Causes for Celebration
(For August 2014)

Mari Borr, Associate Professor, School of Education, has been named Associate Editor for *Family and Consumer Sciences Education Research Journal (FCSRJ)*. For over 35 years, the *FCSRJ* has been the periodical of choice for specialists in every segment of the FCS field. A major vehicle for the dissemination of new research, the *FCSRJ* covers the richness, diversity, and interdisciplinarity that characterize family and consumer sciences today. Each refereed article in the *FCSRJ* includes cutting-edge relevant research as well as practical information for family and consumer sciences professionals and practitioners.

Jill Nelson, Associate Dean and Associate Professor in the School of Education and doctoral students in her Professional Issues class worked on a problem-based-learning assignment in which they engaged in a consultation project for our NDSU Community Counseling Services. As part of their consultation work with our clinic, they crafted a grant proposal to the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation and were awarded $10,000 for a project called the “Counseling Services Enhancement” initiative. This group of doctoral students used their diverse set of strengths and assets for this project, something that led to this application being successful. They are: Amy Nathe, Benjamin Erie, Kadie-Ann Caballero-Dennis, Irene Rettig, Julie Smith, and Jessica Brown.

Bradley Bowen, Assistant Professor, School of Education, recently had an article published in the *American Journal of Engineering Education* entitled “Comparing Career Awareness Opportunities of Academically At-Risk and Non At-Risk Freshman Engineering Students”. It was based on comparing a freshman engineering student’s likelihood of matriculating to their sophomore year of coursework in an engineering department based on their involvement in high school career awareness activities.

Katie Lyman, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences was asked to speak at the Oklahoma Public Safety Conference on August 6, 2014. Katie gave two presentations: 1) a presentation to instructors and representatives of the Oklahoma Department of Health about her recent research regarding personality factors and their predictive qualities in cognitive achievement. 2) a presentation to public safety employees about the necessary steps in a quality patient assessment during a medical emergency. She was asked to return as a speaker next July.

Julie Garden-Robinson, Professor, Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences and Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, was awarded $35,000 from Dakota Medical Foundation to continue the FaithCommunitiesAlive! initiative in the Fargo-Moorhead area. To date, 20 faith communities have been engaged in education and policy/environmental changes to promote better health. More information is available on this website: [http://www.ndsu.edu/faithcommunitiesalive](http://www.ndsu.edu/faithcommunitiesalive). Julie also obtained funding from the Northern Pulse Growers Association to develop a variety of materials related to pulse foods. North Dakota is a leading producer of pulse crops, including lentils, split peas and chickpeas. The NDSU Extension Service has launched a pulse foods website ([www.ag.ndsu.edu/food/pulse-crops](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/food/pulse-crops)) with research summaries, fact sheets and recipe demonstrations about pulses, chickpeas and lentils. Dietetic students and graduate students have been involved in testing recipes and creating content, and Stacy Wang, Extension Associate, compiled the website.
Sherri Stastny, Associate Professor, Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, was recently re-certified for the Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics (CSSD) for the period 2014 to 2019. The CSSD exam is offered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) for registered dietitians (RDs) who have specialized experience in sports dietetics. Being Board Certified as a Specialist in Sports Dietetics designates specific knowledge, skills, and expertise for competency in sports dietetics practice.

In July, Joel Hektner, Professor, Human Development and Family Science, presented two papers at the biennial congress of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development in Shanghai, China. One, co-authored with former student Catherine Rogers and based on her thesis, was titled *Identity and daily experience in lesbian, gay, or bisexual emerging adults*. The other, co-authored with student Su Lee, was titled *Direct and indirect effects of the Early Risers Conduct Problems Prevention Program on parenting outcomes*.

Dr. Carol Buchholz Holland, Associate Professor, School of Education, presented at the American School Counselor Association national conference which was held this June in Orlando, Florida. She presented a three-hour session entitled: 35 Solution-Focused & Strength-Based Activities and Techniques to Use with Children and Adolescents. Carol was also an invited presenter at a school counselor academy conference which was held this June in Manhattan, Kansas. The conference was sponsored by Kansas State University and Kansas State Department of Education. Dr. Buchholz Holland presented two sessions entitled: *Solution-Focused Applications for School Settings* and *Solution-Focused Consultation and Parent Conferences*.

Jim Deal, Professor and Unit Head, Human Development and Family Sciences, recently had an article accepted: Deal, J.E., & Bartoszuk, K. (Accepted). Preliminary Validation of the North American Protestant Fundamentalism Scale (NAPFS). *Journal of Beliefs and Values*.

Kyle Hackney, Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, had the following papers published:

Abby Gold, Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences and Extension Specialist; Swaha Pattanaik, Graduate Student; and Mary Larson, Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences along with partners at Cankdeska Cikana Community College will publish the paper, “Using a Participatory Research Method to Understand the Food Environment on Spirit Lake Reservation,” in the winter edition of the *Tribal College Journal*. 
Stacy Duffield, Associate Professor, School of Education, along with Kevin Brooks, English, was selected to receive one of the NDSU Libraries Endowment Awards. These awards were presented in early May at the campus-wide Celebration of Faculty Excellence.

Angela Geraci, doctoral student in Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, has been awarded a Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the 2014-2015 academic year. This fellowship represents a significant accomplishment, as only a few graduate students are selected for the award.

All 14 of the Physical Education majors who completed the Physical Best certification exam passed with an average score of 90%. Physical Best is the complete package teachers need to help students gain the knowledge, skills, appreciation, and confidence to lead physically active, healthy lives. Physical Best is a program of resources and training for K-12 physical educators. This health-related fitness education program was developed by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) and is now offered through the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

NDSU hosted its third annual New Teacher Summer Academy in the Memorial Union Arikara Room on Friday, August 15, 2014. Bill Martin, Professor and Head of the NDSU School of Education, welcomed more than 30 participants including 17 new teacher education graduates from NDSU, VCSU, MSUM, UND, Bemidji State University and Concordia College. Carol Beaton, Beginning Teacher Network Coordinator for the Southeast Education Cooperative (SEEC), engaged participants in “lively” discussions on various topics throughout the morning before breaking into content-alike groups to plan the first day in their new K-12 classrooms. Activities included a topical “carousel” brainstorming session and roundtable discussions on key issues with experienced K-12 teachers providing guidance and suggestions along the way. Participants enjoyed the K-12 administrator panel: Jennifer Fremstad, principal at West Fargo High School; Lynnelle Dirksen, assistant principal at Robert Asp Elementary in Moorhead; Michelle Weber, principal at Liberty Middle School in West Fargo; and Shane Martin, assistant principal at Ben Franklin Middle School in Fargo. The day ended with a moment of excitement when one new graduate who had arrived without a fall 2014 teaching contract received a phone call offering a position.

Graduates of the Master of Athletic Training Program had 100% pass rate on the Board of Certification (BOC), Inc. Exam. Certification is the entry-level credential and is required by most employers. The Master of Athletic Training degree is a professional program for becoming an athletic trainer. NDSU's program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. This is the fourth year that NDSU’s Master of Athletic Training graduates have had a 100% pass rate!