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Congratulations to the Native American candidates for Spring and Summer Graduation 2014

Bachelor of Science		Bachelor of Science	_
Garth Askegaard*	Zoology	Megan Miller*	HD&FS
Brock Azure	English	Kirsti Paul	HD&FS
Christopher Clark*	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Kelli Richard	Physical Ed. & Health Ed.
James Clark	Economics	Krystal Roy	Vet. Tech.
James Conley	Sociology	Jennie Sirota	Biological Sciences
Tyler Diamond	Social Science	Dustin Spaeth	NRM
David Donahue	Criminal Justice	Megan Swartz	HD&FS
Macy Iverson	App. Retail Merch./Design	Joshua Tan	Computer Engineering
Brian Kawasaki	Management Comm.	Zachary Voels	Computer Science
Ciciley Littlewolf	Zoology	Savannah Poitra*	Sociology
Bachelor of Fine Art		Bachelor of Art	_
Dave Sauvageau	Art	Kaila Solberg*	Psychology
Bachelor of Univ. Studies	Master of Science	Master of Bus. Admin.	
Michael Gjerde*	Tia Braseth, Community Develop- ment	Josh Flute	_
Anthony LaVoy*	Alison Crane, Animal Sciences		
Master of Architecture	Doctor of Nursing	Doctor of Philosophy	
Cassandra Johnston	Danielle Danielson	Carolyn Delorme Educ	cation
Doctor of Music Arts	Doctor of Pharmacy	* summer graduates	
Nicholaus Meyers	Gregory Berg		

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### **NDSU Extension Service**





May 8, 2014, Campus Celebration @ 1:30 p.m. NDSU Memorial Union Century Theater

In 2014, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act. It created the Cooperative Extension Service, a state-by-state network of educators to extend universitybased research and knowledge to the people. Although times and technologies have changed, NDSU Extension still is committed to extending knowledge and changing lives now and in the future.

Steve Stark, historian, will present an illustrated look at the historic timeline of Extension and the land-grant university. Steve is a former Extension colleague from Fargo who is being engaged all over the nation this year to share his creative message about Extension. His unique Illustrated presentation will bring history, art and presentation to entertaining life as in historical costume he tells Extension's stories while drawing with skill and speed on a 20-to 30-feet roll of paper.

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### **2014 NDSU Extension**

### **Native American Summer Intern**



Melinda Tikanye

She will be working in Benson County this summer through the NDSU Extension Service internship program for Native American students. She is an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Tribe and is completing her studies in Nutrition and Foodservice at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck. She has been involved in the Land Grant program at United Tribes and recently worked as an agroecology technician on their campus. Melinda will start in Benson County on May 12th.

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**Green and Golden Globe Awards winner 2014** 



**Provost Bruce Raffert** – Raffert is working with university staff, students and faculty on developing an indigenous tribal studies program. A new program that when approved will offer a minor and a major. He also is advising university staff, students and faculty about the re-opening of the Native American Student Success Center on campus. (faculty award)

**Karen Armstrong** - Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Family Nutrition Program at Rolette County. Armstrong organized the hosting of a Native American summer intern with assistance from the other county agents. She has been working with small farmers in the Rolette County area on gardening and farmer's markets. After contacting Karen, the Ojibwa Indian School, Belcourt is now working with local farmers for food supplies for their school. (staff award)

**Delilah Robb** – Delilah Robb is a NDSU student in her junior year majoring in health communication. Delilah applied for and was accepted to participate in the 11 week Summer Undergraduate Research Experience through the University of South Dakota and Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, SD. Delilah was presented with a Researcher of Promise award at the American Indian Health Research Conference. The host for the conference is the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota Medical School. (student award)

**Dr. James Postema**, Concordia College English professor, assigned his English 358 Native American Literature class to work with Native American people during the semester. There were 14 students who worked with Jaclynn Davis Wallette on a few projects that serve Native American community members locally and statewide. The events were a grant writing project, an analysis on statewide Native American data, a winter story telling event, the local Native American 4H group, and the FM Native American community newsletter. (community group)

The award ceremony was April 30<sup>th</sup> on the NDSU campus.

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#### **Traditional Healers Panel Discussion**

On Friday, May 2nd, the Master of Public Health Program was honored by the presence of Mr. Rick Two Dogs, Francis Country, and Willard Yellow Bird as panelists for a class discussion on traditional healing.

**Rick Two Dogs**, Oglala Lakota Wakan Iyeska (Interpreter of the Sacred), is a respected Oglala Lakota medicine man from Porcupine, SD, located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Mr. Two Dogs traces his medicine-man lineage back at least 250 years and is descended from American Horse. "The gift to heal follows the blood line, Two Dog states. He continues, "If you are an authentic medicine man, the powers you draw from the Earth are here; the people we are supposed to help are here." This is why I stay here to help the people." He explains that lineage and heredity is the true test of a shaman, or medicine man,

Francis Country is a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate on the Lake Traverse Reservation, which is located in the north east corner of SD. Francis's belief is that the spiritual and the traditional ways of healing are a way of life. The knowledge of all the plants and animals that are used for healing were passed down to him from his grandfather and his mother. Francis has traveled to almost all the tribes in the US and Canada, working with people of all nations and nationalities, helping to find ways to help people heal.

Willard Yellow Bird Jr., has Arikara/Hidatsa lineage and is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes, on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Mr. Yellow Bird's traditional name is Bear Shield. He has been living in the Fargo/Moorhead area for about 35 years and has been working for the City of Fargo since August of 1998. He is the American Indian Cultural Planner in the Dept. of Planning & Development. Mr. Yellow Bird is a volunteer at the Sanford Hospital ICU and the Veteran Administration Hospital for Native American patients who need traditional spiritual support and care while they are hospitalized. Many Native families contact Yellowbird when a loved one is transitioning to the Spirit world.

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Thinking ahead... by Josh Flute

ND State Fair dates are set: July 18-26

Now that spring has sprung, its safe to start making plans on grilling, having picnics, flying kites, and many other fun warmer weather activities. The smells of the midway fair; maybe it's the pancake feed, funnel cakes, hotdogs, cotton candy, or mini donuts. We can take a minute to appreciate how warm the July weather will be. Try and make a mental note of how cold it really is for when we switch from measuring the temperature by wind chills to heat indexes. When July comes around and its really hot, just remember how cold it is now.

Come July, we'll forget how cold that Polar Vortex really was. Maybe we might even wish we could get just one gust from that nasty vortex to give a little relief from the humidity.

On a final note, maybe keep a look out for stand number 429 at the ND state fair, the Fry Bread Indian Taco stand. See if its as good as grandmas.

For more information on the fair events:

North Dakota State Fair 2005 Burdick Expressway East P.O. Box 1796 Minot, ND 58702 Phone 701-857-7620 ndstatefair.com



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## **BBQ BOOT CAMP**

KNOW AGRICULTURE. KNOW FOOD.

BBQ Boot Camp instructors introduce participants to grilling methods, including smoking and cooking with gas and charcoal. Instructors will describe the merits of various meat cuts and explain how cooking temperatures, humidity and the composition of the meat from different animal species can affect the barbecuing process. Participants also will learn about nutrition, food safety and techniques such as using rubs, marinades and seasonings.

The Turtle Mt. Community College will host the NDSU BBQ Boot Camp on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. Contact Mark Hamley, Land Grant director, for time & location 701-477-7862.

### **Tribal Newspapers**

We have renewed our subscriptions to the following tribal newspapers:

Anishinaabeg Today, White Earth

Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Times, Three Affiliated tribes

Sota Iya Ye Yapi, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Teton Times, Standing Rock tribe

Turtle Mountain Times, Turtle Mt. tribe

Stop by my office, read the papers, and say hello when you get the chance.

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## End of the year message:

With the end of the Graduate
Assistantship, I'd like to say
thank you. It has been my
honor to work with such
amazing people. As I close out
the semester and exit the
University I'd like to say thank



you to Evie, Jaclynn, and the entire Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach staff. Its been my pleasure working with all of you. To the next Graduate Assistant, good luck, have fun, and take full advantage of the opportunity.

Best regards,

Josh Flute