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Hello Multicultural Alums! The NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach is proud to share with you our Multicultural Alumni E-Newsletter. By creating this newsletter, NDSU hopes to create a sense of belonging amongst our Multicultural Alumni as well as keep you connected and in touch with developments affecting the university and alumni communities. By staying updated and informed about the university's diversity initiatives, we can help the campus become a more diverse, unified and welcoming community for all. You can also stay connected by LinkedIn or visiting our [FB Page](#) as well. For more information please contact Vice President Myers: Evie.Myers@ndsu.edu or Kara Gravley-Stack, Director of Initiatives: Kara.Gravley-Stack@ndsu.edu

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Bison Bridge



Bison Bridge participants attended workshops to learn about diversity, communication, study skills, and leadership throughout the week.



The Bison Bridge Program is a new initiative implemented this fall through the Office of Multicultural Programs. The program focused on building a strong foundation of resources and faculty/staff connections for first-year, first-generation students. Participants moved onto campus one week prior to the regular move-in day. While here, they learned about resources available to them, became familiar with the campus and traditions, and met their advisors and other staff.

Look for a feature about Bison Bridge on the NDSU homepage banner (www.ndsu.edu) in October.



Rounding out a full week of activities, Bison Bridge participants attended an FM RedHawks game before helping fellow students move into their campus rooms.





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NDSU student, competitive yo-yoer John Narum aims to boost sport.

The following excerpt of a Fargo Forum story by Ryan Johnson features NDSU sophomore John Narum.

Published August 27 2013

With a flick of his wrist, John Narum can amaze a crowd.

But the 19-year-old NDSU sophomore said it's easier to show than tell what he can do.

"If you tell someone, 'I'm a professional yo-yo player,' usually a lot of people won't really care," he said. "It's something that you have to pull out of your pocket, which says a lot about how unique it is. It's literally the only thing you can pull out of your pocket and amaze someone with."

Narum was hooked on the yo-yo when he saw a kid doing two-handed tricks on Bill Cosby's "Kids Say the Darndest Things."

He was only 4 at the time but said he remembers thinking it was the "coolest thing ever." The Minnetonka, Minn., native wanted to learn how to do the tricks himself, and after some prodding, his parents bought him a Duncan Butterfly and found a yo-yo club for kids in nearby Minneapolis.

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Narum's now starting his second year at NDSU, where he's studying mechanical engineering and going for minors in mathematics and computer science.

He said he's always loved math and science, and he's found a way of connecting those interests to his passion for yo-yos that could help guide his career path.

"The whole idea of manufacturing and how it ties into yo-yoing has always fascinated me," he said.

Narum served as an intern for the past year and a half for YoYoJam, a top company that also sponsors him, and said he's been trying to learn the key components and tricks behind making yo-yos.

The experience could pay off for his plan to eventually launch his own yo-yo company, but he said that would most likely be a side project. His goal is to work for 3M or another manufacturing company in the Twin Cities once he's done with school, and he said many of the applications behind making yo-yos could be applied to almost any other part of the manufacturing field.

But he can remain competitive in the yo-yo world for years, and he plans to compete – in between tests and classes.



John Narum





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Professional Development Series

The Office of Multicultural Programs will partner in Spring 2014 with the Career Center to offer the Professional Development Series.

This program provides the opportunity for multicultural students to learn skills that will assist them in transitioning from college to career. Topics will include:

- resume writing
- interview skills
- etiquette
- appropriate dress attire for the work place
- leadership skills
- professional behavior
- effective communication and conflict resolution

Students will also meet with local business leaders and other professionals in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

As alumni, we need your help!

You can have an enormous impact on our students. Would you be willing to come and share your experiences and perspectives with them? We are looking for several multicultural alumni who can speak with our students—either as a guest presenter or as a panelist—on a variety of topics, including: relating classroom subject matter to real-world applications; creating networks with other professionals, etc.

If you are interested in coming to talk about the “light at the end of the tunnel”, what experiences at NDSU you found were most helpful, and your transition experiences from college to work, please contact our office.

Ruth Grimmer-Jejedor, event coordinator, can be reached by phone at: 701.231.6179 or by email at:

ruth.grimmerjejedor@ndsu.edu

We hope that you will consider sharing your life lessons with a new generation of multicultural students.





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Homecoming Events

Information published at NDSU.com with some revisions

NDSU is enhancing Homecoming, starting in October 2013, to connect with traditions of the past and strengthen connections for the future.

Monday, October 7

11 a.m. - Student lunch to meet royalty candidates

Thursday, October 10

11 a.m. - President's State of the university address, Festival Concert Hall

5-7 p.m. - NDSU Fraternity and Sorority Life: Memorial Union Gallery, Gallery

7:30 p.m. - Homecoming Show and Coronation, Festival Concert Hall

Friday, October 11

YELLOW OUT DAY - everyone wear yellow and green

11 a.m. - Athletic Hall of Fame, Holiday Inn

5 p.m. - NDSU Women's Soccer vs. University of Nebraska Omaha, Dacotah Field

5:30 p.m. - Parade, downtown Fargo on Broadway - celebrate NDSU Homecoming

7 p.m. - Pep Fest following parade, outside of Fargo Civic Center, 207 4th St. N.

Saturday, October 12

8 a.m. 5K run, Student Government

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tailgating, Fargodome

8 a.m.-4 p.m. - NDSU Bookstore Open

9:30 a.m.- Minard Hall Dedication

10 a.m.—12p.m. Office of Multicultural Programs Open House

Noon - Football Watch Party, Memorial union Great Plains room Memorial Union

1 p.m.- NDSU Bison vs. Missouri State Bears, Fargodome





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Thanks for Donations!

A special thank you to all who have donated to the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach at NDSU!

Your donation has truly helped the NDSU campus and will continue to help create a community where students can learn and expand their education in a welcoming environment.

If you would like to donate to the NDSU Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach please use the following link with the designation Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach.

[DONATE NOW](#)

We give our sincerest thank you for all donations made. Your contributions help to transform this campus into a diverse and united community where all can benefit from the numerous opportunities in higher education.

If any alumni are interested in mentoring NDSU students, providing internships or employment opportunities, or are interested in providing scholarships for NDSU students please contact:

VP Myers:
Evie.Myers@ndsu.edu

These opportunities benefit and prepare students extensively while also providing them with tools to learn and grow as individuals.

NDSU Upcoming Events Calendars

Please use the following links to see NDSU's upcoming events and activities:

[Diversity Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Events Calendar](#)

[NDSU Bison Athletics Schedule](#)

Attention Alumni!

Do you have announcements or happenings of your own that you would like included in our Multicultural Alumni newsletter? We encourage you to submit any updates, announcements or articles to us and we will gladly share them in our next newsletter with fellow NDSU alumni!

For more information please contact: Kara.Gravley-Stack@ndsu.edu