Dear Colleague,

WELCOME TO NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, a leading national research institution known as a place of impact. You are joining NDSU at an exciting time of growth and achievement.

In fall 2009, 14,189 students enrolled in our undergraduate and graduate programs, setting a record for the 10th year in a row. The total includes 2,103 graduate students and an all-time high of 1,171 international students.

With more than $100 million in annual research expenditures, we are one of the largest research universities in the Northern Great Plains region. Our highly successful Research and Technology Park continues to build on its many accomplishments.

There also has been tremendous growth in facilities in recent years. In downtown Fargo, the former Pioneer Mutual Building, now Richard H. Barry Hall, has been converted into offices and classrooms for the College of Business and the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. The former Lincoln National Life Building has become Kli Hall, and now houses the Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

The new Equity Diversity Center in the Alba Bales House will promote diversity and inclusiveness on campus. Its program and services will provide many opportunities for a variety of people.

Work continues on the greenhouse complex at the Agricultural Experiment Station’s main station. The facilities will be among the very best in the country, and the research conducted there will have a profound impact on North Dakota’s agriculture industry and the future of our state.

We reach out to North Dakota residents. The NDSU Extension Service conducts a rigorous education program in agriculture, human development, nutrition and youth and community development. During fiscal 2008, the Extension Service’s 4-H Club activities, day camp and after school programs involved more than 27,170 face-to-face contacts with North Dakota young people. During the same period, the Extension Service had 536,614 face-to-face contacts with adult learners across the state.

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