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This spring, North Dakota State University has been actively monitoring the Covid-19 situation. It was decided on March 12th that all NDSU classes would be moved to online for at least two weeks following spring break to help slow the spread of the novel corona virus. It was appropriately decided shortly after to extend remote learning the rest of the semester. Along with this, all NDSU sponsored travel for organizations were cancelled and all organization meetings were restricted to 10 people or less. To encourage social distancing, all faculty and staff that is able has been encouraged to work from home. On March 21st, the students were informed by President Bresciani that Spring Commencement Ceremonies would be postponed to a later date in December. Despite this, NDSU faculty is determined

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to provide resources to assist students with this transition. "The staff at NDSU are here to help support our students however possible while they are away from campus. Their success should not be hindered because of this external factor," said Casey Peterson, Interim Dean of Students and Director of Student Success Programs.

On April 2nd, students, faculty, and staff were informed of the first known case of Novel Corona virus in our NDSU community. NDSU officials took the necessary steps to reach out to anyone that may have been contact with this individual. NDSU's own Dr. Paul Carson, NDSU professor of practice and Director of Infection Prevention and Control at Sanford Health in Fargo, has recommended "minimizing large congregations" and distancing yourself if you show any symptoms of illness. Symptoms include but are not limited to, fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In general, it is recommended to follow to guidance of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention which can be found [HERE](#).



Pictured: Joseph Vollmer and Mason Rademacher

Despite the unprecedented change in environment for learning this semester, students are making the best of their situation. "Our advice for finishing this semester's classes online is to stay positive and be in constant communication with your professors and fellow students. This is truly an unprecedented time for our campus community. But we will get through this together." said Mason Rademacher, NDSU Student Body President. President Dean Bresciani also commended students and staff for their "flexibility and creativity in helping NDSU during these tough times." NDSU has also compiled a plethora of resources for students to refer to if they need assistance.

All student resources can be found [HERE](#)

The Student Health Service is also available at 701 231-7331 should you want to discuss health issues or have specific questions related to the Coronavirus.

Overall information about NDSU's response to Covid-19 can be found [HERE](#)

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EVERYDAY TIPS FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION

- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds
- Stay at home if you are sick, except to get medical care
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, especially with your hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then throw that tissue away
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick



Executive Spotlight: External Affairs

By Cale Dunwoody

Hello, my name is Cale Dunwoody and I am a senior studying Political Science and Criminal Justice. Along with being involved in Student Government, I am a member of Delta Tau Delta and work as the Grassroots Engagement Director at Americans for Prosperity. Ultimately, I serve as the Executive Commissioner of External Affairs for Student Government. The Executive Commissioner of External Affairs works to develop relationships with state officials and policymakers to improve higher education at NDSU. The commission assists in writing legislation and stays informed about various issues. The Executive also attends State Board of Higher Education and Interim Higher Education Funding Committee meetings to stay informed on information regarding the North Dakota University System and will testify on NDSU's behalf when needed. The Executive also

organizes NDSU's involvement in the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) by being the head delegate.

This year, I have been actively working on the NDSU Blood Drive, Adopts-a-Highway, and this Newsletter. With the assistance of Vitalant, NDSU Student Government successfully held a blood drive in the Memorial Union on Friday, October 17th. During the event, 18 people volunteered to donate at the blood drive. This is a great event that Student Government puts on and the results directly affect members of our community. Along with this, early on in my time in Student Government, it was a mission of President Rademacher and myself to incorporate a long-term community service commitment into Student Government. Spring 2019 marked the first time that NDSU Student Government took part in cleaning our four-mile stretch of Interstate 29. A handful of Senators and Executives assisted in this effort to make our community a visually pleasing place. Student Government is responsible for cleaning this stretch of I-29 for three times a year. Finally, this NDSU Student Government Newsletter is a new addition to our efforts to reach not only students, but the community as a whole. Each month, starting in October, we have sent a newsletter to students, ND Legislators, faculty, staff, and alumni. The newsletter outlines something going on at NDSU, highlights an Executive and Senator on our Student Government team, and looks at one of our 300+ Student Organizations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at cale.dunwoody@ndsu.edu.



Senator Spotlight:

Abby Riley: Senator for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

My name is Abby Riley and I am an NDSU junior studying Management Communication and Business Administration with a true passion for finding a career within the Scheels All Sports world. During my time here at NDSU I have been involved in Student Government, Kappa Delta Sorority, Order of Omega Honor Society, and volunteering within the community which has truly made an imprint on my life and future plans. I became a Senator because I wanted to be a voice for every student no matter who they were or what they studied. Being able to outstretch a hand to those who were trying to find their place on campus whether physically, mentally, or emotionally, meant that I was able to make it feel as “at home” for them as NDSU feels to me. While a part of Student Government, I attended weekly meetings and joined various committees such as the Public Relations Commission to broaden the ideas of Student Government and showcase our passion on campus. I am also a part of the External Affairs Commission which brings attention to the works of Student Government at NDSU to our state government. Student Government has brought me the most amazing memories, experiences, and friends who have truly pushed me to be a better person all around. Student Government changed my life and if I could repeat the past semester or two, I would. Last but not least, to every student out there who is reading this, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you know. — A. A. Milne Christopher Robin.

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Organization Spotlight:

Blue Key Honor Society

Blue Key Honor Society, often referred to simply as “Blue Key” is a philanthropy-based honor society here on campus. Our motto is “Serving I Live” and our members (peeps, as we call them), truly do their best to represent this ideal. Blue Key is perhaps most well known for putting on the annual Homecoming Show that showcases student acts, skits, and concludes with the Homecoming King and Queen coronation. However, Blue Key does so much more than that. We present two awards during the school year. The Distinguished Educator award which goes to an educator on-campus who goes above and beyond for their students. This year, the award went to Dr. Cwiak for her remarkable dedication to her students. We also present the Doctor of Service award which goes to someone on campus who goes out of their way to serve their community. This award will be presented later this semester. Finally, Blue Key hosts Bison Brevities or “Brevs” for short. This year, Brevs will be an 8-hour charity livestream event that will be raising money for Cultural Diversity Resources on April 24th from 11:00am-7:00pm. Make sure you tune in!

If you have any questions about the Blue Key Honor Society, please reach out to the President Evan Kottsick at evan.kottsick@ndsu.edu

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