, the University Foundation at Williston was established in 1962 as a non-profit corporation organized “to benefit higher education in Williston.” While the face of WSC has changed over five decades, the WSC Foundation, successor to the University Foundation, has remained true to its mission of supporting higher education in Williston and the Northern Plains region.

I am grateful and humbled by the WSC Foundation’s continued generosity to WSC students, teachers, and staff. In the 2018-2019 academic year, the WSC Foundation once again surpassed \$2 million in supporting students with a variety of regional and general scholarship programs. These scholarships reduce the cost of attendance, helping WSC continue to be a great value for a great education. Our 58th commencement saw a record 167 students participating. Almost half of these graduates were directly supported by one or more of the WSC Foundation’s scholarship programs. The time, talent, and generosity of donors, supporters, board members, and the WSC Foundation staff all ensure that there are no “have nots” when it comes to educational opportunities for current and future WSC students.

While the primary focus of the WSC Foundation is to support students, it is always willing to support campus-centered, school-related, and community events. Quite simply, WSC would not be what it is today without the WSC Foundation’s ongoing support.

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Kaylyn Bondy Appointed WICHE Vice Chair

Kaylyn Bondy, Vice President for Student Affairs, was appointed by the Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders (the Alliance) board to serve as the Vice Chair of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) for the 2019-2020 year.

"I am honored to serve alongside prominent regional WICHE Alliance members dedicated to student success in higher education, and more specifically, to students served by two-year WICHE institutions," stated Bondy. "The WICHE Alliance membership works to address the rapidly shifting terrain that WICHE two-year institutions face and is committed to creating innovative solutions to how two-year institutions approach challenges."

Bondy will work with the Chair to create an annual conference and serve other community college specific needs of WICHE throughout her term.

P3 Updates

In an effort to catch up on the much-needed deferred maintenance updates across campus, WSC has turned to public/private partnerships, also known colloquially as "P3."

The following are some of the advantages of the P3 path:

- Allows for rapid disposition of deferred maintenance projects
- Provides long-term financing for projects
- Draws upon existing & defined financial resources
- Maintains manageable debt levels

Most importantly, opting for a P3 solution does not rely on additional state appropriations. As a result, WSC has greater flexibility to approach long overdue projects on a reasonable time frame.

A \$6 million initiative, WSC has begun work with Johnson Controls to improve critical infrastructure including HVAC systems, air handlers, and control systems.

The P3 projects planned for the 2019 summer include lighting upgrades inside Stevens Hall, Western Star, and the Well, as well as lighting upgrades in the parking lots. In addition, the Johnson Controls team is working with Campus Services on upgrading the HVAC systems in Stevens and Frontier Halls.

Additional desired campus updates include:

- New, energy efficient furnaces, boilers, roofs, windows, and lighting
- Handicap access upgrades that are American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant
- IT infrastructure upgrades
- Stevens Hall first and second floor renovations

"These changes will save the College thousands of dollars in energy savings and 'avoided costs' for maintenance and operations," explained President Dr. John Miller.

Extensive renovations to the nursing and music wings, including major ADA upgrades for both areas, are planned to begin May 2020.

Women in I.T.



WSC hosted its first Women in I.T. (Information Technology) Career Exploration Day workshop on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

The workshop was geared toward high school women to increase their awareness of the job opportunities and skills needed to pursue an I.T. career.

Fourteen juniors from Ray, Trenton, and Williston High schools participated in the workshop.

Current students and former graduates of WSC's IT program facilitated various hands-on activities.

Breakout sessions included HTML & Python and Linux/Pi-Top and the day concluded with a special session on cybersecurity and automation.

This pilot workshop was possible thanks to a Non-Traditional Grant received through the North Dakota Career and Technical Education Department.

"The Women in I.T. workshop was a fantastic success for a number of reasons," explained Ken Quamme, Professor of Information Technology. "We had dynamic and energetic young participants. We had wonderful female alumnae and current students present on various technologies. And last but not least, we had a solid team of WSC personnel who helped organize the event and bring it to fruition."

O'Neill Named 2019 Distinguished Admission Professional



Brittney O'Neill, Enrollment Coordinator, was named the 2019 Distinguished Admission Professional in May 2019.

The Dakota Association for College Admission Counseling (Dakota ACAC) presented this award to O'Neill at its annual conference in Bismarck.

To be selected, individuals must:

- Dedicate over three years to college admissions counseling,
- Provide outstanding contributions to the overall development of students, and
- Demonstrate significant achievement in the area of college admissions at either the secondary or post-secondary level

"It was kind of a surprise when they called my name first for an award," admitted O'Neill. "But when I was up there they started reading off everything I do and have done and it was nice to be recognized for that work."

O'Neill's work includes remodeling registration days and introducing mini registration days at area high schools in the spring; traveling, building, and maintaining relationships with schools; and increasing Early Entry enrollment almost 2 percent every semester since October 2011.



COMMENCEMENT 2019

Williston State College celebrated its graduating students for the 2018-2019 academic year on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10 with two of its most anticipated events.

For the first time, the Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held on the Thursday evening prior to graduation. This program is a special event for all of the graduating Associate Degree (AD) Nursing students and their families and the WSC Nursing Department.

The program was held in the Skadeland Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. Seventeen graduating nurses received their ceremonial pin and recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

"It was wonderful to see all the nursing students so excited about graduation and pinning," stated Alex Haskell, Health and Wellness Administrative Assistant. "This ceremony is our way of honoring all of the hard work and sacrifices they have made in order to pursue this career path. All of the AD's will make spectacular nurses."

WSC's Fifty-Eighth Commencement ceremony followed on Friday, May 10, 2019 in the Well at 10:00 a.m. where State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Member, Kathleen Neset spoke.

"We awarded 411 degrees to 234 graduates in 13 different programs offered at WSC," explained Jen Nebeker, Registrar and Research Analyst. "We are proud that of the 234 graduates, 167 chose to walk in the ceremony. It is a momentous occasion for our students and we are always excited to honor them and celebrate their success at WSC."

Graduates from WSC often earn more than one degree. From fall to summer of the 2018-2019 academic year, 411 degrees were awarded to 234 graduates. These awarded degrees include: 203 Associates in Arts or



Associates in Science, 85 Associates of Applied Sciences, 57 Certificates, and 31 Certificates of Completion.

Of the 234 graduates, nearly 45% received either the Williams or Regional County Scholarships.

In addition to degrees, four groups were recognizable with designated stoles and/or cords.

- Honor students (3.5 or higher GPA) were recognized with gold tassels.
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), WSC's honor society, wore gold stoles.
- Student Senators, student liaisons to college administration, staff, faculty, and alumni, wore green and white cords.
- Veterans were recognized with red, white, and blue cords.

Teton LEAD students complete 40 hours of service learning during the academic year and were also recognized in the commencement program.

"Commencement is such an honored day because as faculty and staff we see first-hand the growth of these students throughout their time here," explained Karissa Kjos, Student Life Coordinator. "Many of these students are transferring on to advance their degrees while others are taking their steps into a chosen career path. We could not be prouder of them for achieving this high accomplishment!"

In addition to SBHE Member Neset's commencement speech, Triten Teske and Abigail Deubner were the chosen student speakers.

WSC faculty members, Gail Raasakka, Nursing Program Director, and Lynne Raymond, Associate Professor of Psychology, were recognized for Tenure and Kim Weismann, Associate Professor of Communication, was recognized for achieving the rank of Professor.

A free community BBQ sponsored by the WSC Foundation was held for graduates, alumni, families, and friends in the Skadeland Gymnasium immediately following the ceremony. ■



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by the numbers [2018-19]

1,669

speeches given in Comm 110

68

completed internships

35,000

miles traveled by athletic teams

635

courses offered

135

student life events

36,090

meals served in Teton Grill

1,499

laptop rentals in Learning Commons

91

students earning more than 1 degree

15,329

text messages sent from WSC

317

pizzas at student life events



NEBEKER NEW TRAINND REGIONAL DIRECTOR

On November 13, 2018, Kenley Nebeker assumed his current position as the Regional Director for Technical Programs and Training at TrainND Northwest, having succeeded Pamela Rasmussen.

A native of Murtaugh, Idaho, Nebeker grew up and spent most of his life in south central Idaho. Nebeker earned his AS at the College of Southern Idaho, BA at Idaho State University (ISU), and is completing his M.ED in Instructional Technology from ISU. He also holds two secondary education certifications in Idaho and Colorado.

"When I started researching TrainND, I found its mission to provide the businesses and industry of northwest North Dakota with world-class training really resonated with me," explained Nebeker. "I saw the position as an opportunity to have a real impact on the economy and communities in the region and to fulfill that responsibility not only to industry partners and businesses, but also to the students enrolled in WSC's CTE programs."

When asked to reflect on his time at TrainND Northwest, Nebeker first expressed disbelief in how fast time has gone by before quickly turning to the pride in his team and what they have accomplished in 8-months.

"Something we've been focused on since I started at TrainND Northwest was to build our team and create a vision for the future," stated Nebeker. "What do we really want TrainND Northwest to be? We are still in this process; it is one that is constantly morphing and involves all of the team. I cannot decide on our vision alone as it has to be bought by everyone and we've made some good progress on this front."

Nebeker expressed pride in his team's ability to quickly and accurately identify programs needed in this region and to move them out rapidly while still producing high quality service.

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"The building and implementation of a standardized safety program like One Basin – One Way! is a victory for us and all those involved," stated Nebeker. "There were a number of people who said we couldn't do it, that it had been tried before and didn't work. Now other basins are taking note and are looking at following us."

Amid all of this, TrainND Northwest has also paid off its debt.

"At its highest point, the debt was \$1.8 million," explained Nebeker. "When I started, it was \$1.3 million. Paying off this debt in about 7 months is another huge victory."

Outside of working at TrainND Northwest, Kenley has quickly come to love Williston.

Kenley, his wife, Jen, and their son, Liam, moved to Williston sight-unseen from Colorado.

"When we rolled into town, you could just feel the energy and potential here," emphasized Nebeker. "Everything is built to just expand."

With a grin on his face, Nebeker quickly summarized, "Williston has been amazing."

TRAINND RE-LAUNCHES WELL CONTROL PROGRAM

TrainND Northwest will re-launch its Well Control training program this August after a 12-month hiatus for program changes.

The following three International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) courses and

associated training will be offered:

- IADC WellSharp Drilling Operations Supervisor
- Optional IADC WellSharp Drilling Operations Supplement Course for Workover
- IADC WellSharp Oil & Gas Operator Representative

Students will receive certification from IADC after completing each course.

For curriculum and delivery, TrainND Northwest has partnered with Petroleum College International to ensure the highest quality hands-on training in the Williston area for Well Control.

"Well control is integral to the drilling process," stated IADC Accreditation Operations Vice President, Mark Denkowski. "Maintaining control of the well, throughout its lifecycle, is crucial to ensuring safe, efficient, and environmentally sound operations. IADC's WellSharp training program addresses this critical component to the drilling process through detailed, technical coursework developed by industry veterans."

TrainND Northwest offers a realistic training experience using a full-size drilling, production & workover simulator with advanced 3-dimensional graphics.

"We are excited to offer this important program to ensure that our workforce goes to work confident and returns home safe when their shift is over," explained Bonnie Finch, Operations Manager at TrainND Northwest. ■

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ONE BASIN ONE WAY

In early 2019, the North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) announced the launch of One Basin – One Way!, a standardized contractor safety orientation program.

Developed by Bakken-based producers and contractors, this training is designed to raise safety awareness on over 40 critical topics while providing a North Dakota viewpoint on the hazards found in the Williston Basin.

TrainND Northwest is one of the training providers that will offer this new program.

"This is such a great opportunity for us," said Kenley Nebeker, Regional Director for Technical Programs and Training at TrainND Northwest. "We are all about safety and ensuring that our workforce is going to work confident and well-trained. This fits very well into our mission, and we really believe in the goals of this orientation."

The program is the result of a "grass roots" effort by the NDPC, Nebeker added.

In the spring of 2019, the NDPC set up an advisory committee of 99 members including producers, contractors, and training providers to develop what became One Basin – One Way!

According to the NDPC, in 2018, an estimated 32,000 contractors attended orientations for each producer who hired them. The NDPC estimates workers are sitting through as many as eight redundant sessions a year and that companies are collectively losing 1.25 million man-hours.

By standardizing the orientation curriculum across the Basin, the program will eliminate duplicative training and increase efficiency and production numbers.

"This is the first time an orientation will follow a contractor if he or she goes from one job to another," explained Nebeker. "Instead of someone going into a 2- or 4-hour orientation for six different companies, that individual can go to one orientation and hear one safety message."

"A certain confidence comes from hearing

one message and when faced with a situation that requires a safety-based decision, knowing how to appropriately respond," added Nebeker. "Standardized orientations have proved to lead to better safety records, and this is the most important point for us – keeping people safe."

On June 17, industry partners, training providers, and relevant stakeholders gathered for the signing ceremony and the official start of the One Basin – One Way! program.



Governor Doug Burgum was in attendance and said it was "fantastic" to see companies, some of which are major competitors, work together on delivering a standardized safety training.

Eleven companies have signed on to the program and have become its initial Safety FIRST partners: Bruin E&P, Crestwood Midstream, Enerplus, Equinor, Hess Corporation, Oasis Petroleum, ONEOK, Inc., QEP Resources, Whiting Petroleum Corporation, WPX Energy, and XTO Energy.

These companies have accepted the One Basin – One Way! program as their orientation so contractors can now go to any one of these companies and still receive the same training.

Alongside TrainND Northwest which will offer the program in Williston, the North Dakota Safety Council (NDSC) is the second training provider that will present the program across the rest of the state.

NDSC is a private non-profit whose mission is to reduce injuries and save lives through effective training techniques in a diverse lineup of courses.

A third entity, Diamond B, will assist by

platform it designed called ProCertX, which was built specifically for the training and certification challenges subcontractors and producers face.

"Diamond B will provide the technology needed to ensure the certifications are going on the contractors' cards," Nebeker said. "So, when they go on site and need certain certifications, Diamond B has a program that makes tracking that utterly amazing. Their technology is mind-blowing. I'm excited to be partnered with them."

TrainND Northwest kicked off the One Basin – One Way! program on Thursday, July 11 on its campus located at 415 22nd Ave NE.

The event began with a presentation and Q&A session led by Nebeker followed by a One Basin – One Way! course observation, facility tour, and lunch.

When asked why he was so excited about the One Basin – One Way! movement, Nebeker responded, "It's the right work to be doing. At TrainND Northwest, we are passionate about people going to work confidently and at the end of their shift going home to their families. One Basin – One Way! is a commonsense approach to making that happen." ■



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WSC EARNS HIGHER EDUCATION AWARD

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

In early April 2019, Williston State College was honored by the Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders (the Alliance) for its innovative first-term advising model and was named the winner of the 2019 Bernice Joseph Award.

The Bernice Joseph Award is given annually by the Alliance for the best academic-leadership resource that demonstrates innovation, problem-solving capability, and evidence of positive impact. The award honors Bernice Joseph, an influential University of Alaska educator who passed away in 2014.

Kaylyn Bondy, Vice President for Student Affairs, accepted the award on behalf of WSC in Salt Lake City at the Alliance's annual meeting.

Founded in 2010, the Alliance is a membership organization based at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE); one of four U.S. higher education regional compacts established by Congress in 1953.

In receiving the Bernice Joseph award, WSC's first-term advising model gains broad recognition among the two-year-college chief academic officers who represent Alliance member institutions located in the WICHE region encompassing 16 state and territorial members.

"I am very encouraged to see this program honored with the Bernice Joseph Award," said Alliance Chair Clifton Sanders, Provost for Academic Affairs at Salt Lake Community College. "It showcases the value our Alliance provides by turning a spotlight on innovations that improve community and technical colleges' ability to serve students and communities."

The first-term advising model was initiated in early 2017.

"Each first-time student is assigned a first-term advisor," explained Kim Weismann, Professor of Communication. "An advising handbook was also developed to assist both advisors and their advisees. The goal of the program is to positively impact student retention by better orienting students to WSC, educating students on WSC's services and resources, and creating a comfortable environment to ask questions and become acclimated with the college environment."

Faculty and staff are encouraged to apply to be advisors. Individuals are selected, trained, and assigned students with the goal of connecting students to WSC through materials and intentional conversations throughout a student's first term.

"Student wait-time between becoming eligible to enroll and working with an advisor to choose coursework has lessened and resulted in improved student retention rates,"

stated Kim Wray, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "As a result, we can better plan and adjust our course schedule. If additional course sections are needed, we can add them as earlier student enrollment provides an accurate picture of final term enrollment."

WSC's advising model will be added to the Alliance's Academic Leaders Toolkit, a peer-reviewed repository of useful tools to assist academic leaders and to help advance the academic missions of higher education institutions, systems, and states in the WICHE region and beyond.

"This award really showcases WSC as a premiere community college as it is a competitive award," stated Weismann. "Receiving the award recognizes the hard work our personnel are doing to help students succeed at WSC."

"WSC is honored to receive the 2019 Bernice Joseph Award for its first-term advising tool," said Bondy. "WSC supports innovative solution sharing amongst institutions and is honored to be named for an award that supports just that." ■

alumni updates

Wendell Carter enjoyed a professional basketball career in countries such as Japan, Germany, Austria, and Qatar before becoming an IT Security Analyst for the past 12 years. He and his wife, Mirta Padilla Carter, reside in the Houston area with their three children: Nicolas (6), Cataleya (4), and Isabella (3). ▼



Jenny (Zimmerman) Fernholz has been the branch manager at US Bank in Williston for the past 8 years. She and her husband, Chad, have two daughters, Delanie (18) and Josie (13), and they live in Buford, ND. ▼



Gerard Hanson is the Vice President & General Manager of Rosemount Nuclear and Subsea Group, in Chanhassen, MN. He has been with Rosemount for 21 years. Gerard and his wife, Denise, live in Waconia, MN. Their daughter, Jordan, is a senior at the University of Minnesota, and their son, Miles, is a junior in high school. ▼



Heidi (Rettig) Johnson has recently begun a new position as the Controller for OneCor Services in Williston after a career in public accounting. A former Teton Volleyball player, she gives back to WSC by serving on the Teton Booster Club Board. Heidi and her husband, Kevin, are proud parents of Bryce. ▼



Ben and Brenda (Strand) Schafer currently reside with their family in Ray, ND. For the last 8 years, Ben has served as the Superintendent of the Ray School District and Brenda has been a Speech Language Pathologist. They have three children: Benett (7), Brekkyn (5), and Bowen (3).

Corey Wilhelm is currently employed with SPS Companies where he has been in sales for 28 years. He and his wife, Gina, live in Bismarck. They have two daughters, Cassidy (22) and Bailey (20). ▼



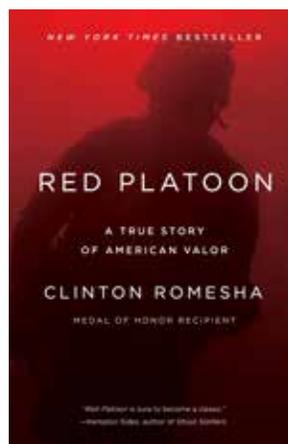
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Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient **CLINTON ROMESHA**



BY CAITLIN PALLAI



Williston State College is honored to welcome Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Clinton Romesha to campus.

A former U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, Romesha is recognized for his heroic actions on October 3, 2009 during the Battle of Kamdesh, a 12-hour battle and a key moment during the War in Afghanistan.

That morning, Staff Sergeant Romesha and his fellow soldiers awakened to an intense attack by an estimated 300 Taliban fighters.

Despite shrapnel wounds, Staff Sergeant Romesha continued to fight. As a result of his quick and selfless action, he carried out a successful counterattack that eliminated Taliban machine guns and allowed wounded soldiers to be taken to an aid station.

In 2013, Romesha was recognized for his valor and humility and was awarded the Medal of Honor by former President Barack Obama. Romesha is the fourth living Medal of Honor recipient for the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. That same year, he was also inducted into the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

In 2013, Romesha released his memoir, *Red Platoon: A True Story of American Valor*, which recounts his experience during the Battle of Kamdesh. A New York Times bestseller, the book also serves as a powerful account of how one person can make a difference against seemingly impossible odds.

As a motivational speaker, Romesha emphasizes how the capacity for leadership and bravery resides within everyone.

The evening will begin with a free dinner honoring active duty military personnel, veterans, first responders, and their families in the Well at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., a bronze statue dedicated to the men and women who have served this country will be unveiled outside Frontier Hall on WSC's campus. Commissioned by the WSC Foundation, American sculptor Ben Victor creates incredibly detailed works in both clay and bronze and is the only living artist to have two works in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol.

Romesha will share his message with the Williston community at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A session at 7:45 p.m. and a book signing and reception at 8 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public.

Please save the date and join us on Wednesday, November 13 ■

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DAVID NJOS, A **TRUE TETON**

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

Located on the north end of campus by the science wing, a new structure contains the work of celebrated Williston artist, David Njos.

Designed and constructed by Tim Delorme, Welding Instructor, and Clay Sponable, Director of Campus Services, and his team, the gazebo is the home of Njos' 5-piece steel sculpture, Clark's Table.

A Williston-native and long-time resident, Njos sculpted Clark's Table to provide a glimpse into the lives of Lewis and Clark as they made their way westward on their great expedition.

Njos, whose artistic roots are firmly planted in North Dakota and originate in his early youth, is known for his other works including the iron coyote outside of Williston Middle School and the 40-foot tall wheat sculpture located in Davidson Park dedicated to the pioneers of agriculture.

"Dave's artistry brings part of [Lewis and Clark's] journey to life at Williston State College," expressed Dr. John Miller, WSC President.

Clark's Table consists of two chests, one filled with miscellaneous bottles, and a traveling desk and chair complete with compass, rifle, and map, all atop a large skin rug.

A passion project many years in the making, Njos recounted that when he first told WSC about the project, "I said 'I'll do it, and, if it's not what you want, I'll keep it.'"

Initial discussion on the project coincided with the building of the science wing, completed in 2012. Because the Lewis and Clark Expedition was the United States' first major scientific expedition, WSC wanted a monument to commemorate that experience in history and as it related to the Williston area.

To begin the project, Njos, a skilled carpenter as well as sculptor,

imagined being commissioned by Lewis and Clark to build a lightweight and portable desk for their expedition, and then designed it as if he had only the tools and materials available to an early-nineteenth-century craftsman.

Njos poured months of his time into the project, estimating that he spent "three or four" winters on Clark's Table in his free time. With a stack of books in his shop at all times, he spent hours researching each piece in the sculpture to ensure that it accurately reflected the time period.

For example, 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."

This same level of care extended to everything else in the sculpture. The bottles in Clark's trunk were sculpted to look as they would have appeared 200 years ago, and the badge on Clark's hat appears to be made of leather, not silk, as Clark was not a wealthy man.

Over the course of the project, Njos battled with rheumatoid arthritis which often prevented him from using a grinder to ensure the steel had the appearance of wood, a process that took weeks.

"There were short days," he admitted.

Despite this obstacle, Njos persevered. The result, another intensely detailed sculpture that will stand the test of time and be enjoyed for generations to come. ■



MASSAGE THERAPY YEAR IN REVIEW

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

The 2018–2019 academic year was a busy and successful one for the Williston State College Massage Therapy program.

Under the direction of Wendy McGinley, Massage Therapy Program Coordinator, six students learned about the massage therapy profession from the business of massage to Swedish massage techniques.

The Massage Therapy Class of 2019 included Viktoriia Thorson, Mandi Martin, Courtney White, Sierra Saffell, Rachelle Evitt, and Linda Enders.

In total, McGinley's six students gave over 1,008 massages throughout the year and were involved in many on and off campus events.

McGinley and her students participated in two Health & Wellness fairs on campus, providing free 5-minute hand massages, and practiced their massage skills off campus for parents with children on the autism spectrum and a community group, Mothers of Preschoolers.

On Wednesday, March 27, WSC Massage Therapy traveled with the WSC Marketing Department to Bismarck for the Legislative Showcase.

The Legislative Showcase is a biennial event held at the North Dakota Capitol where all 11 North Dakota University System colleges and universities showcase a program unique to them.

McGinley and her students provided over 65 complimentary relaxing chair massages to legislators, including District 1 Representatives Patrick Hatlestad (pictured) and David Richter, and visitors alike at WSC's "Relax & Recharge" booth.

For obvious reasons, WSC's booth was extremely popular!

On April 10, McGinley and her students headed to Bismarck for the annual American Massage Therapy Association's ND spring convention. Along the way, they visited two spa locations, LOR spa in Minot and Broadway Spa in Bismarck.

The spring convention is the largest continuing education conference in ND for massage therapy and students could learn about cupping, tui-na (acupressure), and Craniosacral Therapy.

On April 17, the annual Scrubs Camp was held at WSC with over 260 young students and chaperons participating, in addition to numerous speakers and presenters. Participants learned about different careers in the health field and met with WSC Massage Therapy students who covered muscles and bones, hands-on massage and therapy tools, and complimentary modalities like hot stones and oils.

And to top of the year, all six of McGinley's students successfully passed the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx).

The MBLEx is governed by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards and is designed to provide a standard examination for students of massage to gain licensure.

"Students learn so many things about massage and related areas like kinesiology and pharmacology throughout the year," explained McGinley. "By the end, they realize this program is a jumping off point to other aspects of massage therapy that they probably didn't even consider such as specializing in complimentary modalities like cupping and acupressure. At the end, my students leave as therapists of massage." ■

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A New Season for the **Agriculture Program**

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

A partnership between Williston State College, Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB), and Lake Region State College (LRSC), known as the North Dakota Agriculture Consortium (NDAC), will bring a new Associate in Applied Science Agriculture Degree to WSC Students.

Instead of campuses competing, NDAC will meet the needs of individual students and those of the agricultural industry in the state and regionwide.

The idea for NDAC grew out of initial discussion between all three colleges and what each could offer, as well as input from students on their interests and desired pathways.

"For WSC students the NDAC definitely has added value to our agriculture program as they can take a larger variety of agriculture courses than originally offered," explained Jessalyn Bachler, Agriculture Instructor. "All three colleges blend together really well, as each has a distinct agricultural focus."

WSC will offer animal and range science courses, DCB will offer plant science and horticulture courses, and LRSC will offer soil and crop science courses.

Courses will be available through several delivery



formats that include on-campus instruction and distance education (i.e. online and Interactive Video Network).

Starting Fall 2019, students now choose to specialize in one of the following career-oriented options: Agribusiness Management, Equine Management, Farm Management, Ranch Management, or Agriculture Education and Extension.

According to Bachler, these options will help students prepare for the direct areas of the agriculture industry that they plan on entering into after graduation.

This two-year AAS degree can also be a starting point to continue studies at a four-year institution.

"I am excited that our students will have options when pursuing agriculture and can choose a pathway that fits their interests," explained Kim Wray, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Partnering with

other colleges also allows our instructor, Jessalyn, to focus on her area of strength and offer more specialized classes."

In addition to agriculture, WSC is involved in similar state-wide consortiums for the Dakota Nursing and Information Technology Programs. ■



Ken Quamme and Alexey Kovalev

TAPPING INTO POTENTIAL: **PETROLEUM & IT**

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

Under the direction of Alexey Kovalev, the Williston State College Petroleum Technology and Automation program is tapping into new possibilities.

From a small suburb outside of Moscow, Russia, Kovalev spent five and a half years in Grand Forks, North Dakota before beginning with WSC in the fall of 2018.

Kovalev attended the University of North Dakota and earned both his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Petroleum Engineering. Prior to studying and working in the United States, he served as a translator for international oil and gas companies.

"I am excited to be at the heart of the petroleum industry," stated Kovalev. "This is the place to be and the WSC Petroleum program continues to offer a lot of opportunity."

Even with his strong engineering background, Kovalev admits that the automation and technician pieces of WSC's Petroleum program were new to him in the beginning.

"This year has been transformational, in a personal sense adjusting to the area and waiting for my family, and in terms of the teaching process," said Kovalev. "It gave me the time to understand in depth what this program is about and how to teach on a technician level which has a lot to do with down-to-earth applications and what happens at the surface."

Almost since day one, Kovalev met with industry informally and formally to determine what skillsets are needed in technicians.

"I want industry interaction and input and making this program meaningful to the employer and student" stated Kovalev. "Industry partnerships have been key to the program's success and will continue to ensure program relevance."

Luckily, he did not have to maneuver through all of this alone.

Mentorship and friendship came in the form of WSC's Professor of Information Technology (IT), Ken Quamme. His support, knowledge of the petroleum program, and connections helped Kovalev navigate a new institution and program.

Throughout the year, Kovalev and Quamme began the process of cross-walking their programs by incorporating essential IT classes into the petroleum curriculum to meet identified industry needs.

"Industry continues to see a blending between automation and petroleum and some form of automation and IT is in every discipline," explained Quamme.

Gesturing to a programmable logic controller (PLC) behind him, Kovalev added that for example, in order for students to be comfortable with the trainers, they must understand personal computers (PCs) and coding. PLCs control and automate systems

and are used in a variety of industries. Out in the oil field, PLC's control liquid and gas levels in oil separators, pressure levels in tanks, and pumping jack speed.

"Students need to be comfortable with PCs in order to wrap their minds around the PLC which is essentially a portable computer," explained Kovalev. "They need to know how to interact with the PLC and understand that

"Industry partnerships have been key to the program's success and will continue to ensure program relevance."

what they code into the PLC directly impacts a physical process in the field."

Kovalev and Quamme also identified specific curriculum changes including removing identified redundancy in some classes and channeling students into IT classes first.

"Two years isn't a long time and the amount of knowledge and subject matter is significant," emphasized Kovalev. "Industry wants results and qualified grads that can hit the ground running."

Both instructors agreed students need a strong foundation that includes hands-on and high-tech skills like networking, and project-based learning like internships and co-ops.

In addition to in-house changes, the National Science Foundation (NSF) grant received in the fall of 2018 has opened up new doors for both programs.

WSC's grant is funded by the NSF's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program, with the goal to promote exemplary improvement in the way technicians are educated and to provide trained technicians.

As a result, WSC will diversity education for its students with professional development opportunities, ensuring equipment is relevant, and consultation from a mentoring institution.

With the grant comes a partnership between WSC and Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC).

"The flexibility of the NSF grant coupled with a resource like IVCC is invaluable," emphasized Kovalev.

Additionally, the Petroleum program will work collaboratively with TrainND Northwest

to better align college credit offerings with non-credit training opportunities.

"We are grateful that we have strong support from our alumni and community, and a strong state, but they cannot support us alone," stated Quamme. "We have to continue our progress and demonstrate to industry and the public our commitment to preparing our graduates for the future."

Over the next year, the cross-walking process will continue with additional curriculum changes and incorporating equipment from TrainND Northwest as well as two more trainers purchased through the NSF grant.

When asked what it was like to work together, a WSC veteran of 33 years and new blood, both Kovalev and Quamme knowingly looked at one another and laughed.

"It has been fantastic," said Quamme. "Alex is a lifelong learner and his ability to look at both sides of something resonated with me. Plus, it's exciting to see someone so young and in education wanting change."

Kovalev, ever the engineer, described their relationship as two sets of gears engaging and now working as one.

"We kind of clicked from the beginning," admitted Kovalev.

"I am excited for what is ahead," he continued. "Now, the task is to bring the program up to the level where it caters to identified industry needs and in an efficient time frame. Short-term training is a must for the future."

When asked about his time in Williston, Kovalev reminisced that when he first arrived, Williston reminded him of home. "I like the wilderness part; Williston is not all trimmed and mowed."

Kovalev lives in Williston with his wife and their two children. ■

WSC AWARDED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

Williston State College was awarded a three-year, \$225,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for its Petroleum, Automation, and Information Technology (IT) programs to produce more qualified technicians educated in automation to meet growing industry needs.



The NSF is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense. The NSF supports fundamental research and education in all the non-medical fields of science and engineering.

WSC's NSF grant is funded by the NSF's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program. The goal of the ATE program is to promote exemplary improvement in the way technicians are educated and to provide trained technicians.

As a result of the NSF ATE funding, WSC will diversify education for its students with professional development opportunities, ensuring Amatrol equipment is relevant and up-to-date, and consultation from a mentoring institution.

"We continue to see a significant influx of industry coming in and targeting automation, whether that be various energy companies, manufacturing, or agriculture," explained Ken Quamme, Professor of Information Technology. "All of these industries will need trained technicians and blending automation, petroleum, and IT is about preparing future technicians to handle future vulnerabilities."

In 2017, WSC was accepted into the NSF Mentor-Connect Program, an outreach initiative that provides leadership development for the NSF ATE



Program. Chosen from 29 schools representing 22 states, WSC worked with Illinois Valley Community College's (IVCC) Jim Gibson and University of Wisconsin – Madison's Lori Scroggs, the grant's external reviewer, over a 10-month period to draft an NSF ATE grant proposal that resulted in the current award.

Jim Gibson, Electronics Program Coordinator at IVCC, assisted WSC throughout the drafting process and visited in January to meet with Quamme and WSC's Petroleum Technology and Automation Instructor, Alexey Kovalev.

An Amatrol expert with extensive international industry experience in automaton & controls and instrumentation, Gibson demonstrated how the same Amatrol equipment used at IVCC and in industry can be used at WSC. Amatrol designs, develops, and manufactures technical learning systems and other training equipment used in education and industry.

"It is always good to have another set of eyes to see how someone else is implementing the same tools," said Gibson. "We have the same Amatrol equipment at IVCC and it is very good because it is real world."

"For students going into automation, they need to have the fundamentals in electrical

maintenance down," explained Gibson. "An understanding of AC/DC, motor controls, programmable logic controllers, and instrumentation will result in a good foundation for other programs as well."

With Gibson's guidance, Kovalev expanded his working knowledge of automation and began the mapping and blending process with Quamme of the IT, Petroleum, and Automation curricula.

"Automation is an inevitable component wherever you go," explained Kovalev. "While the first thing that might pop into your mind when thinking of an oil well is heavy piping and metal fittings, it's not just that. For any hazardous environments, oil companies will work at reducing a human presence and therefore liability, and loss of life and equipment. This is where automation kicks in, with machines doing the dangerous jobs. In the future, we will probably see fully automated drilling rigs."

"We as instructors are excited for this grant and know students are too because they benefit the most," said Quamme. "Alex is already brainstorming another grant, again in partnership with IVCC, so we can offer even more."

WSC is looking at another Amatrol module to do training with cyber security within automation.

"Everything is fluid and this grant will help us adjust our curriculum to industry's current needs and to provide a good springboard for students that will open doors to fields across the board," added Kovalev.

"The only constant we have is change," stated Gibson. "Just as students need a solid educational foundation and must learn to be flexible, so too do institutions in recognizing and meeting changing industry needs." ■





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WHERE THE PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

1. Dr. Kyle Norris leading the WSC Band + Community Band
 2. Nursing Pinning ceremony in the Skadeland Gym
 3. WSC getting out in the community by sponsoring Summer Nights on Main
 4. Happy Retirement Marlene
 5. Having fun at Teton Trail of Treats
 6. Susan Zimmerman during Marketplace for Kids
 7. WSC Nursing out in the community
 8. Week of Welcome outdoor movie
 9. WSCF Baked Potato Bar at the Coyotes baseball game in May
 10. Massage students leading a session during Scrubs Camp
 11. Clay Sponable at annual campus blood drive
 12. Nurses sharing their knowledge during the health fair in the Teton Lounge
 13. Steven Grunenwald's Native American History class took a field trip to SD and donated to the flood victims.
 14. Kenley Nebeker on the radio with Joel Heitkamp
 15. Goat yoga led by the Agriculture Club
 16. Student Senate and Teton Activity Board serving Banquet West
 17. WSC Sponsored Summer Nights on Main Fun!
 18. Teton Week of Welcome BBQ
 19. Richard Stenbergs' historic baseball game
 20. Easter Bunny jumped by to say hello to the coffee crew
 21. Richard Stenberg and his State and Local Government class at the state capitol
 22. Business Instructor, Leah Windnagle's marketing class
 23. Dr. Kyle Norris and Riley Yadon having fun during our staff and faculty in-service
 24. Taking a few minutes to get out and enjoy campus during our Walk Wednesdays
 25. What a great group of student senators
 26. Tim Delorme on the radio promoting welding
 27. Say cheese Richard Stenberg, Wendy McGinley, Lance Olson, and Phil Rabon



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WSC Grad Embarks on **EUROPEAN MUSICAL TOUR**

BY CAITLIN PALLAI

Shawn Postovit, a 2019 WSC graduate, is finishing his preparations for a music performance tour of Europe this summer 2019 as part of the Northern Ambassadors of Music.

Nominated by his band and choir director from Tioga, Ella Lewis, Postovit joins the select honor group of around 300 students from North Dakota and Montana.

Postovit received his acceptance letter in April 2018, followed by a congratulatory letter from Governor Doug Burgum.

From Tioga, Postovit began the French Horn in 6th grade and was in band and choir throughout high school. As part of the tour, Postovit will perform both with the French Horn and as a Tenor vocalist.

From July 9 until July 24, 2019, Postovit and his fellow ambassadors will visit England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, and Germany.

The tour includes a concert band, concert choir, and a jazz ensemble and the groups will perform American pieces.

"American marches and the American style are apparently really popular in Europe," explained Postovit.

Thanks to local businesses, the WSC Foundation, individual support, and Postovit working at the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Research Extension Center in Williston, the necessary funds were raised for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

The cost of the trip includes round trip airfare, hotel stays, meals, and an extended trip to Greece.

A Regional County Scholarship recipient, Postovit graduated this past May and is headed to NDSU in the fall where he will double major in Agriculture Education and Music Education.

"I will continue with the French Horn at NDSU and I hope to join NDSU's Gold Star marching band and play the mellophone," said Postovit. ■

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CASINO NIGHT 2019



BY TETON ATHLETICS

Teton Athletics' annual dinner and fundraising auction event, Casino Night, hit its 11-year mark on Saturday, March 30, 2019 and in record-breaking style.

The event was sold out with 425 people in attendance – the largest Casino Night ever.

Doors opened at 5:00 p.m. and guests could start gaming, bidding on silent auction items, and enjoying appetizers right away. Outlaws Bar and Grill provided a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction began at 8:15 p.m.

The Booster Club held 50/50 drawings for spa gift cards, golf clubs, and cash and the Casino was open for play throughout the night. And for the first time, a sports book and live March Madness basketball games were streamed for guests to watch.

"Casino Night is important as it is by far the largest fundraiser for Teton



Athletics," explained Dan Artamenko, Athletic Director. "A total of \$47,000 was raised, with \$37,000 from the live auction and \$9,850 from the silent auction. Our moving the event from a Friday to a Saturday also, I think, played a significant role in the event's success."

Some of this year's biggest prizes included a 7-night stay in Cost Rica, Brickyard 400 VIP Suite tickets, and a Wayne Gretzky jersey. A total of \$9,700 was raised from these three prizes alone!

In addition to these prizes, the annual truck raffle included a grand prize of a 2018 Ford F150 XLT Supercab. Truck raffle winners are listed at WSCtetons.com and on the Teton Athletic Facebook page (@wscetons). The grand prize winner of the new Ford was Craig McIvor. Winners collected their prizes at the Williston State College Foundation Office located at 721 E. Highland Drive, Suite E.

Money raised from this event helps improve Teton athletic programs and builds upon the successes of previous years.

"This event is about benefiting our student athletes," stated Alexandra Haskell, Athletic Coordinator. "Casino Night is a wonderful way to get the community involved with athletics.

We work hard to ensure we have fun events and items to bid on so everyone can take part. Also, so many local businesses go out of their way to donate auction items, volunteer their time and participate in the event – we try and make it as fun as possible as a thank you to them!"

While next year's Casino Night is far in the future, supporters of Teton Athletics can mark their calendars for a new event in the fall - Dueling Pianos hosted by The Teton Booster Club.

The event will be held on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available beginning in July. ■



upcoming events

Dueling Pianos

HALL OF FAME

[Class of 2018]

BY TETON ATHLETICS



Last November, Teton Athletics was proud to celebrate and announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2018.

The Teton Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding individual athletes, coaches, and teams who demonstrate the highest level of excellence. This year, four individuals were inducted into the Teton Hall of Fame.

Edward Sundby attended UND-Williston from 1970-1972 and participated in the sport of Rodeo. In 2016, he was inducted into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. Sundby competed in three national college rodeos including the 1972 Regional where he won the bareback riding championship for UND-Williston.

Mickey Dennis was an integral part of one the best Teton teams ever, leading the Men's Basketball team to their first appearance at the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas in 1999. The team also won State, Region, and District Championships for the first time. Dennis was elected first team NJCAA All-American, the second Teton to ever hold this honor.

Molly Anderson was inducted into the Hall of Fame after her memorable 2000 season with the Women's Basketball team, scoring 18.5 points, 5 assists, and 4.1 rebounds a game. While the team had a slower start to the season, Molly led them to an 8-2 conference finish to win the Mon-Dak conference.

James Borom played on the 2002-2003 Men's Basketball team and was selected as an NJCAA All-American. Borom averaged 18 points, 6.7 assists, and 4 steals a game. In addition to his athletic skill, Borom had one of the greatest messages for all current and future Teton athletes. While he thought he was going to the middle of nowhere, his time in Williston quickly proved itself to be one of the greatest moments of his life.

To nominate someone to the Teton Hall of Fame, please visit the athletic website at www.wsctetons.com and submit the nomination form prior to the start of the fall semester. ■



ALSO HONORED

Under the direction of then first-year Head Coach Jean Roise, the 1993-1994 Teton Women's Basketball team won State and Regional titles before advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Tyler, Texas.

The team finished with a 27-6 overall record that year, including a 17-game winning streak. Angie Nedberg was named an All-American and Jean Roise was honored as the Region XIII Coach of the Year.

Team Members: Nikki Beggar, April Verhasselt, Ashlee Duhamel, Liza Ackerson, Natalie Strube, Tanya Bullhead, Candy Snellman, Angie Nedberg, Misti Germundson, Nicki Rieger, Becky Sieg, Bobbi Grammar, Arin Pribbernow, Jill Kautzman, Assistant Coach Jill Solem, Head Coach Jean Roise.

The following were inducted into the Teton Booster Club Hall of Fame in 2018: Ricky Kittleson, Gordon and Charlene Strand, Don and Liz Stewart, Allan and Donna Lassey.



STUDENT Q&A [WITH] ABIGAYLE DEUBNER



Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Julia Roberts or Kate Hudson

What's your most embarrassing moment?

In high school, a drug dog put a hit on my car for a flare in my emergency roadside pack.

Tell us a joke.

What do you call a frozen dog? A pupsicle!

What's your favorite phrase?

"Cool Beans"

What would your super power be?

The ability to read minds.

What profession are you hoping to do?

Elementary Education

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

I will attend Dickinson State University.

What were you doing before you came to WSC?

Before WSC, I attended Montana State University – Billings.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?

My favorite class at WSC was Intercultural Communications.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?

I don't have one favorite. Lynne Raymond, Kim Weismann, and Lance Olson are all great teachers.

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

I enjoyed working for Kim Weismann and Lynne Raymond! Best bosses out there!!

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

WSC is a great place to start. You will meet people that will leave a lasting impact on you!

What advice do you have for your fellow WSC students?

Be yourself because everyone else is taken.

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

I would invite Grandpa Larry, Uncle Wayne, and Grandma Rossmeyer.

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

Freedom Writers (movie), *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, Princess Diaries 2 (movie), *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman, and The Office.



NDSU

STUDENT Q&A [WITH] TRITEN TESKE

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

I would probably just play myself, since the film would be about me!

What's your most embarrassing moment?

I can't think of a major embarrassing moment that has happened to me in recent memory.

Tell us a joke.

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!

What's your favorite word?

Different

What would your super power be?

The ability to fly.

What profession are you hoping to do?

Sports Management

What profession are you hoping to avoid?

I would make the best out of any work situation.

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

After WSC, I am headed to Fargo, ND to complete the Sports Management Program at North Dakota State University.

What were you doing before you came to WSC?

Before WSC, I attended Williston High School and played basketball.

What has been your favorite class at WSC?

My favorite class at WSC was either Microeconomics or College Composition II.

Who has been your favorite teacher at WSC?

It is basically a three-way tie between Professor Peterson, Stout, and Weismann.

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

Keeping up with how our sports teams are doing.

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

If you are unsure or even know exactly what you want to do in your future, WSC is a great first stop. It's the perfect place to get your feet wet into the college environment and just get an overall feel for college. WSC will help you grow beyond expectations. This is an exciting process for yourself!

What advice do you have for your fellow WSC students?

Make the best out of every day and try to learn something new every day.

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

Leonardo DiCaprio, John F. Kennedy, and Kobe Bryant.

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

Rampage (movie), Skyscraper (movie), Infinity Wars (movie), EndGame (movie), *Compound Effect* by Darren Hardy.



WSC FOUNDATION IN ARIZONA



The WSC Foundation hosted its second annual gathering in Arizona on February 16 at the Seville Golf and Country Club in AZ.

WSC Foundation's Terry Olson and Hunter Berg; WSC's President, Dr. John Miller; and Codi Austreim of the WHS Coyote Foundation joined event hosts, Ron and Kathy Seeley; Shirley & Lynn Leininger; Bonnie and Dennis Guenther; and Jan Skadeland for an evening of food, drinks, trivia, and gifts.

The event is for friends, alumni, and supporters of WSC, WHS, and the surrounding area.

The WSC Foundation's annual get-together in Arizona was another success as friends of WSC, Williston High School and the community of Williston gathered to enjoy a nice meal, trivia, and visiting.

For additional information, contact the WSC Foundation at 701.572.9275.

1. Wayne and Shari Retzer, Dennis and Cathy Stromme 2. Dennis and Bonnie Guenther, Jan Skadeland, Lynn and Shirley Leininger, Ron and Kathy Seeley and Tammy Lyson. 3. Dennis and Bonnie Guenther, Fred Fridley, Tom and Pam Suelzle.



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WSCF&AA [UPDATES]

The Williston Community Gardens is a cooperative project aimed at providing access to self-grown healthy and natural foods.

Three local organizations have teamed up to assemble the project on the corner of East Highland Drive and East Dakota Parkway. The Williston State College Foundation is putting forth the soil, Williston Community Builders will assemble the project on site, and the Williston Opportunity Foundation will work to operate and maintain the project once completed.

"We are hoping to create a small community around the gardens," said Community Builders President, Nick Lippert. "It won't happen overnight, but this could be a great launching pad for other organizations or businesses to foster relationships and grow a community from the ground up."

School groups, farmers markets, classrooms, and even business owners have already reached out about plots.

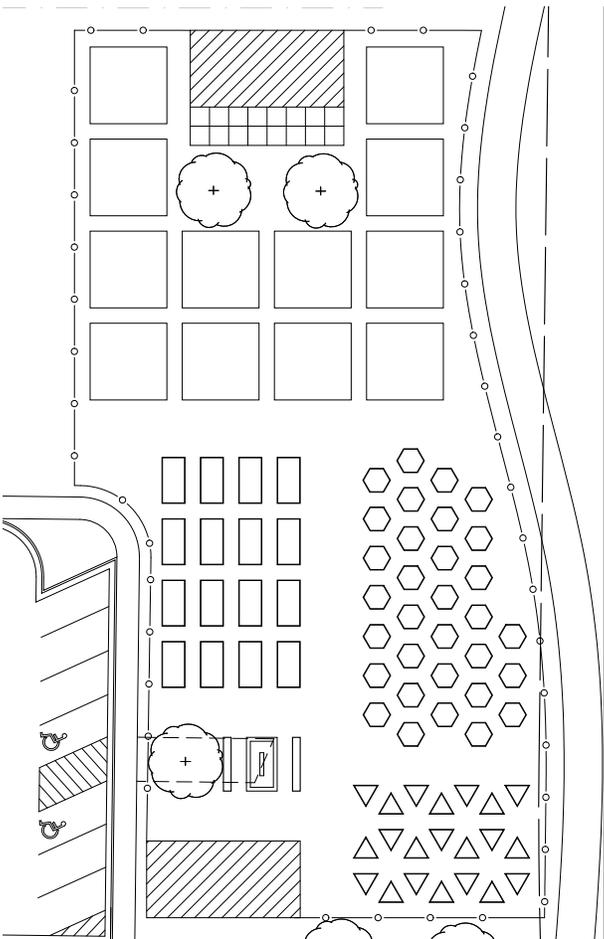
The Gardens will provide a variety of plot sizes to accommodate the amateur to expert gardener ranging in size from an 8'x8' triangle planter box to a full 20'x20' in-ground plot for larger crops. Each plot will be available to rent for a small maintenance fee and be planted, cared for, and harvested by the renter. The 3-acre site will be a beautiful addition to the corner of WSC's campus.

The Williston Community Builders have dedicated almost \$70,000 so far from fundraising efforts. In conjunction with in-kind donations and additional fundraising, the Community Builders are hoping to see a full build-out in 2019.

Constructed with volunteer hours, the Gardens has already seen many groups start their work. The Williston High School Building Trades program built the garden shed, the parking lot is under construction as part of the East Dakota Parkway project, and many more groups will be involved in assembling the planters, fencing, and landscaping on site.

Once the initial overall grading and parking lot work is completed, the main garden shed will be transported and set in place. The Grand Opening of the Gardens is currently planned for October 2019. Reservations for plots in 2020 will be accepted at this time.

If you would like to be part of the project, please contact the Williston Community Builders by finding them on Facebook at: facebook.com/WillistonCommunityBuildersND.





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The historical monument projects at WSC continue to take shape.

The WSC Foundation is working with sculptor, Ben Victor, to complete the Veteran's Memorial, as well as monuments dedicated to homesteaders and the ranching and oil industries.

API is sponsoring the monument dedicated to the oil industry. Sponsorships are currently available for the remaining three monuments.

The Sitting Bull monument and Dave Njos' Clark's Table artwork and gazebo are complete.

WSC's campus will soon honor a great historical representation of this region!

If interested in sponsoring a monument, please contact 701.572.9275.

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Naming opportunities for suites are available for \$50,000 (1/3 have already been named). Donations to Frontier Hall will reduce the cost of living in the residence hall so students can have the full college experience with less financial burden.
- **Art on Campus**
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