NDSU
College of Human Development and Education
Causes for Celebration (as of 5/31/2013)
Our Master of Athletic Training (MATrg) graduates had 100% first time pass rate on their Board of Certification exam for the third year in a row. The MATrg is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The MATrg prepares students to take the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) examination and earn the ‘ATC’ credential. Didactic courses and clinical experience courses focus on prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries resulting from physical activity.

Joel Hektner, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Science, presented two papers at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research in San Francisco. They are titled Effectiveness of Early Risers Conduct Problems Prevention Program when implemented by a community partner, and (with other colleagues) Long-term efficacy of the Early Risers Conduct Problem Prevention Program: Common mediated pathways to diverse outcomes.

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff who were recognized at the May 6th Human Development and Education Celebration of Excellence Breakfast: College of Human Development and Education Graduate Student Mentor Award was received by Chris Ray, Assistant Professor, Education. Bryan Christensen, Associate Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences was recognized as the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award which is an award that is generated by the undergraduate students in the College. The Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences Department was recognized as a unit for their research/publication excellence and for their grant excellence. Jill Nelson, Associate Professor, Education, Jeanette Hoffman, Assistant Professor, Education, Tom Carlson, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Science, and Amelia Asperin, Assistant Professor, Apparel, Design and Hospitality Management were the recipients of the Robert and Patty Hendrickson Faculty Development Fund Award. Nate Wood, Assistant Professor, Education, and Anita Welch, Assistant Professor, Education received the James Lebedeff Endowed Professorship Award. Yeong Rhee, Associate Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, received the Exceptional Contributions to Research Award. Jooyeon Ha, Assistant Professor, Apparel, Design, and Hospitality Management received the Exceptional Contributions as an Emerging Researcher Award. Linda Hauge, Extension Specialist, Center for 4H Youth Development received the Exceptional Contributions to Professional Development Award. The Exceptional Contributions as an Emerging Teacher award was received by Kellie Hamre, Senior Lecturer, Apparel, Design, and Hospitality Management. Sara Sunderlin, Senior Lecturer, Apparel, Design, and Hospitality Management, received the Exceptional Contributions to Learning Award. Kim Overton, Assistant Professor, School of Education received the Exceptional Contributions to Service/Outreach Award. Staff awards were presented to: Joanne Cook, Apparel, Design, and Hospitality Management, who received the award for Exceptional Contributions and Lea Roberts, School of Education, who received the award for Exceptional Contributions to a Positive Work Environment.

Congratulations to Sherri Stastny and Joe Deutsch, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences and Rachelle Vettern, Center for 4H/Youth Development and Education who were recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure and Tom Carlson, Human Development and Family Science who was promoted to Professor.
The Student Social Work Organization (SSW)-Fargo branch had a very busy year in 2012-2013. In the fall, they were involved in several projects to raise awareness, money, and supplies for both cities (Fargo and Minot) that are “homes” for their dual degree. SSWO students donated almost $800, as well as food and supplies to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, to assist the Minot community. In addition, they carried out the “One-Day-Without-a-Home” project in which they stood outside for 24 hours to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in the Fargo region during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week in November. They gave over $1,000 to the FM Area Homeless Coalition, and delivered over 700 pounds of food to the Great Plains Food Bank. They also carried out a “Miss-a-Meal” project in which members did not eat from noon one day until the next morning, which had a dramatic effect on their understanding of just one night of hunger. Students were also involved in “Project Night Light,” a project to make blankets and buy pajamas for children who have been victims of abuse in this region. They also assisted Sanford Children’s Hospital and Children’s Miracle Network by helping with their Phone-A-Thon fund-raiser. Students also participated in the Relay for Life cancer fund-raiser, a project to assist children in Liberia, as well as a fund-raiser for the organization itself, so that they can continue to assist the community with projects in the future.

Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences participated in the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport held in Berlin, Germany May 28-30. This event was sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with representatives from 109 countries and 175 organizations. The opening ceremony of the conference featured welcomes by the Chancellor of Germany and the Minister of the Interior; a message on behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General; a recorded message from the President of the International Olympic Committee, Jacques Rogge; and a keynote address by Tim Shriver, CEO Special Olympics. At the end of the conference attendees Adopted a Declaration related to 1) Access to Sport as a Fundamental Right for All, 2) Promoting Investment in Sport and Physical Activity Programmes, and 3) Preserving the Integrity of Sport.

Kristen Benson, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Science, recently had the following journal articles published:

Jill Keith, MS, LRD has been awarded the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation E. Neige Todhunter Memorial Doctoral Fellowship. Jill is a doctoral student in Exercise Science and Nutrition and is working with her advisor, Sherri
Stastny, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, on a collaborative project/USDA grant with United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck as part of her doctoral dissertation, “Life Skills at a Tribal College”. The grant will be used to test a new curriculum based on life skills including food gathering, food preparation, food consumption and healthy family living skills. Ardith Brunt, Associate Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences is also a collaborator on the team. Jill will officially receive the Todhunter award at the Association Foundation Gala Dinner to be held October 2013 in Houston, TX. Jill will receive a complimentary ticket to the Gala and her photo will be featured during the dinner.

Stacy Wang, Extension Associate, and Julie Garden-Robinson, Professor and Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, received the 2013 Nutrition Education Award from the North Dakota Nutrition Council for their program, “Spillin’ the Beans,” a gardening and nutrition education program for children and their parents. The program was carried out with families in the NDSU Center for Child Development.

*The results are in for 2013 Faculty/Staff Campaign! Once again, the College of Human Development and Education will boast --- we had more people participate than any other unit on campus. Our College had 75 of its 114 faculty and staff participate for a 65.79 % (63.93% / 2012). The 2013 campaign awards included: First Place: Library 82.86%, Highest number of participants: College of Human Development and Education: 75 participants, Most improved % from 2012: Ag 6, and the Campus parking spot winner: Elizabeth Birmingham, AHSS. The 2013 University participation rate 24.33%, and the 2012 rate 25.33%. Congratulations and thanks to all of the faculty and staff who participated — you truly make a difference!*