Causes for Celebration
(For January 2015)

Erika Offerdahl and Lisa Montplaisir, Associate Professors in STEM Education and Biological Sciences, had an article selected for the Top Eight Articles that Celebrate the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for 2014. The list was published in the January 7th Issue of Faculty Focus. The article was titled, "Student-generated reading questions: Diagnosing student thinking with diverse formative assessments", and was printed in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education, 42 (1), 29-38.

Adam Marx, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Teacher Education, had a manuscript titled “Student Self-Perceptions of Leadership in Two Missouri FFA Chapters: A Collective Case Study” accepted for publication in the Journal of Agricultural Education. He was second author along with a colleague from the University of Missouri and from the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center.

Adam Marx led a small group of undergraduate students to represent Agricultural Education and NDSU at the CTE Day in Bismarck during the legislative sessions. Students and Adam spoke with North Dakota legislators regarding school-based agricultural education, teacher shortages in agricultural education, and supporting Career and Technical Education.

Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and Extension food and nutrition specialist, was selected to receive the Industry Excellence Award from the Northern Pulse Growers Association. She acknowledges the excellent assistance from Stacy Wang, Extension associate, and graduate students, Rebecca West, Becky Berg and staff in the NDSU Agriculture Communication Department in the creation of five evidence-based Extension nutrition publications, five instructional videos, many recipes, teaching materials and a website (www.ag.ndsu.edu/food - under “pulse crops” tab). North Dakota is a leading producer of pulse crops including lentils, chickpeas and split peas.

Jane Strommen, Assistant Professor of Practice and Extension Gerontology Specialist, HDFS, received the following grant: Circles of Aging Project. North Dakota Department of Human Services. $90,000.

Stacy Duffield, Associate Professor in Teacher Education, met with a work group for the State Longitudinal Database Support Team (part of the US Department of Education) in Phoenix, January 21-22 to initiate phase two of their work plan. The workgroup is comprised of state representatives from all over the United States, and the group’s purpose is to create materials to support K-12 educators in using data to improve education for their students. During Phase I, the group drafted data literacy standards, and Phase II will focus on developing supporting materials for the standards including examples, scenarios and case studies. The group will share their work at the Stats DC Conference July 2015.

Joe Deutsch, Associate Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, and Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, presented “Engaging the Online Learner: Strategies for Quality Learning” at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education held in Clearwater, FL. Brad also served as a panelist for a discussion titled “Best Practices for Master's and Doctoral Kinesiology Programs”.
Heather Fuller-Iglesias, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Science, had a manuscript titled “Social Ties and Psychological Well-being in Late-life: The Mediating Role of Relationship Satisfaction” accepted for publication in the journal *Aging and Mental Health*.

Developmental Science doctoral students Maegan Jones, Courage Mudzongo, and Zhen Yang, along with Communications doctoral student Whitney Anderson, are currently featured as a banner story on the NDSU website: [http://www.ndsu.edu/news/banner_stories/betterlivingresearch/](http://www.ndsu.edu/news/banner_stories/betterlivingresearch/). The story highlights their community outreach with senior citizens at Bethany Retirement Living as a part of the Advanced Adult Development and Aging course in HDFS taught by Heather Fuller-Iglesias, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Sciences.

The Red River Valley Writing Project, under direction of Kelly Sassi, Associate Professor, English and Teacher Education received an Assignments Matter grant from the National Writing Project to provide training for RRVWP Teacher Consultant Karen Taylor to lead the Assignments Matter Task Jam for local teachers on Saturday, January 24 at the Probstfield Center in Moorhead. Assignments Matter invites teachers to collaborate using tools from the Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) as well as protocols and processes common in the NWP teacher community to create writing assignments for use in their own classrooms and to share with one another. The NWP grant was made possible by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Julie Garden-Robinson, professor and Extension food and nutrition specialist, Yeong Rhee, Professor in Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences and Mary Larson, Assistant Professor in Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences/Public Health, have been invited to serve as member of the national Response Team for the Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Action Team. This response team is a part of the of the Extension and Experiment Station Committees on Organization and Policy (ECOP and ESCOP) work to identify for an implementation process on specific action areas related to human health and wellness for the national "Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People" initiative. Members of the response teams were selected based on current research/programmatic expertise in the area and expressed interest in the topic at a national systems level. They will be participating in the National Health Outreach Conference in May.

Robert Dirk, Connie Eggers, and Dani Kvanvig-Bohnsack, HDE Academic Advisors, recently received word they were all nominated for the outstanding academic advising award. [http://www.ndsu.edu/advising_resource_center/outstanding_advisor_awards/](http://www.ndsu.edu/advising_resource_center/outstanding_advisor_awards/)

Abby Chappell and Brittany Indergaard, senior Interior Design students recently participated in the undergraduate “Research Day” in Bismarck. They shared the results of their research from the fall semester under the supervision of Susan Ray-Degges, Associate Professor in Interior Design. Their research focused on “Family Dynamics and the Use of Sustainable Practices In Family-Owned Equine Facilities”.