NDSU College of Human Development and Education
Causes for Celebration (as of 10/31/2012)
• Wendi Stachler, Spring 2012 MS graduate and adjunct instructor, School of Education, presented one of two papers named as the Research Conference Distinguished Manuscript at the 2012 North Central Conference of the American Association of Agricultural Education held in Champaign, IL. The paper titled “Sustainability of Professional Development to Enhance Student Achievement: A Shift in the Professional Development Paradigm” was co-authored by Wendi’s advisor, Brent Young, Associate Professor, School of Education and graduate committee member, Mari Borr, Assistant Professor, School of Education. The purpose of this study was to determine the sustainability of professional development and teacher utilization of the Science-in-CTE pedagogical model and CTE science-enhanced lessons in curricula one year following the Science-in-CTE Pilot Study. The North Dakota Science-in-CTE Follow-up Study was a partial replication of the Math-in-CTE Follow-up Study. The information obtained from this follow-up research study would be beneficial to secondary CTE and science teachers by providing sustainable professional development practices and pedagogy that would bridge CTE and core academic curricula to enhance student achievement.

• Anita Welch, Assistant Professor, School of Education, presented a paper titled “A Psychometric Re-evaluation of the Epistemic Beliefs Inventory” at the International Conference on Education and Educational Psychology (ICEEPSY), Istanbul, Turkey. Chris Ray, Assistant Professor, School of Education, was a co-author.

• Sharon Query, Assistant Professor of Practice, Human Development and Family Science and Center for 4-H (PI); Molly Secor-Turner, Assistant Professor, Nursing (Co-PI) and Brandy Randall, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Science (Co-PI) have been awarded a grant from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, “Increasing Seat Belt Usage among Pre-Driving Youth in North Dakota” for $49,780. Sharon Query has also been awarded a grant from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, “Parents LEAD” for $29,995.

• Sharon Query, Assistant Professor of Practice, Human Development and Family Science and Center for 4-H and Dena Kemmet, Mercer County Extension Agent, presented a poster session entitled “Boundaries” at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents National Meeting in Orlando, FL.

• Claudette Peterson, Anita Welch, and Chris Ray, all Assistant Professors in the School of Education, along with Mustafa Cakir, a colleague in Turkey, will present a paper titled Cross-Cultural Use of Surveys and Instruments in International Research: Lessons Learned from a Study in Turkey and the United States at the conference of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education in November in Las Vegas, NV.

• Claudette Peterson and Chris Ray, both assistant professors in the School of Education, along with doctoral student, Dina Zavala-Petherbridge, will present the results of a study titled Perceptions of Adult Education Faculty Concerning Advising Graduate Students at the conference of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Commission of Professors of Adult Education in November in Las Vegas, NV.
• Sherri Stastny, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, presented a poster at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association) in Philadelphia, PA in October. The abstract was co-authored and the poster was designed with Amelia Asperin, Assistant Professor, Apparel, Design, and Hospitality Management, and Ann Ragan, Lecturer, Apparel, Design, and Hospitality Management, and was titled, "Changing a Campus Classroom Into a Restaurant." The submitted abstract was published in the Academy's September 2012 journal.

• Joel Hektner, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Science, and Florin Salajan, Assistant Professor, School of Education, traveled with a group of three others from NDSU to Cluj and Timisoara, Romania, to visit faculty members at two universities there. They discussed potential research collaborations, partnerships, and student and faculty exchanges.

• The NDSU CFT program was awarded the AAMFT Training Award at the AAMFT annual conference in Charlotte, NC. This award honors one AAMFT member and/or training program for significant contributions to the advancement of the field of marriage and family therapy by encouraging and training the next generation of couple and family therapy researchers and/or practitioners. What makes the receipt of this award so significant is that the award has been historically given to an individual to honor significant lifetime achievements as educators. This is only the second time in the history of the award that it has been given to an entire program. Dr. Doug Sprenkle, who is regarded as one of the top educators in the history of the field of marriage and family therapy, nominated the NDSU CFT program for the award. In his letter, Dr. Sprenkle stated that the NDSU CFT program is “a model for the entire field of couple and family therapy . . . and is one of the gems in the field.” Second year student Sarah McDougall, was one of only two students in the US and Canada to receive the Minority Scholarship at the AAMFT annual conference. The Minority Scholarship was created to support the recruitment and retention of minority students in the field and is given to students who demonstrate particular promise as future scholars in the field.

• A group of MSU-NDSU dual degree students visited the North Dakota Legislature with Senator Tim Mathern, who teaches a policy course for our dual Human Development/Social Work program. In addition, the Student Social Work Organization (SSWO)-Fargo branch has raised over $600 and is gathering supplies and food to be given to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition, to assist in recovery from the flood. The students will be travelling to Minot to bring these items during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week in November. They will join with the SSWO-Minot for part of their “Freezin’ for a Reason” on November 17, and they will hold their own events.

• Tia Fuhrmann has been selected by the North Dakota Athletic Trainer’s Association as the student representative for the 2013 iLEAD Conference in Dallas Texas in January. iLEAD is sponsored by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association to promote leadership among young professionals in athletic training. Tia is a second year student in the MAtrg program.
Chris Ray, Assistant Professor, School of Education, was recently appointed to the Executive Committee for the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED). Sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council of Academic Deans from Research Education Institutions, and funded by the Fund for the Improvement for Post-Secondary Education, CPED is a collaborative effort to examine critically the professional doctorate in education, the Ed.D. The CPED project aims to redesign the Ed.D. to better prepare education practitioners in the nation’s schools, colleges, and educational organizations, and to better differentiate the Ed.D. from the research doctorate in education, the Ph.D. The role of the CPED Executive Committee is to serve as an advisory board for the CPED Directors, provide input on planning for convenings and conference meetings, and to establish the direction for the consortium’s research agenda. Members of this committee also oversee other committees to further the work of CPED. Through his role with CPED, Dr. Ray serves as the principle investigator for the NDSU partner project, working to redesign NDSU’s Ed.D. degree according to CPED principles in an effort to better prepare education practitioners. Additionally, Dr. Ray serves as a member of the FIPSE research team studying the implementation of ongoing curricular change in Ed.D. programs across the United States. Dr. Ray currently co-chairs the committee to establish quality criteria for doctoral dissertations in education programs. Most recently, Dr. Ray was invited to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as part of a select team of educators to attend a pilot workshop to learn about improvement science and the Foundation’s focus on utilizing networked improvement communities to systematically advance education at all levels nation-wide through increased research collaborations.

The recorded number of HDE student service hours for academic year 2011-2012 show that 303 students were involved with 22,127 service hours. In the state of North Dakota 1 hour of service is equivalent to $17.49. http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time. Our students contributed $387,001.23 back to our community through service!