Causes for Celebration
(For February 2014)

Jessica Hanson, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences graduate student, and Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, had a paper titled “Parents: Give Athletes Guidelines, But Stay on the Sidelines” published in FOCUS. FOCUS is the official publication of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Association.

Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences presented the activity of speedminton at the North Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance workshop held at Mayville State University on February 26th.

Jill Nelson, Associate Dean and Associate Professor, Counselor Education attended the Daring Way Training in San Antonio, TX and is now a Certified Daring Way Facilitator- Candidate. The Daring Way is based on the research of Brene' Brown and is designed to help people cultivate courage and worthiness in their lives. Dr. Nelson is the first person in North Dakota to receive this training and plans to integrate it into many aspects of her work.

Connie Eggers, Academic Advisor, and Nancy Kaler, Human Development and Family Science faculty member and HDE 189 instructor, attended the 33rd Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience February 15-18. “The primary goal of the Conference is to assist educators and administrators in institutions of higher education in the planning, implementing, and refining of programs designed to enhance the first-year experience.” Our personal goals in attending this conference included taking a look at both the structure and content of the current HDE 189 course, examining the utilization of our peer mentors, developmental advising practices, updating our use of technology to more effectively reach college students, and learn from experts and current practitioners concerning Learning Communities and Living and Learning Communities (LLC). The College of Human Development and Education has proposed a HDE specific LLC to begin fall of 2015. Meetings are underway to investigate possible residential sites, select collaborating courses, select programs and projects to apply classroom learning as well as marketing strategies to recruit students for the fall of 2015.

Kristen Benson, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Science, had the following manuscripts accepted for publication, both co-authored by Dr. Brad van Eeden-Moorfield from Montclair State University:


Mari Borr, Larry Napoleon, and Anita Welch, Assistant Professors, School of Education, have had their article, “Technology Access and Use in North Dakota Family and Consumer Sciences Classrooms,” accepted for publication in the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education. This article describes the type of technology family and consumer sciences teachers in North Dakota are using in their classrooms, and compares their access and use based on age, teaching experience, school size, and grade level.

Kyle Hackney, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, received word that his paper, “The Metabolic Cost of an Integrated Exercise Program Performed during 14 days of Bed Rest” was accepted for publication in Aviation, Space and Environmental Medicine.

Fourth Year Interior Design Students Participated in Retro Handbag Retail Fixture Design Competition: Eric Lanum, of Arthaus Retrobilia & Framing Inc., in collaboration with Randi Hudek, owner of Hold Fast Handbags offered 4th year interior design students a unique “Rock n Roll” retail fixture design competition. Students had one month to create a final design solution, juried by Lanum and Hudek. The challenge was to design a free standing, sales floor, retail merchandising display system for the Hold Fast Handbags line that showcased the Hold Fast Handbags without detracting from the products themselves but was eye catching and invited customers to explore those products. Winners were: First Place - Sage Roshau, Dickinson, ND; Second Place - Hayley Wilkens, Ada, MN; Third Place – Qi Ouyang, Guangzhou, China; Honorable Mention – Betsy Kirmis, Hopkins, MN; and Kelsey Leistico, Buffalo, MN.

Larry Napoleon, Assistant Professor, and Stacy Duffield, Associate Professor, School of Education, presented their research on alternative middle school models in North Dakota to the interim legislative education funding committee on January 29, 2014. Stacy Duffield represented ND along with Cory Steiner and Steve Snow from the ND Information Technology Department at a US Department of Education’s Data Use Standards Workgroup meeting in Seattle, WA, February 4-5. Approximately 30 individuals involved with the State Longitudinal Databases from around the nation gathered to begin writing data use standards for K-12 educators. One of the outcomes this group is working toward is establishing standards to guide preparation and professional development for educators.

NDSU Counselor Education Program faculty and students impact the North Dakota Counselor Association Midwinter Conference in Bismarck: Dr. James Korcuska, Associate Professor, School of Education and Dr. Bob Nielsen, Professor, School of Education, presented a professional program on “Counselor Supervision-Issues and Answers” at the NDCA state conference. The following Master’s students presented posters at the conference: Tracy Hansen, Sara Mack, Erin O’Connell, Stephanie Pelletier, and Martina Velic. The North Dakota Counseling Association (NDCA) elected Dr. James S. Korcuska president elect-elect. He is the current president of the North Dakota Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NDACES). Dr. Carol Buchholz Holland, Assistant Professor, School of Education is the current president of the North Dakota School Counselor Association (NDSCA). She co-chaired the NDCA preconference.
Teacher Education hosted a Common Core State Standards professional development event on February 4, 2014. Approximately 150 pre-service teachers and education faculty members attended this event. Keynote speakers included Mari Fridgen, Assistant Director of the ND Education Standards and Practice Board; Connie Molony, English-Language Arts Specialist from the South East Education Cooperative; and LaCosta Potter, STEM Coordinator from the South East Education Cooperative. Forty-five states, the District of Columbia, four territories, and the Department of Defense Education Activity have adopted the Common Core State Standards as a means for increasing rigor and establishing consistency of learning expectations across the nation in K-12 schools. The event was sponsored by grant funding from the Bush Foundation of MN.

Elizabeth Hilliard, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, was featured recently in an article in the Grand Forks Herald. It was also reprinted in the Fargo Forum.