A message from President Cook

Welcome to North Dakota State University, an exceptional institution of higher learning. You’ll discover that this is an incredible place, widely known as a student-focused, land-grant, research university.

NDSU is proud to be an R1 institution as defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. R1 is the top Carnegie status and is only presented to research institutions in the country that have a high level of research expenditures and produce doctoral graduates across a balanced portfolio of disciplines. With more than $164 million in research expenditures in fiscal 2021, NDSU ranks 99 among 412 public universities in the National Science Foundation’s Higher Education Research and Development Survey.

We have a strong national and international presence – students come from around the globe to receive a quality education at an affordable price. In fall 2022, NDSU had 12,242 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Of that number, a total of 684 international students from 76 countries are enrolled at NDSU, and we have 1,962 graduate students. Our student-to-faculty ratio was 16 to 1 for the 2021-2022 academic year.

NDSU has more than 100 buildings on campus, eight major research and extension centers throughout the state and extension programs in every county of North Dakota. Our outstanding facilities include the new Sugihara Hall, a 104,825-square-foot laboratory-intensive structure and the A. Glenn Hill Center, a state-of-the-art building focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

NDSU has a major presence in Fargo’s historic and vibrant downtown. Architecture and landscape architecture programs are taught in Renaissance Hall and Klai Hall. Renaissance Hall also is home to the visual arts department, and Richard H. Barry Hall houses the College of Business and Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

In addition, our successful Research and Technology Park continues to conduct leading research that helps create new technologies, businesses and jobs.

The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service are vital parts of the university. NDSU is firmly committed to its land-grant traditions. NDSU also participates in the Tri-College University consortium with neighboring Minnesota State University Moorhead, Concordia College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, and North Dakota State College of Science.

NDSU has earned a reputation for excellence in education, research and service. Our more than 97,000 living alumni will attest that NDSU has a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students and the economic prosperity of our state, region and nation.

As your president, I envision five key areas of focus that are based on NDSU’s strategic plan and its core values, transparency and shared governance. They include:

• Enhancing enrollment, retention and student success
• Prioritizing NDSU’s R1 Carnegie classification status as a top research institution
• Investing in the well-being of the people across the NDSU community
• Building a stronger culture of diversity, inclusion and respect
• Embracing NDSU’s critical role as a land-grant university
Since I began leading NDSU in May of 2022, we have been in the process of a transformation to address the financial challenges facing higher education institutions. Reductions continue to be difficult, particularly because we have been absorbing cuts for a number of years, forcing everyone to do more with less for quite some time. They also will be difficult because after a number of years of cutting, it is becoming more difficult to make reductions without impacting our core academic mission. Without question, the budget cuts we are facing will be incredibly difficult.

However, if we make these cuts strategically, together, I am confident we will transform the university to meet future workforce and research challenges facing North Dakota and beyond, positioning NDSU for future success.

Thank you to everyone for helping traverse these challenging times. Continuing to work together to identify strategic opportunities, while guided by a deep commitment to the institution, will make NDSU a stronger university moving forward.

Thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,

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