

# NDSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT

*Leaving the University better than we arrived...*



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North Dakota State University Student Government is excited to announce the first edition of our newsletter. Our Executives came together and crafted this to increase exposure, not only within the confines of NDSU, but also out to our community and state. Here at NDSU, we as a Student Government strive to "Leave the University Better than we arrived..." Throughout this newsletter series, we will continue to highlight new and exciting things happening on campus all while introducing you to an Executive, a Senator, and a Student Organization in each edition.

Be sure to follow us on social media links to keep up to date with our daily activities!

# What's up NDSU: In Our Hands: The Campaign for North Dakota State University

On the Thursday of Homecoming week, President Bresciani publicly unveiled NDSU Foundation's historic \$400,000,000 campaign effort for the University and its' students. This critical investment into NDSU and the students would not be possible without the generous lead gift of \$75 million from Robert '67 and Shelia Challey, who co-chair the campaign with Steve '78 and Mary Anne '77 Swiontek. The \$400 million will be divided into four categories: scholarships, capital construction, programs, and faculty support.

First, the In Our Hands Campaign will provide our future students with additional financial support in the form of student scholarship which will allow all students, regardless of economic status, to attend NDSU. The second pillar of the campaign, capital construction, will allow our students to continue to receive a top-notch education in updated classrooms and facilities that have the most advanced resources and technology. Additionally, the University would not be complete without its outstanding programs- the third pillar of this campaign. This will allow for stability and expansion in the



student programs while granting students and faculty the ability to widen their horizons and reach new heights. Finally, the fourth pillar of the campaign will provide for faculty support and will provide additional resources to draw world-class educators to NDSU. This campaign is about us, the students, and we cannot thank everyone enough for their tremendous work thus far and for the enormous generosity of the donors. The \$308.4 million raised to date will provide future generations of NDSU students with more opportunities and resources than have ever been offered. This campaign grants NDSU the stability and foundation to continue to serve its students and be one of the best universities, not only across our region, but also across the country. To learn more about the In Our Hands Campaign, please visit [inourhandsnds.com](http://inourhandsnds.com).



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## Executive Spotlight

### A Note From Our Student Body President and Vice President:

By Mason Rademacher

Our names are Mason Rademacher and Joseph Vollmer and we have the pleasure to serve as this year's Student Body President and Vice President. I am from Sauk Rapids, MN and Joe is from Grace City, ND, and we are both seniors set to graduate in May of this year. When Joe and I sat down to develop a platform to run on, we wanted to focus on a platform that would positively impact all of the nearly 14,000 students at North Dakota State University and begin to make some fundamental positive changes for Student Government as a whole.

Our platform eventually boiled down to three main focuses: Organizations, Education, and Career Preparation. We believe we can be doing more, as leaders on campus, to further support and promote our nearly 300 student organizations. Additionally, we believe in advocating for Open Educational Resources (OER's) to provide students with additional cost savings and are passionate about further capitalizing on Tri-College collaboration between ourselves and the other four institutions. Finally, career preparation is an opportunity for us to focus on ensuring students have all of the necessary skills, resources, and opportunities to be successful once they graduate from NDSU.

On top of our platform, we also have the pleasure to represent the students of NDSU during the current ongoing Strategic Planning process that will help shape what this institution will look like in five years. We are also working to ensure Student Government continue on with the legacy set before us by actively recruiting students across all disciplines to be active members on campus and within the different aspects of the Student Government office. The work within our leadership positions began once we were elected and will continue to be at the forefront of our minds as our term continues until April 2020.

If you ever have any concerns, questions, or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [mason.rademacher@ndsu.edu](mailto:mason.rademacher@ndsu.edu) and [joseph.r.vollmer@ndsu.edu](mailto:joseph.r.vollmer@ndsu.edu).





## Senator Spotlight

Vice Chair of the Senate Carl Ludewig

My name is Carl Ludewig and I am a sophomore year at North Dakota State University majoring in Geology. On top of being a student, I also serve as the Vice Chair of the Student Senate in NDSU Student Government. My job is to make sure that all of the senators are staying on task by assisting the Vice President in helping to allocate "points" to each Senator that ensures that everyone is completing their office hours, joining commissions, and working on projects. I also serve on many committees, one of which is being the chair of the Appointments Committee with a group of current senators that interviews potential candidates to see would be a good fit for Student Government.

The focus of the Senate is to work on projects that we see can benefit students across our campus. This year, we are trying to foster more projects, one of which is the creation of an Environmental Sustainability Committee. This would be comprised of representatives from various organizations on campus, different departments, and include student input on how to make NDSU more environmentally sustainable. One of our forefront goals is to increase recycling around campus. Despite the availability of recycling bins, they are not being utilized as much as they could be. This Committee wants to focus on feasible areas that students can easily incorporate into their everyday lives but still make a huge difference on campus. If you have any more questions please feel free to reach out to me at [Carl.Ludewig@ndsu.edu](mailto:Carl.Ludewig@ndsu.edu)!

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## Organization Spotlight Saddle and Sirloin

The Saddle and Sirloin club is a long-standing club on campus that prides itself on promoting animal welfare and husbandry along with education in the Fargo-Moorhead community. We do so through various activities such as Moos, Ewes, and More; Living Ag in the Classroom; and Kiddie Days. At all these events, our members help educate elementary aged students and adults about the animals and their purpose on the farm and ranch. The club also hosts various philanthropy and volunteer activities such as blood drives, ditch cleaning, and bell ringing just to name a few.

The biggest event that the Saddle and Sirloin club hosts is the Little International, also known as Little "I." This year will be the 94th Little International, which will take place on February 8th, 2020. In this event, members and students have the opportunity to highlight their showmanship skills by showing a beef heifer, dairy heifer, sheep or a pig. If they do not want to show an animal, students can give a speech or cure a ham. Another special feature with Little "I" is that they, as a club, nominate and elect an Agriculturist of the Year who is the guest of honor during the banquet and show. Preparations for the event have already started, and we look forward to it all coming together in February!

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