Causes for Celebration
(For September 2014)

Rebecca L. Focken, doctoral student in Occupational and Adult Education is the 2014-2015 Donald C. Brodie Academic Scholar-in-Residence at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) in Alexandria, Virginia. This program, established in 1988, provides a focused opportunity for a pharmacy faculty member to examine public policy, conduct research, or analyze an issue directly related to pharmacy education or the pharmacy profession. Focken is an assistant professor of practice and Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE) director at North Dakota State University.

Bryan Christensen, Associate Professor in Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, presented "An examination of ground reaction forces of three pole vault take-off styles" at the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports annual conference. Co-authors included Shawn Francis, Stevie Keller, Brad Strand, and Harlene Hatterman-Valenti.

The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Circle of Nations School and the Red River Valley Writing Project recently sponsored a day-long writing workshop with 65 Native American students in Wahpeton. Kelly Sassi, Associate Professor of English and Education is the Director of the Red River Valley Writing Project. NDSU education assistant professor, Denise Lajimodiere, was one of the featured workshop leaders, as well as NDSU doctoral student, Caitlin Johnson. Twelve English education majors assisted with the workshop as part of their field experience for Methods of Teaching Writing.

Joe Deutsch, Associate Professor in Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, will be named next week, at Valley City State’s homecoming, their very first recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award. The award was created to recognize professionals under the age of 40 whom have demonstrated high levels of achievement in their fields, have shown strong leadership, and a commitment to the service of others.

Sherri Stastny, Associate Professor in Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, has been named Managing Editor for the Sports, Cardiovascular, and Wellness Nutrition (SCAN) Wellness/CV Fact Sheets open access. Facts sheets can be accessed via http://www.scandpg.org/cardiovascular/cardiovascular-health-fact-sheets/ and will be released on a quarterly basis. SCAN is the largest dietetic practice group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Members are registered dietitians with nutrition expertise in the areas of sports, physical activity, cardiovascular health, wellness, and the prevention and treatment of disordered eating and eating disorders.

Brad Strand, Professor in Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, had the following articles published: “A 5-Year review of AAHPERD poster presentations in the area of sport education” was published in the Oklahoma Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and “A comparison of gamesmanship beliefs of high school athletes and coaches” was published in the International Journal of Sport and Society. Former HNES assistant professor Dave Barney, currently an associate professor at Brigham Young University, was a co-author on the first article.
Abby Gold, Assistant Professor in Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences and Extension Specialist, was invited by the Barry Foundation to participate in CREATE: A Community Meal on September 7th in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul. CREATE was a half mile long, continuous table of people from all walks of life who enjoyed a meal together. Art and conversation was forefront. The Barry Foundation sponsored about 20 Fargo Moorhead people to attend and bring back ideas for our community.

Julie Garden-Robinson, Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist and Professor in Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, and David Haasser, graphic artist in Ag Communication, received the First Place Central Region Award and First Place National Award for educational newsletters at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences conference in Lexington, KY in September. Julie also made two presentations that featured the evaluation results of statewide Extension nutrition and health programming: “Nourish and Exercise Your Muscles” (oral presentation) and “On the Move to Better Health” (Showcase of Excellence poster).