

## A message from President Cook



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

At NDSU, our students are at the heart of everything we do. We have a strong national and international presence with students coming from around the globe to receive a quality education at an affordable price. In Fall 2023, NDSU had 11,952 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Of that number, a total of 717 international students from 72 countries are enrolled at NDSU, and we have 1,945 graduate students. Our student-to-faculty ratio consistently remains 18 to 1.

NDSU is proud to be an R1 research institution as defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. R1 is the top Carnegie status and is only presented to the top 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 \$174.9 million in research expenditures in fiscal 2022 alone, NDSU ranks 99 among 410 public universities by the National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development Survey.

NDSU has 96 buildings on campus, eight major research and Extension centers throughout the state and Extension programs that carry out our land-grant mission and share knowledge in every county of North Dakota. Our outstanding facilities include the new Peltier Complex, which brings together departments to support a wide range of research involving food science, nutrition, muscle biology and more; Aldevron Tower, a six-story building built for hands-on learning in health related fields; 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. Coming in Fall 2026 is the Richard Offerdahl '65 Engineering Complex, a more than \$100 million project designed to be the premier engineering educational facility in the upper Midwest.

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, and NDSU is firmly committed to its land-grant traditions.

NDSU has earned a reputation for excellence in education, research and service. Our more than 96,000 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.

Thank you for joining our Bison community. You make NDSU even stronger.

Sincerely,

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